

# 大生地產發展有限公司 Tai Sang Land Development Limited

(Stock code: 89)



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Nestled in the heart of the Southern District in Wong Chuk Hang, our brand-new hotel, the Arca has opened its doors to patrons and customers in May 2021.

The Arca is a contemporary living experience. Overlooking the picturesque Aberdeen Harbor on one side and the iconic Peak on the other, 187 spacious and impeccably designed rooms with bespoke service are complemented with an array of amenities and experiences. The hotel is wholly designed by local award-winning design studio DEFT with premier comfort and contemporary living in mind, suit everyday travelers and locals alike.

In the picture: The entrance of Ground Floor of the Arca.





Arca Society offers allday dining, combining an unique experience of Asian and Western culinary flavors in this casual yet modern dining space.

In the picture: Arca Society, the restaurant on the 3rd floor of the Arca.

Beautifully designed versatile function and event space ready to elevate guests' gathering experience, Arca Assembly accommodates 288 seating and 600 guests and comes fully equipped with the latest smart technology to host from intimate board meetings to memorable banquets.

In the picture: Arca Assembly, the versatile function and event space on the 2nd floor of the Arca.



# **Corporate Information**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

William Ma Ching Wai (Chairman and Chief Executive) Patrick Ma Ching Hang, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman) Philip Ma Ching Yeung (Deputy Chairman) Alfred Ma Ching Kuen (Managing Director) Amy Ma Ching Sau (Managing Director)

#### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Edward Cheung Wing Yui, BBS

# INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Kevin Chau Kwok Fun Tan Soo Kiu Yiu Kei Chung

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Tan Soo Kiu (Committee Chairman) Edward Cheung Wing Yui, BBS Kevin Chau Kwok Fun Yiu Kei Chung

# REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Tan Soo Kiu (Committee Chairman) Amy Ma Ching Sau Yiu Kei Chung

#### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

William Ma Ching Wai (Committee Chairman) Kevin Chau Kwok Fun Yiu Kei Chung

#### **BANKERS**

The Bank of East Asia, Limited Hang Seng Bank Limited The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking **Corporation Limited** Nanyang Commercial Bank, Limited Tai Sang Bank Limited

#### **SOLICITORS**

Woo, Kwan, Lee & Lo

#### **AUDITOR**

PricewaterhouseCoopers Certified Public Accountant and Registered Public Interest Entity Auditor

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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# **Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# Mr. William MA Ching Wai, Chairman and Chief Executive

Aged 68. Joined the Company and appointed a Director of the Company in 1974. Appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors in 1984 and appointed Chief Executive on 15th June 2017. He is the Chairman of the Nomination Committee of the Company and a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. He is currently an advisor to the board of directors of Tai Sang Bank Limited. He is a member of the Association of Chairmen of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, life member of Yan Oi Tong Advisory Board, a member of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce and a committee member of Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre. He was a member of Sponsorship and Development Fund Committee of the Open University of Hong Kong until 19th June 2017 and the chairman of the 1978/1979 Board of Directors of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. He was conferred the honour of Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole in 2008. He is also a director of certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO"). He is the younger brother of Mr. Alfred Ma Ching Kuen, Ms. Amy Ma Ching Sau and Ms. Katy Ma Ching Man, and the elder brother of Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang and Mr. Philip Ma Ching Yeung.

### Mr. Patrick MA Ching Hang, BBS, JP, BSc., Deputy Chairman

Aged 63. Joined the Company and appointed a Director of the Company in 1981. Appointed Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2005. He is a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. He is currently the chairman of the board of directors of Tai Sang Bank Limited. He is also a director of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Community Organizations Limited. He is a member of The Chinese University of Hong Kong - C.W. Chu College Committee of Overseers, a member of Honorary Court of Lingnan University and a Trustee of Hospital Authority Charitable Foundation (HACF). He was the chairman of the 2008/2009 Board of Directors of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. He was conferred the honour of Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite in 2010. He is also a director of certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. He is the younger brother of Mr. William Ma Ching Wai, Mr. Alfred Ma Ching Kuen, Ms. Amy Ma Ching Sau and Ms. Katy Ma Ching Man, and the elder brother of Mr. Philip Ma Ching Yeung.

# Mr. Philip MA Ching Yeung, BSc.(cum Laude), D.Mgt., Deputy Chairman

Aged 58. Joined the Company in 1987 and appointed a Director of the Company in 1997. Appointed Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors on 11th December 2019. He is a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. He received a Doctoral Degree in Management from Asian College of Knowledge Management in 2010. He is currently a director of Tai Sang Bank Limited. He is the vice chairman of the 2017/2018 to 2021/2022 Board of Directors of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, a director of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce, a permanent honorable president of Wanchai and Central & Western District Industries and Commerce Association, a Silver Fellow of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, a member of The Entrepreneurs' Organization Hong Kong, a member of the HKGCC's Real Estate and Infrastructure Committee, an ordinary member of The University of Hong Kong Foundation and a member of Maritime Silk Road Society. He is also a director of certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. He is the younger brother of Mr. William Ma Ching Wai, Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang, Mr. Alfred Ma Ching Kuen, Ms. Amy Ma Ching Sau and Ms. Katy Ma Ching Man.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)**

#### Mr. Alfred MA Ching Kuen, BSc., Managing Director

Aged 69. Joined the Company and appointed a Director of the Company in 1976. Appointed Managing Director of the Company in 1984. He is a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. He is currently a director of Tai Sang Bank Limited. He is also a director of certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. He is the elder brother of Mr. William Ma Ching Wai, Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang and Mr. Philip Ma Ching Yeung, and the younger brother of Ms. Amy Ma Ching Sau and Ms. Katy Ma Ching Man.

# Ms. Amy MA Ching Sau, BSc., Managing Director

Aged 71. Joined the Company and appointed a Director of the Company in 1974. Appointed Managing Director of the Company in 1991. She is a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company and a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. She is also a director of certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. She is the elder sister of Mr. William Ma Ching Wai, Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang, Mr. Alfred Ma Ching Kuen and Mr. Philip Ma Ching Yeung, and the younger sister of Ms. Katy Ma Ching Man.

Mr. Edward CHEUNG Wing Yui, BBS, DBA, BComm., CPA (Aust.), Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England, Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore,

Non-executive Director

Aged 72. Appointed a Director of the Company in 1983, re-designated as Non-executive Director since 21st May 2004. He is a member of the Audit Committee of the Company. He received a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Accountancy from the University of New South Wales, Australia. He is a member of CPA Australia. He has been a practising solicitor in Hong Kong since 1979 and is a consultant of the law firm Woo Kwan Lee & Lo. He has been admitted as a solicitor in the United Kingdom and as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore. Mr. Cheung is currently a non-executive director and vice chairman of SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings Limited and SUNeVision Holdings Ltd. He is also a non-executive director of Tianjin Development Holdings Limited, a nonexecutive director of Transport International Holdings Limited, The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited and Long Win Bus Company Limited. In addition, he is currently a member of the Sponsorship & Development Fund Committee and a court member of The Open University of Hong Kong, and Honorary Council Member of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors Limited. Mr. Cheung was the deputy chairman of The Open University of Hong Kong until 19th June 2014, a director of The Community Chest of Hong Kong until June 2020, a non-executive director of Tai Sang Bank Limited until 1st December 2017, a member of the Labour and Welfare Bureau's Lump Sum Grant Steering Committee until 21st April 2015, a member of the Appeal Board established under the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance until 31st August 2013. He was a member of the Board of Review (Inland Revenue Ordinance) until 31st December 2010 and the deputy chairman of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors Limited until 30th June 2010. He has also been a director of Po Leung Kuk and the vice chairman of the Mainland Legal Affairs Committee of The Law Society of Hong Kong. Mr. Cheung was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) in 2013. He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Business Administration from the Open University of Hong Kong in 2016.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)**

# Mr. Kevin CHAU Kwok Fun, BA, Independent Non-executive Director

Aged 61. Appointed an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company in 1996. He is a member of the Audit Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the Wesleyan University in Connecticut, USA. He is the owner and Principal of KRC Projects Limited, a private investment company, and a partner and director of Custom Gateway International Limited, a technology software company specializing in providing customization solutions to businesses with ecommerce platforms. He is also an independent non-executive director of Razer Inc. (Stock Code 1337), a company listed on the Stock Exchange. He was the Executive Vice Chairman of Sincere Watch (Hong Kong) Limited ("Sincere Watch") (Stock Code 444) responsible for the overall development of Sincere Watch Group's business, as well as the strategic planning and positioning and management of Sincere Watch Group. Prior to joining Sincere Watch Group, he was a principal officer of an investment company in Hong Kong dealing in real estates and the food and beverage industry in the PRC. He began his career in 1982 with a US bank in New York dealing in fixed income and derivative syndication and had been posted by the bank to their London and Tokyo offices. In 1990, he set up his own real estate investment company in California, USA, investing in real estate projects in Texas and California. Mr. Chau also served as director of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals in 2008.

# Mr. TAN Soo Kiu, CPA (Aust.), Independent Non-executive Director

Aged 84. Appointed an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company in 2004. He is the Chairman of the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company. He is currently a retired person. He had been the General Manager of the Company for 11 years from 1991 to 2002 and had held various senior positions with banking institutions in Malaysia and Hong Kong for over 20 years before 1991.

# Mr. YIU Kei Chung, B Soc. Sc., Independent Non-executive Director

Aged 71. Appointed an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company in 2015. He is a member of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company. He received a Bachelor Degree from the University of Hong Kong in Social Science (Economics & Sociology) and obtained a Diploma in Advanced Training in Industrial Management from Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands. He is currently an independent non-executive director of Tai Sang Bank Limited and was a member of the Hospital Governing Committee of the North District Hospital of the Hospital Authority until February 2021. Mr. Yiu had served the Hong Kong Government for over 30 years and had held various positions in different departments. He had been the Deputy Director of Civil Aviation in the Civil Aviation Department, the Commissioner of the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation, the Deputy Secretary (Health) of the ex-Health, Welfare and Food Bureau. Before his retirement in March 2013, he was the Executive Director (Corporate Services) of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority.

# **SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

# Ms. Katy MA Ching Man, BA, Company Secretary

Aged 72. Joined the Company and appointed a Director and also Company Secretary of the Company in 1972, she was a Director of the Company until 21st January 2013. She is now the Company Secretary of the Company and a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. She is also a director of certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. She is the elder sister of Mr. William Ma Ching Wai, Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang, Mr. Alfred Ma Ching Kuen, Ms. Amy Ma Ching Sau and Mr. Philip Ma Ching Yeung.





Designed with modern comfort and contemporary living to suit from everyday travelers to group of friends and families, **the Arca** offers a wide variety of guestrooms and suites designed to fulfill the essence of modern day living and equipped with the latest in-room technology.

In the picture (top): Sea Deluxe Suite, a 780 square feet suite with traditional Chinese elements incorporated in a contemporary setting, the family-sized round dining table anchors the 400 square feet living room, and completes with a guest bathroom and 100 square feet master bathroom.

In the picture (bottom): Sea Signature, which is 330 square feet guestroom designed with neutral earth-toned materials contrasted with copper and maroon detailing with an abundance of natural light, overlooking the Aberdeen Harbour.

# Chairman's Statement

#### **RESULT**

I am pleased to report that the Group's consolidated profit for the year ended 31st December 2021 was HK\$654.4 million, an increase of HK\$807.4 million as compared to the Group's consolidated loss of HK\$153.0 million for 2020. Earnings per share for 2021 were HK\$2.20 (2020: loss per share HK\$0.54). The consolidated profit for 2021 included the fair value gains on investment properties (net of the deferred tax in the United States) of HK\$601.4 million, as compared to the fair value losses on investment properties (net of the deferred tax in the United States) of HK\$233.9 million for 2020.

Excluding the effect of the fair value changes on investment properties (net of the deferred tax in the United States), the Group's underlying profit for 2021 was approximately HK\$53.0 million, decreased by HK\$27.9 million or 34.5% as compared to the corresponding figure of HK\$80.9 million for 2020, mainly due to the increase in depreciation charges for our new hotel and the increase in property refurbishment expenses.

The Group's core property leasing business remained stable with 4.6% year-to-year increase and a significant increase in the hotel room tariff and food and beverage income of HK\$34.8 million mainly contributed from the Arca Hotel which was opened in May this year. The revenues of the Group for the year 2021 increased HK\$55.3 million or 15.7% to HK\$407.0 million (2020: HK\$351.7 million).

As at 31st December 2021, total valuation of the investment properties of the Group was HK\$9,554.1 million (at 31st December 2020: HK\$8,656.3 million), increased by HK\$897.8 million or 10.4% for 2021. Increment included additions of investment properties and reclassification from properties under development in the total amount of HK\$281.4 million. Total equity amounted to HK\$8,809.6 million (at 31st December 2020: HK\$8,133.4 million).

#### **DIVIDEND**

The directors have resolved to recommend a final dividend of HK12 cents (2020: HK12 cents) per ordinary share.

# **PROSPECTS**

During the past second half of 2021, Hong Kong was starting to be better off, however the COVID-19 pandemic development at the beginning of 2022 was overwhelming and affected the economy of Hong Kong badly, inevitably, all business sectors have been affected. The Group's property portfolio with higher proportion at industrial and multi-purposes buildings and the rental incomes therefrom seems to be relatively stable. However, we may need to make provisions for the rental incomes from shops and offices during 2022. Over the past few years, the Group has substantially invested in upgrading and modernizing our portfolio properties so as to commensurate with market requirements and thus uplifting rental growth potential.

The Russia Ukraine war outbreak casted a world crisis. Following more and more sanctions and control measures are taken over Russia, oil and natural gas prices will go up and definitely cause inflation all over the world. This instance would affect the world economy as a whole.

The Sino-US rivalry, however, may continue into year 2022, and the outbound trades of Hong Kong may be hit as a result. If the China and Hong Kong border can reopen in the second half or third quarter of 2022, we will see some lights at the end of a tunnel, especially with our tourism and retail sectors.

The Group will continue to be cautious and will pay attention to the current risk changing situations and respond in a timely manner. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Group will continue to pursue a prudent policy.

In closing, I wish to thank my fellow directors for their valuable guidance and to all staff members for their dedication and hard work.

William Ma Ching Wai Chairman

Hong Kong, 25th March 2022

# **Management Discussion and Analysis**

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

In Hong Kong, the gross rental income for 2021 was HK\$263.4 million, increased by HK\$13.7 million or 5.5% as compared to 2020. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase in contribution from Gateway ts. However, the rental market for shops and commercial units remained stagnant.

The room tariff income and food and beverage income from our hotels for 2021 were HK\$36.6 million, increased significantly as compared to the corresponding figure of HK\$1.8 million for 2020 as the Figo Hotel operated for whole year for 2021 together with the opening of the Arca Hotel at Wong Chuk Hang in May 2021. The average occupancy rate of the Figo Hotel and the Arca Hotel was 90.0% and 41.8% for 2021 respectively. The EBITDA for 2021 for the Figo was HK\$1.16 million and a LBITDA for the Arca of HK\$3.94 million.

In the USA, the gross rental income from Montgomery Plaza was HK\$79.2 million for 2021, increased by HK\$1.5 million or 1.9%, as compared to 2020. The office space occupancy rate of Montgomery Plaza was 90% as at the year end of 2021.

### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

During the year, the Group's total bank borrowings increased by HK\$77.4 million to HK\$2,510.8 million (2020: HK\$2,433.4 million), including outstanding long-term bank loans of HK\$2,030.8 million (2020: HK\$2,026.4 million) as at 31st December 2021. The total equity increased by HK\$676.2 million to HK\$8,809.6 million (2020: HK\$8,133.4 million). The debt to equity ratio was 28.5% (2020: 29.9%).

The cash flow position and funding needs are closely reviewed and monitored to ensure that the Group has a good degree of financial flexibility and liquidity while optimizing net financial costs. There are sufficient committed banking facilities available for the Group's current funding needs and future business requirements. The Group's financial position remains healthy.

There is no exposure to foreign exchange risk as the bank borrowings are in either Hong Kong or US dollars and the repayment of principal and interest will be made by the respective lending currency.

With an unparalleled 270 degree view of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter and Ap Lei Chau, corner infinity pool, and mural by one of Hong Kong's most celebrated artists, the rooftop at **Arca Sky** provides the perfect vantage point to soak in Hong Kong Southside.

In the picture: The infinity pool at **Arca Sky** (the rooftop of **the Arca**).



#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE GROUP

The capital structure of the Group had not changed materially from the last annual report. The Group's borrowings are primarily denominated in Hong Kong and US dollars. The Group therefore has no significant exposure to foreign exchange fluctuation.

Bank borrowings amount to about HK\$2,425.8 million (2020: HK\$2,398.4 million) of the Group are secured by certain properties with an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$8,145.1 million (2020: HK\$7,568.5 million) and the rental income therefrom. Except for the overdraft facilities, interests on the Group's bank borrowings are based on the floating interest rates, i.e. spread plus HIBOR or LIBOR, whereas the interests on overdraft facilities are based on the Hong Kong bank's best lending rate and now is 5.0%.

The maturity of the Group's long-term bank loans as at 31st December 2021 is summarised as follows:

2021	2020
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
85,561	38,428
680,260	142,540
1,264,995	1,845,442
2,030,816	2,026,410
	85,561 680,260 1,264,995

#### **DETAILS OF NUMBER AND REMUNERATION OF EMPLOYEES**

As at 31st December 2021, the Group employed a total of 242 full-time employees which included the directors of the Company. In addition to salary payment, other benefits included discretionary bonus, insurance, medical schemes and mandatory provident fund schemes.



The lush outdoor terrace at Arca Society offers a comfortable and casual dining space which is perfect for our quests to unwind and relax.

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In the picture: The outdoor terrace of the restaurant, Arca Society.

# **Report of the Directors**

The directors of Tai Sang Land Development Limited (the "Company") submit their report together with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

# PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

The principal activities of the Company are investment holding and property investment. The activities of the principal subsidiaries are shown in note 31 to the consolidated financial statements.

An analysis of the Group's performance for the year by operating segments is set out in note 5(d) to the consolidated financial statements.

#### **RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

The results of the Group for the year ended 31st December 2021 are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss on page 65 of this annual report.

The directors have declared an interim dividend of HK10 cents (2020: HK10 cents) per ordinary share, totalling HK\$28,767,000 (2020: HK\$28,767,000), which was paid on 24th September 2021.

The directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK12 cents (2020: HK12 cents) per ordinary share, totalling HK\$34,520,000 (2020: HK\$34,520,000).

The total dividends for the year ended 31st December 2021 amounted to HK22 cents (2020: HK22 cents) per ordinary share.

### SHARE CAPITAL

Details of the share capital of the Company are set out in note 12 to the consolidated financial statements. There was no movement during the year.

#### **DONATIONS**

Charitable and other donations made by the Group during the year amounted to HK\$2,571,000 (2020: HK\$2,317,000).

# PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES

Details of the Group's significant properties are set out on pages 118 to 119 of this annual report.

# PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

The Company has not redeemed any of its shares during the year. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's shares during the year.

#### **BORROWINGS**

Particulars of the bank loans are shown in notes 14 and 17 to the consolidated financial statements.

# DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

Distributable reserves of the Company at 31st December 2021, calculated under part 6 of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong), amounted to HK\$548,585,000 (2020: HK\$559,823,000).

#### **FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

A summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is set out on page 120 of this annual report.

#### **DIRECTORS**

#### (a) Directors of the Company

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Executive directors:

William Ma Ching Wai Patrick Ma Ching Hang, BBS, JP Philip Ma Ching Yeung Alfred Ma Ching Kuen Amy Ma Ching Sau

(Chairman and Chief Executive) (Deputy Chairman) (Deputy Chairman) (Managing Director) (Managing Director)

Non-executive director:

Edward Cheung Wing Yui, BBS

Independent non-executive directors:

Kevin Chau Kwok Fun Tan Soo Kiu Yiu Kei Chung

In accordance with Article 103(A) of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang, Mr. Edward Cheung Wing Yui and Mr. Yiu Kei Chung retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

(b) Directors of the Company's subsidiaries

During the year and up to the date of this report, Mr. William Ma Ching Wai, Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang, Mr. Philip Ma Ching Yeung, Mr. Alfred Ma Ching Kuen and Ms. Amy Ma Ching Sau are also directors of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Other directors of the Company's subsidiaries during the year and up to the date of this report include: Ms. Katy Ma Ching Man, Ms. Joy Ma Ching Mun, Ms. Ida Ma Ching Kwai and Mr. Justin Ma Kwai Fung.

# **DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS**

None of the directors who are proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

# BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Biographical details of directors and senior management are set out on pages 4 to 6 of this annual report.

#### **DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS**

Details of directors' and senior management's emoluments are set out in notes 30(a) and 20(c) to the consolidated financial statements respectively.

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND/OR SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES. UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY SPECIFIED UNDERTAKING OF THE COMPANY OR ANY OTHER ASSOCIATED CORPORATION

At 31st December 2021, the interests and short positions of each director and chief executive in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company, and its associated corporation (within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")), as recorded in the register maintained by the Company under Section 352 of Part XV of SFO or otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") were as

# Number of ordinary shares held at 31st December 2021

	Capacity		Capacity			
	Personal interest	Corporate interests	Total	Percentage		
		(notes (a) and (b))				
Directors:						
William Ma Ching Wai						
(Chairman and Chief						
Executive)	4,608,354	160,136,485	164,744,839	57.2688%		
Patrick Ma Ching Hang	46,256	8,732,013	8,778,269	3.0515%		
Philip Ma Ching Yeung	127,741	_	127,741	0.0444%		
Alfred Ma Ching Kuen	9,987	_	9,987	0.0035%		
Amy Ma Ching Sau	347,942	_	347,942	0.1210%		
Edward Cheung Wing Yui	_	_	_	_		
Kevin Chau Kwok Fun	_	_	_	_		
Tan Soo Kiu	_	_	_	_		
Yiu Kei Chung	_	_	_	_		

All interests stated above represent long positions.

#### Notes:

- Kam Chan & Company, Limited ("Kam Chan & Co", in which Mr. William Ma Ching Wai held 62.01% interests) and its associates and Holston Investment Limited (in which Mr. William Ma Ching Wai held 76.56% interests) directly or indirectly owned 138,998,248 and 21,138,237 ordinary shares in the Company respectively.
- Tai Sang International Limited (in which Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang held 100% interests) directly owned 8,732,013 ordinary shares in the Company.
- Mr. Alfred Ma Ching Kuen beneficially held 9,886 shares (or 0.1765%) in the total number of issued shares of a subsidiary of the Company, Tai Sang Cold Storage & Godown Company Limited.
- Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang and Ms. Katy Ma Ching Man jointly and beneficially held 47 shares (or 0.94%); Mr. William Ma Ching Wai and Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang jointly and beneficially held 1 share (or 0.02%); and Mr. Alfred Ma Ching Kuen beneficially held 23 shares (or 0.46%) in the total number of issued shares of a subsidiary of the Company, Kam Hang Company Limited.
- In addition, certain directors of the Company held non-beneficial interests in subsidiaries of the Company in trust to the absolute benefit of the Company, the details of which are available for inspection at the Company's registered office.

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND/OR SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY SPECIFIED UNDERTAKING OF THE COMPANY OR ANY OTHER ASSOCIATED CORPORATION (Continued)

#### Number of ordinary shares held at 31st December 2021 (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

- (f) Other than as stated above, as at 31st December 2021, no directors or chief executive of the Company had any interest or short position in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporation.
- (g) At no time during the year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the directors and chief executive of the Company (including their spouse and children under 18 years of age) to acquire the benefits by means of acquisition of shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its specified undertakings or its other associated corporations.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND/OR SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

At 31st December 2021, the interest and short position of substantial shareholders in the shares or underlying shares of the Company, as recorded in the register maintained by the Company under Section 336 of Part XV of the SFO were as follows:

# Number of ordinary shares held at 31st December 2021

	Capacity					
	Personal interest	Corporate interests	Total Percenta		Total	Percentage
		(note (a))				
Substantial shareholders:						
Kam Chan & Co	113,848,758	25,149,490	138,998,248	48.3187%		
Holston Investment Limited	21,138,237	_	21,138,237	7.3481%		
Gold Fortune Investment						
Company Limited	15,488,636	_	15,488,636	5.3842%		

All interests stated above represent long positions.

#### Notes:

- (a) Gold Fortune Investment Company Limited, Suremark Limited (beneficially interested in 6,738,664 shares in the Company) and Montgomery Securities Nominee Limited (beneficially interested in 2,922,190 shares in the Company) are wholly owned subsidiaries of Kam Chan & Co. The aggregate shareholdings of these three companies are deemed to be the corporate interest of Kam Chan & Co in the ordinary shares in the Company.
- (b) Save as disclosed above, as at 31st December 2021, no other persons had any interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register maintained by the Company under Section 336 of Part XV of the SFO.

# DIRECTORS' MATERIAL INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTRACTS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANT IN RELATION TO THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS

No transactions, arrangements and contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

#### **EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS**

No equity-linked agreements were entered into by the Company during the year or subsisted at the end of the year.

#### **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

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

#### **MAJOR SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS**

The percentages of purchases and revenues for the year attributable to the Group's major suppliers and customers are as follows:

#### **Purchases**

<ul> <li>the largest supplier</li> </ul>	5.5%
<ul> <li>five largest suppliers in aggregate</li> </ul>	20.4%

# Revenues

<ul> <li>the largest customer</li> </ul>	19.6%
<ul> <li>five largest customers in aggregate</li> </ul>	39.1%

None of the directors, their close associates or any shareholders (which to the knowledge of the directors owns more than 5% of the Company's share capital) had an interest in the suppliers or customers noted above.

# SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to and within the knowledge of the directors, it is confirmed that there is sufficient public float of more than 25% of the Company's issued shares as at date of this annual report.

# **DIRECTORS' INTEREST IN COMPETING BUSINESS**

At 31st December 2021, all executive directors of the Company are directors and shareholders of Kam Chan & Co, which is also engaged in property investment, and may be in competition with the business carried on by the Group.

The directors are of the view that the Group is capable of carrying on its businesses independently of, and at arm's length from the property investment business. When making decisions on the property investment business, the relevant directors, in the performance of their duties as directors of the Company, have acted and will continue to act in the best interests of the Group.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company has complied with the code provisions of Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules during the year ended 31st December 2021, except for the code provision A.2.1, as explained in the section headed "Chairman and Chief Executive" in the Corporate Governance Report on page 21 of this annual report.

#### CONFIRMATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Company has received from each of the independent non-executive directors an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and considers all the independent non-executive directors to be independent.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

Discussion and analysis of the Group's business as required by Schedule 5 of the Companies Ordinance, including a fair review of the Group's business, an indication of likely future development, an analysis of it using financial key performance indicators and particulars of important events affecting the Group that have occurred since the end of the year ended 31st December 2021 (if any), are included in the "Chairman's Statement" and "Management Discussion and Analysis" set out in this annual report on page 8 and pages 9 to 10 respectively. The discussion and analysis in the above sections form part of this Report of the Directors.

#### **Environmental policies and performance**

Discussions on the Group's environmental policies and performance are set out in the "Environmental, Social and Governance Report" on pages 35 to 57 of this annual report.

# Compliance with laws and regulations

The Group has complied in material aspects in the relevant applicable laws and regulations that have significant impact on the businesses and operations of the Group during the year.

# Key risk factors

A description of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group and the mitigation measures taken are set out in the section headed "Risk Management and Internal Control" in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 29 to 33 of this annual report, and the impacts of the financial risks on the Group's performance are also discussed in note 3.1 to this consolidated financial statements.

The performance and the results of operation of the Group as set out in this annual report are historical in nature and past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. This annual report may contain forward-looking statements and opinions that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual result may also differ materially from expectations discussed in such forward-looking statements and opinions. Neither the Group nor the Directors, employees or agents of the Group assume (a) any obligations to correct or update the forward-looking statements or opinions contained in this annual report; and (b) any obligations or liabilities in the event that any of the forward-looking statements or opinions does not materialize or turns out to be incorrect.

# **BUSINESS REVIEW (Continued)**

#### Relationships with key stakeholders

The Group's success also depends on the support from key stakeholders which comprise employees, tenants, customers, suppliers, contractors and service vendors.

#### Employees

The Group believes that employees are the valuable assets of an enterprise and regards human resources as its corporate wealth. We provide on-the-job training and development opportunities to enhance our employees' career progression. Through different training, staff's professional knowledge in corporate operations, occupational and management skills are enhanced. The Group is committed to ensuring the high standards in occupational health and safety and providing a safe working environment for our employees.

#### Tenants and customers

The Group has the mission to provide excellent client service to the tenants and hotel guests, provide supportive measures to tenants when meeting business challenges, whilst maintaining long term profitability and business growth.

#### Suppliers, contractors and service vendors

Sound relationships with key suppliers, contractors and service vendors of the Group are important in supply chain management, properties maintenance and development, meeting business challenges and regulatory requirements, which can derive cost effectiveness and foster long term business benefits. The key service vendors comprise professional service contractors, system and equipment vendors, external consultants which provide professional services and other business partners which provide value added services to the Group.

#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

The Company aims to maintain stable and sustainable returns to the shareholders of the Company and to retain adequate reserves for the Company's future growth. When proposing the amount of dividend, the Board will take into consideration a range of factors, including the operating results, cash flows and capital requirements of the Group, statutory and regulatory restrictions on the payment of dividends by the Company, the general economic condition and other factors of and affecting the Group.

There is no fixed dividend payout ratio and no assurance that dividends will be paid in any particular amount for any given period. An interim dividend will be declared by the Board. A final dividend will be recommended by the Board and approved by the shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company and the amount of final dividend approved shall not exceed the amount recommended by the Board. The Company may also provide special dividends from time to time. Dividends may be distributed by way of cash or scrip or by other means that the Board considers appropriate.

#### PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

The Company's Articles of Association provides that every director is entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all losses or liabilities which he/she may sustain or incur in or about the execution of the duties of his/her office or otherwise in relation thereto, and no director shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen or be incurred by the Company in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto.

The Company has taken out and maintained directors' liability insurance which provides appropriate cover for the directors of the Group.

The relevant provisions in the Articles of Association of the Company and the directors' liability insurance were in force during the year and as of the date of this report.

#### **AUDITOR**

The consolidated financial statements for the year have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers who retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board

William Ma Ching Wai Chairman

Hong Kong, 25th March 2022

# **Corporate Governance Report**

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company is committed to maintain a high standard of corporate governance practices and procedures to safeguard the interests of the shareholders and enhance the performance of the Group. The Company endeavours to ensure that its businesses are conducted in accordance with rules and regulations, and applicable codes and standards.

The Company complied with all the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the accounting year ended 31st December 2021, except for the code provision A.2.1, as explained in the section headed "Chairman and Chief Executive" below.

#### **DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as the Company's codes of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions.

On specific enquiries made, all directors confirmed that they had complied with the Model Code during the year ended 31st December 2021.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### Composition of the Board

The Board currently comprises five executive directors, one non-executive director ("NED") and three independent non-executive directors ("INEDs"). The composition of the Board is set out as follows:

Executive directors William Ma Ching Wai (Chairman)

> Patrick Ma Ching Hang (Deputy Chairman) Philip Ma Ching Yeung (Deputy Chairman)

Alfred Ma Ching Kuen Amy Ma Ching Sau

Non-executive director Edward Cheung Wing Yui

**INFDs** Kevin Chau Kwok Fun

> Tan Soo Kiu Yiu Kei Chung

Throughout the year and up to the date of this report, the Company has complied with the requirements under Rules 3.10(1), 3.10(2) and 3.10A of the Listing Rules that there are three INEDs representing one-third of the Board and one of the INEDs has the appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise.

Each of the INEDs has provided an annual written confirmation of their independence that they meet the guidelines for assessing independence as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Their independence has been assessed by the Nomination Committee. The Company considers all the INEDs are independent.

Biographical details of the directors and their relationships, where applicable, are set out on pages 4 to 6 of this annual report.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)**

#### Role of the Board

The Board has reserved for its decision or consideration matters covering mainly the Group's overall strategy, annual operating budget, annual and interim results, recommendations on directors' appointment or re-appointment, material contracts and transactions as well as other significant policies and financial matters. The Board has delegated the day-to-day businesses of the Company to the management who works under the leadership and supervision of the Executive Committee of the Board.

The Executive Committee of the Board, comprises the Chairman and Chief Executive, two Deputy Chairmen, and two Managing Directors. The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the performance of the Group, current plans and long term opportunities, and any other issues of immediate concern.

The non-executive directors (a majority of whom are independent) provided the Company with a wide range of expertise and a balance of skills and brought independent judgment on issues of strategic direction, development, performance and risk management through their contribution at board meetings and committee meetings.

# **Corporate Governance Functions**

The Board is responsible for performing the corporate governance duties including:

- (a) to develop and review the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance;
- (b) to review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of directors and senior management;
- (c) to review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- (d) to develop, review and monitor the code of conduct and compliance manual (if any) applicable to employees and directors; and
- (e) to review the Company's compliance with Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules (Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report).

During the year, the Board reviewed the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance and the disclosure in the Corporate Governance Report.

# **Board Meetings**

Board meetings are held at least 4 times a year at approximately quarterly intervals and involve the active participation, either in person or through other electronic means of communication, of a majority of directors. At least 14 days' notice of the regular board meetings is given to all directors, and all directors are given an opportunity to include matters for discussion in the agenda. An agenda and accompanying board papers are sent in full to all directors at least 4 days before the intended date of a regular board meeting. They also have access to the advice and service of the Company Secretary, who assists the Chairman in preparing the agenda for meetings, is responsible for providing directors with board papers and related materials and ensures that board procedures, and all applicable laws, rules and regulations are followed.

The articles of association of the Company ("Articles of Association") stipulate that save for the exceptions as provided therein, a director shall abstain from voting and not be counted in the quorum at meetings for approving any contract or arrangement in which such director or any of his/her associates have a material interest.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)**

# **Directors' Training**

Each newly appointed director is provided with necessary induction and information to ensure that he/she has a proper understanding of the Company's operations and businesses as well as his/her responsibilities under relevant statues, laws, rules and regulations. The Company Secretary also provides directors with updates on latest development and changes in the Listing Rules and other relevant legal and regulatory requirements from time to time.

All directors are encouraged to participate in continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills. The Company has arranged in-house training for directors in the form of seminars and reading materials. A summary of training received by directors during the year according to the records provided by the directors is as follows:

	Corporate Governance/ Updates in Laws, Rules and Regulations		Accounting/Financial/ Management or Other Professional Skills	
Directors	Reading Materials	Attended Seminars/ Briefings	Reading Materials	Attended Seminars/ Briefings
Executive directors  William Ma Ching Wai (Chairman) Patrick Ma Ching Hang Philip Ma Ching Yeung Alfred Ma Ching Kuen Amy Ma Ching Sau	\ \ \ \	\frac{\frac}}}}}}}}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac}}}}}}}}}{\frac}}}}}}}}}}}}}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\fir}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\	\frac{\frac{1}{1}}{1}	\ \ \ \ \
Non-executive director Edward Cheung Wing Yui	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
INEDs Kevin Chau Kwok Fun Tan Soo Kiu Yiu Kei Chung	\ \ \	$\sqrt[4]{}$	√ √ √	√ √ √

#### **CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code stipulates that the positions of the chairman and chief executive should be held by separate individuals as to maintain an effective segregation of duties.

Mr. William Ma Ching Wai, the Chairman of the Board of Directors was appointed the Chief Executive of the Company on 15th June 2017, since then Mr. Ma holds both positions as the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Company. This is a deviation from the code provision with respect to the roles of chairman and chief executive to be performed by different individuals.

The Board believes that vesting the roles of both Chairman and Chief Executive on the same individual will enable the Company to have a stable and consistent leadership and also facilitate the planning and execution of the Company's strategy. The Board is of the view that the balance of power and authority is adequately ensured as all major decisions have been made in consultation with the Board and appropriate Board committees, as well as top management, and there are one NED and three INEDs on the Board offering their experience, expertise, independent advice and views from different perspectives.

#### **NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

All non-executive directors have entered into letters of appointment with the Company for a specific term of three years. All non-executive directors are also subject to retirement from office by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting once every three years in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Serving more than 9 years could be relevant to the determination of a non-executive director's independence. If an independent non-executive director serves more than 9 years, his further appointment will be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by shareholders.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board has established various committees, including Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee, each of which has its specific written terms of reference. Copies of minutes of all meetings and resolutions of the committees, which are kept by the Company Secretary, are circulated to all Board members. The committees are required to report back to the Board on their decision and recommendations where appropriate. All the Board committees are empowered by the Board under their own terms of reference which have been posted on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

### **Audit Committee**

Members:

**INFDs** Tan Soo Kiu (Chairman) Kevin Chau Kwok Fun

Yiu Kei Chung

Non-executive director **Edward Cheung Wing Yui** 

The Audit Committee was established in March 1999. The terms of reference setting out the Audit Committee's authority, duties and responsibilities are available on both the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

The main responsibilities of the Audit Committee are to review and monitor the integrity of the Company's financial statements, annual report and interim report. Other responsibilities include making recommendations to the board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditor, approval of the external auditor's remuneration and terms of engagements, to review and monitor the external auditor's independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standards, to develop and implement policy on engaging an external auditor to supply non-audit services, and to act as the key representative body for overseeing the Company's relations with the external auditor. The Audit Committee is also charged with overseeing the Company's financial reporting system, the effectiveness of risk management and internal control systems, and reviewing arrangements employees of the Company can use, in confidence, to raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES (Continued)**

#### **Audit Committee (Continued)**

During the year, the Audit Committee held 2 meetings. The work performed by the Audit Committee during the financial year ended 31st December 2021 are summarised below:

- reviewed annual report for the year ended 31st December 2020, and interim report for the six months ended 30th June 2021;
- (ii) proposed the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC") as Independent Auditor of the Company and approved the auditor's remuneration and terms of engagements:
- (iii) reviewed and discussed with the Independent Auditor in respect of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020 and the interim financial information for the six months ended 30th June 2021; and
- (iv) reviewed and assessed the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's financial controls, risk management and internal control systems, and the effectiveness of the Group's internal audit function.

#### **Remuneration Committee**

Members:

**INEDs** Tan Soo Kiu (Chairman)

Yiu Kei Chung

Executive director Amy Ma Ching Sau

The Remuneration Committee was established in April 2005. The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee setting out its authority, duties and responsibilities are available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

The Remuneration Committee adopted the operation model where it performs an advisory role to the Board, with the Board retaining the final authority to approve the remuneration packages of individual executive directors and senior management.

The Remuneration Committee is mainly responsible for ensuring formal and transparent procedures for developing remuneration policies and overseeing the remuneration packages of the executive directors and senior management. It takes into consideration of factors such as salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities of directors and senior management.

During the year, the Remuneration Committee held 2 meetings. The Remuneration Committee reviewed the remuneration policy for executive directors and senior management of the Company, assessed performance of executive directors, and made recommendations on the Group's bonus structure, retirement benefit scheme and other compensation related issues.

#### **Nomination Committee**

Members:

Executive director William Ma Ching Wai (Chairman)

**INEDs** Kevin Chau Kwok Fun

Yiu Kei Chung

The Nomination Committee of the Company was established in March 2012. The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee setting out its authority, duties and responsibilities are available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES (Continued)**

#### **Nomination Committee (Continued)**

The Nomination Committee is mainly responsible to review the structure, size and composition of the Board and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy. It shall identify individuals suitably qualified to become Board members and select or make recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships, assess the independence of independent non-executive directors in accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, and make recommendations to the Board on the appointment or reappointment of directors and succession planning for directors.

During the year, the Nomination Committee held 1 meeting. The Nomination Committee reviewed the structure and composition of the Board, recommended the re-election of the retiring directors and assessed the independence of all the INEDs.

The Nomination Committee is also responsible to review the Nomination Policy and Board Diversity Policy, when appropriate to ensure the effectiveness of such policies and will discuss any revisions that may be required to be considered and approved by the Board.

### **Nomination Policy**

The Nomination Committee reviews the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board at least annually and makes recommendations on any proposed change to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy. When it is necessary to fill a causal vacancy or appoint an additional director, the Nomination Committee shall invite nominations of candidates from Board members (if any) for consideration by the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee may also put forward candidates who are not nominated by Board members and may recommend to hire an executive search firm, if necessary, to identify suitable and qualified candidate for serving on the Board.

The Nomination Committee shall evaluate any potential candidate based on the criteria as set out below to determine whether such candidate is qualified for directorship and recommend to the Board the appropriate person among the candidates nominated for directorship for its consideration:

- (a) the Nomination Committee shall consider the current structure, size and composition of the Board and the needs of the Board and the respective committees of the Board when recommending any potential new director(s) to the Board; and
- (b) the Nomination Committee shall refer to the following factors in assessing the suitability of a proposed director:
  - character and integrity;
  - qualifications including professional qualifications, skills, knowledge and experience that are relevant to the Company's business and corporate strategy;
  - (iii) willingness to devote sufficient time to discharge duties as a Board member and/or member(s) of committee(s) of the Board;
  - (iv) contribution to the diversity of the Board;
  - (v) requirement for the Board to have independent non-executive directors in accordance with the Listing Rules and whether the candidates would be considered independent with reference to the independence requirements set out in the Listing Rules; and
  - (vi) such other perspectives appropriate to the Company's business.

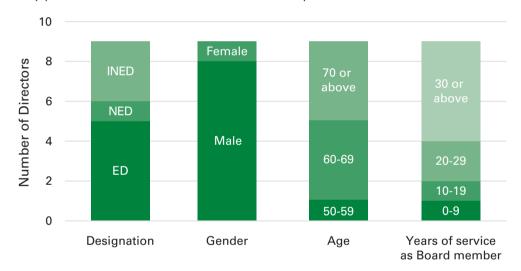
#### **BOARD COMMITTEES (Continued)**

# **Board Diversity Policy**

The Company recognises the importance and the benefit of having a diverse Board that fits its own business model and specific needs in order to achieve its corporate goals and strategies. A number of factors, including but not limited to age, gender, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skill and knowledge, will be considered in determining the optimum composition of the Board so as to contribute to the achievement of the Company's corporate goals and strategic objectives. The Company also sees diversity at the Board level as an essential element in maintaining a competitive advantage. The Company does not discriminate on the grounds of race, gender, disability, age, religions or any other factor.

The Company aims to ensure that Board appointments will be made on the basis of a range of diversity factors, including those set out above. Selection of candidates to join the Board will be, in part, dependent on the pool of available candidates with the necessary skills, knowledge and experience. The ultimate decision will be based on merit and the contribution the chosen candidate will bring to the Board, having regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board.





The members of the Board come from a variety of different backgrounds and have a diverse range of professional experience, skills and knowledge in various sectors including property investment and development, finance and banking, investment, accounting, legal, government, commerce and entrepreneurship. They also hold or have held important public service positions in Hong Kong, covering health and welfare, charity, education and regulations.

The Board composition reflects various age, gender, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skill and knowledge. The Nomination Committee considers the current Board composition has a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the requirements of the Group's business. It also includes a balanced composition of executive and non-executive directors with a strong independent element on the Board, which can effectively exercise independent judgment. The Nomination Committee will continue to review the Board composition from time to time, taking into consideration the specific needs for the Group's business.

# ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS, BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEETING

# Number of Meetings Attended/Eligible to attend for the year ended 31st December 2021

Name of directors	Board Meeting	Audit Committee Meeting	Remuneration Committee Meeting	Nomination Committee Meeting	Annual General Meeting
Executive directors					
William Ma Ching Wai (Chairman)	4/4			1/1	1/1
Patrick Ma Ching Hang	4/4				1/1
Philip Ma Ching Yeung	4/4				1/1
Alfred Ma Ching Kuen	4/4				1/1
Amy Ma Ching Sau	4/4		2/2		1/1
Non-executive director					
Edward Cheung Wing Yui	4/4	2/2			1/1
INEDs					
Kevin Chau Kwok Fun	4/4	2/2		1/1	1/1
Tan Soo Kiu	4/4	2/2	2/2		1/1
Yiu Kei Chung	4/4	2/2	2/2	1/1	1/1

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT**

#### **Financial Reporting**

The directors endeavor to ensure a balanced, clear and comprehensible assessment of the Group's performance, position and prospects in annual and interim reports and other disclosures required under the Listing Rules and other statutory requirements. All members of the Board are provided with monthly updates, which give the directors a balanced and understandable assessment of the performance, position and prospects of the Group. Management provides all relevant information to the Board, giving the members sufficient explanation and information they need to discharge their responsibilities.

The Board is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Company's and the Group's financial position on a going-concern basis, with supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary. The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Listing Rules and the Companies Ordinance. Appropriate accounting policies have also been used and applied consistently except for the adoption of the new and revised HKFRSs.

The reporting responsibilities of directors and external auditor are set out in the Independent Auditor's Report on pages 58 to 62 of this annual report.

# **Auditors' Remuneration**

The fees in respect of audit and audit related services provided to the Company and its subsidiaries by PwC and other auditors were HK\$2,086,000 and HK\$841,000 respectively for the year. Fees for non-audit services, which mainly consist of taxation services and interim results review, provided by PwC and other auditors were HK\$721,000 and HK\$259,000 respectively.

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

The Company Secretary is a full time employee of the Company and has day-to-day knowledge of the Company's affairs. The Company Secretary reports to the Chairman of the Board and is responsible for advising the Board on governance matters and to facilitate induction and professional development of directors. The biography of the Company Secretary is set out on page 6 of this annual report.

The Company Secretary has provided her training records to the Company indicating that she has undertaken more than 15 hours of relevant professional development during the year ended 31st December 2021, by means of attending seminars and reading relevant guidance materials.

#### SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

# Convening Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM")

In accordance with Sections 566 to 568 of the Companies Ordinance, shareholder(s) of the Company representing at least 5% of the total voting rights of all the shareholders having a right to vote at general meetings of the Company, may require the directors of the Company to convene an EGM. The written requisition must state the general nature of the business to be dealt with at the EGM and must be signed by the shareholder(s) concerned and deposited at the registered office of the Company for the attention of the Company Secretary in hard copy form or sent to the Company in electronic form. The requisition may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more of the shareholders concerned.

If the directors of the Company do not within 21 days after the date on which the written requisition is received by the Company proceed duly to convene an EGM for a day not more than 28 days after the date on which the notice convening the EGM is given, the shareholder(s) concerned, or any of them representing more than one-half of the total voting rights of all of them, may themselves convene an EGM, provided that the EGM so convened shall not be held after the expiration of 3 months from the date of the original requisition.

The EGM convened by shareholders shall be convened in the same manner, as nearly as possible, as that in which general meetings are to be convened by the directors of the Company.

Any reasonable expenses incurred by the shareholder(s) requesting the meeting by reason of the failure of the directors to duly convene a meeting will be reimbursed to shareholder(s) by the Company.

# Putting Forward Proposals at Shareholders' Meetings

Shareholders are requested to follow Sections 615 and 616 of the Companies Ordinance for including a resolution at an annual general meeting of the Company ("AGM"). The requirements and procedures are set out below:

Any number of shareholders representing at least 2.5% of the total voting rights of all shareholders having a right to vote on the resolution at an AGM to which the requisition relates, or at least 50 shareholders having a right to vote on the resolution at an AGM to which the requisition relates, may submit a requisition in writing to put forward a resolution which may properly be moved at an AGM.

### SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS (Continued)

# Putting Forward Proposals at Shareholders' Meetings (Continued)

(ii) The Company shall not be bound by the Companies Ordinance to give notice of the proposed resolution or to circulate a statement of not more than 1,000 words with respect to the matter referred to in the proposed resolution to shareholders of the Company entitled to receive notice of an AGM unless a copy of the requisition specifying the resolution of which notice is to be given and signed by the shareholders concerned; or 2 or more copies which between them contain the signatures of all the shareholders concerned is deposited at the registered office of the Company for the attention of the Company Secretary in hard copy form or is sent to the Company in electronic form not less than (i) 6 weeks before an AGM to which the requisition relates; or (ii) if later, the time at which notice is given of that AGM.

If a shareholder of the Company intends to propose a person other than a director of the Company for election as a director of the Company at any general meeting, the shareholder concerned shall lodge with the registered office of the Company for the attention of the Company Secretary (i) a written notice of his/her intention to propose that person for election as a director; and (ii) a notice in writing by that person of his/her willingness to be elected together with the necessary information within the period commencing no earlier than the day after the dispatch of the notice of the general meeting and ending no later than 7 days prior to the date of such general meeting.

#### **Enquiries to the Board**

Enquiries may be put to the Board through the Corporate Governance Department or the Company Secretary at the registered office of the Company (email: shareholderenquiry@tsld.com).

#### INVESTORS RELATION

#### **Constitutional Documents**

The latest version of the Articles of Association is available on both the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange. During the year, there is no change in the Company's Articles of Association.

#### Communication with Shareholders

The Board and senior management maintain an on-going dialogue with the Company's shareholders and investors and in particular, use annual general meetings or other general meetings to communicate with them and encourage their participation.

The Chairman of the Board will attend the annual general meetings and he will invite the chairmen of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee to attend. In their absence, the Chairman of the Board will invite another member of the committee or failing him, his duly appointed delegate to attend. These persons will be available to answer questions at the annual general meetings.

The Chairman of the Board will ensure the external auditor attend the annual general meeting to answer questions about the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the auditor's report, the accounting policies and auditor's independence.

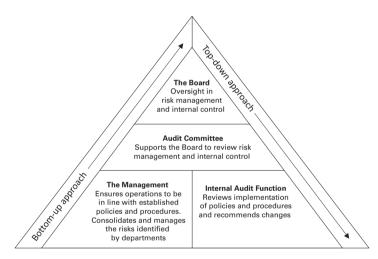
#### RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board is responsible to oversee the Group's risk management and internal control systems on an ongoing basis and ensure that a review of the effectiveness of both systems has been conducted at least annually. The review cover all material controls including financial, operational and compliance controls.

The Board and the management take priority on the Group's implementation of risk management process and internal control. Comprehensive risk management and internal control systems based on risk identification, measures, internal audit and assessment, monitoring and ongoing improvement are established. Such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

# Risk Management and Internal Control Framework

The Group's risk management and internal control framework comprises of the Board, Audit Committee, the management and internal audit function. Its main features and processes are as follows:



- The Board is responsible for overseeing the risk management and internal control systems to ensure that the communications of the core values, strategic planning and operational guidelines throughout the Group are effective.
- The Audit Committee supports the Board in reviewing the risk management and internal control systems to ensure that effective controls are in place.
- The management consolidates and manages the risks of operations identified by departments. Policies and procedures are determined to mitigate the risks. It also ensures that the operation managers comply with the established policies and procedures.
- Internal audit function assesses the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems. It evaluates the risks identified by departments and consolidated by the management based on the likelihood of occurrence and impact of such risks. It also conducts regular reviews on the implementation of the policies and procedures and recommends changes in response to different business and control environments. It reports the above results and makes recommendations to the Audit Committee regularly. Such regular reviews are carried out via communication with relevant management and staff members, walkthrough tests and reviewing relevant documentation.

#### Internal Audit Function

During the year of 2021, the internal audit function performed audit to review and assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems. The audit covered financial, compliance and operational functions, procurement, contractor evaluation and environmental, social and governance. Follow up review on property management operation and information technology recovery solution were conducted and confirmed satisfactory. Upon review, internal control is confirmed in place and effective. The major risks to the Group were also evaluated and the changes are presented in the Risk Profile.

#### **Risk Profile**

The following illustrates the nature of major risks to the Group, the risk level changes during the year and the mitigating measures taken by the Group:

Risk area	2021	Description of risk	mitigating measures
	during		Key control and
	changes		
	Risk level		

Regulatory and compliance risks



- Any non-compliance with the ordinances, rules and regulations including but not limited to Companies Ordinance, Listing Rules, Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance, Estate Agents Ordinance, **Building Management** Ordinance, Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation, property development, licensing and environmental related legislation, may cause damage to the Group or affect operations and delay its project development.
- Changes of government policies and regulatory requirements may affect the Group's business and operations.

- Complying with the relevant ordinances, rules, and regulations applicable to the Group's operations through developing internal guidelines and review process, compliance handling by experienced and professional staff as well as consulting with external experts where appropriate.
- Maintaining training for staff to keep updated on statutory requirements.
- Continuous monitoring of regulatory changes and assessing the implications which may affect the operations of the Group.

# Risk Profile (Continued)

	Risk level
	changes
	during
Risk area	2021

# Key control and mitigating measures

#### Market risks



The global and local economies have been hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the uncertainties and risks in the economic environment, the property leasing market retains a high degree of challenge.

Description of risk

- The COVID-19 pandemic caused a sharp decline in economic growth. The preventative measures introduced by government to contain the pandemic create business uncertainty.
- Travel restrictions are imposed on inbound travels and keep visitors at bay. It affects the travel related service industries and affects the hotel accommodation business.
- Social distancing measures and gathering rules limit operating time and number of customers of food and beverage outlets and event spaces.

- Conducting periodic operational reviews to keep track of issues related to the Group's various businesses to minimize the impacts.
- Adopting diverse and flexible leasing as well as actively curating the tenant mix to ensure a more resilient tenant portfolio.
- Applying short-term support to relieve tenants' business pressure and reinforce the partnership relationship.
- Formulating diversified business strategies targeting on market segment like staycation and pawcation to boost up accommodation occupancy rates.

# Risk Profile (Continued)

	Risk level
	changes
	during
Risk area	2021

# Description of risk

# Key control and mitigating measures

# Operational risks



- Process and procedures are involved in the operation of business units of the Group. Should there be any deficiency, it may affect the performance of the Group.
- Any unfair practices to contractors and service providers may cause negative effects on the fair competition and goodwill of the Group.
- Variants of the coronavirus continued to spread in Year 2021. It may lead to an outbreak of infections and adversely affect manpower supply. It may affect the business operations and efficiency.

- Maintaining a comprehensive system of internal control and enhancing key procedures and processes.
- Maintaining a system of approved contractor and supplier lists with performance evaluation to provide fair competition and monitoring mechanism.
- Maintaining fair competition and procurement process as stipulated under both the code of ethics and staff handbook of the Group.
- Taking immediate response actions, e.g. stepping up hygiene measures during COVID-19 pandemic.
- Encouraging staff to participate in the Government's vaccination program by granting extra days of annual leave.

#### Financial risks



- The Group may be exposed to interest rate risk and liquidity risk.
- The loan financing of the Group may be charged at floating interest rate. It may be affected by the fluctuation of HIBOR.
- Any discrepancy in short term loan renewal may affect the liquidity of the Group.
- Monitoring the financial market conditions and financial need of the Group.
- Adopting a prudent liquidity risk management and maintaining sufficient cash on hand with available funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities.
- Arranging different terms of loan facilities from diversified sources with different tenures.
- Maintaining good relationship with the banking community.

activities) have increased

# Risk Profile (Continued)

Risk area	Risk level changes during 2021	Description of risk	Key control and mitigating measures
Cyber securit	• •	The Group may be exposed to disturbance to business operation due to cyber security risk. Man-made disasters and global virus may be significant and difficult to rectify.  Remote access of office computers and servers were inevitably frequent than usual due to the work-from-home arrangement during pandemic.  Any deficiency on the cyber security will induce the cyber-attack and network breakdown which would adversely affect the Group.	<ul> <li>Information security policy is in place. Staff are in compliant with the policy and act to maintain the company information secured.</li> <li>Engagement of independent consultant to perform cyber attack and web application penetration tests to assess and mitigate cyber security risk of the Group.</li> <li>Implementation of security measures such as firewall and anti-threat protection to protect hardwares from attack.</li> <li>Ongoing review of information technology infrastructure and systems. Applying appropriate update of patches. Monitoring for upgrade and enhancement of the systems of the Group.</li> <li>Internal staff communication and training on cyber-attack threats.</li> </ul>
_	where "inherent (i.e. before takin consideration m	g into have decreased	ks" where "inherent risks" have remained broadly the same

An Audit Committee meeting was held in March 2022 to review the risk management and internal control systems, and confirmed their adequacy and effectiveness. The frequency and extent of communication of monitoring audit results to the Board is also considered adequate.

The Board considered that controls are in place, effective and adequate. No significant control failure or weakness was identified. Besides, the resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of accounting, internal audit and financial reporting functions were reviewed and assured adequate.

#### HANDLING AND DISSEMINATION OF INSIDE INFORMATION

For the purpose of handling and disseminating inside information in accordance with the Listing Rules and the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), the Group has taken various procedures and measures, including arousing the awareness to preserve confidentiality of inside information within the Group, sending blackout period and securities dealing restrictions notification to the relevant directors and employees regularly, disseminating information to specified persons on a need-to-know basis and regarding closely to the "Guidelines on Disclosure of Inside Information" issued by the Securities and Futures Commission in June 2012.

On behalf of the Board

William Ma Ching Wai Chairman

Hong Kong, 25th March 2022

# **Environmental, Social and Governance Report**

#### **ABOUT THIS REPORT**

Tai Sang Land Development Limited (the "Company") together with its subsidiaries (referred to as the "Group" or "we") principally engages in property investment, property rental, property development, estate management and agency, hotel operation and catering operation. The principal operations are located in Hong Kong.

This environmental, social and governance (referred to as the "ESG") report (referred to as the "ESG Report") summarizes the Group's business practices in Hong Kong in the ESG aspects and its relevant implemented policies and strategies in relation to the Group's operational practices and environmental protection.

The ESG Report covers the period from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 (the "Reporting Year" or "FY2021").

# Reporting Framework

The ESG Report has been prepared with reference to the ESG reporting guide (the "ESG Reporting Guide") as set out in Appendix 27 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

In preparation of the ESG Report, due diligence has been taken to adhere to the reporting principles of "Materiality", "Quantitative" and "Consistency". The materiality assessment (pages 36 to 38) has ensured the ESG Report presents the most material ESG topics pertaining to our businesses. The ESG Report details any standards, methodologies, assumptions and/or calculation tools used, or source of conversion factors used, as well as explanations of any inconsistencies to previous reports.

For information regarding corporate governance, please refer to the "Corporate Governance Report" on pages 19 to 34 of this annual report.

## Reporting Scope

The ESG Report covers the Group's ESG policies and measures, and compliance for the entire Group. The disclosure scope of related data include the Group's offices and operating sites in Hong Kong, unless stated otherwise, as it contributes approximately 81% of the Group's revenue in 2021. The Group did not include the environmental and social data of the segment in the United States in 2021 ESG Report. There was no change to the reporting scope compared to the previous reporting vear.

# Reporting Assurance

We engaged BMI Environmental Consultancy Limited to provide limited assurance on the ESG Report. Please refer to the Appendix on pages 56 to 57 for the independent assurance statement.

#### **Comments and Feedback**

We make every effort to ensure consistency between the Chinese and English versions of the ESG Report. However, in the event of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.

The progress of the Group depends in part on valuable comments from stakeholders. For any clarifications or advice regarding the content of the ESG Report, please forward your comments and suggestions to esg@tsld.com.

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#### APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

The Group's mission is to provide excellent client service to the tenants and hotel guests, provide supportive measures to tenants when meeting business challenges, whilst maintaining long term profitability and business growth.

To pursue a sustainable business model, the Group recognizes the importance of integrating ESG aspects into the risk management system and has taken corresponding measures in its daily operation and governance perspective.

#### **Board Statement**

The Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") has the overall responsibility for the Group's ESG strategy and reporting, which include determine and evaluate the ESG related issues (including risks to the Group's business), oversee and ensure the suitable and effective ESG risk management and internal control systems are in place. The Board is also responsible for ensuring every strategic plan and vision, as well as operational guidelines for ESG matters are operating smoothly. The Board has formed an ESG working group to assist and advise the Board on the development and implementation of ESG strategies, policies and practices of the Group, assist the Board in reviewing ESG performance and targets and exploring ESG related opportunities. The audit committee, assisted by the internal audit function, supports the Board to assess and manage ESG related risks. The assessment of ESG related risks, which included but not limited to environment, human resources, health and safety and compliance, and these risks have been embedded into the risk management processes which include risk identification, risk assessment, risk treatment, monitoring and review processes. The result of the overall ESG performance and ESG-related risk assessment will be reported to the Board on an annual basis for review in order to ensure that the Group's ESG strategy and goals are achieved. The Board will listen and refer to ESG working group's opinion and report on review and evaluating the implementation of policies, so that the Board is up-to-date regarding the performance and the risk and opportunities of ESG of the Group.

#### **Materiality Assessment**

Sustainable development encompasses a holistic spectrum of environmental and social aspects. In order to harness the related risks and opportunities, it is crucial for the Group to determine the most material aspects. The Group adopts the three-step process of identification, prioritisation and validation to ensure sustainability topics are being managed and reported in accordance with their materiality.

## **Materiality Assessment (Continued)**

## (1) Identification

The Group identified all fundamental sustainability topics in accordance with the ESG Reporting Guide. In the context of the latest sustainability landscape, the Group has determined the following 23 topics that are deemed to have impact on the environment and society through our operations.

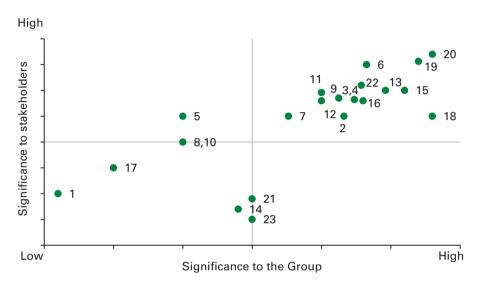
ESG Aspects		Material ESG issues for the Group		
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		2. Effluent discharges		
		3. Greenhouse gas emissions		
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ron	A2 Use of Resources	6. Energy consumption		
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	A3 The Environment and Natural Resources	9. Environmental risk management		
	A4 Climate Change	10. Climate change mitigation		
	B1 Employment	11. Employment and remuneration policies		
		12. Equal opportunity and diversity		
	B2 Health and Safety	13. Occupational health and safety		
	B3 Development and Training	14. Employee development		
	B4 Labour Standards	15. Anti-child and forced labour		
	B5 Supply Chain Management	16. Supply chain management		
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Social	B6 Service Responsibility	18. Goods/services' quality and safety		
œ.		19. Customer satisfaction		
		20. Personal data privacy protection		
		21. Protection of intellectual property rights, ethical marketing communication and product labeling		
	B7 Anti-corruption	22. Anti-corruption and anti-competitive practices		
	B8 Community Investment	23. Community investment		

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#### (2) Prioritisation

To determine the materiality of the selected ESG topics, stakeholder views were sought. Online surveys were disseminated to internal and external stakeholders, and collected responses with the composition were displayed in the chart below. Stakeholder respondents were asked to score the significance of each ESG topic in each of their perspective, resulting in an average score for each stakeholder category. Applying equal weighting to each stakeholder category, overall average scores for "Significance to Stakeholders" was plotted on the y-axis of the materiality matrix below. The "Significance to the Group" of the x-axis plots the average score of the responses from the Group's directors and senior management, who possess a highlevel view of all topics. The topmost-right quadrant determines the topics of high materiality.

#### **ESG Materiality Matrix**



#### Validation

The Board has reviewed and validated the materiality process, and hence the ESG Report discloses the Group's performance on all high and low materiality topics. To address matters most material to the Group's stakeholders, topics of high materiality are discussed in more depth throughout the ESG Report.

#### Stakeholder Engagement

The Group believes that identifying and addressing the views of stakeholders lay a solid foundation to the long-term growth and success of the Group. The Group engages with a wide network of stakeholders, including employees, tenants and customers, suppliers and contractors, shareholders and investors, government and regulatory authorities, as well as the community.



The Group develops multiple engagement channels that provide opportunities for stakeholders to express their views on the Group's general business conduct and sustainability management. The engagement channels are summarized in the following table. To reinforce mutual trust and respect, the Group is committed to maintaining effective communication channels with stakeholders in both formal and informal ways. This can enable the Group to better shape its business strategies in order to respond to their needs and expectations, anticipate risks and strengthen key relationships.

# **Stakeholder Engagement (Continued)**

Stakeholders	Engagement channels	Topics of interest/concern
Shareholders and Investors	<ul> <li>General meetings</li> <li>Regular corporate publications including financial reports and ESG reports</li> <li>Circulars and announcements</li> <li>Direct enquiries</li> <li>Corporate website</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business strategies and sustainability</li> <li>Financial performance</li> <li>Corporate governance</li> </ul>
Employees	<ul><li>Performance appraisals</li><li>Training sessions</li><li>Meetings</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Training and development</li> <li>Employee remuneration and welfare</li> <li>Occupational health and safety</li> <li>Equal opportunities</li> </ul>
Tenants and Customers	<ul> <li>Business meetings</li> <li>Complaint and feedback channels, surveys</li> <li>Corporate website</li> <li>Customer service hotline</li> <li>Site visits</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Service quality and reliability</li> <li>Client data security</li> <li>Business ethics</li> </ul>
Suppliers and Contractors	<ul> <li>Business meetings</li> <li>Supplier assessment</li> <li>Continuous direct communication</li> <li>Site visits</li> <li>Tendering process</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Fair competition</li><li>Business ethics</li></ul>
Government and regulatory authorities	<ul> <li>Statutory filings and notification</li> <li>Regulatory or voluntary disclosures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Compliance with law and regulations</li> <li>Business strategies and sustainability</li> <li>Environmental protection</li> </ul>
Community	<ul><li>Community activities</li><li>Corporate donations</li><li>Corporate website</li><li>Social media</li></ul>	<ul><li>Fair employment opportunities</li><li>Environmental protection</li></ul>

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Group is committed to providing quality service to customers and tenants in a clean and sustainable manner. The operational facilities in Hong Kong typically engage in property rental and related services and hotel and catering operations. The mitigation of environmental impacts from our operational facilities and offices are managed by the management team. The management team of respective business segments ensures strict environmental compliance, as well as continuous improvement towards greener operations. The Group strives to drive improvement in continuously reducing emissions and waste generation, as well as conserving energy and water resources.

#### Aspect A1: Emissions and waste generated

The Group implements robust systems to ensure all discharges to air, water and land are compliant with regulatory standards. During the Reporting Year, the Group has encountered no incidents of non-compliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to environmental impacts in Hong Kong. Major laws and regulations applicable are detailed in respective sections.

#### Air emissions

The principal sources of emission arising out of the Group's operations were gasoline and towngas consumed by/from vehicle use and hotel operation, which include the emission of sulphur oxides (SOx), nitrogen oxides (NOx) and particulate matter (PM). The Group's fleet undergoes regular maintenance which ensures fuel efficiency, thereby reducing emissions. The Group installs catalytic converter in the vehicles to reduce the emissions. In addition to the control measures in place to keep air emission levels meeting statutory requirements, improve roadside air quality and traffic conditions, the Group encourages employees to take public transportation during commutes to work. Major applicable laws and regulations related to the control of air emissions include, but are not limited to, Air Pollution Control Ordinance of Hong Kong.

During the Reporting Year, the Group released 36.2 kg, 0.8 kg and 2.2 kg of nitrogen oxides, sulphur oxides, and particulate matter. Our goal is to minimize the air emissions in the long term as directional target and the Group will set achievable targets in future years.

Air emissions	Unit	FY2021	FY2020
Nitrogen oxides (NOx)	kg	36.2	32.1
Sulphur oxides (SOx)	kg	0.8	0.8
Particulate matter (PM)	kg	2.2	2.2

#### Greenhouse gas emissions

The Group's carbon footprint, presented in the table below, is primarily due to the use of electricity and vehicles. During the Reporting Year, the Group generated a total of 4,218.3 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e) of greenhouse gases (Scope I and II), resulting in a carbon intensity of 0.03 tCO₂e per square metre (gross floor area of the Group's offices and operating sites is used to calculate intensity data). The Group's GHG emission results principally from Scope II indirect GHG emission, which is the purchase of electricity to support its operations. Due to the fully operation of the Figo hotel which was closed for renovation for about 6 months in previous year and the opening of newly launched hotel, the Arca, in May 2021, the Group's GHG emission in FY2021 is much higher than previous year.

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Other than the existing initiatives, we strive to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions through the lowering of our energy consumption from the major areas which include air conditioning, lift and lighting systems. The Group will continue feature upgrades of the building facilities and installations and monitor the electricity usage on a regular basis and follow-up with those consumption exceeding the normal usage standards. Our goal is to minimize the greenhouse gas emissions in the long term as directional target. As both hotels operated by the Group will be fully operated in FY2022, it is expected that the overall greenhouse gas emission in FY2022 will be higher than FY2021. The Group will set achievable targets in future years.

Greenhouse gas e	missions	Unit	FY2021	FY2020
Scope I (Direct En	nissions)	tCO₂e	222.8	161.6
Stationary com	bustion	tCO₂e	87.8	23.7
Mobile combus	tion	tCO₂e	135.0	137.9
Scope II (Indirect	Emissions)	tCO₂e	3,995.5	1,707.2
Electricity purc	hased	tCO₂e	3,975.1	1,701.7
Towngas purchased		tCO₂e	20.4	5.5
Scope III (Other Indirect Emissions)		tCO <sub>2</sub> e	28.3	17.5
Paper waste disposed at landfills		tCO₂e	14.4	13.0
Fresh water and	d sewage processing	tCO₂e	13.9	4.5
Total	(Scope I and II)	tCO₂e	4,218.3	1,868.8
- Total	(Scope I, II and III)	tCO₂e	4,246.6	1,886.3
Carbon intensity	(Scope I and II)	tCO₂e per square metre	0.03	0.02
Carbon intensity	(Scope I, II and III)	tCO₂e per square metre	0.03	0.02

Major applicable laws and regulations related to greenhouse gas emissions include, but are not limited to, "Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Chapter 311 of the Laws of Hong Kong)". The Group is committed to reducing our carbon footprint. Scope I and II emissions are addressed through our energy reduction initiatives (see section "Energy" under Aspect A2 on pages 44 to 45). Scope III emissions incur throughout our value chain, and we employ the following measures to minimize such emissions.

- Cut business travels whenever possible through video conferencing;
- Select direct flights for unavoidable business trips; and
- Promote paper recycling at office premises.

#### Waste management

The typical waste generated in the Group's office are paper and general waste. The majority of waste is disposed at the landfill by qualified contractors. The Group has established clear procedures for disposal and management of office garbage and recyclable waste by allocating recycle bins in the offices. During the Reporting Year, the Group generated 3.0 tonnes of paper waste, resulting in the non-hazardous waste intensity of 0.00002 tonnes per square metre. The major applicable laws and regulations related to the control of waste include, but not limited to, the "Waste Disposal Ordinance" of Hong Kong.

The Group's hotels strive to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfills through waste prevention and recycling. To avoid unnecessary paper waste, the Group's hotels have implemented paperless check-in. As a result of the low hotel occupancy, the amount of non-hazardous waste sent to landfills by our hotels was minimal. This category of waste includes food waste, paper and cardboard, plastics, metals, glass and others such as room amenities and linens. Our hotels also produce small quantities of hazardous waste, which is disposed of responsibly in accordance with the applicable regulations and procedures.

Seeking to contribute to the closed-loop economy, the Group will work closely with tenants and customers to curb waste generated in their daily operations wherever practicable, through the prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery of waste. We will continue to review the effectiveness of the existing initiatives. Our goal is to minimize the amount of waste in the long term as directional target and the Group will set achievable targets in future years.

Non-hazardous Waste	Unit	FY2021	FY2020
Paper	tonnes	3.0	2.7
Total non-hazardous waste generated	tonnes	3.0	2.7
Non-hazardous waste intensity	tonnes per square metre	0.00002	0.00002

We employ the following measures and initiatives to reduce the generation of non-hazardous waste, and raise recycling rates:

- Collect used paper and toner cartridges for recycling;
- Share documents through intranet and promote the use of electronic communications for disseminating notices, reporting on the latest activities, receiving suggestion, etc.;
- Adopt an electronic system for filing and documentation;
- Place tri-coloured bins to encourage sorting and recycling. Recyclable waste will be collected by third-party waste collectors for further handling;
- Participate in the "Commendation Scheme on Source Separation of Commercial and Industrial Waste" launched by Environmental Protection Department to facilitate the tenants to participate in waste separation and recycling in workplace; and
- Recruit those Environmental Protection Department approved garbage disposal companies to clear-up and collect the wastes produced by tenants.

#### Aspect A2: Use of resources

The Group is committed to continually monitoring and improving resource efficiency as an integral part of business strategy and operating methods, as well as complying with relevant government policies and environmental legislations. During the Reporting Year, the Group has encountered no incidents of non-compliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to the use of energy and water resources. Major laws and regulations applicable are detailed in respective sections.

#### Energy

The Group's energy profile consists of the consumption of auto-fuel, electricity and towngas for general business and hotel and catering operations. Electricity accounted for approximately 88% of total energy consumption, while auto-fuel and towngas each accounted for 6% respectively. The major applicable laws and regulations related to the control of waste include, but not limited to, the "Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance" of Hong Kong.

During the Reporting Year, the Group consumed 3,315.7 and 25,496.4 GJ of direct and indirect energy respectively, resulting in a total energy intensity of 0.2 per square metre. There was significant increase in towngas consumption in FY2021, and the increment is due to the fully operation of the Figo hotel and opening of new hotel, the Arca in May 2021.

Other than the existing initiatives, we strive to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions through the lowering of our energy consumption from the major areas which include air conditioning, lift and lighting systems. The Group will continue feature upgrades of the building facilities and installations and monitor the electricity usage on a monthly basis and follow-up with those consumption exceeding the normal usage standards. The Group will continue to review the effectiveness of the existing initiatives. Our goal is to minimize the consumption of energy in the long term as directional target. As both hotels of the Group will be fully operated in FY2022, it is expected that the energy consumption in FY2022 will be higher than FY2021. The Group will set achievable targets in future years.

Energy consumption	Unit	FY2021	FY2020
Direct	GJ	3,315.7	2,146.8
Gasoline	GJ	1,664.9	1,701.2
Towngas	GJ	1,650.8	445.6
Indirect	GJ	25,496.4	14,182.3
Electricity purchased	GJ	25,496.4	14,182.3
Total (Direct and Indirect)	GJ	28,812.1	16,239.1
Energy intensity	GJ per square metre	0.2	0.1

The Group is committed to minimising energy consumption. During the Reporting Year, the Group's premises of operations have implemented the following initiatives:

- Replace heavy-polluting vehicles with more environmentally-friendly models;
- Install energy-saving light bulbs and LED lights or T5 fluorescent tubes;
- Enable power saving modes for all electronic equipment and computers;

- $\triangleright$ Continually upgrade electronic equipment, servers, and monitors to energy efficient models;
- $\triangleright$ Continually maintain and purchase ICT appliances and facilities for better performance;
- Install green flat roofs which lower the indoor temperature;
- Install motion sensor for light energy conservation;
- $\triangleright$ Install timer to limit the energy consumption;
- Clean the air filter of the air-conditioners regularly to improve the cool air flow efficiency;
- Use variable speed drives to vary the flow of pump and fan systems according to the actual air-conditioning demand;
- Adopt inverter type air conditioning systems that can save considerable amount of energy;
- Adopt water-cooled central air conditioning systems that can save considerable amount of energy;
- Engage a Registered Energy Assessor to certify the major retrofitting works that comply with the Building Energy Code; and
- Take necessary actions in compliance with the Building Energy Efficiency Ordinance enacted by the Government of HKSAR in planning, design and construction of property development.

#### Water resources

The Group's offices and facilities of property management and hotel and catering operations withdraw water from municipal water supplies. During the Reporting Year, it did not encounter any problems in sourcing water fit for purpose.

Major applicable laws and regulations related to water use include, but are not limited to, "Waterworks Ordinance" in Hong Kong. The Group is committed to minimising water consumption. The Group will continue to promote concepts of water conservation to our tenants and customers. We will continue to review the effectiveness of the existing initiatives. Our goal is to minimize the consumption of water in the long term as directional target. As both of the hotels operated by the Group will be fully operated in FY2022, it is expected that the water consumption in FY2022 will be higher than FY2021. The Group will set achievable targets in future years.

During the Reporting Year, the Group consumed a total of 22,224.0 cubic metre of water, resulting in a water intensity of 0.2 per square metre. We will continue to strive to reduce the water consumption by employing the saving measures include, but not limited to the following:

- Promote the awareness of water conservation among housekeeping, kitchen staff; and
- Inspect the hotel's water facilities to ensure no leakage on a regular basis.

Water consumption	Unit	FY2021	FY2020
Total water consumption	m³	22,224.0	7,211.0
Water consumption intensity	m³ per square metre	0.2	0.1

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During the Reporting Year, offices and operating facilities have invested resources in the following initiatives:

- Make use of dual-flush toilet systems to save water and reuse bleed-off water from Fresh Water Cooling Tower system for flushing purpose;
- Install automatic sensor water taps to save water;
- Give priority to effective water-saving products in purchasing decisions;
- Check the hoses and pipes for leaks, cracks, and other damage regularly and repair it in a timely manner; and
- Select the plumbing fixtures and water-consuming devices with Water Efficiency Grade 1 or 2 as stipulated under the Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme implemented by Water Supplies Department as far as practicable.

#### Packaging material

Due to the nature of the Group's business, the Group does not manufacture physical products for sale, while packaging materials for property and hotel operations are negligible. Therefore, as the Group deemed packaging consumption was not a material topic, it did not disclose any data for the Reporting Year. However, the Group makes efforts to reduce or avoid the use of excessive packaging and/or decorative material, such as the packaging material used is sustainably sourced, recyclable and biodegradable.

#### Aspect A3: The environment and natural resources

The Group is committed to providing a complete picture of our environmental impacts. As a business providing property related services and hotel operation services, we are engaged in the organisation and management of corporate events. We constantly seek to integrate sustainability principles into the event management, such as aiming to reduce waste generated during events. The Group strives to build an eco-conscious culture that ingrains positive lifestyles and habits among employees. It encourages employees to opt for public transportation when commuting to and from offices. The Group also provides eco-friendly office supplies and reusable cups and kitchenware.

## **Aspect A4: Climate Change**

Climate change adaptation and mitigation is no longer only a subject of international agenda, but highly relevant to all members of society. Companies are becoming increasingly aware of the potential impacts of the climate change risks, as well as the opportunities to transit to a lowcarbon economy. Albeit in the early stages, the Group has commenced the integration of climate change risks and opportunities within our business strategies. Our Group will conduct enterprise risk assessment at least once a year to cover the current and potential risks faced by our Group's business, including, but not limited to the risks arising from the ESG aspects such as climate change. The Group has formulated contingency plans to deal with extreme weather, which aims to reduce the disruption and loss due to suspension of operations. The Group reviews the impact of climate change on its operation on a regular basis and will formulate measures in response to the different risks occur to the Group and achieve sustainable operations in the future.

The Group has identified the following climate-related physical and transition risks and opportunities are currently under the Board's radar.

Extreme weather such as storms and flooding may have potential financial impacts for the Group. The Group's business plans and insurance cost are sensitive to extreme weather or any environmental changes. Furthermore, it may result in direct damage to constructions and company's assets, as well as affecting the health and safety of outdoor employees. The Group may also experience indirect impacts from the supply chain disruptions if our suppliers also suffer from extreme weather conditions. The Group is striking to increase climate resilience so that the influences to operation can be reduced to minimal. After our assessment, the risk of exposure to the extreme weather that cause the operational and supply chain disruptions is relatively low as our suppliers and our operations are mainly located in Hong Kong.

Regarding the policy and legal risks, the goal of carbon neutrality by 2030 that was introduced by Hong Kong government may cause extra legal responsibilities, investment for operation and trainings for the Group. This may increase our operating costs by putting additional expenditures on businesses such as investing more in energy efficient business models. This may have a negative impact to the demand of our services if we fail to adopt such policies.

Regarding the market risks, the increased awarenesses to climate change may cause customers' and tenants' eagerness to low carbon products. Hong Kong government has promoted green building technologies through energy saving. To respond to the evolving market, we are currently striking to merging green building technologies with the current constructions.

Successful transitions to low carbon business will bring a positive reputation to the Group and new opportunities to cooperate with new business partner. The Group will further enhance the ecoefficiency of the operations and strengthen the resilience of the operations to climate-related risks. The operations strive to improve their environmental performance.

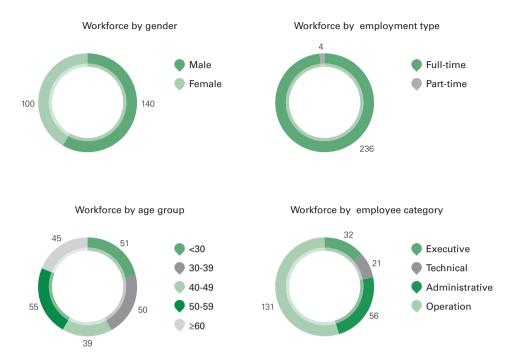
#### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Group ingrains social responsibility into all aspects of its operations. Maintaining honest and authentic dialogue with staff, the Group seeks to address to their needs and views and to ensure our conduct being responsible at all times. We commit to offer a fair and safe workplace with staff development opportunities. Furthermore, the Group commits to the delivery of quality products grounded on ethical business conduct and supply chain management, as well as to meaningful engagements with the community.

#### Aspect B1: Employment

As at the end of the Reporting Year, the Group employed 240 employees, of which 140 and 100 are male and female staff respectively. The Group employed 236 and 4 full-time and part-time staff respectively, with the majority in the age group of 50-59. All of the above employees are located in Hong Kong.

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Based on the principles of fairness and equality, the Group's Hong Kong staff handbook stipulates clear policies relating to relevant labour laws, regulations and industry practices, covering areas such as compensation, dismissal, promotion, working hours, recruitment, rest periods, equal opportunities, diversity and other benefits and welfare. During the Reporting Year, the Group has encountered no incidents of non-compliance with all major applicable laws and regulations related to employment. Major laws and regulations applicable include, but are not limited to, "Employment Ordinance" in Hong Kong. The Group's policies and procedures included in the staff handbook are reviewed and updated on a regular basis. The Group discourages and disallows any behavior that violates the regulations in the staff handbook. Offenders will receive warning, and the Group has the right to terminate employment contract with offenders for any serious violations.

#### Remuneration and welfare

Employees of the Group are remunerated at a competitive level and are rewarded according to their performance and experience. The promotion and remuneration of the Group's employees are subject to annual review. Permanent employees enjoy benefits such as medical coverage, a wide variety of paid leave including study, maternity, paternity and compassionate leave. Employees in Hong Kong are entitled to the defined contribution retirement scheme. Details are set out in the staff handbook to ensure information transparency on the responsibilities and rights of employees.

#### Recruitment, promotion and dismissal

The human resources department conducts a comprehensive recruitment review process to ensure that the data provided by the candidates is accurate. The Group's recruitment and promotion process are carried out in a fair and open manner for all employees; employees are recognised and rewarded by their contribution, work performance and skills, and outcomes will not be affected by any discrimination on the grounds of age, sex, marital status, family status, race, disability, nationality, religion, political affiliation and sexual orientation and other factors. We would also consider evaluation from references and nominators, if applicable, especially for higher position staff. In the case of dismissal, the staff handbook is adhered to which ensures the entire procedure is compliant with statutory requirements.

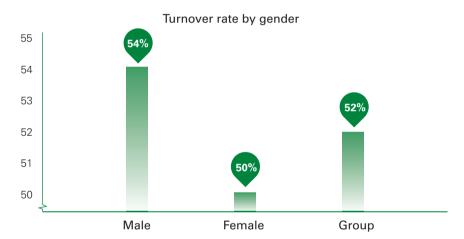
#### Anti-discrimination and diversity

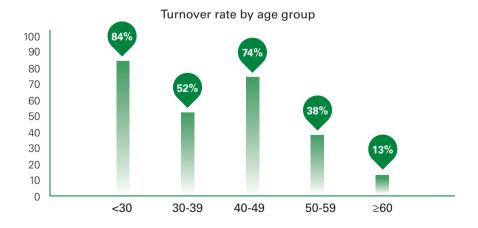
The Group is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, family status, race, disability, nationality, religion, political affiliation and sexual orientation. We embrace inclusive employment that builds a respectful workplace. The Group strives to ensure a safe and secure workplace with zero tolerance to any form of abuse and/or sexual harassment in the workplace.

#### Employee communications

The Group aims to build mutual understanding and trust which contributes to a constructive working environment and organizational success. We also seek to cultivate a culture of healthy work-life balance for the employees. To encourage social bonding in the workplace, the Group has also arranged recreational events during the Reporting Year, such as Christmas celebrations, football match, monthly birthday celebrations and monthly charity events.

During the Reporting Year, the Group's employee turnover rate was 52% in Hong Kong. Compare to FY2020, the overall turnover rate was higher in FY2021 owing to higher turnover of staff employed for the newly operating hotel and catering services that commenced in May 2021. The charts below present the turnover rate by gender and age.





#### Aspect B2: Workplace health and safety

It is of paramount importance to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for our employees. The Group's management team is responsible for identifying any actual and potential hazards and risks to each individual, work towards a safe and hygienic work environment and to ensure that our work environment is adhered to the requirements of relevant laws and regulations. During the Reporting Year, the Group has encountered no incidents of non-compliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to occupational health and safety. Major laws and regulations applicable include, but are not limited to, "Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance" in Hong Kong.

The Group spares no effort to safeguard the safety of our employees and workplace. We adopt the best practices through the following safety policies and procedures.

- Implement 24-hours comprehensive security measures and facilities at our properties;
- Improve and maintain ventilation systems to ensure workplace air quality;
- Provide emergency fire equipment such as sprinkle system, fire shutter and Manual Fire Alarm System;
- Provide safety equipment such as safety helmets, dust masks, ear plugs and goggles to applicable employees;
- Choose materials with no or low volatile organic compounds contents for renovation works of our properties;
- Conduct regular pest control in common area in offices and operating sites;
- Establish safety guidelines and practices to ensure healthy and safe working conditions for the employees;
- Provide safety orientation to new employees to ensure a thorough understanding of health and safety, and their roles and responsibilities;
- Conduct regular inspections and investigate any reported unsafe conditions;
- Conduct rescue, fire and evacuation drills on a regular basis and according to statutory requirements;
- Conduct regular safety inspections to identify non-conformities (e.g. misused protective device) as early as possible; and
- Hold safety trainings, seminars and workshops on a regular basis in order to raise awareness of occupational safety.

The Group abides to safety-first principles through the following workplace procedures and provisions that include, but are not limited to:

- Provide adequate first-aid facilities, and training for first-aid certification;
- Establish emergency plans and carry out fire and evacuation drills periodically; and
- Ensure work station risks are mitigated.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has bought an unprecedented impact to the community. To continue our business in the new normal, we provided COVID-19 safety guidance for employees in order to raise their awareness of COVID-19 and provide protective and disinfection products such as face masks and alcohol-based hand sanitizers at the workplace and to any visitors coming to our offices. Also, we check temperature before anyone coming into our offices and require them to wear mask. Besides, we conduct more frequent cleansing and disinfection measures, as well as maintain the air ventilation systems at the workplace.

During the Reporting Year, the Group's operations recorded no fatality over the past three financial years, and 326 lost days due to work injury in FY2021. Safety-related training were also held which raised staff awareness regarding the latest regulatory updates as well as safe operational procedures.

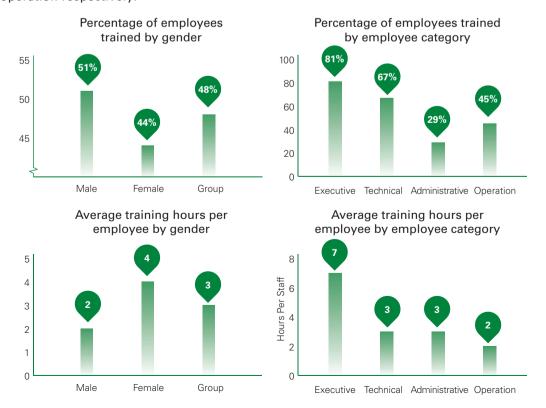
#### Aspect B3: Development and training

The Group regards our staff as the most valuable assets; The Group dedicates significant resources to attract and retain talented employees, and to ensure that staff grow in competence and skill sets alongside the business.

Internal training programmes include risk management, data protection, and property management. To further promote continuous development, staff are encouraged to attend external programmes. The Group provides education subsidy and related reading materials for eligible staff to engage in programmes that enrich their job knowledge. In terms of executive level training, the Group's directors attend training sessions and are briefed regularly on the listing rules to ensure compliance and upkeep of good corporate governance practices.

During the Reporting Year, a total number of 115 employees have attended training, of which 71 and 44 were male and female respectively. In terms of employee category, 26, 14, 16 and 59 of employees trained were of executive, technical, administrative and operation respectively.

During the Reporting Year, the Group has provided a total of 641.5 training hours for staff, which averages to 1.9 and 3.8 hours per male and female staff. In terms of employee category, an average of 6.9, 2.8, 2.8 and 1.6 training hours per staff were received by executive, technical, administrative and operation respectively.



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#### Aspect B4: Labour Standard

The Group prohibits all forms of child labour and forced labour or modern slavery, as defined by "Employment Ordinance". The Group's human resources department are responsible to monitor and ensure compliance with latest relevant laws and regulation prohibiting child labour and forced labour.

The Group has established and implemented the staff handbook which contains clear policies relating to relevant labour laws, regulations and industry practices, covering areas such as compensation, dismissal, promotion, working hours, recruitment, rest periods, equal opportunities, diversity and other benefits and welfare.

During the Reporting Year, the Group has encountered no incidents of non-compliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to anti-child and anti-forced labour practices. Major laws and regulations applicable include, but are not limited to, "Employment Ordinance" in Hong Kong.

#### Aspect B5: Supply chain management

The Group is committed to developing and maintaining effective and mutually beneficial working relationships with our business partners, mainly suppliers and contractors from Hong Kong. During the Reporting Year, the Group has encountered no incidents of non-compliance with all related laws and regulations in Hong Kong.

The Group's supplier code of conduct requires full compliance to all applicable laws. Our suppliers are also required to go beyond compliance to ensure their environmental and social impacts are given consideration. We required them to comply with all applicable social and environmental laws, such as "Statutory Minimum Wage" in Hong Kong. The Group procured from a total of 579 suppliers, which includes building services, renovation works and food and beverage during the Reporting Year.

The Group has set up a stringent supplier selection policy and a performance assessment to ensure suppliers can compete under an open and fair mechanism. Before engaging a new supplier (including contractors), the Group will fill in a pre-acceptance assessment form and evaluate the background and track records of the suppliers. Only suppliers that can fulfil the Group's requirements are qualified as approved suppliers and included in approved contractors and suppliers list. Moreover, the Group will undergo performance assessment on the existing approved suppliers upon completion of each assignment/engagement to ensure their performance standards are up to the Group's requirements and contract specifications.

Furthermore, the Group gradually takes environmental consideration into account in the procurement process. To gradually integrate the environmental vision into the procurement of product supplies, the Group avoids disposable products and chooses suppliers who provide durable products with less packaging materials. Priority will be given to environmentally friendly materials and office goods, so as to raise the suppliers' awareness of sustainable development.

The Group conducts supply chain ESG risks assessment to identity and manage ESG risks along the supply chain.

#### Aspect B6: Product responsibility

The Group offers quality services grounded on responsible operating practices. We commit to meeting customers and tenants needs through innovation and sound business ethics.

#### Product quality and safety

Assuring the quality and safety of our services are of topmost importance. The Group mainly engages in hotel operations and properties related services. The Group manages a wide range of properties from commercial to high-end residential and mixed-use in Hong Kong, including dogfriendly hotel rooms. During the Reporting Year, the Group has encountered no incidents of noncompliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to service health and safety in Hong Kong. Major laws and regulations applicable include, but are not limited to, "Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance" in Hong Kong.

The Group strives for improvement to service quality through implementing the following processes.

- The property management teams conduct surveys from customers on a regular basis to evaluate the quality of services; and
- Customer complaints are handled by a formal complaint mechanism in a fair and systematic manner. In FY2021, the number of received complaints amounted to 0.

# Ethical operating practices

The Group places great value in conducting all aspects of our businesses with integrity and honest values. From protection of data privacy and intellectual property to ethical marketing communication, our robust management approaches ensure all aspects are not overlooked. During the Reporting Year, the Group has no incidents of non-compliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to data privacy, advertising, labelling matters in Hong Kong. Major laws and regulations applicable include, but are not limited to, "Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance" and "Competition Ordinance" in Hong Kong.

#### Personal data privacy protection

The Group is committed to protecting privacy and confidentiality of the collected personal data. The Group has established internal policies on handling personal data recorded from our customers, tenants and employees. We collect data only in a lawful and fair way, for directly related purposes of which the data subject is clearly notified. Adhering to policy requirements, the Group maintains the personal data inventory which is secured to prevent any unauthorised or accidental access. We ensure the data is accurate and not kept longer than necessary. The data will be used in the proper context only for authorized business purposes and shall be accessible only to those staff who have a legitimate need to know. Major laws and regulations applicable include, but are not limited to, "Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance" in Hong Kong.

We conduct periodic assessment to ensure our policies are most up-to-date. Building a culture of zero tolerance is dependent on effective communication of policies. Thus, the Group invests resources on related training and education.

#### Intellectual property rights protection

According to the Group's policy, employees have the responsibility to protect the Group's intellectual property rights, including patents, trademarks, brand name and other related rights. Employees are not allowed to damage, delete or take advantage of any asset or documents without the Group's approval.

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#### Advertising and product labelling

Responsible marketing practices are crucial to gaining customer trust and confidence. The Group has established clear guidelines on the ethical usage of all forms of sales promotion, corporate sponsorships, as well as direct marketing and digital marketing communications. All sales promotions should meet reasonable consumer expectations, as well as be administered prompt and efficient. All sponsorship is based on contractual obligations between the sponsor and the sponsored party. All direct marketing and digital marketing communications should uphold transparency. Ongoing assessment of policies is conducted through periodic assessment.

#### Aspect B7: Anti-corruption

The Group is committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards of openness, probity and accountability. We adopt the lowest level of acceptance for corruption risks to build a culture of zero tolerance to corrupt and anti-competitive practices. During the Reporting Year, the Group has encountered zero concluded legal cases regarding corrupt practices brought against the Group or our employees and no incidents of non-compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Major laws and regulations applicable include, but are not limited to, "Prevention of Bribery Ordinance", "Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Ordinance" in Hong Kong.

The development of robust internal controls is the key to our management approach. We have established a code of conduct on the prohibition of bribery and corruption, acceptance/offering of gifts/advantages and abuse of office, as well as the declaring of conflict of interests. The soliciting or accepting of advantages from parties as a reward for or inducement to doing any act in relation to the Group's business is strictly prohibited. Guidelines make it clear to all staff the criteria the acceptance and offering of gifts and advantages becomes beyond that of a courtesy/token gift. Senior management is also clearly provided guidance on what constitutes abuse of office, such as regarding the misuse of Group's assets for personal interest. With regard to conflict of interests, the fundamental rule is to avoid any conflict of interest as far as practicable.

The Group has implemented whistleblowing policy to encourage employees and related third parties who deal with the Group to voice any suspected misconduct, illegal acts or failure to act. Employees who breach the anti-corruption policy will face disciplinary action, which could result in dismissal for serious misconduct. The Group has no tolerance to any corruption and set whistleblowing policy to report any corruption. Whistleblowers can report via email directly to the audit committee and the company secretary with regards to any suspected misconduct with full details and supporting evidence.

The Group promotes fair and open competition through our code of conduct on combating against anti-competitive practices. Our policies outline clear guidelines that prohibit cartels, and any activities of trade associations and industry bodies which prevents, restricts or distorts competition. The abuse of market power, such in the form of predatory pricing, anti-competitive tying and bundling, exclusive dealing, are also forbidden. The Group recognises that adherence to the principles of competition is essential to the development of long-term relationships with our stakeholders on mutual trust.

The cultivation of a corporate culture of integrity and probity is reliant upon the Group's anticorruption training. Members of the senior management held workshops for their contribution on way to enhance corruption prevention capability. During the Reporting Year, the Group held internal training regarding the anti-corruption and anti-money laundering and sent out the anticorruption materials, ICAC and Estate Agents Authority circular, to the staff. To ensure the continuous enhancement of our anti-corruption internal controls, the Group conducts annual corruption risk assessments.

#### **Aspect B8: Community investment**

Despite the challenging market and economic conditions, the Group is committed to contributing to socio-economic development, community well-being and sustainability. For the Group's longterm development, community participation is important. As a responsible corporate citizen, the Group is constantly aware of the needs and is committed to promoting development activities of the community at which the Group operates. The Group also encourages staff to spend time and efforts in various community projects and make contributions to the community. During the Reporting Year, the Group has made a total of HK\$2,571,000 (FY2020: HK\$2,317,000) donations to the charitable organizations and activities, and organized some volunteer activities, such as site work at Hong Kong Dog Rescue and online gathering with elderly.

#### **APPENDIX**

#### INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE STATEMENT

To the board of directors of Tai Sang Land Development Limited

We have undertaken a limited assurance engagement of the specific Environmental, Social And Governance ("ESG") report of Tai Sang Land Development Limited (referred to as the "Company") for the year ended 31st December 2021, as identified in the ESG Report.

#### The Company's Responsibility

Pursuant to Appendix 27 to the Main Board Listing Rules issued by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Criteria"), the Company is responsible for the preparation of the ESG report in accordance with the HKEX listing rules Appendix 27 Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide (2020) (referred as "applicable criteria" thereafter). This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of ESG report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards, and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

#### Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the ESG report based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained. We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information ("ISAE 3000 (Revised)") and, in respect of greenhouse gas emissions, International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3410, Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements ("ISAE 3410") issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board ("IAASB"). That standard requires that we plan and perform this engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the ESG report is free from material misstatement.

A limited assurance engagement undertaken in accordance with ISAE 3000 (Revised) and ISAE 3410 involves assessing the suitability in the circumstances of the Company's use of applicable criteria as the basis for the preparation of the ESG report, assessing the risks of material misstatement of the ESG report whether due to fraud or error, responding to the assessed risks as necessary in the circumstances, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the ESG report and the compliance with "comply or explain provision" of the Criteria regarding the disclosure of key performance indicators ("KPIs").

#### Our Responsibility (Continued)

A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to both the risk assessment procedures, including an understanding of internal control, and the procedures performed in response to the assessed risks. Within the scope of our work we performed amongst others the following procedures:

- Evaluated the suitability in the circumstances of the Company's use of applicable criteria, as the basis for preparing the ESG report;
- Through inquiries, obtained an understanding of the Company's control environment, processes and information systems relevant to the preparation of the ESG report, but did not evaluate the design of particular control activities, obtain evidence about their implementation or test their operating effectiveness;
- Evaluated whether the Company's methods for developing estimates are appropriate and had been consistently applied, but our procedures did not include testing the data on which the estimates are based or separately developing our own estimates against which to evaluate the Company's estimates;
- Tested a limited number of items to or from supporting records, as appropriate;
- Performed analytical procedures by comparing the data in environmental performance year-by-year and made inquiries of management to obtain explanations for any significant fluctuations we identified;
- Considered the presentation and disclosure of the ESG report;
- Contained sufficient appropriate evidence from the Company's operating system to determine if the disclosure of both qualitative and quantitative KPIs is objective, accurate and complete enough for the assurance conclusion; and
- Performed sufficient sensitivity analyses to consider the appropriation of data and assumption used in preparing future-oriented information of KPIs.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had we performed a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion about whether the Company's ESG report has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable criteria.

#### Opinion

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Company's ESG report including the aspect of KPIs for the year ended 31st December 2021 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable criteria.

# BMI ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY LIMITED

Hong Kong, 25th March 2022

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TAI SANG LAND DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

#### Opinion

What we have audited

The consolidated financial statements of Tai Sang Land Development Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), which are set out on pages 63 to 117, comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31st December 2021;
- the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31st December 2021, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the "Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

#### **Key Audit Matters**

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

Key audit matter identified in our audit is related to valuation of investment properties.

#### **Key Audit Matter**

### How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter

#### Valuation of investment properties

Refer to notes 2.7, 4(a) and 7 to the consolidated financial statements.

The amount of the investment properties in the consolidated statement of financial position was HK\$9,554 million and the fair value gains of investment properties for the year was HK\$617 million. The Group's investment properties and its changes in valuation are significant to the consolidated statement of financial position and consolidated statement of profit or loss respectively.

Valuations were carried out by third party valuers for all the investment properties in order to support management's estimate.

The valuation of completed properties were based on the income capitalisation method which depend on certain key assumptions that require significant management estimates and judgement, including market rents and capitalisation rates. The valuation of properties under development was based on the residual method which depends on key assumptions including the gross development value of the project upon completion (estimated using a direct comparison method) less estimated development costs and developer's profit.

Our procedures in relation to management's valuation of investment properties include:

#### Understanding of management's internal control and inherent risk assessment

We obtained an understanding of management's internal control and assessment process over the valuation of investment properties and assessed the inherent risk of material misstatement by considering the degree of estimation uncertainty and the judgement involved in determining the fair values of investment properties.

#### Experience of valuers and relevance of their work

We assessed the valuers' qualifications and expertise and read their terms of engagement with the Group to determine whether they have appropriate experience and whether there were any matters that might have affected their objectivity or may have imposed scope limitations upon their work.

#### Data provided to the valuers

For completed investment properties, we performed testing on a sample basis on the data provided by the Group to the valuers from which the valuation was based upon. This data included key terms of lease agreements, rental income schedules and vacancy information which we agreed to appropriate supporting documentation. For properties under development, we compared on a sample basis the estimated prices per square feet and the development costs used by the valuer to our independently formed market expectation or industry data.

#### **Key Audit Matter**

#### How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter

The inherent risk in relation to the valuation of investment properties is considered significant due to, among other factors, the existence of significant estimation uncertainty, coupled with the fact that only a small percentage difference in individual property valuations, when aggregated, could result in a material misstatement, which warrants specific audit focus in this area.

#### Assumptions and estimates used by the valuers

We had meetings with the valuers in which the valuation approaches and the key assumptions therein were discussed. The assumptions used varied across the portfolio depending on the age, nature and location of each property and included market rents, capitalisation rates, gross development value, estimated development costs and allowance for developer's profit for properties in similar location and condition. In each of these areas, and on a sample basis, we compared the estimates and assumptions used by the valuers against the published industry benchmarks and comparable market transactions, and our experience in this sector.

Based on the procedures performed, we considered that the risk assessment of valuation of investment properties remained appropriate and the methods, significant assumptions and data used by management in relation to the valuation of investment properties were supported by the available evidence.

#### Other Information

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of Directors and the Audit Committee for the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

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

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 405 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.

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

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Yam Kwok Damien Chow.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers** Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 25th March 2022

# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position** As at 31st December 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	1,998,645	2,136,502
Investment properties	7	9,554,052	8,656,258
Financial assets at fair value through other			
comprehensive income	8	17,725	15,775
Prepayments for non-current assets		2,573	8,948
		11,572,995	10,817,483
Current assets			
Properties for sale	9	109,072	109,072
Other inventories		332	_
Debtors and prepayments	10	37,985	39,217
Current income tax recoverable		356	104
Cash and cash equivalents	11	112,184	141,371
		259,929	289,764
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Total assets		11,832,924	11,107,247
Equity and liabilities			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital	12	417,321	417,321
Reserves	13	8,142,329	7,485,932
		8,559,650	7,903,253
Non-controlling interests		249,922	230,142
Total equity		8,809,572	8,133,395
Non-current liabilities			
Long term bank loans - secured	14	1,945,255	1,987,982
Deferred income tax liabilities	15	359,683	341,817
Lease liabilities		399	524
		2,305,337	2,330,323

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 31st December 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current liabilities			
Rental and other deposits		94,715	90,017
Creditors and accruals	16	54,787	103,674
Current income tax liabilities		2,687	4,200
Short term bank loans	17	480,000	406,987
Current portion of long term bank			
loans – secured	14	85,561	38,428
Lease liabilities		265	223
		718,015	643,529
Total equity and liabilities		11,832,924	11,107,247

The financial statements on pages 63 to 117 were approved by the board of directors on 25th March 2022 and were signed on its behalf.

William Ma Ching Wai Director

Alfred Ma Ching Kuen Director

# **Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss** For the year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenues	5(a)	407,024	351,654
Cost of sales	18	(136,438)	(86,800)
Gross profit		270,586	264,854
Fair value gains/(losses) on investment			
properties	7	617,126	(243,045)
Other gains, net	19	791	965
Administrative expenses	18	(149,451)	(124,840)
Other operating expenses, net	18	(19,407)	(7,805)
Operating profit/(loss)		719,645	(109,871)
Finance income	21	406	969
Finance costs	21	(36,610)	(38,270)
Finance costs, net		(36,204)	(37,301)
Profit/(loss) before income tax		683,441	(147,172)
Income tax expense	22	(29,015)	(5,809)
Profit/(loss) for the year		654,426	(152,981)
Profit/(loss) attributable to:			
Owners of the Company	13	633,618	(155,943)
Non-controlling interests	. •	20,808	2,962
		654,426	(152,981)
Earnings/(loss) per share (basic and diluted)	23	HK\$2.20	(HK\$0.54)

# **Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income** For the year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Profit/(loss) for the year		654,426	(152,981)
Other comprehensive income  Items that will not be reclassified to  profit or loss  Changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through other			
comprehensive income Revaluation surplus upon transfer from property, plant and equipment to	8	1,950	(9,393)
investment properties	7	85,013	158,557
Other comprehensive income for the year		86,963	149,164
Total comprehensive income for the year		741,389	(3,817)
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	13	719,684 21,705	(4,396) 579
		741,389	(3,817)

# **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows** For the year ended 31st December 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Operating activities			
Net cash generated from operations	25(a)	159,625	162,967
Hong Kong profits tax paid		(13,029)	(9,793)
Hong Kong profits tax refunded		128	5
United States taxation paid		(14)	(13)
Letting fees paid		(4,403)	(2,320)
Net cash generated from operating activities		142,307	150,846
Investing activities			
Additions of property, plant and equipment		(63,714)	(261,385)
Additions of investment properties		(79,419)	(40,869)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and			
equipment		701	1,900
Interest received		406	969
Dividends received		922	957
Net cash used in investing activities		(141,104)	(298,428)
Financing activities			
Interest paid		(41,258)	(60,642)
Drawn down of bank loans	25(b)	236,557	707,135
Repayments of bank loans	25(b)	(160,208)	(402,776)
Repayments of lease liabilities		(269)	(222)
Dividends paid to shareholders Dividends paid to non-controlling		(63,287)	(63,287)
shareholders of subsidiaries		(1,925)	(2,899)
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Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		(30 300)	177 200
activities		(30,390)	177,309
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash			
equivalents		(29,187)	29,727
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January		141,371	111,644
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December		112,184	141,371

# **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity** For the year ended 31st December 2021

Attributable to owners of the Company

	Attributuble to owners of the company							
	Share capital	Property revaluation reserve	Investment revaluation reserve	Exchange reserve	Retained profits	Total reserves	Non- controlling interests	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January 2021	417,321	708,407	(30,237)	7,232	6,800,530	7,485,932	230,142	8,133,395
Comprehensive income Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	633,618	633,618	20,808	654,426
Other comprehensive income  Net fair value gain on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income  Revaluation surplus upon transfer from property, plant and equipment to investment	-	-	1,053	-	-	1,053	897	1,950
properties		85,013				85,013		85,013
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	85,013	1,053	_	633,618	719,684	21,705	741,389
<b>Transaction with owners</b> Dividends paid	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	(63,287)	(63,287)	(1,925)	(65,212) 
At 31st December 2021	417,321	793,420	(29,184)	7,232	7,370,861	8,142,329	249,922	8,809,572
At 1st January 2020	417,321	549,850	(23,227)	7,232	7,019,760	7,553,615	232,462	8,203,398
Comprehensive income (Loss)/profit for the year	-	-	-	-	(155,943)	(155,943)	2,962	(152,981)
Other comprehensive income  Net fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income  Revaluation surplus upon transfer from property, plant and equipment to investment	-	-	(7,010)	-	-	(7,010)	(2,383)	(9,393)
properties	-	158,557	-	-	-	158,557	-	158,557
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	158,557	(7,010)		(155,943)	(4,396)	579	(3,817)
<b>Transaction with owners</b> Dividends paid	-		<u>-</u>		(63,287)	(63,287)	(2,899)	(66,186)
At 31st December 2020	417,321	708,407	(30,237)	7,232	6,800,530	7,485,932	230,142	8,133,395
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# **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Tai Sang Land Development Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") are principally engaged in property investment, property rental, property development, estate management and agency, hotel operation and catering operation.

The Company is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong. The Company's shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollar ("HK\$"), unless otherwise stated. These consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the board of directors on 25th March 2022.

#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") and requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment properties and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") which are measured at fair value.

The Group had net current liabilities of HK\$458,086,000 as at 31st December 2021. The current liabilities mainly included short term bank loans of HK\$480,000,000 and current portion of long term bank loans of HK\$85,561,000. Based on the Group's history of generating cash from operations, history of refinancing, its available banking facilities and its assets backing, the directors consider that the Group will be able to obtain sufficient financial resources so as to enable it to operate and meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. The directors believe that the Group will continue as a going concern and consequently prepared the consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a high degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in note 4.

#### 2.2 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

Annual improvements and amended standards not yet adopted

The following annual improvements and amended standards are relevant and mandatory to the Group for the accounting period beginning on or after 1st January 2022 and have not been early adopted by the Group:

> Effective for accounting year beginning on or after

Annual Improvements Project (Amendments) HKFRS 3, HKAS 16 and HKAS 37 (Amendments) HKAS 1 (Amendments)

Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018-2020 Narrow-scope Amendments 1st January 2022

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

1st January 2023

1st January 2022

#### **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

#### 2.2 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures (Continued)

Effective for accounting year beginning on or after

HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Disclosure of Accounting 1st January 2023 Statement 2 (Amendments) **Policies** HKAS 8 (Amendments) Definition of Accounting 1st January 2023 Estimates HKAS 12 (Amendments) Deferred Tax related to Assets 1st January 2023 and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

The Group has already commenced an assessment of the impact of adopting the above annual improvements and amended standards. The Group has not identified any standard which may have a significant impact on the financial statements. The Group will adopt the above annual improvements and amended standards when they become effective.

## 2.3 Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31st December 2021 and 2020.

A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

#### Business combination

The Group applies the acquisition method to account for business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owner of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date.

The Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-byacquisition basis, either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets.

Acquisition related costs are expensed as incurred. The excess of the consideration transferred and the fair value of non-controlling interest over the net assets acquired and liabilities assumed is recorded as goodwill. If this consideration is lower than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

#### **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

#### 2.3 Consolidation (Continued)

Business combination (Continued)

In the Company's statement of financial position, investments in subsidiaries are accounted for cost less impairment. Cost is adjusted to reflect changes in consideration arising from contingent consideration amendments. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

#### 2.4 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the executive directors of the Company that makes strategic decisions.

#### 2.5 Foreign currency translation

#### Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollar ("HK\$"), which is the Company's functional and Group's presentation currency.

#### (ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at year end exchange rates are generally recognised in profit or loss.

#### (iii) Group companies

The results and financial positions of all the group entities that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- assets and liabilities for each statement of financial position presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that statement of financial position;
- income and expenses for each statement of profit or loss are translated at average exchange rates; and
- all resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of the net investment in foreign entities are taken to other comprehensive income. When a foreign operation is sold, such exchange differences are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on sale.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign entity are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign entity and translated at the closing rate.

# 2.5 Foreign currency translation (Continued)

#### (iv) Disposal of foreign operation

On the disposal of a foreign operation (that is, a disposal of the Group's entire interest in a foreign operation, or a disposal involving loss of control over a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation), all of the exchange differences accumulated in equity in respect of that operation attributable to the equity holding of the Company are reclassified to the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

#### 2.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of any component accounted for as a separate asset is derecognised when replaced. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the reporting period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost amounts, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Right-of-use in land 20 years or unexpired lease terms

Buildings 15 to 40 years Plant and equipment 3 to 10 years

Leasehold improvement Shorter of 5 years and unexpired lease terms

Right-of-use in equipment Shorter of the asset's useful life and unexpired lease terms

Freehold land is stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses. No depreciation is provided for freehold land.

Property under development are interest in land and building, represented mainly ownused office and self-managed hotel, on which construction work has not been completed. Property under development is carried at cost which includes land cost, development and construction expenditure and other direct costs attributable to the development less any impairment losses. No provision for depreciation is made on property under development until such time the relevant assets are completed and available for use. Property under development is reclassified to the appropriate category of "Property, plant and equipment" and "Investment properties" when completed and ready for use.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

# 2.7 Investment properties

Property that is held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, and that is not occupied by the group companies, is classified as investment property. Investment property also includes property that is being constructed or developed for future use as investment property.

### 2.7 Investment properties (Continued)

Investment property comprises freehold land, leasehold land and buildings. Land held under operating leases is classified and accounted for as investment property when the rest of the definition of investment property is met. The operating lease is accounted for as if it was a finance lease.

Investment property is measured initially at its cost, including related transaction costs. After initial recognition, investment property is carried at fair value. Fair value is based on valuations carried out by external valuers. Changes in fair value are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. The fair value of an investment property reflects, among other things, rental income from current leases and assumptions about rental income from future leases in the light of current market conditions.

Property that is being constructed or developed as investment property is carried at fair value. Where fair value is not reliably determinable, such investment property under construction is measured at cost until either its fair value becomes reliably determinable or construction is completed (whichever is earlier).

Subsequent expenditure is included to the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are expensed in the statement of profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

If an investment property becomes owner-occupied, it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment, and its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for subsequent accounting purposes.

If an item of owner-occupied property becomes an investment property because its use has changed, any difference resulting between the carrying amount and the fair value of this item as at the date of transfer is treated in the same way as a revaluation under HKAS 16 "Property, plant and equipment". Any resulting increase in the carrying amount of the property is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss to the extent that it reverses a previous impairment loss, with any remaining increase recognised in other comprehensive income and increased directly to equity in revaluation surplus within equity. Any resulting decrease in the carrying amount of the property is initially charged in other comprehensive income against any previously recognised revaluation surplus, with any remaining decrease charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

# 2.8 Impairment of non-financial assets and investments in subsidiaries

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows (cash generating units) which are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets. Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting period.

Impairment testing of the investments in subsidiaries is required upon receiving dividends from these investments if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the subsidiary in the period the dividend is declared or if the carrying amount of the investment in the separate financial statements exceeds the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements of the investee's net assets including goodwill.

#### 2.9 Investments and other financial assets

#### Classification (i)

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following two categories: those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income, or through profit or loss) and those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss or other comprehensive income. For investments in equity instruments, this will depend on whether the Group has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment, which are not held for trading, at FVOCI.

The Group reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

# (ii) Recognition and derecognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

# (iii) Measurement

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL"), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVPL are expensed in profit or loss.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

# Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss and presented in other gains/(losses) together with foreign exchange gains and losses. Impairment losses are presented as separate line item in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

# 2.9 Investments and other financial assets (Continued)

#### (iii) Measurement (Continued)

#### Equity instruments

The Group subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value. Where the Group's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments in other comprehensive income, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss following the derecognition of the investment. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognised in profit or loss as other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVPL are recognised in other gains/ (losses) in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as applicable. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

## (iv) Impairment

The Group assesses on a forward looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost and FVOCI. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. For trade receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach permitted by HKFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables.

# 2.10 Properties for sale

Properties for sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises development expenditure and other associated expenditures, including interest capitalised. Net realisable value is determined on the basis of anticipated sales proceeds less estimated selling expenses.

# 2.11 Other inventories

Other inventories comprise food and beverages and are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses.

# 2.12 Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. If collection of trade and other receivables is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

# 2.13 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

### 2.14 Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Trade and other payables are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as noncurrent liabilities.

# 2.15 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as finance costs.

#### 2.16 Current and deferred income tax

The income tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred income tax. Tax is recognised in the statement of profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

# Current income tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the end of reporting period in the countries where the Company and its subsidiaries operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

# 2.16 Current and deferred income tax (Continued)

#### (ii) Deferred income tax

#### Inside basis differences

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or a liability in a transaction (other than a business combination) that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

# (iii) Offsetting

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

### 2.17 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group. It can also be a present obligation arising from past events that is not recognised because it is not probable that outflow of economic resources will be required or the amount of obligation cannot be measured reliably.

A contingent liability is not recognised but is disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. When a change in the probability of an outflow occurs so that outflow is probable, it will then be recognised as a provision.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain events not wholly within the control of the Group.

Contingent assets are not recognised but are disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable. When inflow is virtually certain, an asset is recognised.

## 2.18 Revenue and income recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. If contracts involve the sale of multiple services, the transaction price will be allocated to each performance obligation based on their relative stand-alone selling prices. If the stand-alone selling prices are not directly observable, they are estimated based on expected cost plus a margin or adjusted market assessment approach, depending on the availability of observable information.

Revenues are recognised when or as the control of the good or service is transferred to the customer. Depending on the terms of the contract and the laws that apply to the contract, control of the good or service may be transferred over time or at a point in time.

#### (i) Rental income

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term. When the Group provides incentives to its tenants, the cost of the incentives is recognised over the lease term, on a straight-line basis, as a reduction of rental income.

### (ii) Agency commission and management fees

Agency commission and management fees income is recognised overtime when the service is rendered and the Group's performance provides all of the benefits received and consumed simultaneously by the customer.

# (iii) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

## (iv) Income on sale of properties and investments

Revenues are recognised when or as the control of the asset is transferred to the customer. Depending on the terms of the contract and laws that apply to the contract, control of the asset may transfer over time or at a point in time. Control of the asset is transferred over time by reference to the satisfaction of the performance obligation if one of the following criteria is met:

- provide all of the benefits received and consumed simultaneously by the customer; or
- creates and enhances an asset that the customer controls; or
- do not create an asset with an alternative use of the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

If control of the asset transfers over time, revenue is recognised over the period of the contract by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the asset.

#### 2.18 Revenue and income recognition (Continued)

(iv) Income on sale of properties and investments (Continued)

For properties sales contract for which the control of the property is transferred at a point in time, revenue is recognised when the customer obtains the physical possession or the legal title of the completed property and the Group has present right to payment and the collection of the consideration is probable.

In determining the transaction price, the Group adjusts the promised amount of consideration for the effect of a financing component if it is significant.

(v) Income from hotel operations

Income from hotel operations are recognised when the customers simultaneously receive and consume the benefits provided by the Group.

(vi) Income from catering operations

Income from catering operations are recognised at the point of sale to customers.

(vii) Interest income

Interest income from a financial asset is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

# 2.19 Retirement benefit obligations

The Group's contributions to the defined contribution retirement schemes are available to all employees in Hong Kong and the United States of America ("US"). The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Group in independently administered funds.

The US subsidiaries, which participate in the US government benefit schemes, are required to contribute to the schemes for the retirement benefits of eligible employees. The government authorities are responsible for the entire benefit obligations payable to the retired employees. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the schemes is to pay the ongoing contributions required by the schemes.

The Group's contributions to the aforesaid defined contribution retirement schemes are calculated either based on certain percentages of the applicable payroll costs or fixed sums that are determined with reference to salary scale as stipulated under the requirements of the respective territories and are charged to the statement of profit or loss as incurred.

Employee entitlements to long service payments are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for long service payments as a result of services rendered by employees up to the end of reporting period. The provision for long service payments is included as liabilities in the financial statements.

# 2.20 Borrowings and borrowing costs

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the issue of a financial liability, including fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the statement of profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. All other borrowing costs are recognised in the statement of profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

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

#### 2.21 Financial guarantee contracts

Financial guarantee contracts are recognised as a financial liability at the time the guarantee is issued. The liability is initially measured at fair value and subsequently at the higher of (i) the amount determined in accordance with the expected credit loss model under HKFRS 9 "Financial Instruments"; and (ii) the amount initially recognised less, where appropriate, the cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance with the principles of HKFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers".

The fair value of financial guarantees is determined based on the present value of the difference in cash flows between the contractual payments required under the debt instrument and the payments that would be required without the guarantee, or the estimated amount that would be payable to a third party for assuming the obligations.

Where guarantees in relation to loans or other payables of associates are provided for no compensation, the fair values are accounted for as contributions and recognised as part of the cost of the investment.

#### 2.22 Leases

#### (a) The Group is the lessee

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable:
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable by the Group under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising that option.

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the Group, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Group:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received;
- uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for leases held by the Group, which does not have recent third party financing; and
- makes adjustments specific to the lease, e.g. term, country, currency and security.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs; and
- restoration costs.

#### 2.22 Leases (Continued)

#### (a) The Group is the lessee (Continued)

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Group is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life.

Payments associated with short-term leases of equipment and vehicles and all leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less.

Right-of-use assets are included within the same financial statements line item within which the corresponding underlying assets would be presented if they were owned

The Group measures the right-of-use assets that meet the definition of investment property using the fair value model applied to its investment property (note 2.7). Right-of-use assets linked to owner occupied buildings are measured applying the cost model relevant to that specific class of property, plant and equipment as described in note 2.6 and tested for impairment as described in note 2.8.

# (b) The Group is the lessor

Lease income from operating leases where the Group is a lessor is recognised in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term (note 2.18(i)). Initial direct costs incurred in obtaining an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the underlying asset and recognised as expense over the lease term on the same basis as lease income. The respective leased assets are included in the statement of financial position based on their nature. The Group did not need to make any adjustments to the accounting for assets held as lessor as a result of adopting the new leasing standard.

# 2.23 Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Group's and the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders or board of directors, where appropriate.

# 2.24 Government grants

Grants from the government are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Group will comply with all attached conditions.

Government grants relating to costs are deferred and recognised in the profit and loss over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate.

Further information on how the Group accounts for government grants is set out in note 18(c) to the consolidated financial statements.

#### **FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, including foreign exchange risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and price risk.

### (a) Foreign exchange risk

The Group operates in Hong Kong and the US and is primarily exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from US dollar ("US\$"). The foreign exchange risk exposure is considered to be minimal to the Group because Hong Kong dollar is pegged to US dollar.

### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument would fail to discharge its obligation under the terms of the financial instrument and cause a financial loss to the Group. The credit risk of the Group's financial assets, which mainly comprise cash and cash equivalents, utility and other deposits, trade debtors and effective rent receivables, arises from potential default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amounts of these instruments.

To manage this risk arising from cash and cash equivalents, they are mainly placed with banks with high credit rating. There has been no recent history of default in relation to these financial institutions. The expected credit loss is close to zero.

Credit risk of utility and other deposits is minimal as the directors of the Group consider there is no actual or expected significant changes in the operating results of the third party.

For trade debtors and effective rent receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. The Group measures the expected credit losses on a combination of both individual and collective basis.

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

### (b) Credit risk (Continued)

The trade debtors relating to third party customers which are in known financial difficulties or with significant doubt on collection of receivables are identified and assessed individually for provision for impairment allowance.

The following table represents the gross carrying amount and the provision for impairment in respect of the individually assessed receivables as at 31st December 2021 and 2020.

	2021	2020	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Gross carrying amount Provision for impairment	2,096 (2,096)	527 (527)	
Net carrying amount		_	

The Group then determines the provision for expected credit losses by grouping the remaining trade debtors and effective rent receivables. Based on historical experience, majority of trade debtor and effective rent receivables were settled shortly upon maturity, hence the expected credit loss is immaterial. Management considers the credit risk is not high. The Group maintains frequent communications with the counterparties. Management has closely monitored the credit qualities and the collectability of these receivables and consider that the expected credit risks of them are minimal in view of the history of cooperation with them.

# (c) Liquidity risk

The Group adopts a prudent liquidity risk management and maintains sufficient cash on hand and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities.

At 31st December 2021, the Group's net current liabilities amounted to HK\$458,086,000 (2020: HK\$353,765,000). Based on the Group's history of refinancing, the directors consider that the Group will be able to refinance its existing short term bank loans and obtain sufficient financial resources so as to satisfy its working capital requirements, provision for payments of liabilities as and when they fall due and its future capital commitments. Management also reviewed the compliance of loan covenants as at 31st December 2021 and no non-compliance of covenants was noted. The directors has been closely monitored the expected liquidity requirements to ensure the maintenance of sufficient reserves of cash and adequate committed lines of funding.

# 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

# (c) Liquidity risk (Continued)

The table below analyses the Group's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the end of reporting period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Except for bank borrowings, balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

Within one year	In the second year	In the third to fifth year
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
94,715	_	_
52,136	_	_
277	277	137
488,126	_	-
95,493	712,286	1,325,875
730,747	712,563	1,326,012
90,017	_	_
102,970	_	_
243	243	304
413,872	_	_
72,354	175,202	1,892,797
679,456	175,445	1,893,101
	94,715 52,136 277 488,126 95,493 730,747 90,017 102,970 243 413,872 72,354	one year         second year           HK\$'000         HK\$'000           94,715         -           52,136         -           277         277           488,126         -           95,493         712,286           730,747         712,563           90,017         -           102,970         -           243         243           413,872         -           72,354         175,202

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

#### (d) Interest rate risk

The Group is primarily exposed to interest rate risk arising from bank borrowings and bank overdrafts. The Group's policy is to maintain all its bank borrowings in floating rate instruments except when management's objectives are to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower overall borrowings. The Group will attempt to refinance by fixed rate borrowings at a lower rate if and when available.

At 31st December 2021, if interest rates on bank borrowings had been 10 basis points higher/lower with all other variables held constant, profit after income tax for the year would have been decreased/increased by HK\$2,112,000 (2020: HK\$2,053,000) before taking account of interest capitalisation, mainly as a result of higher/lower interest expense on floating rate borrowings.

### (e) Price risk

The Group is exposed to equity securities price risk for the Group's financial assets at FVOCI. The performance of the Group's investments is closely monitored, together with an assessment of their relevance to the Group's long term strategic plans.

At 31st December 2021, if the fair value of the equity securities had been 10% higher/ lower with all other variances held constant, the investment revaluation reserve would have been increased/decreased by HK\$1,773,000 (2020: HK\$1,578,000).

### 3.2 Capital risk management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

The Group monitors capital on the basis of the debt (total borrowings) to equity (total equity) ratio. The debt to equity ratio is 28.5% (2020: 29.9%) as at 31st December 2021.

#### 3.3 Fair value estimation

Financial instruments that are measured in the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value required disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

# 3.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

The following table presents the Group's financial assets that are measured at fair value at 31st December 2021 and 2020.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income			
At 31st December 2021	16,863		862
At 31st December 2020	14,913		862

For the year ended 31st December 2021, there were no transfers of financial assets of the Group between different levels of the fair value hierarchy.

For the year ended 31st December 2021, other than the impact as disclosed in note 3.4, there were no significant changes in the business or economic circumstances that affect the fair value of the Group's financial assets.

# 3.4 Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

For the year ended 31st December 2021, there were no changes in level 3 instruments and also no changes made to any of the valuation techniques applied as of 31st December 2020.

# 3.5 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

There are no financial assets and financial liabilities subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements for both years ended 31st December 2021 and 2020.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

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

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

### (a) Investment properties

The fair values of investment properties are determined by independent valuers on an open market basis with reference to comparable market transactions. In making the judgements, the Group considers information from a variety of sources including:

- current prices in an active market for properties of different nature, condition or location (or subject to different lease or other contracts), adjusted to reflect those differences:
- recent prices of similar properties in less active markets, with adjustments to reflect any changes in economic conditions since the date of the transactions that occurred at those prices; and
- discounted cash flow projections based on reliable estimates of future cash flows, derived from the terms of any existing lease and other contracts, and (where possible) from external evidence such as current market rents for similar properties in the same location and condition, and using discount rates that reflect current market assessments of the uncertainty in the amount and timing of the cash flows.

If information on current or recent prices of investment properties is not available, the fair values of investment properties are determined using discounted cash flow valuation techniques. The Group uses assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at each end of reporting period.

The principal assumptions underlying management's estimation of fair value are those related to: the receipt of contractual rentals, expected future market rentals, maintenance requirements and appropriate discount rates. These valuations are regularly compared to actual market yield data, actual transactions by the Group and those reported by the market. The valuations are reviewed semi-annually by external valuers.

Should the capitalisation rates or market rates differ by 10%, the fair value gains would be reduced or increased by HK\$897,753,000 or HK\$1,097,254,000 (2020: HK\$819,014,000 or HK\$991,860,000) respectively and the deferred income tax charge thereon would be reduced or increased by HK\$28,926,000 or HK\$30,823,000 (2020: HK\$26,210,000 or HK\$32,034,000) respectively.

# **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)**

(b) Useful lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment

Management determines the estimated useful lives and residual values for the Group's property, plant and equipment. The Group will revise the depreciation charge where useful lives and residual values are different from previous estimates, or will write off or write down technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold.

Should the useful lives of the property, plant and equipment be different by 10% from management's estimates, the depreciation expense would be reduced or increased by HK\$3,699,000 or HK\$4,357,000 (2020: HK\$1,746,000 or HK\$1,970,000) respectively in the current year.

Should the residual values of the property, plant and equipment be different by 10% from management's estimates, the depreciation expense would be reduced or increased by HK\$1,296,000 (2020: HK\$1,334,000) respectively in the current year.

# (c) Income tax

The Group is subject to taxes in Hong Kong and the US. Significant judgement is required in determining the provision for the taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Group recognises liabilities for potential tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

#### **REVENUES AND SEGMENT INFORMATION**

# (a) Revenues recognised during the year are as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenues from external customers		
Property rental  - investment properties	315,747	300,779
- properties for sale	26,802	26,587
Property related services (note)	27,918	22,521
Hotel operations (note)	29,783	1,767
Catering operations (note)	6,774	
	407,024	351,654

#### Note:

The Group's revenue from property related services and hotel operations are recognised over-time as the services are performed.

The Group's revenue from catering operations are recognised at a point in time.

# (b) Operating lease arrangement

The Group leases out investment properties and properties for sale under lease terms generally in the range of one to ten years.

At 31st December 2021, the future aggregate minimum lease payments receivables under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Not later than one year	293,685	310,365
Later than one year but not later than five years Later than five years	485,366 71,349	541,525 127,060
	850,400	978,950

(c) The chief operating decision-maker ("CODM") has been identified as the executive directors of the Company. The CODM reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Management has determined the operating segments based on these reports. The CODM considers the business from a geographic perspective and has identified the operating segments of the Group in Hong Kong and North America.

The CODM assesses the performance of the operating segments based on their underlying profit, which is measured by profit after income tax excluding fair value changes on investment properties (net of deferred income tax in the United States), and their segment assets and segment liabilities which is measured in a manner consistent with that in the financial statements.

There are no sales between the operating segments.

# **REVENUES AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)**

# (d) Operating segments

	Hong Kong	North America	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
For the year ended 31st December 2021			
Segment revenues			
Property rental	263,394	79,155	342,549
Property related services	27,918	-	27,918
Hotel operations	29,783	_	29,783
Catering operations	6,774		6,774
Total segment revenues	327,869	79,155	407,024
Segment results – underlying profit			
<ul> <li>Property rental and related services</li> </ul>	34,610	32,465	67,075
Hotel and catering operations     Fair value gains on investment	(14,081)	_	(14,081)
properties	594,928	22,198	617,126
Deferred income tax, net		(15,694)	(15,694)
Profit for the year	615,457	38,969	654,426
Included in segment results:			
Finance income	176	230	406
Finance costs	(33,439)	(3,171)	(36,610)
Income tax expense (note)	(13,307)	(14)	(13,321)
Depreciation	(42,328)	(2,979)	(45,307)
Capital expenditure	101,875	2,830	104,705
At 31st December 2021			
Property, plant and equipment	1,989,400	9,245	1,998,645
Investment properties	8,562,906	991,146	9,554,052
Prepayments for non-current assets	2,573		2,573
Non-current assets (excluding financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income)	10,554,879	1,000,391	11,555,270
Non-current financial assets at fair value through other		1,200,000	,,
comprehensive income	17,725	_	17,725
Current assets	185,038	74,891	259,929
Segment assets	10,757,642	1,075,282	11,832,924
Current liabilities	699,874	18,141	718,015
Non-current liabilities	2,000,093	305,244	2,305,337
Segment liabilities	2,699,967	323,385	3,023,352

# **REVENUES AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)**

# (d) Operating segments (Continued)

	Hong Kong	North America	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
For the year ended 31st December 2020			
Segment revenues			
Property rental	249,729	77,637	327,366
Property related services	22,521	_	22,521
Hotel operations	1,767		1,767
Total segment revenues	274,017	77,637	351,654
Segment results – underlying profit			
<ul> <li>Property rental and related services</li> </ul>	52,721	30,013	82,734
<ul> <li>Hotel operations</li> </ul>	(1,858)	_	(1,858)
Fair value losses on investment	(	()	( )
properties	(182,493)	(60,552)	(243,045)
Deferred income tax, net		9,188	9,188
Loss for the year	(131,630)	(21,351)	(152,981)
Included in segment results:			
Finance income	650	319	969
Finance costs	(34,715)	(3,555)	(38,270)
Income tax expense (note)	(14,984)	(13)	(14,997)
Depreciation	(20,929)	(3,167)	(24,096)
Capital expenditure	346,018	7,984	354,002
At 31st December 2020			
Property, plant and equipment	2,124,278	12,224	2,136,502
Investment properties	7,690,080	966,178	8,656,258
Prepayments for non-current assets	8,948		8,948
Non-current assets (excluding financial assets at fair value through	0 022 206	079 402	10 001 700
other comprehensive income) Non-current financial assets	9,823,306	978,402	10,801,708
at fair value through other			
comprehensive income	15,775	_	15,775
Current assets	232,009	57,755	289,764
Segment assets	10,071,090	1,036,157	11,107,247
Current liabilities	625,614	17,915	643,529
Non-current liabilities	2,025,010	305,313	2,330,323
Segment liabilities	2,650,624	323,228	2,973,852

Note: The amount excludes net deferred income tax of North America segment.

# PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Right-of-use in land	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Right-of-use in equipment	Property under development – right-of-use in land	Property under development – building	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost							
At 1st January 2021	577,840	313,408	111,786	1,114	390,248	872,676	2,267,072
Additions Transfer to investment preparties	-	-	5,512	162	773	29,882	36,329
Transfer to investment properties (note 7)	_	_	_	_	(37,243)	(90,804)	(128,047)
Transfer in/(out)	353,778	803,869	7,885	_	(353,778)	(811,754)	-
Disposals and write-off			(3,727)				(3,727)
At 31st December 2021	931,618	1,117,277	121,456	1,276	_	_	2,171,627
At 013t Documber 2021							
Accumulated depreciation							
At 1st January 2021	6,516	60,481	63,184	389	-	-	130,570
Depreciation charge	4,102	24,010	16,948	247	-	-	45,307
Disposals and write-off			(2,895)				(2,895)
At 31st December 2021	10,618	84,491	77,237	636	-	-	172,982
Net book value	204.222	4 000 700	44.040	242			4 000 045
At 31st December 2021	921,000	1,032,786	44,219	640			1,998,645
Cost							
At 1st January 2020	512,425	241,147	96,435	932	464,212	724,453	2,039,604
Additions	-	14,723	27,456	182	2,503	280,758	325,622
Transfer from/(to) investment properties (note 7)	25 100	2 100		_	/AC 1E2\	/70 GO1\	/06 E72\
Transfer from properties for sales	35,100	3,100 524	_	_	(46,152)	(78,621)	(86,573) 524
Transfer in/(out)	30,315	53,914	_	_	(30,315)	(53,914)	-
Disposals and write-off	-	-	(12,105)	-	-	-	(12,105)
At 31st December 2020	577,840	313,408	111,786	1,114	390,248	872,676	2,267,072
Accumulated depreciation							
At 1st January 2020	4,872	50,934	60,694	187	_	_	116,687
Depreciation charge	1,644	9,547	12,703	202	_	_	24,096
Disposals and write-off			(10,213)				(10,213)
At 31st December 2020	6,516 	60,481	63,184	389		<u>-</u>	130,570
Net book value							
At 31st December 2020	571,324	252,927	48,602	725	390,248	872,676	2,136,502

# PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

- The Group's freehold land and building located in the US with net book value of HK\$5,704,000 (2020: HK\$6,377,000) together with an investment property located in the US (note 7) have been pledged to a financial institution to secure a credit facility of the Group in the US totalling HK\$109,200,000 (2020: HK\$108,488,000) of which HK\$92,897,000 (2020: HK\$107,528,000) was utilised as at 31st December
- The Group's right-of-use in land and building located in Hong Kong with net book value of HK\$1,141,638,000 (2020: property under development HK\$1,262,924,000), together with investment property located in Hong Kong with fair value of HK\$491,720,000 (2020: HK\$283,330,000) and ownoccupied property located in Hong Kong with net book value of HK\$86,900,000 (2020: HK\$88,696,000) have been pledged to a financial institution to secure a credit facility of the Group in Hong Kong of HK\$1,430,000,000 (2020: HK\$1,450,000,000) of which HK\$1,198,780,000 (2020: HK\$1,143,133,000) was utilised as at 31st December 2021.
- The Group's property under development included additions of HK\$5,193,000 (2020: HK\$21.386,000) (note 21) being interest expenses with an effective interest rate per annum at the end of capitalisation period of 1.34% (2020: end of reporting period of 1.53%) capitalised for the development project.

#### 7 **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January	8,656,258	8,627,547
Additions	68,376	28,380
Transfer from property, plant and equipment (note 6)	128,047	86,573
Revaluation surplus at transfer	85,013	158,557
Capitalised letting fees	4,403	2,320
Amortisation of capitalised letting fees	(5,171)	(4,074)
Fair value gains/(losses)	617,126	(243,045)
At 31st December (note)	9,554,052	8,656,258

Note: As at 31st December 2021, the fair value of the investment property under development is HK\$1,023,000,000 (2020: HK\$967,000,000).

Direct operating expenses recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss include HK\$1,010,000 (2020: HK\$1,473,000) relating to investment property that was unlet.

All the investment properties of the Group measured at fair value are categorised as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. The Group's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no transfer between Levels 1, 2 and 3 during the year.

# **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)**

Fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs

		Hong Kong		North America	
	Industrial properties	Commercial properties	Residential properties	Commercial property	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January 2021	4,632,400	849,130	2,208,550	966,178	8,656,258
Additions	61,918	771	2,857	2,830	68,376
Transfer from property,		400.047			100 047
plant and equipment Revaluation surplus at	_	128,047	_	-	128,047
transfer	_	85,013	_	_	85,013
Capitalised letting fees	1,428	73	531	2,371	4,403
Amortisation of capitalised					
letting fees	(2,076)	(93)	(571)	(2,431)	(5,171)
Fair value gains/(losses)	312,146	(12,301)	295,083	22,198	617,126
At 31st December 2021	5,005,816	1,050,640	2,506,450	991,146	9,554,052
At 1st January 2020	4,670,600	728,500	2,208,550	1,019,897	8,627,547
Additions	12,148	4,127	4,121	7,984	28,380
Transfer (to)/from property, plant and equipment	(38,200)	124,773			86,573
Revaluation surplus at	(30,200)	124,773	_	_	60,573
transfer	_	158,557	_	_	158,557
Capitalised letting fees	354	97	716	1,153	2,320
Amortisation of capitalised					
letting fees	(1,452)	(23)	(295)	(2,304)	(4,074)
Fair value losses	(11,050)	(166,901)	(4,542)	(60,552)	(243,045)
At 31st December 2020	4,632,400	849,130	2,208,550	966,178	8,656,258
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# Valuation processes

The Group measures its investment properties at fair value. As at 31st December 2021 and 2020, the fair value of the investment properties of the Group in Hong Kong were valued by Jones Lang LaSalle Limited and the Group's North America investment property was valued by Martorana Bohegian & Company. They are independent gualified valuers not related to the Group, who hold recognised relevant professional qualifications and have recent experience in the locations and segments of the investment properties valued.

The Group assigns a team to review the valuations performed by the independent valuers for financial reporting purposes. This team reports directly to the senior management. Discussions of valuation processes and results are held between the management and valuers at least once every six months, in line with the Group's interim and annual reporting dates.

At each financial year end, the assigned team:

- verifies all major inputs to the independent valuation reports;
- assess property valuations movements when compared to the prior year valuation
- holds discussions with the independent valuers.

#### 7 **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)**

# Valuation techniques

For completed properties, the income capitalisation method was used. For income capitalisation method, the valuers apply assumptions for capitalisation rates and notional income, which are influenced by the prevailing market yields and comparable market transactions, as well as discount rates, to arrive at the final valuation.

For properties under development, the residual method is used, whereby the valuation is derived from the gross development value of the project upon completion (estimated using a direct comparison method) less estimated development costs and allowance for developer's profit.

There were no changes to the valuation techniques during the year.

# Significant unobservable inputs used to determine fair value

Capitalisation rates are estimated by valuers based on the risk profile of the investment properties being valued. The higher the rates, the lower the fair value. Fair value per square feet ("sq.ft") for properties under development are estimated based on valuers' view of recent market transactions for comparable properties. The lower the fair value per sq.ft, the lower the fair value of property under development.

The following capitalisation rates are used for the completed properties in respective locations valued under income capitalisation method and fair value per sq.ft are used for properties under development valued under residual method:

	Hong Kong	North America
2021		
Completed properties – valued under the income capitalisation method		
Capitalisation rates used for:		
Industrial properties	2.6% to 4.3%	N/A
Commercial properties	2.2% to 4.5%	5.5%
Residential properties	1.9% to 3.2%	N/A
Properties under development – valued under the residual method		
Fair values per sq.ft (HK\$/sq.ft) used for:		
Residential property	HK\$85,000	N/A
2020		
Completed properties – valued under the income capitalisation method		
Capitalisation rates used for:		
Industrial properties	2.6% to 4.6%	N/A
Commercial properties	2.2% to 4.5%	5.5%
Residential properties	2.4% to 3.3%	N/A
Properties under development – valued under		
the residual method		
Fair values per sq.ft (HK\$/sq.ft) used for:		
Residential property	HK\$81,000	N/A

# **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)**

# Pledge of investment properties

The Group's investment property located in the US with a fair value of HK\$991,146,000 (2020: HK\$966,178,000) together with the freehold land and building located in the US have been pledged to a financial institution to secure a credit facility of the Group in the US (note 6(a)).

Certain of the Group's investment property located in Hong Kong with the fair value of HK\$491,720,000 (2020: HK\$283,330,000), together with right-of-use in land and building located in Hong Kong and own-occupied property located in Hong Kong have been pledged to a financial institution to secure a credit facility of the Group in Hong Kong (note 6(b)).

Certain of the Group's investment properties located in Hong Kong with an aggregate fair value of HK\$5,428,000,000 (2020: HK\$4,961,000,000) have been pledged to financial institutions to secure credit facilities of the Group in Hong Kong totalling HK\$1,249,280,000 (2020: HK\$1,286,000,000) of which HK\$1,134,140,000 (2020: HK\$1,147,749,000) were utilised as at 31st December 2021.

#### Leasing arrangements

The investment properties are leased to tenants under operating leases with rentals payable monthly.

Although the Group is exposed to changes in the residual value at the end of the current leases, the Group typically enters into new operating leases and therefore will not immediately realise any reduction in residual value at the end of these leases. Expectations about the future residual values are reflected in the fair value of the investment properties.

#### FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME 8

Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January Net fair value gain/(loss) credited/(charged) to equity	15,775 1,950	25,168 (9,393)
At 31st December	17,725	15,775
Financial assets at FVOCI include the following:		
Listed equity securities in Hong Kong (note (b)) Unlisted equity securities (note (c))	16,863 862	14,913 862
	17,725	15,775

# FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

#### Notes:

- Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income represent equity investments (a) which are not held for trading, of which the Group has irrecoverably elected at initial recognition to recognise in this category. These are strategic investments and the Group considers this classification to be more relevant.
- Listed equity securities in Hong Kong, which were denominated in Hong Kong dollar, mainly represented securities listed in the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, which included conglomerates that are also engaged in property development and utility businesses.
- Unlisted equity securities were denominated in Hong Kong dollar, represented approximately 12% equity interests each in The Yangtze Ventures Limited, The Yangtze Ventures II Limited, and Yangtze China Investment Limited.

On disposal of these equity investments, any related balance within the investment revaluation reserve is reclassified to retained earnings.

#### **PROPERTIES FOR SALE** 9

The Group's interests in properties for sale at their net book values are analysed as follows:

2021

2020

		2021	2020
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Leasehold land	12,056	12,056
	Development expenditures	97,016	97,016
		109,072	109,072
10	DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS		
		2021	2020
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Trade debtors (note (a))	3,901	1,848
	Less: provision for impairment	(2,096)	(527)
	Trade debtors, net	1,805	1,321
	Effective rent receivables	22,349	23,927
	Prepayments	4,441	6,081
	Utility and other deposits	9,390	7,888
		37,985	39,217

## Notes:

The trade debtors represent rental and management fee receivables. The Group normally does not grant credit to tenants for lease receivables, and grants 30 days credit for management fee receivables.

# **DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)**

Notes: (Continued)

#### (Continued)

At 31st December 2021, the ageing analysis of the trade debtors, net based on invoice date was as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 – 30 days	1,446	772
31 – 60 days	137	257
61 – 90 days	131	206
Over 90 days	91	86
	1,805	1,321

At 31st December 2021, trade debtors of HK\$219,000 (2020: HK\$15,000) were fully performing. Trade debtors of HK\$1,586,000 (2020: HK\$1,306,000) were past due but not impaired and its due date analysis was as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Past due:		
0 – 30 days	1,227	757
31 - 60 days	137	257
61 – 90 days	131	206
Over 90 days	91	86
	1,586	1,306

The Group applies the simplified approach to provide for expected credit losses for trade debtors and effective rent receivables prescribed by HKFRS 9 as disclosed in note 2.9(iv). At 31st December 2021 and 2020, provision for impairment of HK\$2,096,000 (2020: HK\$527,000) was recognised on trade debtors.

The carrying amounts of debtors and prepayments approximated their fair values as at 31st December 2021 and 2020.

# **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bank balances and cash	112,184	141,371

# 12 SHARE CAPITAL

Ordinary shares, issued and fully paid:

	Number of shares	Share capital
	(thousands)	HK\$'000
At 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021	287,670	417,321
At 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020	287,670	417,321

# 13 RESERVES

	Property revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Investment revaluation reserve	Exchange reserve	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January 2021	708,407	(30,237)	7,232	6,800,530	7,485,932
Comprehensive income Profit for the year	-	-	-	633,618	633,618
Other comprehensive income Net fair value gain on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income Revaluation surplus upon transfer from property,	-	1,053	-	-	1,053
plant and equipment to investment properties	85,013				85,013
Total comprehensive income for the year	85,013	1,053	_	633,618	719,684
Transaction with owners Dividends paid 2020 final dividend (note 24) 2021 interim dividend (note 24)	- 	- -	- 	(34,520)	(34,520) (28,767)
At 31st December 2021	793,420	(29,184)	7,232	7,370,861	8,142,329
Representing: Reserves 2021 final dividend proposed (note 24)	793,420	(29,184)	7,232	7,336,341	8,107,809
	793,420	(29,184)	7,232	7,370,861	8,142,329

# 13 RESERVES (Continued)

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	Property revaluation reserve	Investment revaluation reserve	Exchange reserve	Retained profits	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January 2020	549,850	(23,227)	7,232	7,019,760	7,553,615
Comprehensive income Loss for the year	-	-	-	(155,943)	(155,943)
Other comprehensive income  Net fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	_	(7,010)	_	_	(7,010)
Revaluation surplus upon transfer from property, plant and equipment to					
investment properties	158,557				158,557
Total comprehensive income for the year	158,557	(7,010)		(155,943)	(4,396)
Transaction with owners Dividends paid 2019 final dividend 2020 interim dividend (note 24)	-	- -	- -	(34,520)	(34,520)
At 31st December 2020	708,407	(30,237)	7,232	6,800,530	7,485,932
Representing: Reserves 2020 final dividend proposed (note 24)	708,407	(30,237)	7,232	6,766,010	7,451,412
, . , , , , , , , , ,	708,407	(30,237)	7,232	6,800,530	7,485,932
LONG TERM BANK LOANS	- SECURED				
			2	.021	2020
			НК	(\$'000	HK\$'000
Bank loans – wholly repayable within	five years		2	,030,816	2,026,410
Amounts due within one ye current liabilities	ar included u	nder		(85,561)	(38,428)
			1	,945,255	1,987,982

# 14 LONG TERM BANK LOANS – SECURED (Continued)

The maturity of the long term bank loans is as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
– within one year	85,561	38,428
– in the second year	680,260	142,540
– in the third to fifth year	1,264,995	1,845,442
	2,030,816	2,026,410

The effective interest rates per annum at the end of reporting period were as follows:

HK dollar bank loans US dollar bank loan	1.44%-2.19% 2%	1.48%-2.23% 2.85%

2021

2020

The exposure to the long term bank loans to interest rate changes and the contractual repricing dates are as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
1 month or less	2,030,816	2,026,410

The carrying amounts of the long term bank loans approximated their fair values as at 31st December 2021 and 2020. The fair values are based on cash flows discounted using a rate based on the borrowing rates in the range of 1.44% to 2.19% (2020: 1.48% to 2.85%) per

The carrying amounts of the long term bank loans are denominated in the following currencies:

2021	2020
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
1,937,919 92,897	1,918,882 107,528
2,030,816	2,026,410
	1,937,919 92,897

The long term bank loans are secured by the freehold land and building in the US (note 6(a)), the right-of-use in land and building and own-occupied property (note 6(b)) and investment properties in the US and certain investment properties in Hong Kong (note 7) and the rental income thereon.

#### 15 DEFERRED INCOME TAX LIABILITIES

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current income tax assets against current income tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes relate to the same fiscal authority.

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Deferred income tax liabilities	359,683	341,817

The movements on the net deferred tax liabilities are as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January Charged/(credited) to consolidated statement of profit	341,817	345,698
or loss (note 22)	17,866	(3,881)
At 31st December	359,683	341,817

At 31st December 2021, the Company and its subsidiaries in Hong Kong had unrecognised tax losses in total of HK\$397,957,000 (2020: HK\$342,138,000) to carry forward against future taxable income. Such tax losses have no expiry date.

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

	Tax los	Tax losses	
	2021	2020	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
At 1st January	65,402	72,014	
Charged to consolidated statement of profit or loss	(2,812)	(6,612)	
At 31st December	62,590	65,402	
Revaluation of	Acceler	ated tay	

	Revalua: prope		Accelera depreci	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st January (Charged)/credited to consolidated	(278,197)	(292,341)	(129,022)	(125,371)
statement of profit or loss	(6,666)	14,144	(8,388)	(3,651)
At 31st December	(284,863)	(278,197)	(137,410)	(129,022)

# 16 CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade creditors	9,680	7,173
Other creditors	12,635	14,506
Accruals (note)	32,472	81,995
	54,787 ———————————————————————————————————	103,674

Note: There was HK\$21,674,000 (2020: HK\$71,843,000) related to refurbishments and/or property development cost payables.

At 31st December 2021, the ageing analysis of the trade creditors was as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 – 30 days	9,159	6,684
31 – 60 days	182	257
61 – 90 days	7	178
Over 90 days	332	54
	9,680	7,173

The carrying amounts of creditors and accruals approximated their fair values as at 31st December 2021 and 2020.

# 17 SHORT TERM BANK LOANS

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Short term bank loans		
– secured	395,000	372,000
– unsecured	85,000	34,987
	480,000	406,987

The effective interest rates per annum at the end of reporting period were as follows:

	2021	2020
Short term bank loans	1.44%-2.01%	1.43%-2.08%

# 17 SHORT TERM BANK LOANS (Continued)

The exposure to the short term bank loans to interest rate changes and the contractual repricing dates are as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
1 month or less	480,000	406,987

The carrying amounts of the short term bank loans approximated their fair values as at 31st December 2021 and 2020.

Certain short term bank loans are secured by certain investment properties (note 7) in Hong Kong and the right-of-use in land and building and own-occupied property (note 6(b)) and the rental income thereon. All the short term bank loans are denominated in Hong Kong dollar.

# 18 COST AND EXPENSES, NET

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Auditors' remuneration		
– audit services	2,927	2,351
– non-audit services	980	1,022
Bad debts	_	232
Provision for impairment of trade debtors	1,569	527
Depreciation	45,307	24,096
Amortisation of capitalised letting fees	5,171	4,074
Donations	2,571	2,317
Outgoings, in respect of (note (a))		
<ul> <li>investment properties</li> </ul>	68,110	50,086
– properties for sale	7,139	11,801
<ul><li>property related services (note (b))</li></ul>	17,769	16,763
– property, plant and equipment	6,972	4,268
<ul><li>hotel and catering operations (note (b))</li></ul>	36,448	1,975
Operating lease rental for office premises to a related		
company (note 28(b))	_	1,262
Other employee benefit expense (note 20)	78,794	74,275
Government grants (note (c))	_	(3,797)
Others	31,539	28,193
Total cost of sales, administrative expenses and other		
operating expenses, net	305,296	219,445

### Note:

Outgoings mainly included building management fee, government rent and rate, repair and (a) maintenance and employee benefit.

# 18 COST AND EXPENSES, NET (Continued)

Note: (Continued)

(b) The employee benefit expense (note 20) included in outgoings, in respect of

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<ul><li>property related services</li><li>hotel and catering operations</li></ul>	746 19,424	528 1,063
	20,170	1,591

(c) In 2020, subsidies from Employment Support Scheme of HK\$2,307,000 related to property management's employment and Hotel Sector Support Scheme of HK\$300,000 in Hong Kong and Paycheck Protection Program of HK\$1,190,000 in the United States were recognised in other operating expense, net and Employment Support Scheme of HK\$5,581,000 were net off with employment expenses for the year ended 31st December 2020. There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attaching to these grants.

# 19 OTHER GAINS, NET

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	922	957
(Loss)/gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	(131)	8
	791	965

# 20 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS)

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Salaries	75,584	61,915
Housing and other allowances, benefits in kind	19,730	17,887
Bonuses	10,883	9,649
Retirement benefit costs	2,412	1,939
	108,609	91,390
Less: Intra-group rental expenses Subsidies from Employment Support Scheme	(9,645)	(9,943)
(note 18(c))		(5,581)
	(9,645)	(15,524)
	98,964	75,866

# 20 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS) (Continued)

# (a) Pensions – defined contribution plans

There was no forfeited contribution as at 31st December 2021 (2020: Nil). No forfeited contribution was utilised during the year (2020: Nil).

# (b) Five highest paid individuals

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group for the year include four (2020: four) directors whose emoluments are reflected in note 30(a). The emoluments payable to the remaining one (2020: one) individual during the year are as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Salaries	2,072	2,051
Housing and other allowances, benefits in kind	1,111	720
Bonuses	475	402
Retirement benefit costs	18	18
	3,676	3,191

The emoluments fell with the following bands:

	Number of individuals	
	2021	2020
Emolument bands (in HK\$) HK\$3,000,001 – HK\$4,000,000	1	1

During the year, no emolument was paid by the Group to the directors or the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group, or as compensation for loss of office. No directors waived or agreed to waive any emoluments during the year.

# (c) Senior management remuneration

The emoluments fell with the following bands:

	Number of individuals	
	2021	2020
Emolument bands (in HK\$)		
HK\$3,000,001 – HK\$4,000,000	1	1

#### 21 FINANCE INCOME AND COSTS

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Finance income Interest income from banks	406	0.60
interest income from banks	406	969
Finance costs		
Interest expenses on bank loans and overdrafts Less: Amount capitalised in property under	(41,803)	(59,656)
development (note 6(c))	5,193	21,386
	(36,610)	(38,270)
Finance costs, net	(36,204)	(37,301)

#### 22 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2020: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the year. Except for the minimum United States state tax which has been paid during the year, no overseas taxation (2020: HK\$NiI) has been provided as there is no estimated taxable profit for the overseas subsidiaries for the year.

The amount of income tax charged to consolidated statement of profit or loss represents:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current income tax		
<ul> <li>Hong Kong profits tax</li> </ul>	11,368	10,028
<ul> <li>United States taxation</li> </ul>	14	13
<ul> <li>Over provisions in prior year</li> </ul>	(233)	(351)
	11,149	9,690
Deferred income tax expense/(credit) (note 15)		
– Hong Kong	2,171	5,307
<ul> <li>United States</li> </ul>	15,695	(9,188)
	17,866	(3,881)
	29,015	5,809

#### 22 INCOME TAX EXPENSE (Continued)

The tax on the Group's profit/(loss) before income tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the taxation rate of Hong Kong where the Company operates and the difference is set out as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit/(loss) before income tax	683,441	(147,172)
Calculated at a taxation rate of 16.5% (2020: 16.5%)	112,768	(24,283)
Income not subject to tax	(109,834)	(271)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	13,958	31,266
Effect of different taxation rates in other countries	7,304	(3,882)
Over provision in prior year	(233)	(351)
Others	5,052	3,330
Income tax expense	29,015	5,809

There was no income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income for the year ended 31st December 2021 and 2020.

#### **EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE** 23

The calculation of basic earnings/(loss) per share is based on profit attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$633,618,000 (2020: loss of HK\$155,943,000) and on 287,670,000 (2020: 287,670,000) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

As there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares as at 31st December 2021 and 2020, the diluted earnings/(loss) per share is equal to the basic earnings/(loss) per share.

#### 24 DIVIDENDS

The interim dividends paid in 2021 and 2020 were HK\$28,767,000 (HK10 cents per share) and HK\$28,767,000 (HK10 cents per share) respectively. At a meeting held on 25th March 2022, the directors proposed a final dividend of HK12 cents per ordinary share. This proposed dividend is not reflected as a dividend payable in the consolidated financial statements, but will be reflected as an appropriation of retained profits for the year ending 31st December 2022 upon the approval by the Company's shareholders.

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interim, paid, of HK10 cents (2020: HK10 cents) per ordinary share Final, proposed, of HK12 cents (2020: HK12 cents)	28,767	28,767
per ordinary share	34,520	34,520
	63,287	63,287

#### NOTE TO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

## (a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) before income tax to net cash generated from operations

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit/(loss) before income tax	683,441	(147,172)
Finance income	(406)	(969)
Finance costs	36,610	38,270
Depreciation	45,307	24,096
Amortisation of capitalised letting fees	5,171	4,074
Bad debts	_	232
Provision for impairment of trade debtors	1,569	527
Fair value (gains)/losses on investment properties Loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and	(617,126)	243,045
equipment, net	131	(8)
Dividend income	(922)	(957)
Operating profit before working capital changes	153,775	161,138
Increase in other inventories	(332)	_
Increase in debtors and prepayments	(337)	(2,021)
Increase/(decrease) in rental and other deposits	4,698	(247)
Increase in creditors and accruals	1,821	4,097
Net cash generated from operations	159,625	162,967

#### (b) Bank loans reconciliation

During the year, movement of bank loans represented net cash inflow of HK\$76,349,000 (2020: HK\$304,359,000) and bank loan origination charges amortised of HK\$1,071,000 (2020: HK\$620,000).

#### FINANCIAL GUARANTEES 26

At 31st December 2021, the Company had provided guarantees to bankers for credit facilities granted to subsidiaries of which HK\$2,370,072,000 (2020: HK\$2,329,000,000) were utilised as at 31st December 2021.

#### 27 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Contracted but not provided for		
<ul> <li>investment properties</li> </ul>	11,787	12,530
– property, plant and equipment	3,753	44,168
	15,540 	56,698

#### 28 RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

The Group entered into the following transactions with related parties during the year:

(a) Property rental and property related services transactions with related parties

Property rental and property related services revenue in note 5(a) included amounts of HK\$1,269,000 (2020: HK\$1,128,000) and HK\$642,000 (2020: HK\$638,000) respectively from related companies and persons based on prices and terms as agreed by the parties involved.

(b) Operating lease rental for office premises to a related company

Operating lease rental for office premises to a related company in note 18 was HK\$Nil (2020: HK\$1,262,000). The transaction was entered with a company with common key management personnel and based on prices and terms as agreed between the parties involved.

(c) Key management remuneration

Remuneration for key management, including amounts paid to the Company's executive directors and senior management is as follows:

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Fees	117	114
Salaries	18,920	18,732
Housing and other allowances, benefits in kind	19,333	16,858
Bonuses	5,159	4,923
Retirement benefit costs	126	126
	43,655	40,753

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESERVES MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY

Statement of financial position of the Company as at 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	30,096	26,172
Investment properties	395,000	401,000
Subsidiaries	579,085	578,195
Prepayments for non-current assets	1,026	680
	1,005,207	1,006,047
Current assets		
Debtors and prepayments	4,653	3,585
Amounts due from subsidiaries	558,596	488,790
Cash and cash equivalents	11,566	20,528
	574,815	512,903
Total assets	1,580,022	1,518,950
Equity and liabilities Equity attributable to owners of the Company Share capital	417,321	417,321
Reserves (note)	919,282	936,506
Total equity	1,336,603	1,353,827
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	11,508	6,145
Current liabilities		
Rental and other deposits	2,766	3,022
Creditors and accruals	6,849	6,309
Short term bank loan	50,000	_
Amounts due to subsidiaries	160,636	140,883
Lease liabilities	11,660	8,764
	231,911	158,978
Total equity and liabilities	1,580,022	1,518,950

The statement of financial position of the Company was approved by the board of directors on 25th March 2022 and were signed on its behalf.

William Ma Ching Wai Director

Alfred Ma Ching Kuen Director

# 29 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESERVES MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

Note:

Reserves movement of the Company

	Retained profits
	HK\$'000
At 1st January 2021	936,506
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b> Profit for the year	46,063
Transaction with owners Dividends paid 2020 final dividend (note 24)	(34,520)
2021 interim dividend (note 24)	(28,767)
At 31st December 2021	919,282
Representing:	
Reserves	884,762
2021 final dividend proposed (note 24)	34,520
	919,282
At 1st January 2020	1,113,586
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b> Loss for the year	(113,793)
Transaction with owners	
Dividends paid 2019 final dividend 2020 interim dividend (note 24)	(34,520) (28,767)
At 31st December 2020	936,506
Representing:	
Reserves 2020 final dividend proposed (note 24)	901,986 34,520
	936,506

## **BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS**

## (a) Directors' and chief executive's emoluments

The remuneration of every director and the chief executive is set out below:

Emoluments paid or receivable in respect of a person's services as a director, whether of the Company or its subsidiaries undertaking

	Fees	Salaries	Discretionary bonuses	Housing and other allowances, benefit in kind	Employer's contribution to a retirement benefit scheme	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
For the year ended 31st December 2021						
Name of director						
William Ma Ching Wai						
(Chief Executive)	26	6,066	2,527	11,190	18	19,827
Patrick Ma Ching Hang	23	2,072	445	3,013	18	5,571
Philip Ma Ching Yeung	23	3,277	676	2,489	18	6,483
Alfred Ma Ching Kuen	23	1,041	223	720	18	2,025
Amy Ma Ching Sau	23	2,320	467	720	18	3,548
Edward Cheung Wing Yui	185	_	-	-	-	185
Kevin Chau Kwok Fun	185	_	_	_	_	185
Tan Soo Kiu	185	_	_	_	_	185
Yiu Kei Chung	185					185
	858	14,776	4,338	18,132	90	38,194
For the year ended 31st December 2020						
Name of director						
William Ma Ching Wai						
(Chief Executive)	26	6,005	2,502	10,973	18	19,524
Patrick Ma Ching Hang	22	2,051	462	1,440	18	3,993
Philip Ma Ching Yeung	22	3,245	541	2,245	18	6,071
Alfred Ma Ching Kuen	22	1,031	232	720	18	2,023
Amy Ma Ching Sau	22	2,297	443	760	18	3,540
Edward Cheung Wing Yui	181	_	_	_	_	181
Kevin Chau Kwok Fun	181	_	_	-	-	181
Tan Soo Kiu	181	-	_	-	_	181
Yiu Kei Chung	181					181
	838	14,629	4,180	16,138	90	35,875

#### BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS (Continued)

(b) Directors' retirement benefits

No retirement benefits are paid to or receivable by the directors during the year ended 31st December 2021 (2020: Nil).

(c) Directors' termination benefits

None of the directors received or will receive any termination benefits during the financial year (2020: Nil).

(d) Consideration provided to third parties for making available directors' services

During the financial year ended 31st December 2021, the Company does not pay consideration to any third parties for making available directors' services (2020: Nil).

(e) Information about loans, quasi-loans and other dealings in favour of directors, bodies corporate controlled by and connected entities with such directors

As at 31st December 2021, there are no loans, quasi-loans and other dealing arrangements in favour of directors, bodies corporate controlled by and connected entities with such directors (2020: Nil).

(f) Directors' material interests in transactions, arrangements or contracts

No other contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

#### 31 PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

At 31st December 2021, the Company had the following principal subsidiaries which, in the opinion of the directors, materially affect the results and/or assets of the Group. Montgomery Lands, Incorporated, Central Financial Management Company Inc. and Central Financial Management of Montana LLC are incorporated and operate in the United States of America. All other subsidiaries are incorporated and operate in Hong Kong.

	Percen	tage of issu	ed shares he	ld								
Name	By the Company		,		By subsidiary company		, ,		, ,		Issued ordinary shares	Principal activities
	2021	2020	2021	2020								
Arca Enterprise Limited	100	100	_	_	1 share	n						
Ballington Limited	100	100	_	-	1,000 shares	e, j						
Big Century Development Limited	-	-	95	95	1 share	1						
Cambella Limited	100	100	-	_	1,000 shares	i						
Capital Gold Investment Limited	-	_	100	100	1 share	j						
Central Financial Management	_	_	100	100	10,000 shares	a						
Company Inc.					of US\$1 each							
Central Financial Management of	_	_	100	100	N/A	g						
Montana LLC						3						
Chi Ho Investment Company Limited	100	100	_	_	100 shares	j, l						
China Gateway Emporium Limited	_	_	100	100	2 shares	,, .						
Continental United Limited	_	_	95	95	1 share	i						
East Gold Investment Limited	_	_	100	100	1 share	j						
Excellent View Investment Limited	100	100	-	-	100 shares	m						
Etrema Company Limited	100	100	_	_	1,000 shares	 I						
F. V. Club House Limited	-	-	100	100	1 share	b						
Figo Limited	100	100	-	-	1 share	n						
Glory Gold Investment Limited	-	-	100	100	1 share	j						
Gold Earth Investment Limited	_	_	100	100	1 share							
Gold Earth investment Limited	_	_	100	100	1 share	j :						
Golden Ocean Corporation Limited	100	100	-	-	531,510 shares	j : 1						
	75	75			•	j, l I						
Kam Cheung Investment Company Limited			-	-	1,200,000 shares	1						
Kam Chung Industrial Company, Limited	100	100	-	-	1,149,430 shares	j						
Kam Hang Company Limited	95	95	-	-	5,000 shares	e, l						
Kam Yiu Company Limited	100	100	-	-	73,000 shares							
King Dynasty Development Limited	-	-	95	95	1 share	1						
La Bizplace Limited	100	100	-	-	2 shares	m						
Montgomery Enterprises Limited	100	100	-	-	1,190,840 shares	d, e, j, l						
Montgomery Lands, Incorporated	-	-	100	100	20,000 shares of US\$1 each	e, l						
New Century Development Limited	_	_	95	95	1 share	1						
Ocean Gold Investment Limited	_	_	100	100	1 share	j						
On Ah Enterprises, Limited	65	65	-	_	100,000 shares	j						
Pentacontinental Land Investment	53.6	53.6	_	_	2,000,000 shares	e, l						
Company Limited	00.0	00.0			_,000,000 0.10100	0,1						
Satvision Limited	100	100	_	_	1,000 shares	j, l						
Silver Focus Investment Limited	-	-	100	100	1,000 shares	e, j						
Silver Grand Investment Limited	_	_	100	100	1,000 shares	e, j						
Smartwide Development Limited	_	_	95	95	1 share	J						
Smartwide Development Limited	_	_	30	30	i snare	1						

## 31 PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Percen	tage of issu	ed shares he	ld		
Name	By the Company		By subsidiary company		Issued ordinary shares	Principal activities
	2021	2020	2021	2020		
Tai Fung Investment Company Limited	65	65	_	_	1,400,000 shares	1
Tai Land Finance Company Limited	100	100	-	-	100,000 shares	f
Tai Sang Cold Storage & Godown Company Limited	58	58	-	-	5,600,000 shares	е
Tai Sang Estate Agency Limited	100	100	-	-	100,000 shares	a, k
Tai Wing Investment Company Limited	100	100	-	-	1,523,590 shares	h
TSE (Floral Villas) Limited	-	-	100	100	100 shares	k
TSE (Kam Yuen Mansion) Limited	-	-	100	100	1,000 shares	k
TSL Construction and Engineering Limited	100	100	-	-	2 shares	j
Welldicker Industrial Limited	100	100	-	-	2 shares	е
Worldround Investment Company (Hong Kong) Limited	100	100	-	-	127,820 shares	m
Worldwide Pacific Limited	100	-	-	100	1 share	
Xin Kuok Investments Limited	100	100	-	-	2 shares	h
Yulan Group Limited	100	100	-	_	1 share	c, k

## Principal activities:

a = agency service

b = club house operation

c = hotel management service

d = hotel and catering operation

e = investment holding

f = money lender

g = motor vehicle holding

h = motor vehicle rental

i = property development

j = property for resale

k = property management service

l = property rental

m = restaurant licence holding

n = trade mark holding

# **Schedule of the Group's Significant Properties** At 31st December 2021

# PROPERTIES FOR INVESTMENT

Description	Lot Number	Type#	Appro. G.F.A. * (M²)	Group's interest	Lease term
Hong Kong					
Gateway ts, 8 Cheung Fai Road, Tsing Yi	T.Y.T.L. 56	G & I	118,025	100%	Medium term
Heung Wah Industrial Building (portion), 12 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen	A.I.L. 340	I	6,025	95%	Long term
Heung Wah Industrial Building (portion), 12 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen	A.I.L. 340	I	671	100%	Long term
Chin Fat Factory Building (portion), 3 Tsat Po Street, San Po Kong	K.I.L. 4438 & 4439	I	966	65%	Medium term
House of Corona (portion), 50 Hung To Road, Kwun Tong	K.T.I.L. 284	- 1	699	65%	Medium term
Kam Yuen Mansion (portion), 3 Old Peak Road	I.L. 646 Sec. A & Sec. B	R	2,034	75%	Long term
Sea and Sky Court (portion), 92 Stanley Main Street, Stanley	S.I.L. 8	R	319	100%	Long term
Mercantile House, 186 & 190 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui	K.I.L.9735 & 2/70 shares of 8631	С	1,078	100%	Medium term
Continental Mansion (portion), 294-304 King's Road, North Point	R.P. of I.L. 7185	C & R	1,078	53.6%	Long term
Shing Wah Building (portion), 31 Shing Fong Street, Kwai Chung	K.C.T.L. 232	С	309	100%	Medium term
Kin Wah House (portion), 176-178 Tung Lo Wan Road	I.L. 3578, 3579 & 3581	С	590	100%	Long term
Viking Court (portion), 165-166 Connaught Road West, Western District	M.L. 342 & 343	С	585	100%	Long term
Kam Wah Building (portion), 23-25 Shek Yam Road and 2-14 Shek Yi Road, Kwai Chung	K.C.T.L. 171	С	262	95%	Medium term
Floral Villas (portion), 18 Tso Wo Road, Tso Wo Hang, Sai Kung	Lot 314 D.D. 252	C & R	4,838	100%	Medium term
TS Tower (portion), 43 Heung Yip Road, Wong Chuk Hang	R.P. of A.I.L. 353	С	3,215	100%	Long term
Sheung Wan Tai Sang Commercial Building (Hollywood Centre) (portion), 77-91 Queen's Road West, Sheung Wan	I.L. 3752 to 3758	С	54	100%	Long term
Overseas					
Montgomery Plaza, 456 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, the United States of America	-	С	15,638^	100%	Freehold

# PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Description	Lot Number	Type <sup>#</sup>	Appro. G.F.A.* (M²)	Group's interest
Hong Kong				
Floral Villas (portion), 18 Tso Wo Road, Tso Wo Hang, Sai Kung	Lot 314 D.D.252	R	3,798	100%
Sheung Wan Tai Sang Commercial Building (Hollywood Centre) (portion), 77-91 Queen's Road West, Sheung Wan	I.L. 3752 to 3758	С	4,006	100%
Kam Wah Building (portion), 23-25 Shek Yam Road and 2-14 Shek Yi Road. Kwai Chung	K.C.T.L. 171	С	1,724	100%

# Schedule of the Group's Significant Properties At 31st December 2021

#### C PROPERTIES FOR HOTEL OPERATION

Description	Lot Number	Type <sup>#</sup>	Appro. G.F.A.* (M²)	Group's interest
Hong Kong				
Sheung Wan Tai Sang Commercial Building (Hollywood Centre) (portion), 77-91 Queen's Road West, Sheung Wan	I.L. 3752 to 3758	Н	1,841	100%
TS Tower (portion), 43 Heung Yip Road, Wong Chuk Hang	R.P. of A.I.L. 353	H & F	13,633	100%

#### PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT D

Description	Lot Number	Type <sup>#</sup>	Appro. site area (M²)	Group's interest	Stage of completion	Expected completion date
Hong Kong						
No.20 & No.22 Severn Road, The Peak	R.B.L. 1137	R	3,810	100%	Planning	N/A

#### Ε **OTHER PROPERTIES**

## Properties for own operations

Description	Lot Number	Type #	Appro. G.F.A.* (M²)	Group's interest	Lease term
Hong Kong					
No.1 Barker Road, The Peak	R.B.L. 810	Q	1,352	100%	Medium term
Kam Yuen Mansion (portion), 3 Old Peak Road	I.L. 646 Sec. A & Sec. B	Q	910	75%	Long term
TS Tower (portion), 43 Heung Yip Road, Wong Chuk Hang	R.P. of A.I.L. 353	0	1,184	100%	Long term
Heung Wah Industrial Building (portion), 12 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen	A.I.L. 340	0	922	100%	Long term

Type #

Godown and workshop

Industrial Residential С Commercial Н Hotel Catering F

Own-occupied office 0 0 Quarters for directors/staff

Net rentable area

\*Appro. G.F.A. Approximate gross floor area

# **Five-Year Financial Summary**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
RESULTS (HK\$ thousand)					
Profit/(loss) attributable to:  – Owners of the Company  – Non-controlling interests	502,055 15,438	492,803 18,890	436,300 10,080	(155,943) 2,962	633,618 20,808
	517,493	511,693	446,380	(152,981)	654,426
Earnings/(loss) per share	HK\$1.75	HK\$1.71	HK\$1.52	(HK\$0.54)	HK\$2.20
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (HK\$ thousand)					
Total assets Total liabilities	9,225,691 (1,849,805)	10,098,642 (2,270,821)	10,839,171 (2,635,773)	11,107,247 (2,973,852)	11,832,924 (3,023,352)
Total equity	7,375,886	7,827,821	8,203,398	8,133,395	8,809,572