

Power Financial Group Limited

權威金融集團有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock code: 397)



2021

Interim Report

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CORPORATE INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Directors

Mr. Choi Chun Chung, Danny (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

Ms. Sin Pui Ying (appointed with effect from 15 April 2021)

Mr. Tau Sai Kit, Terry (appointed with effect from 21 June 2021)

Mr. Siu Kam Chau (resigned with effect from 21 June 2021)

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Chiu Ka Wai, Ellis

Mr. Kwok Sze Kong

Ms. Leung Mabel (appointed with effect from 21 June 2021)

Ms. Chan Kar Yin, Polly (resigned with effect from 31 March 2021)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Kwok Sze Kong (Chairman)

Mr. Chiu Ka Wai, Ellis Ms. Leung Mabel

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Chiu Ka Wai, Ellis (Chairman)

Mr. Choi Chun Chung, Danny

Mr. Kwok Sze Kong Ms. Leung Mabel

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Choi Chun Chung, Danny (Chairman)

Mr. Chiu Ka Wai, Ellis

Mr. Kwok Sze Kong

Ms. Leung Mabel

COMPANY SECRETARY

Ms. Tsang Kai Yi (appointed with effect from 1 August 2021)

Mr. Siu Kam Chau (resigned with effect from 1 August 2021)

AUDITOR

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2021:

- The Group recorded revenue of approximately HK\$49,727,000 (six months ended 30 June 2020: HK\$52,863,000).
- Profit attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$171,611,000 (six months ended 30 June 2020: HK\$10,853,000).
- The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend.

As at 30 June 2021:

- The Group held financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$456,355,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$294,903,000).
- The Group held financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income of approximately HK\$52,431,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$102,304,000).
- The Group held bank balances and cash of approximately HK\$114,312,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$204,512,000), loans and interest receivables of approximately HK\$705,819,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$590,717,000) respectively.
- Net current assets amounted to approximately HK\$1,426,884,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$1,245,863,000). Current ratio (defined as total current assets divided by total current liabilities) was approximately 39.34 times (31 December 2020: 41.14 times).
- Net assets amounted to approximately HK\$1,590,229,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$1,422,184,000).

INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Power Financial Group Limited (the "Company") presents the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2021 together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2020.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

| | Six months ended 30 June | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| | | 2021 | 2020 | | |
| | | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | | |
| | Notes | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | | |
| Revenue | 3 | 49,727 | 52,863 | | |
| Direct operating costs | | (6,495) | (17,259) | | |
| Gross profit | | 43,232 | 35,604 | | |
| Other income, gains and losses | 5 | 169,499 | 1,959 | | |
| Administrative expenses | O | (40,754) | (25,541) | | |
| Finance costs | 6 | (268) | (274) | | |
| | | | | | |
| Profit before tax | 7 | 171,709 | 11,748 | | |
| Income tax expense | 8 | (105) | (904) | | |
| Profit for the period | | 171,604 | 10,844 | | |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

| Comparison of the period attributable to: | | | Six months e | nded 30 June |
|---|---|-------|--------------|--------------|
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| Earnings per share | | | | |
| | | | HK cents | HK cents |
| | Earnings per share | | | |
| | | 10 | 6.17 | 0.39 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT 30 JUNE 2021

| | | At | At |
|--|---------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 30 June | 31 December |
| | | 2021 | 2020 |
| | | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| | Notes | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | 7 10100 | 11114 000 | γ π τφ σσσ |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | | 61,967 | 64,787 |
| Goodwill | | 136 | 136 |
| Other intangible asset | | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Loans and interest receivables | 11 | 734 | 147 |
| Debt instruments at fair value through | | | |
| other comprehensive income | | 26,068 | 45,536 |
| Financial assets at fair value through | | _5,555 | .0,000 |
| profit or loss | | 72,960 | 67,144 |
| Other assets | | 180 | 180 |
| | | | |
| | | 163,345 | 179,230 |
| | | 100,010 | 170,200 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Inventories | | _ | 513 |
| Loans and interest receivables | 11 | 705,085 | 590,570 |
| Trade and other receivables | 12 | 213,722 | 180,882 |
| Income tax recoverable | 12 | | 105,002 |
| Debt instruments at fair value through | | | 100 |
| other comprehensive income | | 26,363 | 56,768 |
| Financial assets at fair value through | | 20,000 | 30,700 |
| profit or loss | | 383,395 | 227,759 |
| Bank trust account balances | | 21,224 | 15,795 |
| Bank balances and cash | | 114,312 | 204,512 |
| Danie Salarioto ana Gaori | 8. 60 | 111,512 | 201,012 |
| | | 1,464,101 | 1,276,904 |
| | | 1,404,101 | 1,270,904 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT 30 JUNE 2021

| | At | At |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | 30 June | 31 December |
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | | |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| Notes | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Trade and other payables 13 | 30,226 | 24,104 |
| Income tax payable | 700 | 700 |
| Lease liabilities | | |
| Lease liabilities | 6,291 | 6,237 |
| | 37,217 | 31,041 |
| | | |
| Net current assets | 1,426,884 | 1,245,863 |
| Total access land assument liabilities | 1 500 000 | 1 405 000 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 1,590,229 | 1,425,093 |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Lease liabilities | | 2,909 |
| Lease liabilities | _ | 2,909 |
| Net assets | 1,590,229 | 1,422,184 |
| | | 0.00 |
| Capital and reserves | | |
| Share capital | 27,836 | 27,836 |
| Reserves | 1,560,540 | 1,392,488 |
| | | |
| Equity attributable to owners of the | | |
| Company | 1,588,376 | 1,420,324 |
| Non-controlling interests | 1,853 | 1,860 |
| | 4 500 600 | 1 100 101 |
| Total equity | 1,590,229 | 1,422,184 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

| | Attributable | to owners of | f the Com | pany |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------|------|
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------|------|

| | Share capital HK\$'000 | Share premium HK\$'000 | Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000 | Contributed surplus | Other reserve HK\$'000 | Investment revaluation reserve HK\$'000 | Share-based payments reserve | (Accumulated losses)/ retained earnings HK\$'000 | Sub-total HK\$'000 | Non- controlling interests HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|-------------------|
| At 1 January 2020 (Audited) | 27,836 | 3,800,250 | 861 | 494,907 | 249 | (1,483) | 1,969 | (2,942,783) | 1,381,806 | 1,871 | 1,383,677 |
| Profit/(loss) for the period | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10,853 | 10,853 | (9) | 10,844 |
| Other comprehensive expense for the period | | - | - | - | - | (9,504) | - | _ | (9,504) | - | (9,504) |
| Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period | - | - | - | - | - | (9,504) | - | 10,853 | 1,349 | (9) | 1,340 |
| Recognition of equity-settled share-based payments | - | - | - | - | - | - | 587 | - | 587 | - | 587 |
| At 30 June 2020 (Unaudited) | 27,836 | 3,800,250 | 861 | 494,907 | 249 | (10,987) | 2,556 | (2,931,930) | 1,383,742 | 1,862 | 1,385,604 |
| At 1 January 2021 (Audited) | 27,836 | 3,800,250 | 861 | 494,907 | 249 | (7,829) | 1,311 | (2,897,261) | 1,420,324 | 1,860 | 1,422,184 |
| Profit/(loss) for the period | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 171,611 | 171,611 | (7) | 171,604 |
| Other comprehensive expense for the period | - | - | - | - | - | (3,559) | - | - | (3,559) | - | (3,559) |
| Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period | - | | - | - | | (3,559) | _ | 171,611 | 168,052 | (7) | 168,045 |
| Lapse of share options | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1,311) | 1,311 | - | - | - |
| Effects of capital reorganisation | - | (3,800,250) | - | (494,907) | - | - | - | 4,295,157 | - | - | |
| At 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) | 27,836 | - | 861 | _ | 249 | (11,388) | | 1,570,818 | 1,588,376 | 1,853 | 1,590,229 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

| | Six months e | nded 30 June |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Operating activities | | |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (91,290) | (115,172) |
| | (,) | (****,***=/ |
| Investing activities | | |
| Interest received | 72 | 1,387 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (2,391) | _ |
| Purchase of investment funds | (170) | _ |
| Proceeds from disposal of investment funds | 6,702 | 6,099 |
| | | |
| Net cash generated from investing activities | 4,213 | 7,486 |
| | | |
| Financing activities | | |
| Interest paid | _ | (107) |
| Payments of lease liabilities | (3,123) | (1,955) |
| Repayments of loan notes | - | (20,800) |
| | | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (3,123) | (22,862) |
| | | |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (90,200) | (130,548) |
| | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning | | |
| of the period | 204,512 | 389,225 |
| | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the | | |
| period, represented by bank balances and | | |
| cash | 114,312 | 258,677 |
| | | 100 A |

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These condensed consolidated interim financial information have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 ("HKAS 34") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and the applicable disclosure provisions of Main Board Listing Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange"). These condensed consolidated interim financial information were authorised for issue on 30 August 2021.

These condensed consolidated interim financial information are presented in Hong Kong Dollars ("HK\$"), unless otherwise stated. These condensed consolidated interim financial information contain condensed consolidated financial information and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2020 annual financial statements. These condensed consolidated interim financial information and notes do not include all of the information required for a complete set of financial statements prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (the "HKFRSs") and should be read in conjunction with the 2020 annual financial statements.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These condensed consolidated interim financial information have been prepared on the historical basis, with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2020 annual financial statements, except for those that relate to new standards or interpretations issued by the HKICPA mandatory for the annual periods beginning on 1 January 2021. The effect of the adoption of these standards, amendments and interpretation is not material on these condensed consolidated interim financial information.

In preparing these condensed consolidated interim financial information, the significant judgements made by the management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to 2020 annual financial statements.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The HKICPA has issued a number of amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group:

- Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16. Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2
- Amendments to HKFRS 16, Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions

The adoption of these amendments to HKFRSs does not have any significant financial effect on the Group's condensed consolidated interim financial information.

The Group has not adopted new or amendments to HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective in advance. The Directors anticipate that the adoption of these new or amendments to HKFRSs will have no material impact on the results and financial position of the Group.

3. REVENUE

An analysis of the Group's revenue for the period is as follows:

| | Six months | ended 30 June |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Interest income from money lending | 32,682 | 22,887 |
| Interest income from bond investments | 3,120 | 9,314 |
| Income from financial services | | |
| Commission income from securities | | |
| brokerage | 1,810 | 997 |
| Commission income from placing | _ | 197 |
| Interest income from clients | 10,349 | 4,687 |
| Trading of healthcare related products | 1,766 | 14,781 |
| | | |
| | 49,727 | 52,863 |

3. REVENUE (Continued)

An analysis of the Group's revenue for the period under HKFRS 15 is as follows:

| | Six months | ended 30 June |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Income from financial services | | |
| Commission income from securities | | |
| brokerage | 1,810 | 997 |
| Commission income from placing | _ | 197 |
| Trading of healthcare related products | 1,766 | 14,781 |
| | | |
| | 3,576 | 15,975 |

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the Board, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

The Group's reportable segments are managed separately as each business offers different products and services and require different business strategies. The following summary describes the operation in each of the Group's reportable segments:

- Financial services segment Provision of financial services including securities brokerage, placing, and corporate finance advisory services in Hong Kong;
- Money lending segment Provision of loan financing in Hong Kong;
- Trading segment Trading of healthcare related products in Hong Kong and to overseas; and
- Assets investment segment Investments in debt securities earning fixed interest income, as well as investments in listed and unlisted equity securities and investment funds earning variable returns and gains.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment revenue and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable and operating segments:

For the six months ended 30 June 2021

| | Financial services segment (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | Money lending segment (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | Trading segment (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | Assets investment segment (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | Total (Unaudited) HK\$'000 |
|---|---|--|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Revenue From external customers | 12,159 | 32,682 | 1,766 | 3,120 | 49,727 |
| Other income, gains and losses Dividend income from listed equity securities Gain on disposal of debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive | - | - | - | 60 | 60 |
| income ("FVTOCI") Gain on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") | - | - | - | 794 167,194 | 794 167,194 |
| (FVIPL) | 12,159 | 32,682 | 1,766 | 171,168 | 217,775 |
| Results Segment results | 6,519 | 11,081 | (813) | 158,934 | 175,721 |
| Unallocated corporate income Unallocated corporate expenses Finance costs | | | | | 1,251 (4,995) (268) |
| Profit before tax | | | | | 171,709 |

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued) Segment revenue and results (Continued) For the six months ended 30 June 2020

| | Financial services segment (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | Money lending segment (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | Trading segment (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | Assets investment segment (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | Total (Unaudited) HK\$'000 |
|--|---|--|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Revenue | | | | | |
| Revenue from external customers | 5,881 | 22,887 | 14,781 | 9,314 | 52,863 |
| Other income, gains and losses Dividend income from listed equity securities Loss on disposal of debt instruments at | - | - | - | 13 | 13 |
| FVTOCI | - | - | _ | (2,329) | (2,329) |
| Gain on fair value changes of financial assets at FVTPL | _ | _ | _ | 2,838 | 2,838 |
| | 5,881 | 22,887 | 14,781 | 9,836 | 53,385 |
| Results | | | | | |
| Segment results | (2,121) | 16,020 | 462 | (1,101) | 13,260 |
| Unallocated corporate income Unallocated corporate expenses Finance costs | | | | | 1,387 (2,625) (274) |
| Profit before tax | | | | | 11,748 |

Segment revenue represents revenue from external customers shown above. There were no inter-segment sales for the six months ended 30 June 2021 (six months ended 30 June 2020: Nil).

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment results represents the profit/(loss) from each segment without allocation of certain Directors' emoluments, certain other income, gains and losses and certain administrative expenses and finance costs. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by reportable and operating segments:

| | At 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | At 31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000 |
|---|--|--|
| Segment assets | | |
| Financial services segment | 223,031 | 180,140 |
| Money lending segment | 711,387 | 592,488 |
| Trading segment | _ | 862 |
| Assets investment segment | 575,057 | 517,281 |
| | | |
| Total segment assets | 1,509,475 | 1,290,771 |
| Unallocated assets | 104 010 | 1 47 700 |
| Bank balances and cashOther unallocated assets | 104,619 | 147,730 |
| - Other unallocated assets | 13,352 | 17,633 |
| Consolidated total assets | 1,627,446 | 1,456,134 |
| | | |
| Segment liabilities | | |
| Financial services segment | 28,134 | 21,155 |
| Money lending segment | 858 | 717 |
| Trading segment | 81 | 388 |
| Assets investment segment | 714 | 1,528 |
| 0 00 | | |
| Total segment liabilities | 29,787 | 23,788 |
| Unallocated liabilities | 7,430 | 10,162 |
| Consolidated total liabilities | 27.047 | 22.050 |
| Consolidated total liabilities | 37,217 | 33,950 |

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities (Continued)

For the purposes of monitoring segment performance and allocating resources among segments:

- all assets are allocated to operating segments other than certain property, plant and equipment (including right-of-use assets), certain other receivables and prepayments, certain bank balances and cash, goodwill and income tax recoverable not allocated to segment assets; and
- all liabilities are allocated to operating segments other than lease liabilities, income tax payable and certain other payables and accruals not allocated to segment liabilities.

Geographic information

The geographical location of customers is based on the location of customers, irrespective of the origin of the goods or services. The geographical location of the non-current assets is based on the physical location of the assets.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Geographic information (Continued)

The Group's revenue from external customers and information regarding noncurrent assets by geographical locations are as follows:

| | Revenue | | Non-curre | ent assets |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Six months ended | | As at | As at |
| | 30 June | | 30 June | 31 December |
| | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Hong Kong United States of | 49,727 | 45,087 | 63,403 | 66,223 |
| America | _ | 7,776 | _ | _ |
| | | | | |
| | 49,727 | 52,863 | 63,403 | 66,223 |

Note: Non-current assets excluded those relating to financial instruments.

Information about major customers

There was no customer contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2021. For the six months ended 30 June 2020, revenue from a major customer accounted for over 10% of the total revenue of the Group is as follows:

| Six months ended 30 June | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2021 | 2020 |
| (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | |

Customer A (revenue from trading business) N/A* 6,487

^{*} The corresponding revenue did not contribute 10% or more of the total revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2021.

5. OTHER INCOME, GAINS AND LOSSES

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Interest income | 72 | 1,387 |
| Sundry income | 90 | 50 |
| Rental income | 1,289 | _ |
| Dividend income from listed equity | | |
| securities | 60 | 13 |
| Gain on fair value changes of financial | | |
| assets at FVTPL | 167,194 | 2,838 |
| Gain/(loss) on disposal of debt instruments | | |
| at FVTOCI | 794 | (2,329) |
| | | |
| | 169,499 | 1,959 |

6. FINANCE COSTS

| | Six months e | Six months ended 30 June | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--|
| | 2021 | 2020 | |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | |
| Interest on lease liabilities | 268 | 167 | |
| Interest on loan notes | - | 107 | |
| | | | |
| | 268 | 274 | |

7. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Profit before tax has been arrived at after charging/(crediting): | | |
| 0. " | | |
| Staff costs: | | |
| Directors' emoluments, excluding equity-settled share-based | | |
| payments | 7,522 | 6,948 |
| Other staff costs (Note below) | 8,130 | 5,828 |
| Equity-settled share-based payments | 5,155 | 0,020 |
| (including directors' equity-settled | | |
| payments) | _ | 587 |
| | | |
| | 15,652 | 13,363 |
| | · | |
| Cost of inventories recognised as an | | |
| expense | 1,495 | 14,163 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and | | |
| equipment | 5,211 | 4,492 |
| Exchange losses, net | 1,245 | 762 |
| Impairment loss recognised as | | |
| administrative expenses on: | | |
| debt instruments at FVTOCI | 1,613 | |
| - loans and interest receivables | 10,585 | 538 |
| - trade receivables | 1,003 | 1,423 |
| Impairment loss on trade receivables | (0) | (7) |
| reversed | (9) | (7) |

Note: Included in other staff costs are contributions of retirement benefits scheme amounted to approximately HK\$210,000 (six months ended 30 June 2020: HK\$172,000).

8. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

| | Six months ended 30 June | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Current tax: - Hong Kong Profits Tax - Under-provision in respect of prior | - | 904 |
| period | 105 | _ |
| | | |
| Income tax expense | 105 | 904 |

Hong Kong Profits Tax for both of the periods presented is calculated at 8.25% on the first HK\$2,000,000 of estimated assessable profits of the qualifying group entity under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime and at 16.5% for the portion of the estimated assessable profits of the qualifying group entity above HK\$2,000,000. The assessable profits of the group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime continued to be taxed at 16.5% for both periods.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions, if applicable, is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

9. DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2021 (six months ended 30 June 2020: Nil).

10. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share

The calculation of the basic earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

| | Six months ended 30 June | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| | 2021 202 | | |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | |
| | | | |
| Earnings | | | |
| | | | |
| Earnings for the purpose of basic earnings | | | |
| per share | | | |
| Profit for the period attributable to owners | | | |
| of the Company | 171,611 | 10,853 | |

| | Six months ended 30 June | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| | 2021 | 2020 | |
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) | |
| | '000 | '000 | |
| | | | |
| Number of shares | | | |
| | | | |
| Weighted average number of ordinary | | | |
| shares for the purpose of basic earnings | | | |
| per share | 2,783,553 | 2,783,553 | |

Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2021 and 2020 are not presented as there were no potential shares in issue for both periods.

For the six months ended 30 June 2020, the computation of diluted earnings per share did not assume the exercise of outstanding share options of the Company because the exercise price of those options was higher than the average market price for shares for the period.

11. LOANS AND INTEREST RECEIVABLES

| | At 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | At 31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000 |
|--|--|--|
| Loans and interest receivables thereon - Within one year - In the second to fifth year | 717,635 153 | 597,857 147 |
| Less: impairment loss recognised | 717,788 (11,969) | 598,004 (7,287) |
| | 705,819 | 590,717 |
| Analysed for reporting purpose as: Non-current assets Current assets | 734 705,085 | 147 590,570 |
| | 705,819 | 590,717 |

11. LOANS AND INTEREST RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Details of loans receivables (excluding interest receivables) are as follows:

As at 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)

| Loan principals HK\$'000 | Interest rate per annum | Maturity date | Security pledged |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 350,007 | 9%–36% | Within 1 year to 5 years | Landed properties in Hong Kong, exclusive distribution rights and copyrights of films and shares of certain listed and unlisted companies |
| 105,450 | 4%–18% | Within 1 year | Guarantees provided by certain independent third parties |
| 259,091 | 7%–36% | Within 1 year to 5 years | Nil |
| 714,548 | | | |

As at 31 December 2020 (Audited)

| Loan principals HK\$'000 | Interest rate per annum | Maturity date | Security pledged |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 386,368 | 9%–36% | Within 1 year to 5 years | Landed properties in Hong Kong, and shares of certain listed and unlisted companies |
| 94,500 | 10%–17% | Within 1 year | Guarantees provided by certain independent third parties |
| 107,950 | 10%–24% | Within 1 year | Nil |
| 588,818 | | | |

11. LOANS AND INTEREST RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Before granting loans to outsiders, the Group uses an internal credit assessment process to assess the potential borrower's credit quality and imposes credit limits granted to borrowers. Limits attributed to borrowers are reviewed by the management regularly.

The table below details the credit risk exposures of the Group's loans and interest receivables, which are subject to ECL assessment:

| | 12-month ECL (Stage 1) HK\$'000 | Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired (Stage 2) HK\$'000 | credit- impaired (Stage 3) HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|---|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| Gross carrying amounts As at 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) | 582,340 | - | 135,448 | 717,788 |
| As at 31 December 2020 (Audited) | 543,341 | - | 54,663 | 598,004 |

Stage analysis on allowance for impairment loss on loans and interest receivables:

| | 12-month ECL (Stage 1) HK\$'000 | Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired (Stage 2) HK\$'000 | credit- impaired (Stage 3) HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| As at 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) | 2,510 | _ | 9,459 | 11,969 |
| As at 31 December 2020 | | | 1. | |
| (Audited) | 1,384 | <u> </u> | 5,903 | 7,287 |

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

| | At 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | At 31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000 |
|--|--|--|
| Trade receivables from: Trading business (Note (a)) Less: allowance for impairment loss | 1,003 (1,003) | 346 |
| | - | 346 |
| Financial services business - Cash clients (Note b)) - Margin clients (Note (c)) - Clearing house (Note (b)) Less: allowance for impairment loss | 797 199,159 370 (234) | 1,287 198,524 1,431 (38,236) |
| | 200,092 | 163,006 |
| Other receivables and prepayments (Note (d)) | 200,092 13,630 | 163,352 17,530 |
| Total trade and other receivables | 213,722 | 180,882 |

Notes:

(a) Trading business

Before accepting any new customer, the Group assesses the potential customer's credit quality and defines its credit limits. Credit sales are made to customers with a satisfactory and trustworthy credit history. Credit limits attributed to its customers are reviewed regularly. The Group generally allows an average credit period of 30 days for its customers (31 December 2020: 30 days). For new customers, cash on delivery or payment in advance is normally required.

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(a) Trading business (Continued)

The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding trade receivables. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by the senior management.

An aged analysis of trade receivables based on the invoice date, and net of allowance for impairment losses, is as follows:

| | At 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | At 31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000 |
|----------------|--|--|
| Within 30 days | _ | 346 |

An aged analysis of these trade receivables past due but not impaired is as follows:

| | At | At |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 30 June | 31 December |
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| 1 to 30 days | - | 346 |

As at 30 June 2021, included in the Group's trade receivables balance are debtors with aggregate carrying amount of approximately HK\$Nil (31 December 2020: HK\$346,000) which are past due as at the reporting date.

As at 30 June 2021, an aggregate allowance for impairment loss of approximately HK\$1,003,000 (31 December 2020: Nil) was made for estimated irrecoverable trade receivables.

Trade receivables which are past due at the end of the reporting period for which the Group had not recognised an allowance for impairment losses relate to an independent customer that has a good track record with the Group. Based on past experience, management believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of this balance as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balance is still considered fully recoverable. The Group did not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over this balance nor did it have a legal right of offset against any amounts owed by the Group to the counterparty.

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(b) Cash clients and clearing house of financial services business

The settlement terms of trade receivables arising from the ordinary course of business of dealing in securities from cash clients and clearing house are one or two days after the respective trade date.

Receivables that were past due but not impaired represent unsettled trade transacted on the last two days prior to the end of reporting period and also relates to a wide range of independent clients for whom there are no recent history of default.

The table below details the credit risk exposures of the Group's trade receivables from cash clients and clearing house of financial services business, which are subject to ECL assessment:

| Gross carrying amounts | 12-month ECL (Stage 1) HK\$'000 | Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired (Stage 2) HK\$'000 | Lifetime ECL credit- impaired (Stage 3) HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------|
| As at 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) | 933 | 234 | - | 1,167 |
| As at 31 December 2020 (Audited) | 2,475 | 243 | | 2,718 |

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(b) Cash clients and clearing house of financial services business (Continued)

An analysis of changes in the corresponding ECL allowances is as follows:

| | 12-month ECL (Stage 1) HK\$'000 | Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired (Stage 2) HK\$'000 | Lifetime ECL credit- impaired (Stage 3) HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|--|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| As at 1 January 2020 | | 0.50 | | 0.50 |
| (Audited) | _ | 259 | _ | 259 |
| Impairment loss reversed during the year | | (16) | | (16) |
| As at 31 December 2020 | | | | |
| (Audited) | _ | 243 | - | 243 |
| Impairment loss reversed | | | | |
| during the period | _ | (9) | | (9) |
| As at 30 June 2021 | | 004 | | 004 |
| (Unaudited) | | 234 | _ | 234 |

No aged analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of the Directors, such disclosure is not meaningful in view of the nature of the business of dealing in securities.

(c) Margin clients of financial services business

Margin clients are required to pledge securities as collateral to the Group in order to obtain the credit facilities for securities trading and bear interests at commercial rates. The amount of credit facilities granted to them is determined based on a discount on the market value of securities accepted by the Group. Any excess in the lending ratio will trigger a margin call which the clients have to make good the shortfall. The margin ratio is reviewed and determined periodically. As at 30 June 2021, the market value of securities pledged by clients to the Group as collateral against margin client receivables was approximately HK\$1,198,149,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$809,612,000).

No aged analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of the Directors, such disclosure is not meaningful in view of the revolving nature of the margin financing business.

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(c) Margin clients of financial services business (Continued)

The table below details the credit risk exposures of the Group's trade receivables from margin clients, which are subject to ECL assessment:

| Gross carrying amounts | 12-month ECL (Stage 1) HK\$'000 | Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired (Stage 2) HK\$'000 | Lifetime ECL credit- impaired (Stage 3) HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------|
| As at 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) | 199,159 | _ | _ | 199,159 |
| As at 31 December 2020 (Audited) | 160,531 | 37,993 | - | 198,524 |

The Group seeks to maintain tight control over its outstanding trade receivables in order to minimise credit risk.

An analysis of changes in the corresponding ECL allowances is as follows:

| | 12-month ECL (Stage 1) HK\$'000 | Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired (Stage 2) HK\$'000 | Lifetime ECL credit- impaired (Stage 3) HK\$'000 | Total HK\$'000 |
|---|--|---|--|-------------------|
| As at 1 January 2020 (Audited) | _ | 35,074 | _ | 35,074 |
| Impairment loss recognised for the year | 8,80 | 2,919 | <u> </u> | 2,919 |
| As at 31 December 2020 (Audited) Impairment loss eliminated | | 37,993 | 10. | 37,993 |
| on receivables written off during the period | N 23V_ | (37,993) | | (37,993) |
| As at 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) | - | - | _ | |

12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(d) Other receivables and prepayments

As at 30 June 2021, other receivables and prepayments included a balance of approximately HK\$7,115,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$13,214,000) due from an independent third party in respect of the disposal of an investment fund during the year ended 31 December 2019. As there is no history of default from this counterparty, the Directors are of the opinion that the risk of default is not significant. Therefore, ECL of such balance is assessed to be immaterial.

13. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

| | At 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | At 31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000 |
|--|--|--|
| Trade payables from: Trading business (Note (a)) | 41 | 388 |
| Financial services business - Cash clients (Note (b)) - Margin clients (Note (b)) - Clearing house (Note (b)) | 9,466 10,576 6,953 | 6,412 10,769 2,604 |
| | 26,995 | 19,785 |
| Other payables and accruals | 27,036 3,190 | 20,173 3,931 |
| Total trade and other payables | 30,226 | 24,104 |

13. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

Notes:

(a) Trading business

An aged analysis of trade payables based on the invoice date, is as follows:

| | At 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | At 31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000 |
|----------------|--|--|
| Within 30 days | 41 | 388 |

(b) Financial services business

The majority of the payables in respect of financial services business are repayable on demand, except that certain balances payable to clients represent margin deposits received from clients for their trading activities under normal course of business, under which the excess amounts over the required margin deposits stipulated are repayable on demand.

The settlement terms of trade payables to clients and clearing house arising from the ordinary course of business of dealing in securities are two days after trade date.

No aged analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of the Directors, such disclosure is not meaningful in view of the nature of these businesses.

14. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

The Group as a lessor

The Group leases out certain office premises in Hong Kong under operating leases. The leases typically run for a term ranging from one to two years. None of the leases under contingent rentals. At the end of the reporting period, the Group's aggregate future minimum rental income receivables under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

| | At | At |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | 30 June | 31 December |
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Within one year | 1,340 | 1,228 |
| More than one year but less than five years | 412 | 1,025 |
| | | |
| | 1,752 | 2,253 |

15. CAPITAL COMMITMENT

The Group had the following significant capital commitment contracted but not provided for in the condensed consolidated interim financial information:

| | At | At |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | 30 June | 31 December |
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| | | |
| | (Unaudited) | (Audited) |
| | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| | | |
| Commitment contracted for but not | | |
| provided for in respect of investment in | | |
| an investment fund currently held by the | | |
| Group | 4,041 | 4,211 |

16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

This note provides information about how the Group determines fair values of various financial assets and financial liabilities.

The Directors consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the condensed consolidated interim financial information approximate their fair values.

Some of the Group's financial assets are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following table gives information about how the fair values of these financial assets and are determined (in particular, the valuation techniques(s) and inputs used).

| Fair value | | | | | |
|--|--|--|-------------------------|---|--|
| Financial assets | 30 June 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 | 31 December 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000 | Fair value hierarchy | Valuation technique(s) | |
| Equity securities listed in Hong Kong classified as financial assets at FVTPL | 374,742 | 47,124 | Level 1 | Quoted bid prices | |
| Equity securities listed in Hong Kong, the trading on the Stock Exchange | 1,853 | 1,346 | Level 3 | Index return method | |
| were suspended, are classified as financial assets at FVTPL | 6,800 | 179,289 | Level 3 | Guideline public company method | |
| Unlisted investment funds classified as financial assets at FVTPL | 72,960 | 67,144 | Level 2 | Net asset values provided by fund administrators | |
| Listed bond investments classified as debt instruments at FVTOCI | 52,431 | 102,304 | Level 1 | Quoted bid prices | |

16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

During the six months ended 30 June 2021, there was a transfer of fair value measurements into Level 1 from Level 3 for financial assets at FVTPL and the movements in fair value measurements in Level 3 are as follows:

HK\$'000

8,653

| Tillaholal assets at 1 VII E | Τικφ σσσ |
|---|------------------|
| As at 1 January 2021 (Audited) Gain on fair value changes | 180,635 2,107 |
| Transfer to Level 1 | (174,089) |
| | |

There were no transfers between the different levels of the fair value hierarchy for the year ended 31 December 2020.

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2021 (Unaudited)

Financial assets at FVTPI

(a) Writ of summons by Convoy Global Holdings Limited

Classictime Investments Limited ("Classictime"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, is the 24th Defendant in a writ of summons served on 19 December 2017 on behalf of Convoy Global Holdings Limited ("Convoy", the 1st Plaintiff), Convoy Collateral Limited ("CCL", the 2nd Plaintiff) and CSL Securities Limited ("CSL", the 3rd Plaintiff) (collectively, the "Plaintiffs") in a set of legal proceedings brought by the Plaintiffs in the High Court of Hong Kong (the "Convoy HC Action"). It is the Plaintiffs' case that, amongst other things, the 1st Defendant, Mr. Cho Kwai Chee Roy, and his associates (who are named as codefendants in the Convoy HC Action) implemented a scheme such that shares in Convoy would be allotted to and held by companies related to the 1st Defendant (the "Placees") which had agreed to act upon the direction of the 1st Defendant. The Plaintiffs alleged that the 1st Defendant and his associates on the board of Convoy, CCL and/or CSL improperly used their power to allot shares and to grant loans to the detriment of the Convoy Group, constituting serious breaches of fiduciary duties or other director's duties, dishonest assistance, unlawful and/or lawful means conspiracy. Classictime is one of the alleged Placees in the Convoy HC Action. The Plaintiffs, amongst other things, seek an order against Classictime that the allotment of shares to Classictime be set aside, together with damages, interests, costs, and further and/or other relief. As at the date of this report, pleadings are deemed to be closed as between the Plaintiffs and Classictime but discovery has not taken place.

Please refer to the Company's announcement dated 20 December 2017 for more details.

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Continued)

(b) Zhu Xiao Yan Petition

Classictime is one of the thirty three respondents in a petition made by Zhu Xiao Yan as the petitioner ("Petitioner") under a set of legal proceedings in the High Court of Hong Kong ("Petition"). In summary, the Petitioner alleged that the detriment suffered by her to the real value of her shares in Convoy was a consequence of the unfairly prejudicial mismanagement or misconduct in and about the business and affairs of, amongst other companies, Convoy, CCL and CSL. Such allegations made are mainly based on those set out in the writ in the Convoy HC Action.

Please refer to the Company's announcement dated 3 January 2018 for more details.

A Case Management Conference was held on 6 March 2018. In summary, the Court directed that the Petition be stayed pending determination of the Convoy HC Action.

(c) Counterclaim made by Best Year Enterprises Limited ("Best Year")

On 25 July 2018, Power Securities Company Limited ("Power Securities"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, commenced legal proceedings against, amongst other parties, Best Year and Mr. Sin Kwok Lam ("Mr. Sin") by way of a writ of summons. Power Securities subsequently filed and served the Statement of Claim on 30 November 2018. On 8 March 2019, Best Year and Mr. Sin filed a defence and counterclaim. The said counterclaim was made against, amongst other parties, Power Securities and other parties for damages for conspiracy to be assessed, interest, costs and such further and/or other relief.

On 24 June 2019, the Court made a winding-up order (the "Winding-up Order") against Best Year. By reason of the Winding-up Order, the counterclaim by Best Year against Power Securities and Mr. Sit Sai Hung, Billy, a former Director, was stayed. On 24 June 2019, Power Securities and Mr. Sit Sai Hung, Billy took out an application to strike out Mr. Sin's counterclaim. On 18 July 2019, Mr. Sin took out an application for leave to amend his counterclaim. By the Order of Coleman J dated 5 December 2019 ("Coleman J's Order"), Mr. Sin's claim was struck out. On 27 December 2019, Mr. Sin filed a notice of appeal against Coleman J's Order. The appeal hearing took place on 9 July 2021. As at the date of this report, the judgment has not been handed down.

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17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Continued)

(d) Writ of summons by Best Year

On 17 June 2019, Best Year and Mr. Sin commenced another legal proceedings against Power Securities and another party based on the same subject matter of the counterclaim set out in Section (c) above. By the writ of summons, Best Year and Mr. Sin sought for, amongst others, a declaration that the summary judgment (the "Summary Judgment") obtained by Power Securities against Best Year previously in relation to a margin shortfall was obtained by fraud, an order that the Summary Judgment be set aside, an account order, payment order, damages, interest, costs and such further and/or other relief.

By reason of the Winding-up Order as set out in Section (c) above, the claim by Best Year against Power Securities was stayed. On 23 July 2019, Power Securities took out an application to strike out Mr. Sin's claim. By Coleman J's Order as set out in Section (c) above, Mr. Sin's claim was struck out. On 9 March 2020, Mr. Sin filed a notice of appeal against Coleman J's Order. The appeal hearing took place on 9 July 2021. As at the date of this report, the judgment has not been handed down.

Given that the aforementioned cases (a) and (b) are still in an early stage and the judgment of the appeal hearing for cases (c) and (d) has yet to be handed down, and having considered the alleged claims and consulted the Company's legal adviser, the Directors are of the view that (i) it is premature to determine the possible outcome of any claim which is pending; (ii) it is uncertain to quantify any financial impact which will have a material effect on the financial position of the Company; and (iii) no provision for the claims of these legal proceedings is required to be made based on its current development.

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18. EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

On 16 July 2021, Moonscope Limited (the "Purchaser"), a direct whollyowned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the sale and purchase agreement with an independent third party, Kong King Ong Alexander (the "Vendor"), pursuant to which (i) the Purchaser agreed to purchase and the Vendor agreed to sell an aggregate of 609,000 shares in, representing approximately 1.05% of the issued share capital of TNG FinTech Group Inc. ("TNG FinTech") at the consideration of US\$4,200,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$32,760,000)(the "Acquisition"); and (ii) the Vendor granted a call option to the Purchaser which may be exercised by the Purchaser at any time within nine months after the date of the completion of the Acquisition to require the Vendor to sell an aggregate of 260,000 shares in, representing approximately 0.45% of, the issued share capital of TNG FinTech, to the Purchaser at the call option price (being US\$1,793,103 (equivalent to approximately HK\$13,986,203)) (the "Call Option"). The completion of the Acquisition took place on 16 July 2021. Further details of the Acquisition and the Call Option are disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 16 July 2021.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the six months ended 30 June 2021 (the "Period"), the Group recorded a slight decrease in revenue from approximately HK\$52,863,000 for the corresponding period of 2020 to approximately HK\$49,727,000 for the Period. The Group's approximately 5.9% slight decrease in revenue during the Period was mainly due to: (i) a significant increase in sustainable interest income from money lending business from approximately HK\$22,887,000 for the corresponding period of 2020 to approximately HK\$32,682,000 for the Period, which continued to be a major source of revenue of the Group, accounted for approximately 65.7% of the total revenue (2020: 43.3%), and represented an increase of approximately 42.8% compared with that of the corresponding period of 2020; (ii) a significant improvement from margin financing business, which is one of the core businesses under Type 1 licensed activities governed by the Securities and Futures Commission. The total turnover (comprising the commission from securities brokerage and interest from clients) amounted to approximately HK\$12,159,000 (2020: HK\$5,881,000), representing an increase of approximately 106.8%; (iii) a significant decrease in turnover of trading segment by approximately HK\$13,015,000 (or approximately 88.1%) as a result of fierce competition in the market of surgical face mask, hand sanitizers and alcohol sprays from the second half of 2020 onwards, the turnover dropped remarkably from approximately HK\$14,781,000 for the corresponding period of 2020 to approximately HK\$1,766,000 for the Period.

The net profit attributable to owners of the Company increased significantly from approximately HK\$10,853,000 for the corresponding period of 2020 to approximately HK\$171,611,000 during the Period. Such increase was mainly arising from a gain on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (including equity securities listed in Hong Kong and unlisted investment funds) of approximately HK\$167,194,000 for the Period.

The Group's cash position remained strong at the end of the Period, which was mainly attributable to the sufficient cash reserve and business opportunities for sustainable growth in loan portfolio for money lending business and customer base for financial services business. As at 30 June 2021, the Group has bank balances and cash totaling approximately HK\$114,312,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$204,512,000).

BUSINESS REVIEW

The global economy continued to make progress in moving on from the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic. Vaccines became a key catalyst and decisive factor for economic recovery during the first half of 2021. According to statistics from Bloomberg, global gross domestic product ("GDP") grew by 4.6% in the first half of 2021. Meanwhile, the global stock markets have seen a comprehensive upward trend, and major stock markets such as the United States, Europe, and Asia have all shown large gains.

As global economic conditions improved and the local epidemic gradually subsided, Hong Kong's economy was on the path to recovery. The real GDP in the first half of 2021 grew by 7.8% year-on-year. The Hong Kong stock market also regained its vitality. According to statistics from the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, the average daily turnover for the first six months of 2021 was HK\$188.2 billion, an increase of 60% when compared with HK\$117.5 billion for the same period last year. And total funds raised for the first six months of 2021 was HK\$482.5 billion, an increase of 108% when compared with HK\$232.3 billion for the same period last year. In terms of initial public offering ("IPO"), there were 47 new listings in Hong Kong during this period. Total funds raised reached HK\$212.96 billion, which doubled the total funds raised in the first six months of the last corresponding year.

In responding to the more active investment atmosphere and the gradual pickup of the local economy, the Group flexibly adjusted its development strategy and put more resources on financial services and money lending businesses, which recorded an upsurge in revenue for the Group.

Financial Services

The Group's financial services mainly include securities brokerage and margin financing services. Meanwhile, the securities brokerage and margin financing services are conducted through, Power Securities, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company licensed to carry on Type 1 (dealing with securities) regulated activities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The Group continued to get more margin financing clients through the referral of authorised executives ("AEs") with performance-related commission for incentives, and social network of responsible officers ("ROs") and senior management of the Group since 2020. Revenue, transaction volume and number of margin and cash clients were improved during the Period. During the Period, financial services business segment generated revenue of approximately HK\$12,159,000 (2020: HK\$5,881,000).

As at 30 June 2021, number of outstanding margin loan clients and outstanding margin loan receivables also sustainably increased by approximately 6% and 24% than those at the beginning of the Period respectively. Interest income from clients (comprising margin clients and cash clients) amounted to approximately HK\$10,349,000 for the Period compared with that of approximately HK\$4,687,000 for the corresponding period of 2020, representing a hike of approximately 120.8%. The Group was pleased to record a turnaround from segment loss of approximately HK\$2,121,000 for the corresponding period of 2020 to segment profit of approximately HK\$6,519,000 during the Period.

Money Lending

The Group's money lending business is conducted through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, E Finance Limited ("E Finance") and E Cash Fintech Limited ("E Cash"). The Group provides loans under four broad categories, namely, (a) property mortgage (including first mortgage, second mortgage and submortgage) loans, (b) share mortgage loans, (c) guaranteed loans to individuals and corporations with good credit records in Hong Kong and (d) unsecured loans. E Finance is concentrated on property mortgage loans as well as corporate and individual loans involving larger loan amounts while E Cash puts a focus on retail lending business for corporations and individuals with relatively smaller loan size needs. The Group strived to adhere to a set of comprehensive policy and procedural manual in respect of loan approval, loan renewal, loan top-up, loan recovery, loan compliance, monitoring and anti-money laundering. Meanwhile, the Group managed to maintain a sizable loan portfolio with healthy effective interest rates and built up a wide and solid customer base.

A more demanding business environment and tightened credit condition in the commercial sector provided an opportunity for the Group to substantially expand its money lending business throughout the Period. Since 2019, licensed banks in Hong Kong adopted tightened credit measures, such as low loan-to-value (LTV) ratio for mortgage loan, stress tests and credit scoring before granting loans. The approval time frame for a loan application is relatively long due to multitiered approval procedures. By contrast, the Group has adopted a more flexible and efficient approach to application approvals while maintaining stringent credit control, enabling the Group to capture more loan businesses and secure more opportunities throughout the Period.

The Group offered a wider range of interest rate during the Period in order to capture more business opportunities. The Group maintained a database of referral agents to broaden the customer base and distribution. With the continuous and enhanced marketing efforts of the Group, including successful connection with referral agents who referred potential borrowers for loan financing opportunities to the Group, both the number of existing loans and amount of loans receivables had shown a growing trend and reached 69 and approximately HK\$714,548,000 respectively as at 30 June 2021.

The prevailing adverse financial and economic conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has posed negative impacts on the financial position and repayment ability of the Group's borrowers, resulting in impairment loss on loans and interest receivables by approximately HK\$10,585,000 for the Period as compared to that of approximately HK\$538,000 for the corresponding period of 2020.

During the Period, money lending business contributed revenue of approximately HK\$32,682,000, accounting for approximately 65.7% of overall revenue, and kept on being a major source of revenue of the Group, and generated a segment profit of approximately HK\$11,081,000 for the Period.

Trading

Outbreak of COVID-19 in early 2020 had derived an enormous demand for healthcare products and protective gears against the pandemic. The Group grasped this business opportunities and designated an operating subsidiary, Power Global Trading Company Limited with a team to run the trading business.

Due to the fierce competition in the market of surgical face mask, hand sanitizers and alcohol sprays since the second half of 2020 onwards, trading business only contributed revenue of approximately HK\$1,766,000 and reported a segment loss of approximately HK\$813,000 for the Period.

Assets Investment

The Group's assets investment business comprises a portfolio of bonds, funds, securities investments. During the Period, the Group adjusted the size of portfolio of its assets investment business segment so that it can reserve or reallocate more resources and funding to its better performing activities, including margin financing and money lending businesses. The Group achieved a turnaround from segment loss to segment profit for this segment, which was mainly attributable to the gain on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, especially arising from listed equity securities investments and the stable interest income from bond investments.

In terms of bond investments, the Group maintained a certain number of listed bonds so as to generate stable and fixed interest income for the Group. The Group continued to downsize its bond investments as a result of the worsening market sentiments, bond price adjustments and the past default history of certain bonds during the Period. During the Period, interest income from bond investments amounted to approximately HK\$3,120,000, representing a decrease of approximately 66.5% from approximately HK\$9,314,000 for the corresponding period of 2020.

Looking at fund investments, the Group had interests in a total of four unlisted close-ended funds, the Group will continue to hold such funds until their respective maturity dates or until the early redemption of such funds. The Group's designated investment team regularly monitored the underlying performance of the fund investments through updates from the fund administrators and discussion with the fund managers or general partners of the funds.

About securities investment, the Group maintained a certain number of Hong Kong listed securities. The Group had a designated investment team to monitor and assess the securities investments on a regular basis. The Group will gradually realise the securities investments depending on the Group's future business development and investment strategy, market condition and the performance and business prospect of such listed companies.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS

As at 30 June 2021, the Group's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss amounted to approximately HK\$456,355,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$294,903,000), including (a) equity securities of approximately HK\$383,395,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$227,759,000); and (b) unlisted investment funds of approximately HK\$72,960,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$67,144,000) respectively.

As at 30 June 2021, the Group's portfolio of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss comprised (a) 18 equity securities listed in Hong Kong; and (b) 4 unlisted investment funds. For the 18 listed equity securities, 17 of which accounted for approximately 3.45% of the Group's unaudited consolidated total assets as at 30 June 2021 and the remaining 1 accounted for approximately 20.11% of the Group's unaudited consolidated total assets as at 30 June 2021. For the 4 unlisted investment funds, each of which accounted for approximately 0.21% to 2.29% of the Group's unaudited consolidated total assets as at 30 June 2021.

As at 30 June 2021, the Group's financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income amounted to approximately HK\$52,431,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$102,304,000), all of which are listed bond investments. As at 30 June 2021, the Group's portfolio of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income comprised 9 bond investments listed in Hong Kong or Singapore, each of which accounted for approximately 0.10% to 0.75% of the Group's unaudited consolidated total assets as at 30 June 2021.

The Directors considered that investments with a carrying amount that account for more than 5% of the Group's unaudited consolidated total assets as at 30 June 2021 as significant investments.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

| | | | | | | Appro | oximate | Appr | oximate | | | |
|---|--|------------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | | Fair v | alue of | Number | of shares | percentage o | of shareholding | percentage | of the Group's | Dividends | Realised | Unrealised |
| | | investme | ents as at | held | d as at | in the inv | estee as at | consolidated | net assets as at | received | gain | gain/(loss) |
| | | 30 June | 31 December | 30 June | 31 December | 30 June | 31 December | 30 June | 31 December | during | during | during |
| Description of investments | Brief description of the business | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | the Period | the Period | the Period |
| | | (HK\$'000) | (HK\$'000) | ('000) | (1000) | | | | | (HK\$'000) | (HK\$'000) | (HK\$'000) |
| Significant investments | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Listed securities investments in Hong Kong | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Town Health International | Provision of medical and dental services | 327,260 | 174,089 | 674,762 | 674,762 | 8.97% | 8.97% | 20.58 | 12.24% | - | - | 153,171 |
| Medical Group Limited | in Hong Kong; managing healthcare | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ("Town Health") | networks and provision of third party | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (stock code: 3886) | medical network administrator services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | in Hong Kong; provision of medical and | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | dental services in the People's Republic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | of China ("PRC"), provision of hospital | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | management services and related | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | services; provision of miscellaneous | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | healthcare related services and leasing | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | of properties | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other investments | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other listed securities investments* | | 56,135 | 53,670 | | | | | | | 60 | 4,472 | 3,302 |
| Unlisted investment funds* | | 72,960 | 67,144 | | | | | | | <u>-</u> | - | 6,249 |
| Grand total for the financial assets at fair valu | e through profit or loss | 456,355 | 294,903 | | | | | | | 60 | 4,472 | 162,722 |

- * Other listed securities investments mainly comprise the Group's investments in 17 companies whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange. Each of the investments has a carrying amount that accounted for not more than 5% of the Group's unaudited consolidated total assets as at 30 June 2021.
- Unlisted investment funds comprise 4 different private funds. The business/investment sector of unlisted investment funds mainly relates to various industries including, but not limited to, companies in consumer goods, retail, medical and health services, and internet-related and mobile-application-related industries.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

| | Fair value of inv | vestments as at | Interest income | Gain on disposal | Fair value changes recognised through other comprehensive |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| | 30 June | 31 December | during | during the | income during |
| Description of investments | 2021 | 2020 | the Period | Period | the Period |
| | (HK\$'000) | (HK\$'000) | (HK\$'000) | (HK\$'000) | (HK\$'000) |
| Listed bond investments* | 52,431 | 102,304 | 3,120 | 794 | (3,559) |
| Grand total for the financial assets at fair value through other | | | | | |
| comprehensive income | 52,431 | 102,304 | 3,120 | 794 | (3,559) |

^{*} The bond investments comprise 9 different bonds listed in Hong Kong or Singapore. The business/investment sector of the bonds investments mainly relates to various industries including, but not limited to property development and investment in Hong Kong and the PRC.

Performance and future prospects of significant investments under financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Directors would like to provide additional information on the Group's significant investments under financial assets at fair value through profit or loss as follows:

As at 30 June 2021, the Group held 674,762,000 shares of Town Health, which represented approximately 8.97% of the issued shares of Town Health as at 30 June 2021, the respective investment cost amounted to approximately HK\$851,879,000, and the fair value of such investment was approximately HK\$327,260,000, representing approximately 20.11% of the Group's unaudited consolidated total assets as at 30 June 2021 and approximately 20.58% of the Group's unaudited consolidated net assets as at 30 June 2021.

During the Period, no dividend was received by the Group from Town Health and the Group recorded a fair value gain of approximately HK\$153,171,000 for its investment in Town Health.

With regards to the performance, material factors underlying the results and financial position, significant events and the future prospects of Town Health, details of which are disclosed in the Town Health's announcement of interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2021 dated 27 August 2021.

CAPITAL REORGANIZATION

On 11 May 2021, the Board intended to put forward for approval by the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") a proposal of capital reorganization to cancel the entire amount standing to the credit of the share premium account to nil with the credit arising therefrom to be transferred to the contributed surplus account ("Proposed Share Premium Cancellation") and to authorise the Board to apply such amount in such manner as permitted under the laws of Bermuda and the Bye-laws. The Proposed Share Premium Cancellation and the subsequent transfer of the credit arising therefrom to the contributed surplus account will therefore increase the distributable reserves of the Company, thereby giving the Company greater flexibility in making distributions to the Shareholders out of the contributed surplus account in the future as the Board considers appropriate. Subject to approval by the Shareholders of the Proposed Share Premium Cancellation, the amount standing to the credit of the contributed surplus account may be used to set off the accumulated losses of the Company that may arise from time to time. Details of the Proposed Share Premium Cancellation are disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 11 May 2021.

The Proposed Share Premium Cancellation was duly passed as a special resolution by the Shareholders at the special general meeting of the Company held on 18 June 2021 and the Proposed Share Premium Cancellation took effect on 21 June 2021. As a result, the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account of approximately HK\$3,800,250,000 was transferred to the contributed surplus account, and the then accumulated contributed surplus account of approximately HK\$4,295,157,000 was set off against the accumulated losses of the Company respectively.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK

The Hong Kong economy is on the path to recovery. In tandem with the improving global economic conditions and receding local epidemic, real GDP sustained notable year-on-year growth of 7.5% in the second quarter of 2021. However, the spread of more infectious COVID-19 variants in many places of the world continues to cast uncertainty over the global economic outlook, while other risk factors such as the China-US relations, geopolitical tensions and the evolving monetary policy stance of major central banks also warrant attention. In view of this, the Group will monitor and review the marco environment from time to time, and make timely adjustments to cope with the changes.

In early July, the General Office of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the General Office of the State Council publicly issued the "Opinions on Strictly Cracking Down on Illegal Securities Activities in accordance with the Law", proposing to strengthen cross-border supervision cooperation of enterprises, strengthen the supervision of Chinese concept stocks, and improve the legal extraterritorial capital market. It is generally believed that the China Securities Regulatory Commission is preparing to tighten the supervision of the overseas listing of China's concept stocks. After the regulatory turmoil, Chinese companies will inevitably be more cautious about listing in the United States. To the contrary, the Stock Exchange, which is large in scale, has a complete market supervision system, and has a high degree of openness, is expected to become one of the biggest beneficiaries. In order to undertake the return of concept stocks in the U.S. and China, the Stock Exchange plans to broaden the secondary listing mechanism and remove many obstacles to the return of Chinese concept stocks. It is expected that the activity of the Hong Kong IPO market is expected to increase in the second half of the year. PwC predicts 150 IPOs in 2021, including 145 on Main Board, reaching a record high with HK\$500 billion in funds raised this year. The Stock Exchange is predicted to once again secure a place in the top three global IPO markets. As the best financing platform in Asia, Hong Kong will continue leading the market and play an active and important role in establishing China's multi-level capital market.

Furthermore, China is expected to open up a southbound leg for its Bond Connect in the second half of the year. With an easier access for the mainland investors to buy and sell foreign bonds in Hong Kong, it will significantly stimulate market trading sentiment as well as present enormous opportunities for Hong Kong's financial industry.

The overall stock and investment market for second half of 2021 is looking promising. Bolstered by sufficient cash reserve, the Group will continue to source additional revenue and broaden the customer base for its margin financing business through referral of AEs and broad social network of AEs and ROs to build more in-depth and new business relationships. The Group will keep monitoring the business environment and looking for appropriate opportunities to ensure long term sustainable and steady growth.

For money lending business, while expanding the customer base and loan portfolio, the Group is also cautious about the risk management. Stringent scrutiny and credit assessment will be applied to each single loan approval. The Group will also keep on closely monitoring the repayment performance of its loan portfolio and evaluating the repayment ability of the borrowers. E Cash has subscribed the membership of TransUnion to take advantage of its risk management services, including trended credit data, debt capacity score, portfolio review, etc., to manage risk and resources effectively.

Moreover, to optimize the efficiency of money lending procedures, the Group will upgrade the loan management system for better monitoring and management of loan portfolios as well as the efficiency in loan operations. To offer better users experience and strengthen the core competences in the fintech era with digitalized smart trading services, E Cash is designing its own website and developing a mobile application for money lending platform, which hopefully will be launched in the second half of 2021.

The Group's trading segment is poised to expand the customer base and product list by negotiating with domestic and overseas suppliers for the exclusive distribution of a variety of products.

Regarding the assets investment segment, the Group endeavors to grab the rapid growth of fintech industry, apart from self-development in fintech area for money lending business, the Group has also acquired approximately 1.05% equity interests in TNG FinTech at a consideration of US\$4,200,000 on 16 July 2021. TNG FinTech and its subsidiaries is principally engaged in e-Wallet and digital banking services, development of digital remittance infrastructure and provision of digital remittance platform services in Southeast Asia and real-time gross settlement system, currency exchange and remittance network in support of digital asset technology. Meanwhile, the Group with continue to constantly monitor the business environment and market condition. In anticipation of low interest rate environment, the Group will monitor and review the investment policies and procedures and consider to make timely adjustment to the direction of bond investments rationally in respond to the market changes.

The economy is widely anticipated to recover slowly from the current COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, the Group will closely monitor the changing business environment and seek out opportunities for long-term sustainable and steady growth. Furthermore, we will carefully pursue all potential viable investment and business opportunities to further develop existing business segments while also expanding our customer base as well as deepen relationships with current customers. In addition, the Group will increase its competitive edge by building a team of talented people with extensive experience and professional knowledge in order to bring about a new company dynamic that will spur revenue growth and create more value for the Shareholders.

Despite Hong Kong stock market has underperformed regional and global equities markets in the recent months, the market still expects sentiment to improve gradually in the second half of the year, and Hong Kong equity can stand out on Central Government's pro-growth reiteration, and likely relaxation of current travel restrictions between Mainland and Hong Kong. The Group will continue to seek potential investment and business opportunities for the further development of the existing business segments, expansion of business scope and bringing new dynamics for revenue growth.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The Group has maintained a sound financial position during this Period. As at 30 June 2021, the Group held bank balances and cash of approximately HK\$114,312,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$204,512,000), and had no outstanding borrowings. Net current assets amounted to approximately HK\$1,426,884,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$1,245,863,000). Current ratio (defined as total current assets divided by total current liabilities) was approximately 39.34 times (31 December 2020: 41.14 times). The gearing ratio of the Group (defined as total liabilities to total assets, expressed in a percentage figure) was approximately 2.29% (31 December 2020: 2.33%).

As the Group's bank balances and cash were mainly denominated in Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars, risk in exchange rate fluctuation would not be material.

During the Period, the Group generally financed its operations and capital expenditures with internal resources and there was no significant change in its capital structure. As at 30 June 2021, the Company had 2,783,552,734 shares in issue. Total equity attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$1,588,376,000 as at 30 June 2021 (31 December 2020: HK\$1,420,324,000).

CAPITAL COMMITMENT

Details of capital commitment are stated in note 15 to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Details of contingent liabilities are stated in note 17 to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information.

CHARGES ON THE GROUP'S ASSETS

As at 30 June 2021, no asset of the Group was charged to any parties (31 December 2020: Nii).

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30 June 2021, the Group employed 31 employees. The Group continues to maintain and upgrade the capabilities of its workforce by providing them with adequate and regular training. The Group remunerates its employees mainly based on industry practices and individual's performance and experience. On top of regular remuneration, discretionary bonus and share options may be granted to eligible staff by reference to the Group's performance as well as individual's performance.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Period.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30 June 2021, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") were as follows:

Long positions in the shares of the Company

| Name of Director | Capacity | Number of shares of the Company | Number of share options | Total interests | Approximate % of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 June 2021 (Note 1) |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Mr. Choi Chun Chung, Danny ("Mr. Choi") (Note 2) | Interest of a controlled corporation | 28,000,000 | | 28,000,000 | 1.01% |

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2021, none of the Directors or the chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

Notes:

- (1) The percentage of shareholding is calculated with reference to the Company's number of shares in issue as at 30 June 2021.
- (2) Mr. Choi is interested in, through a corporation controlled by him, 28,000,000 shares of the Company.

SHARE OPTIONS

2013 Share Option Scheme

The existing share option scheme was approved and adopted by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 4 June 2013 (the "2013 Share Option Scheme"), for the primary purpose of providing incentives to Directors and employees. Under the 2013 Share Option Scheme, the Company may grant options to eligible persons, including Directors and directors of the subsidiaries of the Company, to subscribe for shares of the Company.

Details of the share options granted by the Company under the 2013 Share Option Scheme to the eligible participants of the Group and the movements (if any) in such holdings during the Period were as follows:

| | | | | Number of share options | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|--|
| Name or category of participant | Date of grant | Exercise period | Exercise price per share HK\$ | Outstanding as at 1 January 2021 | Granted during the Period | Exercised during the Period | Cancelled/ lapsed during the Period | Outstanding as at 30 June 2021 | |
| Director Mr. Siu Kam Chau ("Mr. Siu") (Notes 1 ar | 19/06/2019 nd 2) | 19/6/2019 to 18/6/2021 | 0.1066 | 27,830,000 | - | - | (27,830,000) | | |

Weighted average exercise price

HK\$0.1066

Notes:

(1) Mr. Siu, a then executive Director, was granted 27,830,000 share options on 19 June 2019 which had been lapsed on 19 June 2021. Mr. Siu resigned as an executive Director with effect from 21 June 2021.

SHARE OPTIONS (Continued)

2013 Share Option Scheme (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(2) The closing price of the shares of the Company on the business day immediately preceding the date of grant on 19 June 2019 were HK\$0.109 per share.

The fair value of the share options granted on 19 June 2019 was determined pursuant to the binomial model to be approximately HK\$2,643,000. The inputs into the model included share price on the date of grant of HK\$0.105, exercise price of HK\$0.1066 per share, expected volatility of 89.47%, expected option life of 2 years, estimated risk-free rate of 1.65% and no expected dividend yield.

The model requires the input of subjective assumptions, including the volatility of share price. As changes in subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in the Directors' opinion, the existing model does not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of shares options.

Exercise of the share options granted on 19 June 2019 is conditional upon the fulfillment of certain performance target(s) during the exercise period.

INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS/OTHER PERSONS

So far as is known to any Director or chief executive of the Company, as at 30 June 2021, the following shareholders (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange:

Long positions in the shares of the Company

| Name of shareholders | Capacity | Number of shares of the Company | Approximate % of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 June 2021 |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| China Mobile Games and Entertainment Group LTD. | Beneficial owner | 176,994,000 (Note 2) | 6.36% |
| Pro First International Corporation (Note 3) | Beneficial owner | 794,480,000 | 28.54% |
| Mr. Yang Lijun (Note 3) | Interest of a controlled corporation | 794,480,000 | 28.54% |

INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS/OTHER PERSONS (Continued)

Notes:

- (1) The percentage of shareholding is calculated with reference to the Company's number of shares in issue as at 30 June 2021.
- (2) The number of shares held by the shareholder had been adjusted as a result of the capital reorganisation (the "Capital Reorganisation") approved by the shareholders of the Company at the special general meeting of the Company held on 5 April 2016 which involved, among other steps, (i) the share consolidation of 10 pre-consolidated shares into 1 share of HK\$0.10 and (ii) the reduction of the share capital of the Company whereby the par value of each of the then issued consolidated shares of HK\$0.10 each was reduced from HK\$0.10 to HK\$0.01 each by cancelling the paid-up capital of the Company to the extent of HK\$0.09 on each of the then issued consolidated share and thereby creating the shares and the Capital Reorganisation became effective on 6 April 2016.
- (3) Pro First International Corporation, a limited company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and solely owned by Mr. Yang Lijun, is interested in 794,480,000 shares of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2021, there was no other person (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) who had any interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Period.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company endeavours in maintaining good corporate governance for the enhancement of shareholders' value. The Company has complied with all the applicable code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") throughout the Period, except the code provision A.2.1 which requires the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. During the Period, Mr. Choi assumed the roles of both the chairman of the Board (the "Chairman") and the chief executive officer of the Company (the "Chief Executive Officer").

Although Mr. Choi's acting as the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer, the Board believes that, after evaluation of the current situation of the Company and taking into account of the experience and past performance of Mr. Choi,

- it is appropriate and in the interests of the Company at the present stage for Mr. Choi to hold both positions as the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer as it helps to maintain the continuity of the policies and the stability of the operations of the Company; and
- (ii) such practice will not impair the balance of power and authority under the present arrangement and will be adequately ensured by the current Board which comprises experienced and high caliber individuals with sufficient number thereof being independent non-executive Directors.

DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry of the Directors, the Directors have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the Period.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH RULES 3.10(1) AND 3.21 OF LISTING RULES

Pursuant to Rule 3.10(1) of the Listing Rules, every board of directors of a listed issuer must include at least three independent non-executive directors. Upon the resignation of Ms. Chan Kar Yin, Polly ("Ms. Chan") as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 31 March 2021, the Board comprises less than three independent non-executive Directors, which is below the minimum requirement prescribed under Rule 3.10(1) of the Listing Rules.

Pursuant to Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules, the audit committee of a listed issuer must comprise a minimum of three members. Upon the resignation of Ms. Chan with effect from 31 March 2021, the number of members of the audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") reduces to two, which is below the minimum requirement prescribed under Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules.

Following the appointment of Ms. Leung Mabel as an independent non-executive Director and a member of each of the Audit Committee, the remuneration committee of the Company and the nomination committee of the Company with effect from 21 June 2021, the Company is in compliance with the requirements under (i) Rule 3.10(1) of the Listing Rules stipulating that the Board must have at least three independent non-executive Directors; and (ii) Rules 3.21 of the Listing Rules stipulating that the Audit Committee must comprise a minimum of three members.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee currently comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Kwok Sze Kong (the chairman of the Audit Committee), Mr. Chiu Ka Wai, Ellis and Ms. Leung Mabel. The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed the internal control and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Group for the Period.

DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION UNDER RULE 13.51B(1) OF THE LISTING RULES

| Details of Changes |
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| Mr. Choi is currently an Unofficial Member of District Fight Crime Committee (Eastern District). |
| Mr. Tau promoted to a Chief Strategic Officer of the Group with effect from 1 August 2021. |
| By order of the Board Power Financial Group Limited Choi Chun Chung, Danny Chairman and Chief Executive Officer |
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Hong Kong, 30 August 2021