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Corporate Information

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About Us

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Distinguished Healthcare Solutions

We stand as a pioneer of medicated oil in the healthcare history, dedicated to manufacturing, marketing, and distributing healthcare products under our renowned brand, "Hoe Hin". With a legacy spanning over 95 years, our flagship product, Hoe Hin White Flower Embrocation (or Hoe Hin Pak Fah Yeow), remains a symbol of quality and efficacy.

Global Excellence in Quality Assurance

With our products present globally, our commitment to quality is evident through our manufacturing facilities, Hoe Hin Pak Fah Yeow Manufacturing Limited. It maintains a robust quality management system that adheres to international standards such as PIC/S (Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention/Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme) Guide to Good Manufacturing Practice for Medicinal Products and ISO9001:2015. Furthermore, it holds GMP certifications from reputable bodies such as Therapeutic Goods Administration, Australia, and Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong.

Diverse Product Portfolio

Beyond the iconic Hoe Hin White Flower Embrocation, our healthcare offerings encompass a diverse range, featuring essentials like Hoe Hin Strain Relief, Hoe Hin White Flower Ointment and Fúzăi 239 (floral-scented White Flower Embrocation). These products encapsulate our vision: to be the premier provider of top-quality medicated products globally.

Investments for Stability and Growth

Beyond healthcare, we also engage in property and treasury investments. Our diverse property portfolio in the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, and Singapore is strategically held for long-term stability, generating a reliable income stream.

Mission-Driven Values

Our mission revolves around delivering sustainable value to stakeholders through responsible business practices. Core values such as Honesty, Obedience, Excellence, Humanity, Innovation, and Nurturing guide our operations and underscore our commitment to ethical and sustainable growth.

Strategic Initiatives for Future Growth

Our strategic initiatives focus on expanding existing markets while exploring new ones in the healthcare sector. Additionally, we manage property investments for long-term stability and optimise returns on surplus cash through treasury investments.

In essence, we stand as a pioneer in the industry, committed to delivering quality products, maintaining high ethical standards, and ensuring sustainable growth across diverse business sectors.

Highlights

- Revenue and Underlying Recurring Profit increased year-on-year by 76.1% and 195.9% respectively, reflecting a significant increase in sales revenue in Healthcare business.
- Reported profit increased year-on-year by 250.7%, despite a higher non-cash fair value loss of investment properties recognised in 2023.
- We maintain a stable outlook for 2024, leveraging the sales trend observed in 2023.

RESULTS SUMMARY

		Year ended 31		
		2023	2022	
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	Change
Revenue	1	259,158	147,200	+76.1%
Reported profit	2	105,039	29,955	+250.7%
Underlying recurring profit	3	119,078	40,243	+195.9%
		HK cents	HK cents	
Earnings per share:				
Reported profit	4	33.7	9.6	+251.0%
Underlying recurring profit		38.2	12.9	+196.1%
Total dividends per share	4	20.5	9.1	+125.3%
		At 31 Dec	cember	
		2023	2022	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Shareholders' funds	5	765,183	707,225	+8.2%
		HK\$	HK\$	
Net asset value per share	6	2.46	2.27	+8.4%

- Notes: 1. Revenue represents revenue derived from the three business segments, namely healthcare ("Healthcare"), property investments ("Property Investments") and treasury investments ("Treasury Investments").
 - Reported profit ("Reported Profit") is the profit attributable to owners of the Company, which is prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
 - 3. Underlying recurring profit ("Underlying Recurring Profit") reflects the Group's performance of the three business segments and is arrived at by excluding from Reported Profit the unrealised fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and of investment properties.
 - 4. The basic and diluted earnings per share and the total dividends per share are calculated using the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.
 - 5. Shareholders' funds are the equity attributable to owners of the Company, which is equivalent to the total equity as presented in the Company's consolidated statement of financial position.
 - 6. Net asset value per share represents shareholders' funds divided by the number of ordinary shares of the Company in issue as at the year end date.

Chairman's Statement

Dear fellow shareholders.

OVERVIEW

In 2023, the global economic landscape showed signs of recovery amidst persistent uncertainty stemming from ongoing geopolitical tensions and armed conflicts. Despite these challenges, we navigated a complex external environment marked by high levels of inflation, interest rates, and energy prices, but we also observed positive indications in the overall economy of Hong Kong. The decline in the unemployment rate and the increase in visitor arrivals following the complete opening of borders in Hong Kong, Macau, and Mainland China were noteworthy developments. Additionally, there was a surge in demand for Hong Kong brand consumer goods, reflecting resilience and potential opportunities in our market.

Our total revenue for 2023 reached HK\$259.2 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 76.1% from HK\$147.2 million. Our Underlying Recurring Profit, the performance indicator of the Group, surged by 195.9% to HK\$119.1 million from HK\$40.2 million in 2022. The substantial increases were driven by improved performance of Healthcare business, particularly in China market. Despite the impact of non-cash fair value decrease of our investment properties, our Reported Profit for 2023 soared by 250.7% to HK\$105.0 million compared to HK\$30.0 million in 2022.

DIVIDENDS

Despite the challenging operating environment, we remain committed to delivering value to our shareholders. We propose a final dividend of HK3.8 cents per share (2022: HK3.8 cents per share) along with a special final dividend of HK8.2 cents (2022: HK3.0 cents) per share for the year ended 31 December 2023, subject to approval by shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting. The final dividend and special final dividend together with the interim dividends of HK8.5 cents per share (2022: HK2.3 cents per share) already declared, will make total dividends of HK20.5 cents per share (2022: HK9.1 cents per share).

BUSINESS

2023 presented significant challenges and notable achievements for our Group. We demonstrated resilience and achieved commendable financial results in 2023. Despite the challenges posed by the external environment, we witnessed significant growth in revenue across our business segments. The Healthcare segment, in particular, experienced robust sales performance, driven by strategic initiatives and increased demand in key markets. Our Property Investments and Treasury Investments segments also posted positive underlying recurring results, reflecting the effectiveness of our diversified business strategy.

China market emerged as a key driver of growth, with sales turnover experiencing rapid expansion following the reopening of borders and the resurgence of consumer demand. The reopening of borders between Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China, coupled with increased mainland visitors to Hong Kong and Macau, significantly contributed to the surge in demand for our flagship products. Overall, the exceptional performance of our Healthcare segment underscores our commitment to delivering high-quality healthcare products to our customers.

Despite challenges in the global real estate market, our Property Investments segment demonstrated resilience and adaptability. Throughout the year, our Property Investments segment recorded a commendable performance, primarily driven by increased rental income in the United Kingdom where all retail units were fully let since October 2022. However, the valuation of our investment properties experienced fluctuations reflecting the prevailing economic uncertainties over the economic outlook, particularly impacting the retail and office sectors.

Chairman's Statement

NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

At the core of our operations lies a commitment to corporate social responsibility. We recognise the importance of sustainable business practices and their impact on society and the environment. Throughout the year, we prioritised initiatives promoting environmental stewardship, community engagement, and employee well-being. Our Environmental, Social and Governance Report 2023, detailing our environmental and social impacts alongside progress towards sustainability, will be available in the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Company concurrently with our annual report publication.

OUTLOOK

Looking ahead, we acknowledge the persistence of uncertainties in the global economic landscape. Nevertheless, we are confident in our ability to navigate challenges and capitalise on emerging opportunities. We maintain a stable outlook for 2024, leveraging the sales trend observed in 2023. Our commitment to delivering value to shareholders, customers, employees, and stakeholders remains steadfast. We remain focused on operational excellence, innovation, and strategic investments to drive sustainable growth and long-term value creation.

Despite downward valuation of our property investments, we remain committed to prudent investment strategies. We continue to closely monitor market conditions and implement strategic initiatives to optimise the performance of our investment properties. By maintaining disciplined property management and capital allocation, we aim to deliver sustainable returns for our shareholders in the years ahead. While the Hong Kong office market is expected to continue facing downward pressure, the Central London retail market is poised to continue its recovery trajectory with the outlook remaining positive into 2024.

CLOSING REMARKS

Our success in navigating these challenging times would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our employees. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our team for their unwavering commitment and resilience. I also express sincere appreciation to our shareholders, customers and business partners for their continued support and confidence in our Company. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence and steer our Company towards a prosperous future.

GAN Wee Sean Chairman

Hong Kong, 26 March 2024

RESULTS OVERVIEW

In 2023, the Group's revenue surged to HK\$259,158,000, marking a substantial 76.1% increase from HK\$147,200,000 in 2022. This notable growth was primarily driven by a surge in sales contributions from Healthcare segment. Revenue breakdown for each business segment is as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	Change %
Healthcare	245,165	139,452	+75.8
Property Investments	9,612	7,132	+34.8
Treasury Investments	4,381	616	+611.2
	259,158	147,200	+76.1

The substantial growth in revenue was accompanied by a remarkable increase in Underlying Recurring Profit, which excludes the unrealised fair value changes of financial assets and of investment properties. In 2023, the Underlying Recurring Profit surged to HK\$119,078,000, a staggering 195.9% increase from HK\$40,243,000 in 2022. This surge was primarily fueled by a momentous increase in sales revenue from the Healthcare segment following the lifting of restriction measures and the complete opening of the borders in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China. Earnings per share of Underlying Recurring Profit stood at HK38.2 cents, marking a 196.1% increase from HK12.9 cents in 2022.

Reported Profit for 2023 also saw a significant increase, rising by 250.7% to HK\$105,039,000 comparing to HK\$29,955,000 in 2022. This increase was primarily attributed to the notable performance of the Healthcare segment, partially offset by an increase in unrealised fair value losses on the Group's investment properties. Earnings per share of Reported Profit stood at HK33.7 cents, reflecting a 251.0% increase from HK9.6 cents in 2022.

The reconciliation between Underlying Recurring Profit and Reported Profit is as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	Change %
Underlying Recurring Profit	119,078	40,243	+195.9
Unrealised fair value changes of: Financial assets Investment properties:	1,345	(2,465)	
United Kingdom Hong Kong and Singapore	(8,503) (6,881)	(2,436) (5,387)	
Reported Profit	105,039	29,955	+250.7

The revaluation of other properties, accounted for as other comprehensive income, resulted in a net revaluation loss of HK\$4,418,000 in 2023 compared to a gain of HK\$5,375,000 in 2022.

Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the Company for 2023 amounted to approximately HK\$105,638,000 compared to HK\$24,123,000 in 2022.

OPERATIONS REVIEW

Healthcare

Revenue from Healthcare segment soared by 75.8% to HK\$245,165,000 in 2023, a substantial increase from HK\$139,452,000 in 2022. Geographically, segment revenue is detailed below:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	Change %
China	202,725	101,387	+100.0
Southeast Asia	34,068	26,326	+29.4
North America	7,294	10,358	-29.6
Others	1,078	1,381	-21.9
Segment revenue	245,165	139,452	+75.8
Segment result - profit	150,635	57,369	+162.6

Segment profit:

The segment profit surged to HK\$150,635,000 in 2023, marking a remarkable 162.6% increase from HK\$57,369,000 in 2022.

Market Analysis:

China

Sales turnover in the China market saw rapid growth in 2023, recording a staggering 100% increase compared to 2022. This growth was propelled by the full reopening of the Hong Kong-Macau-China border, attracting mainland customers to Hong Kong and Macau for Hoe Hin products. The surge in demand led to a significant rise in local market demand and a rapid increase in sales. Further efforts were also concentrated on online advertising, with continued branding campaigns launched in China to strengthen the brand presence in this region.

Southeast Asia

Sales revenue in Southeast Asian markets experienced a robust 29.4% year-on-year growth, with particularly strong performance in the Philippines. Strategic marketing initiatives, including outdoor advertising on public transportation and billboards, coupled with influencer-driven social media campaigns and sponsored events, expanded market reach and enhanced retail channel visibility nationwide. Markets like Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia also displayed strong revenue growth, signaling a return to pre-pandemic sales levels driven by improved consumer sentiment.

North America

Production prioritisation for high-demand markets such as Hong Kong led to reduced output for other markets, consequently leading to lower sales revenue in North America. However, the acquisition of new machinery in the 4th quarter of 2023 is anticipated to bolster production capacity, with an expected increase in output in 2024.

In summary, the Healthcare segment experienced significant growth in revenue and profitability in 2023, driven by robust sales performance in key markets, strategic marketing initiatives, and investments in production capacity to foster future growth.

Property Investments

Revenue for this segment increased by 34.8% to HK\$9,612,000 (2022: HK\$7,132,000). This change primarily reflected increased rental income in the United Kingdom, where all retail units had been fully leased since October 2022. Revenue breakdown by location is as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	Change %
Hong Kong - office and residential	3,973	3,856	+3.0
Singapore – industrial	316	219	+44.3
United Kingdom – retail/residential	5,323	3,057	+74.1
Segment revenue	9,612	7,132	+34.8
Segment result - loss	(7,130)	(3,804)	+87.4

For the year 2023, approximately 41.3%, 3.3% and 55.4% (2022: 54.1%, 3.0% and 42.9%) of segment revenue derived from investment properties in Hong Kong, Singapore and the United Kingdom respectively, with all properties maintaining a 100.0% occupancy rate (2022: 100.0%, 100.0% and 74.4% respectively).

Underlying Recurring Segment Result, which excludes unrealised fair value changes of investment properties, recorded a profit of HK\$8,254,000 in 2023, marking a notable increase of 105.4% from HK\$4,019,000 in 2022. Property expenses ratio as a percentage of segment revenue decreased to 14.1% in 2023 (2022: 43.6%). These improvements are attributed to higher occupancy rate and rental income in 2023, with one-off property expenses in 2022 such as building renovation and maintenance works and related costs, impacting this improvement.

Segment result for 2023 reflected a loss of HK\$7,130,000 (2022: HK\$3,804,000), primarily due to an increase in unrealised fair value loss of investment properties compared to 2022.

Below is the reconciliation between Underlying Recurring Segment Result and the segment result:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	Change %
Underlying Recurring Segment Result Unrealised fair value changes of investment properties:	8,254	4,019	+105.4
United Kingdom	(8,503)	(2,436)	
Hong Kong and Singapore	(6,881)	(5,387)	
Segment result – loss	(7,130)	(3,804)	+87.4

Treasury Investments

In addition to depositing funds in reputable banks, the Group diversified its investments into equity and debt securities, mutual funds, and dual currency investments to optimise returns.

Segment revenue, primarily generated from interest income, surged by 611.2% to HK\$4,381,000 (2022: HK\$616,000). Underlying Recurring Segment Result also saw a substantial increase of 96.1% to HK\$4,198,000 (2022: HK\$2,141,000). This significant change was attributed to the higher yield fixed deposits secured during the year, resulting in increased interest income.

The segment achieved a profit of HK\$5,543,000, a turnaround from the loss of HK\$324,000 recorded in 2022. This improvement was primarily attributed to unrealised fair value gain on listed investments, contrasting with the losses incurred in 2022.

Below is the reconciliation between Underlying Recurring Segment Result and the segment result:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	Change %
Underlying Recurring Segment Result Unrealised fair value changes of financial assets	4,198 1,345	2,141 (2,465)	+96.1
Segment result - profit (loss)	5,543	(324)	n/m

Note: n/m = not meaningful

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The preceding sections, including the results overview and operations review, provide insights into the financial performance of the Group's three business segments. This section discusses other significant financial items.

Staff Costs

Staff costs are categorised into production (related to payroll costs associated with production) and administration (other payroll costs, including those for management and head office staff). These costs increased by 27.1% from HK\$34,637,000 to HK\$44,035,000. This increase primarily reflected the impact of annual salary increments, staff special bonus, and a higher provision for management bonuses for executive directors and senior management, aligning with the improved financial results compared to 2022.

Other Operating Expenses

Other operating expenses decreased by 12.2% to HK\$24,424,000 (2022: HK\$27,832,000), mainly attributable to decreased advertising and promotion expenses. The ratio of other operating expenses to total revenue decreased to 9.4% in 2023 (2022: 18.9%). This reduction signified lower proportional expenses compared to the significant increase in sales turnover from Healthcare business during the year. One-off property expenses in 2022, as mentioned in Property Investments section above, also contributed to this improvement.

Finance Costs

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Finance costs declined by 4.5% to HK\$615,000 (2022: HK\$644,000), primarily due to a lower bank loan balance throughout the year compared to 2022, despite an increase in the interest rate for the underlying loan during the year. The interest coverage ratio, calculated as profit from operations before interest, taxes and unrealised fair value changes of financial assets and investment properties divided by finance costs, improved to 233.3 times in 2023 (2022: 75.6 times).

Taxation

The increase in taxation from HK\$7,815,000 to HK\$23,767,000 was principally due to an overall increase in taxable operating profits of subsidiaries.

Investment Properties

The Group's investment properties were valued at 31 December 2023 by independent professional valuers on a fair value basis. The valuation as at year-end 2023 was HK\$255,264,000, a drop of 3.7% from HK\$264,937,000 as at year-end 2022. The fall in value was primarily due to a combination of the weaker retail and office investment market conditions in the United Kingdom and Hong Kong. The valuation of properties in each geographical segment as at the year-end date is as follows:

	2023		202	2	
	Original		Original		Change in HK\$
	currency '000	HK\$'000	currency '000	HK\$'000	%
Hong Kong - office and residential	HK\$135,650	135,650	HK\$143,300	143,300	-5.3
Singapore – industrial	S\$2,100	12,430	S\$2,000	11,661	+6.6
United Kingdom – retail/residential	GBP10,775	107,184	GBP11,650	109,976	-2.5
	- 1 1 1 1 <u>-</u>	255,264		264,937	-3.7

An unrealised fair value loss on investment properties of HK\$15,384,000 (2022: HK\$7,823,000) and an exchange gain realignment of HK\$5,711,000 (2022: loss of HK\$12,864,000) were recognised for 2023.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND TREASURY POLICIES

The Group continued to adhere to prudent treasury policies. Gearing ratio (interest-bearing borrowings divided by total shareholders' funds) as at 31 December 2023 was 0.6% (2022: 0.8%). Total bank borrowings of the Group amounted to HK\$4,737,000 (2022: HK\$5,496,000), mainly denominated in Pound Sterling with floating interest rates.

Current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) was 7.2 times as at 31 December 2023 (2022: 10.8 times). The Group holds sufficient cash, marketable securities on hand and available banking facilities to meet its short-term liabilities, commitments and working capital demand.

EXCHANGE RATE EXPOSURES

Most of the Group's business transactions were conducted in Hong Kong Dollars and United States Dollars. Certain rental income is derived in Pound Sterling. As at 31 December 2023, the Group's debt borrowings were mainly denominated in Pound Sterling. The Group also had equity and debt securities denominated in foreign currencies.

The Group considers there is no significant exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations for United States Dollars as long as the Hong Kong-United States dollar exchange rate remains pegged. Other than United States Dollars whose exchange rate with Hong Kong Dollars remained relatively stable during the year, the Group's foreign exchange exposure relating to investments in overseas securities and bank balances as at 31 December 2023 were approximately HK\$58.7 million (2022: HK\$45.7 million) in total, or about 6.5% (2022: 5.6%) of the Group's total assets. The Group was also exposed to foreign exchange rate changes (net of the underlying debt borrowings) of approximately HK\$102.4 million (2022: HK\$104.5 million) relating to carrying amount of the properties investments in the United Kingdom.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 31 December 2023, the Group's investment properties in the United Kingdom with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$107.2 million (2022: HK\$110.0 million) were pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group to the extent of approximately HK\$59.5 million (2022: HK\$60.3 million), of which approximately HK\$4.7 million (2022: HK\$5.5 million) were utilised as at 31 December 2023.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2023, no legal proceedings were initiated by any third parties against the Group as defendant, nor were there any outstanding claims which may result in significant financial losses to the Group.

PLAN FOR SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT OR ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS IN THE FUTURE

The Group has no plan for significant investment or acquisition of material capital assets.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had a total of 102 (2022: 95) employees. Remuneration packages of employees and directors are reviewed annually and determined by reference to market pay and individual performance. In addition to salary payments, the Group also provides other employment benefits including medical allowance and educational subsidies to eligible employees.



Board of Directors and Senior Management

Executive Directors

Mr. GAN Wee Sean, aged 77, is the Chairman of the board, the Chief Executive Officer, an executive director of the Company and a member of the remuneration committee of the Company. He has been actively involved in the management of the Group since 1971. He was appointed as an executive director of the Company on 8 October 1991 and acting Chief Executive Officer on 21 April 2008 and the Chief Executive Officer on 1 September 2011. He is also a director in a number of subsidiaries of the Company. He attended North Western Polytechnic, London, England where he majored in business administration and marketing. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. From 1981 to 1986, and from 1987 to 1990, he held the position of vice-chairman and chairman respectively of Chung Sing Benevolent Society. He was chairman of the Malaysian Association in Hong Kong from 1987 to 1989, and was a founder member of the Institute of Marketing in Hong Kong. He is also Command President HKIC of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade Island Command Hong Kong. He is the eldest grandson of the founder, Mr. Gan Geok Eng and the father of Mr. Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin, an executive director of the Company and the Sales and Marketing Director (Regions other than Greater China) of a subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen, executive director of the Company and Ms. Gan Fook Yin, Anita, non-executive director of the Company, are respectively the son and daughter of the founder, Mr. Gan Geok Eng. He is a director and shareholder of Hexagan Enterprises Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company.

Mr. GAN Fock Wai, Stephen, aged 62, is an executive director of the Company and is a member of the remuneration committee of the Company. He was the Chief Executive Officer until 21 April 2008. He is also a director in a number of subsidiaries of the Company. He possessed an honorary bachelor degree in food process engineering from Loughborough University of Technology in England. He has been actively involved in the management of the Group since 1986. He is a son of the founder, Mr. Gan Geok Eng. Mr. Gan Wee Sean, Chairman of the Company, is the grandson of the founder. Mr. Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin, executive director of the Company is a son of Mr. Gan Wee Sean. Ms. Gan Fook Yin, Anita, non-executive director of the Company, is a sister of Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen. In 2001, he was awarded one of the "2001 Youth Industrial Awards of Hong Kong" by the Federation of Hong Kong Industries. He was also a committee member (Practitioners Board) of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong from 1999 to 2005. He is a director and shareholder of Gan's Enterprises Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company.

Mr. GAN Cheng Hooi, Gavin, aged 43, was appointed as an executive director of the Company on 23 September 2015. He joined Hoe Hin Pak Fah Yeow Manufactory, Limited ("HHPFY"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, in October 2007 and is now the Sales and Marketing Director (Regions other than Greater China) of HHPFY. Prior to joining HHPFY, he worked in different industries including market research, information technology and management consultancy. He obtained a bachelor degree in management from Royal Holloway University of London. He is a son of Mr. Gan Wee Sean, who is the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, an executive director and a substantial shareholder of the Company and the eldest grandson of the founder, Mr. Gan Geok Eng. Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen, executive director of the Company and Ms. Gan Fook Yin, Anita, non-executive director of the Company, are respectively the son and daughter of the founder, Mr. Gan Geok Eng.

Non-executive Director

Ms. GAN Fook Yin, Anita, aged 55, was appointed as a non-executive director of the Company on 23 September 2015. She was appointed as a member of nomination committee of the Company on 7 December 2023. She joined Rena Creative Products Ltd. ("RENA") since 1999 and is now the chief executive officer of RENA. Prior to joining RENA, she served as chairman of Chancy Company Ltd. Now she also serves as an executive director of Rena Creative Services Ltd.. She has leadership and extensive managerial experience in financial, strategic, capital allocation and human resources. She obtained a bachelor degree in mathematics and management from King's College, University of London. She is a daughter of the founder, Mr. Gan Geok Eng and a sister of Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen, who is an executive director and a substantial shareholder of the Company. Mr. Gan Wee Sean, Chairman of the Company, is a grandson of the founder. Mr. Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin, executive director of the Company, is a son of Mr. Gan Wee Sean.

Board of Directors and Senior Management

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. LEUNG Man Chiu, Lawrence, aged 75, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company in July 2006 and is the chairman of the audit committee, remuneration committee and nomination committee of the Company. He is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He graduated in 1969 from the Hong Kong Technical College (now known as the Hong Kong Polytechnic University) with a diploma in accountancy and qualified himself as a certified public accountant in 1972. Mr. Leung is a practising certified public accountant and has been in public practice for over 45 years. He has extensive experience in accounting and auditing and served in listing and auditing projects for a number of Hong Kong publicly listed companies. He is now practising as a partner in Tang and Fok. Mr. Leung was a non-executive director of World Super Limited from 26 April 2017 to 21 July 2020 and is an independent non-executive director of Safety Godown Company, Limited, and SMC Electric Limited, companies listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). He resigned on 25 March 2022 as an independent non-executive director of PFC Device Inc. (which was a listed company and privatized on 25 March 2022).

Mr. DELL'ORTO Renato, aged 71, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company in September 2022 and is the member of the audit committee, remuneration committee and nomination committee of the Company. He graduated from KV Business School in Zurich, Switzerland. Before being recruited in Switzerland by the Edward Keller Group for a position in Hong Kong, he gained experience in Switzerland in Supply Chain Management and as an Assistant to the General Manager. He spent 30 years at DKSH Group (formerly Diethelm/Keller) holding the position of Vice President of the Healthcare Business Unit and Director of DKSH (Hong Kong) Ltd. During his tenor at DKSH, he attended several International Executive and General Management programs at: The International Marketing Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA; IMEDE/IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland and at INSEAD, Singapore. He served as a Board Member of The Hong Kong Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry (HKAPI) and as its Vice President and President. He also served on the HKSAR Pharmacy & Poison Appeals Tribunal. In 2007, he joined BioHealth Plus Ltd. as a joint business owner and Executive Director.

Mr. CHAN Chi Chung, Simon, aged 46, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company in September 2022 and is the member of the audit committee, remuneration committee and nomination committee of the Company. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree and Postgraduate Certificate in Laws from the University of Hong Kong in 1999 and 2000 respectively. Mr. Chan was admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong in November 2002. He is currently a consultant at DeHeng Law Offices (Hong Kong) LLP (formerly known as Chungs Lawyers), a firm of solicitors in Hong Kong. Prior to his role at DeHeng Law Offices (Hong Kong) LLP, Mr. Chan has worked in different sectors of the legal industry including serving as a legal officer for the Intellectual Property Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, in-house counsel of a multinational entertainment corporation and a partner of a major Hong Kong law firm. His practice focuses on contentious and non-contentious commercial, intellectual property, personal data privacy, and employment matters. Since September 2021, Mr. Chan has been serving as an Adviser of the Scout Performing Arts Committee of the Scout Association of Hong Kong.

Senior Management

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Mr. TSANG Hung Kei, aged 53, is the Chief Financial Officer of the Group responsible for the overall financial management and control and corporate governance. He is also an executive director of major subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Tsang is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Prior to joining the Group in May 2005, he worked for an international accounting firm for 8 years and was the group financial controller of a listed company in Hong Kong thereafter until April 2005. He holds a bachelor degree in computer science and accounting at the University of Manchester, United Kingdom.

Ms. YAU Lai Ching, Vicky, aged 59, is an executive director and the Chief Operating Officer of HHPFY responsible for the overall management of operation. She has been with HHPFY since 1992. Prior to joining HHPFY, she worked for tourism board for 3 years. She possessed a Professional Diploma in Marketing from the Hong Kong Polytechnic (presently known as Hong Kong Polytechnic University).

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The Company is dedicated to maintaining a good credible framework of corporate governance with a view to being transparent, open and accountable to its shareholders, and continues to review and reinforce its corporate governance practice.

The core purpose of the Company is to create value for its shareholders. It strives to become the premier provider of top-quality medicated products that are superior to other choices in the healthcare sector that is trusted by its consumers, and a place where its employees are proud to work for. Its mission is to deliver sustainable value to the Company's stakeholders through responsible business based on core values that include quality excellence, integrity, nurturing and financial strength. In this connection, it endeavours to maintain accountability to its employees, consumers, shareholders, the society and the environment. These purpose and values shape the Company's strategy, which are geared towards building a trusted and beloved enterprise whereby values for shareholders are created. The Company's purpose, values and strategy form the foundations of the Company's corporate culture. Its corporate culture is centred on adherence to high ethical standards and practices, and striving for sustainable development.

The Company adopted all the code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix C1 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") as its own code on corporate governance practices.

The Company has complied with the code provisions as set out in the CG Code during the year ended 31 December 2023 except for the following deviation:

Code provision C.2.1 stipulates that the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Gan Wee Sean, the Chairman of the board, was appointed as the acting Chief Executive Officer on 21 April 2008 and the Chief Executive Officer on 1 September 2011. Although these two roles are performed by the same individual, certain responsibilities have been shared with the executive directors to balance the power and authority. In addition, all major decisions have been made in consultation with members of the board as well as senior management. The board has one non-executive director and has also three independent non-executive directors ("INED(s)") who offer different independent perspectives. Therefore, the board is of the view that there are adequate balance of power and safeguards in place. The board would review and monitor the situation on a regular basis and would ensure that the present structure would not impair the balance of power in the Company.

THE BOARD

Composition

The board consists of three executive directors, one non-executive director and three INEDs who have professional qualification, experience and expertise in accounting, finance or legal field. The names and biographical details of each director are disclosed on pages 13 and 14 of this annual report.

The directors have given sufficient time and attention to the Group's affairs. The directors have disclosed to the Company annually the number and the nature of offices held in public companies or organisations and other significant commitments. The board believes that the balance between executive directors, non-executive director and INEDs is reasonable and adequate to provide sufficient balances that protect the interests of the shareholders and the Group.

Each INED has, pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, confirmed that he/she is independent of the Company and the Company also considers that they are independent. The term of office of each INED is for a term of two years until 29 or 30 September 2024 subject to the requirement that one-third of all the directors shall retire from office by rotation at each annual general meeting pursuant to the bye-laws of the Company. Save as disclosed in the biographical details of each director, there is no other relationship (including financial, business, family or other material/relevant relationship) amongst members of the board.

The board has adopted effective mechanisms to ensure independent views and input are available to the board. Subject to approval of the Chairman of the board, directors may seek, at the Company's expense, independent legal, financial or other professional advices from advisors independent to those advising the Company as and when necessary in appropriate circumstances to enable them to discharge their responsibilities effectively. To ensure independent views and input are available to the board, the selection criteria and process of INEDs set out in the Company's nomination policy and all other requirements on INEDs set out in the Listing Rules (as amended from time to time) shall form an integral part of these mechanisms. The board will review the implementation and effectiveness of such mechanisms on an annual basis. The board considers that the above mechanisms are effective in ensuring that independent views and input are provided to the board.

Role of the Board

The board is responsible both for how the Company is managed and the Company's direction. Approval of the board is required for the strategy of the Group, major acquisition and disposal, major capital investment, dividend policy and payment, appointment and retirement of directors, remuneration policy and other major operational and financial matters. Day-to-day operations of the Group are taken up by the Company's management currently comprising the three executive directors and senior executives.

The board has established schedule of matters specifically reserved to the board for its decision and those reserved for the management. The board reviews this schedule on a periodic basis to ensure that it remains appropriate to the needs of the Company.

The board also assumes full responsibility for the Group's environmental, social and governance ("ESG") related strategy, management, performance and reporting through the support of an environmental, social and governance committee. The board recognises the importance of identifying and addressing environmental, social and governance related risks, including those related to climate, and believes that a focus on managing these factors can result in enhanced and long-lasting business value for the Group.

Corporate Governance Functions

The board is responsible for performing the corporate governance duties as set out below:

- 1. develop and review the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance, including the board diversity policy, mechanisms to ensure independent views of the board and shareholders communication policy, and make recommendations;
- review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of directors and senior management;
- 3. review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- 4. develop, review and monitor the code of conduct and compliance manual (if any) applicable to employees and directors; and
- 5. review the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosure in the Corporate Governance Report under Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules.

The board had performed the above duties during 2023.

Directors' Training

Based on the training records provided to the Company by the directors, the existing directors have participated in the following training during 2023:

Directors	0
Executive Directors	
Gan Wee Sean	A, B
Gan Fock Wai, Stephen	A, B
Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin	A, B
Non-executive Director Gan Fook Yin, Anita	А, В
Independent Non-Executive Directors	
	A, B
Dell' Orto Renato	A, B
Chan Chi Chung, Simon	A, B

A: attending seminars and/or conferences and/or forums

B: reading information, newspapers, journals and materials relating to the responsibilities of directors, economy, fiscal, financial, investments and business of the Company

Emoluments of Directors and Senior Management

Particulars regarding directors' emoluments and the five highest paid employees as required to be disclosed pursuant to Appendix D2 to the Listing Rules are set out in notes 7 and 8 to the consolidated financial statements, respectively.

The emoluments of the members of the senior management by band for the year ended 31 December 2023 is set out below:

Emoluments bands

Number of persons

HK\$1,500,001 to HK\$2,000,000

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The board held four regular board meetings at approximately quarterly intervals during 2023. Additional board meetings were held when necessary. Due notice and board papers were given to all directors prior to the meeting in accordance with the Listing Rules and the CG Code. Details of individual attendance of directors are set out in the table below:

Attendance of individual Directors at Board Meetings in 2023

Number of meeting:	4
Executive Directors	4
Gan Wee Sean (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) Gan Fock Wai, Stephen	4
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Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin	4
Non-executive Director	
Gan Fook Yin, Anita	4
INFD	
INEDs	
Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence	4
Dell' Orto Renato	3
Chan Chi Chung, Simon	4

The board has established written procedures to enable directors, upon reasonable request, to seek independent professional advice in appropriate circumstances at the Company's expense.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

The role of the Chairman should be separated from that of the Chief Executive Officer. Such division of responsibilities allows a balance of power between the board and the management of the Group, and ensures their independence and accountability.

The Chairman is the leader of the board and he oversees the board so that it acts in the best interests of the Group. The Chairman is responsible for deciding the agenda of each board meeting taking into account, where appropriate, matters proposed by other directors for inclusion in the agenda. The Chairman has overall responsibility for providing leadership, vision and direction in the development of the business of the Company.

The Chief Executive Officer, assisted by other executive directors and senior executives, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the business of the Group, attends to formulation and successful implementation of policies, and assumes full accountability to the board for all operations of the Group. He ensures smooth operations and development of the Group and maintains continuing dialogue with the Chairman and all directors to keep them fully informed of all major business developments and issues. He is also responsible for building and maintaining an effective executive team to support him in his role.

Mr. Gan Wee Sean is the Chairman of the board. He was appointed as the acting Chief Executive Officer on 21 April 2008 and the Chief Executive Officer on 1 September 2011.

BOARD COMMITTEES

To strengthen the functions of the board and to enhance its expertise, there are three board committees namely, the audit committee, remuneration committee and nomination committee formed under the board, with specific written terms of reference which deal clearly with committee's authority and duties.

Audit Committee

The audit committee comprises three INEDs.

The role and function of the audit committee include:

- to serve as a focal point for communication between other directors and the auditor in respect of the duties relating to financial and other reporting, internal controls, audits, and such other matters as the board may determine from time to time;
- to assist the board in fulfilling its responsibility by providing an independent review and supervision of financial reporting, by satisfying themselves as to the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems of the Group and the adequacy of the audits;
- to review the appointment of auditor on an annual basis, including the review of the audit scope and approval
 of the audit fees;
- to review the annual and interim financial statements prior to their approval by the board, and recommend the application of accounting policies and changes to the financial reporting requirements; and
- to ensure continuing auditor objectivity and to safeguard independence of the Company's auditor.

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Set out below is the summary of work done of the audit committee in 2023:

- considered and approved the 2023 audit fees and audit plan;
- reviewed the auditor's report to the audit committee and the letters of representation;
- reviewed the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and for the six months ended 30 June 2023;
- considered and approved the scope of internal audit for the year 2023 and reviewed the findings and recommendations thereof; and
- reviewed the arrangement (including investigation and follow-up action) that employees of the Company to raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters through the whistle-blowing policy adopted by the Company.

The audit committee held three meetings during the year. Details of individual attendance of its members are set out in the table below:

Attendance of individual members at audit committee meetings in 2023

Number of meeting:	3
INEDs	
Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence (Chairman)	3
Dell' Orto Renato	2
Chan Chi Chung, Simon	3

Remuneration Committee

The board has established a remuneration committee, currently comprising three INEDs and two executive directors, Mr. Gan Wee Sean and Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen. The role and function of the remuneration committee include formulation of the remuneration policy, review and recommending to the board the annual remuneration policy, and recommendation of the remuneration of the directors and senior management. No director or any of his/her associate was involved in deciding his/her own remuneration.

Set out below is the summary of work done of the Remuneration Committee in 2023:

- reviewed and made recommendations to the board on the remuneration packages of individual executive directors, non-executive director, the INEDs and senior management;
- assessed performance of executive directors and approved the terms of executive director's service contracts;
- reviewed the bonus and annual allowances to executive directors; and
- made recommendations to the board on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing remuneration policy.

The remuneration committee held two meetings during the year. Details of individual attendance of its members are set out in the table below:

Attendance of individual members at remuneration	committee meeting in 2023
Number of meeting:	2
Executive Directors	
Gan Wee Sean	2
Gan Fock Wai, Stephen	2
INEDs	
Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence (Chairman)	2
Dell' Orto Renato	1
Chan Chi Chung, Simon	2

Remuneration Policy for Directors

The remuneration of the directors is determined with reference to the job description, level of responsibility, the Group's magnitude and complexity as well as current market rates and prevailing market conditions. Remuneration of executive directors also consists of other benefits and bonus which are determined in accordance with the performance of the Group and the individual's performance. No director should participate in deciding his or her own remuneration.

Nomination Committee

The board has established a nomination committee, comprising three INEDs and one non-executive director. The role and function of the nomination committee include making recommendations to the board on the appointment of directors regarding the qualification and competency of the candidates, so as to ensure that all nominations are fair and transparent.

Set out below is the summary of work done of the nomination committee in 2023:

- reviewed the structure, size and composition of the board;
- assessed the independence of INEDs;
- review and consider the appointment of new directors and make recommendations to the board;
- recommendations on the directors subject to retirement by rotation under the bye-laws at the 2024 annual general meeting; and
- reviewed the board diversity policy and matters relating thereto.

The nomination committee held one meeting during 2023. Details of individual attendance of its members are set out in the table below:

Attendance of individual members at nomination committee meeting in 2023 Number of meeting:	1
INEDs	
Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence (Chairman)	1
Dell' Orto Renato	0
Chan Chi Chung, Simon	1
Gan Fook Yin, Anita (appointed on 7 December 2023)	N/A

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With effect from 7 December 2023, Ms. Gan Fook Yin, Anita, an non-executive director of the Company, has been appointed as a member of the nomination committee of the Company.

Board Diversity Policy

The Company has formulated and adopted a board diversity policy (the "Board Diversity Policy") aiming at setting out the approach on diversity of the board.

The board recognises the importance of having a diverse board in enhancing the board effectiveness and corporate governance. A diverse board will include and make good use of differences in the skills, industry knowledge and experience, education, background and other qualities of directors of the Company and does not discriminate on the ground of race, age, gender or religious belief. These differences will be taken into account in determining the optimum composition of the board and when possible should be balanced appropriately.

The nomination committee of the Company has responsibility for identifying and nominating candidates for appointment to the board and for approval by the board. It takes responsibility in assessing the appropriate mix of experience, expertise, skills and diversity required on the board and assessing the extent to which the required skills are represented on the board and overseeing the board succession. It is also responsible for reviewing and reporting to the board in relation to board diversity. The board will continue to ensure that the Company will not have a single gender board.

Board appointments will be based on merit and candidates will be considered against objective criteria, having due regard for the benefits of diversity on the board. Selection of candidates to join the board will be, in part, dependent on the pool of candidates with the necessary knowledge, experience, skills, educational background and other qualities. The final decision will be based on merit and contribution the chosen candidates will bring to the board.

As at 31 December 2023, the members of the board consist of six male directors and one female director and the current senior management of the Company comprises two employees, one male and one female. The nomination committee will review annually the need for achieving higher gender diversity in the Group.

As at 31 December 2023, the Company has 102 employees in total comprising of 68 females and 34 males (a female-to-male ratio of 1:0.5). The Group when hiring employees considers a number of factors, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and education background, qualifications, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of experience, and the Group will ensure achieving gender diversity across the workforce.

Nomination Policy

The Company has also adopted a nomination policy (the "Nomination Policy") which sets out the selection criteria and procedure of appointing and re-appointing a director. The selection criteria used in assessing the suitability of a candidate include, inter alia, such candidate's academic background and professional qualifications, relevant experience in the industry, character and integrity etc. The procedures of appointing and re-appointing a director are summarised as follows:

- 1. The nomination committee reviews the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the board periodically and make recommendation on any proposed changes to the board to complement the Company's corporate strategy;
- 2. When it is necessary to fill a casual vacancy or appoint an additional director, the nomination committee identifies or selects candidates as recommended to the committee, with or without assistance from external agencies or the Company, pursuant to the criteria set out in the Nomination Policy;
- 3. If the process yields one or more desirable candidates, the nomination committee shall rank them by order of preference based on the needs of the Company and reference check of each candidate (where applicable);

- 4. The nomination committee makes recommendations to the board including the terms and conditions of the appointment;
- 5. The board deliberates and decides on the appointment based upon the recommendation of the nomination committee:
- 6. In accordance with the Company's bye-laws, every director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years and shall be eligible for re-election at each annual general meeting;
- 7. The nomination committee shall review the overall contribution and service to the Company of the retiring director. The nomination committee shall also review the expertise and professional qualifications of the retiring director, who offered himself/herself for re-election at the annual general meeting, to determine whether such director continues to meet the criteria as set out in the Nomination Policy;
- 8. Based on the review made by nomination committee, the board shall make recommendations to shareholders on candidates standing for re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company, and provide the available biographical information of the retiring director in accordance with the Listing Rules to enable shareholders to make an informed decision on the re-election of such candidates at the annual general meeting of the Company; and
- 9. The shareholders of the Company may propose a person for election as a director in accordance with the byelaws of the Company and applicable laws.

The nomination committee reviewed the Board Diversity Policy and the Nomination Policy and considered that such policies are suitable and effective.

Dividend Policy

The Company has a dividend policy which was last updated in 2020 (the "Dividend Policy"). Pursuant to the Dividend Policy, declaration and recommendation for the payment of dividends of the Company is subject to the approval of the directors of the Company, depending on results of operations, working capital, financial position, future prospects, and capital requirements, as well as any other factors which the directors of the Company may consider relevant from time to time. Any future declaration, recommendation and payment of dividends of the Company may or may not reflect the historical declarations and payments of dividends and will be at the absolute discretion of the directors of the Company. The Company does not have any predetermined dividend payout ratio.

The Company has had a consistent dividend payment that balances the objective of appropriately rewarding shareholders through dividends and to support future growth. Dividends will generally be declared two times a year at approximately half-yearly intervals. In years of exceptional gains or other events, a special dividend may be declared.

The board will review the Dividend Policy, as appropriate, to ensure its effectiveness. The audit committee will discuss any revisions that may be required, and recommend any such revisions to the board for consideration and approval.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code") as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding director's securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry of all the directors, the directors have confirmed compliance with the required standard set out in the Model Code during the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Company has also established written guidelines regarding securities transactions on no less exacting terms of the Model Code for senior management and specific individuals who may have access to price sensitive information in relation to the securities of the Company.

COMPANY SECRETARY

The Company has engaged and appointed Mr. Lo Tai On, a representative from an external secretarial services provider as the company secretary of the Company. The primary contact person with the company secretary of the Company is the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Mr. Lo confirmed that he has duly complied with the relevant training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules.

CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

During the year under review, in order to bring the bye-laws of the Company in line with certain amendments to the Listing Rules particularly Appendix A1 of the Listing Rules covering the core shareholder protection standards which came into effect on 1 January 2022, relevant requirements of the applicable laws of Bermuda, and to make other consequential and housekeeping changes in relation thereto, a special resolution of the Company was passed to approve amendments to the existing bye-laws of the Company at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 7 June 2023. Save for mentioned above, there were no other changes in the constitutional documents of the Company during the year. The amended memorandum of association and bye-laws of the Company has been published on the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") and the Company on 7 June 2023.

AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

The fees payable to the Company's auditor, Mazars CPA Limited in respect of annual audit, interim review and taxation services for the year ended 31 December 2023 amounted to HK\$422,000, HK\$68,000 and HK\$46,000 respectively.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors acknowledge that it is their responsibilities in preparing the consolidated financial statements. The finance department of the Company is taken charge by the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. With the assistance of the finance department, the directors ensure that the consolidated financial statements of the Group have been properly prepared in accordance with relevant regulations and applicable accounting principles. The statement of the auditor about their reporting responsibilities on the consolidated financial statements is set out in the Independent Auditor's Report on pages 36 to 38.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

Group Risk Management

The board has overall responsibilities for maintaining a sound and effective risk management and internal control systems of the Group. The audit committee assisted the board to fulfill its responsibility. The board recognises that risk taking is unavoidable as part of the Group's business. By appropriate risk management and continuous risk monitoring, risk taking can bring value to the Group. The board believes that risks are acceptable after prudent assessment of their impact and likelihood. The Company can protect its assets and shareholders' interests and create value simultaneously through appropriate risks management and control measures. The systems include a defined management structure with limits of authority, safeguards its assets against unauthorised use or disposition, ensures the maintenance of proper accounting records for the provision of reliable financial information for internal use or for publication, and ensures compliance with relevant laws and regulations. The systems are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or errors and to manage the risks of failure in the Group's operational systems and in the achievement of the Group's objectives.

Risk Assessment Approach and Risk Identification

The board has the oversight responsibility for evaluating and determining the nature and extent of the risks facing the Group and reviewing and monitoring the Group's approach to addressing these risks at least annually. In addition, the board oversees management in the design, implementation and monitoring of the risk management and internal control systems.

A risk management program was carried out during the year to ensure all material risks to which the Group was exposed were properly identified, assessed, managed, monitored and reported to the audit committee and the board. Risks identification was based on enquiries with senior management from different departments. Risks were preliminary identified by senior management from the risk universe which was a collection of risks built on environmental analysis and external benchmarking that could impact the Group at the entity or specific business process level. The risk universe covered both internal and external risks, including strategic risks, operational risks, financial risks, legal and compliance risks and ESG risks. Key risk factors were then identified by integrating the results of the enquiries.

Risk Evaluation and Risk Prioritisation

Risk evaluation was the second step to assess the relative impact and likelihood of the identified key risk factors. These identified key risk factors were further assessed by a scale rating process by the senior management to evaluate their impact and likelihood. The scale rating process was further supported by face-to-face or phone interview with the senior management to assess the rationales of these identified key risk factors behind.

Risk prioritisation is a mapping exercise. A risk map was used to prioritise the identified key risk factors according to their impact and likelihood.

Risk Reporting, Managing and Monitoring

Risk reporting and risk monitoring are essential and integral parts of risk management. A risk assessment report was submitted to the audit committee and the board. The risk assessment report was compiled to cover: (i) the top risks of the Group; and (ii) associated action plans and controls designed to mitigate the top risks, where applicable, at appropriate levels. The Company has performed ongoing assessment to update the entity-level risk factors and report to the board on a regular basis.

Whistle-blowing Policy

The board adopted a whistle-blowing policy to (i) foster a culture of compliance, ethical behaviour and good corporate governance across the Group; and (ii) promote the importance of ethical behaviour and encourages the reporting of misconduct, unlawful and unethical behavior. All complaints received under the whistle-blowing policy are promptly reported to the chairman of the audit committee or designated persons of the Group to ensure accountability and transparency. The audit committee will continue to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the whistle-blowing policy.

Anti-corruption Policy

The board adopted an anti-corruption policy to achieve the highest standards of integrity and ethical behaviour in conducting business. The anti-corruption policy outlines specific guidelines that must be adhered to by all directors and employees of the Group and third parties dealing with the Group to effectively combat corruption. It demonstrates the Group's commitment to the practice of ethical business conduct and the compliance of the anti-corruption laws and regulations that apply to its operations. The anti-corruption policy is reviewed and updated periodically to align with the applicable laws and regulations as well as the industry best practice.

Handling and Dissemination of Inside Information

The Group is committed to a consistent practice of timely, accurate and sufficiently detailed disclosure of material information and has adopted a policy on disclosure of inside information of the Group.

The handling and dissemination of inside information of the Group is strictly controlled and remains confidential including but not limited by the following ways:

- 1. Restrict access to inside information to a limited number of employees on a need-to-know basis;
- 2. Reminder to employees who are in possession of inside information to ensure that they are fully conversant with their obligations to preserve confidentiality;
- 3. Ensure appropriate confidentiality agreements are in place when the Group enters into significant negotiations or dealings with third parties;
- 4. Inside information is handled and communicated by designated persons to independent third party; and
- 5. The board and the senior management review the safety measures regularly to ensure inside information is properly handled and disseminated.

Internal Audit Function

A professional firm was also appointed as the Group's outsourced internal audit function (the "IA Function") to assist the board in conducting a review of certain key parts of the internal control systems of the Group. Based on the risk assessment results, the IA Function recommended a three-year internal audit plan to the management and endorsed by the board and audit committee. The scope of the internal audit review carried out during the year includes: (i) Scoping and planning audit areas as agreed with the audit committee and the board; (ii) Review of the design of internal control structure by identifying the key controls in place and determining significant gaps within the design of the controls; (iii) Testing of the key controls; and (iv) Reporting and making recommendations to the audit committee on the major design weakness in order to enhance the internal control of operation procedures, systems and controls.

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The board also reviewed the adequacy of resources, qualifications and experience of staff of the Company's accounting and financial reporting function, as well as the function relating to its ESG performance and reporting, and their training programmes and budget.

The Board's Confirmation on Risk Management and Internal Control

Based on the risk management mechanism and internal audit review activities mentioned in the aforesaid paragraphs, the board was of the opinion that the Company and the Group had maintained an effective risk management mechanism and internal control system during the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

PUBLICATION OF ESG REPORT

A discussion on environmental policies and performance is set out in pages 28 and 29 in the Directors' Report. The ESG report, in both Chinese and English versions, will be published at the same time as the publication of the annual report and available for download from the websites of the Company (www.pakfahyeow.com/en/investor-relations) and the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk).

COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTOR RELATION

The board recognises the importance of good communication with the shareholders. Information in relation to the Group is disseminated to the shareholders in a timely manner through a number of formal channels, which include interim and annual reports, announcements and circulars of the Company.

The general meetings of the Company are valuable forum for the board to communicate directly with the shareholders. The shareholders are encouraged to attend the general meetings of the Company.

An annual general meeting of the Company was held on 7 June 2023 (the "2023 AGM"). A notice convening the 2023 AGM contained in the circular dated 28 April 2023 was despatched to the shareholders together with the 2022 annual report. The executive directors namely, Mr. Gan Wee Sean and Mr. Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin, the non-executive director, Ms. Gan Fook Yin, Anita and all INEDs, namely Mr. Dell' Orto Renato, Mr. Chan Chi Chung, Simon and Mr. Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence, attended the 2023 AGM and answered the questions from the shareholders. The Chairman of the meeting explained detailed procedures for conducting a poll. All the resolutions proposed at the 2023 AGM were passed separately by the shareholders by way of poll. The results of the poll were published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company on 7 June 2023. No other general meeting was held during 2023.

The forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company will be held on 13 June 2024 (the "2024 AGM"). A notice convening 2024 AGM will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company and delivered together with the 2023 annual report to the shareholders as soon as practicable in accordance with the bye-laws and the CG Code.

The Company is committed to enhancing communications and relationships with its investors. Designated senior management maintains an open dialogue with institutional investors and analysts to keep them abreast of the Company's developments.

The board has adopted a shareholders communication policy in 2022 which sets out the Company's commitment of maintaining an effective ongoing dialogue with shareholders. In summary, the Company establishes different communication channels with shareholders and stakeholders including: (i) provision of printed or electronic copies of corporate communications; (ii) provision of timely corporate information on the company website; (iii) holding of annual general meetings to provide platform for shareholders to raise comments and exchange views with the board; and (iv) arrangement in serving the shareholders in respect of all share registration matters.

The board reviews the implementation and effectiveness of the shareholders communication policy on an annual basis. The board considers that such policy remains effective in enhancing timely, transparent and open communication between the Company and the shareholders.

The Company also maintains a website at www.pakfahyeow.com, where updates on the Company's business developments and operations, financial information and news can be found.

Shareholders may at any time send their enquiries and concerns to the board in writing as follows:

Address: 11th Floor, 200 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Email: pfy@pfy.com.hk

SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

Shareholders are entitled to requisition a special general meeting and put forward proposals at general meetings. The procedures are as follows:

(a) Procedures for requisitioning a special general meeting

Shareholder(s) holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right to vote at general meetings of the Company may, by written requisition to the board or the Company Secretary signed and deposited in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company, Bermuda Companies Act 1981, require the directors to call a special general meeting for the transaction of business specified in the requisition.

(b) Procedures for putting forward proposals at general meetings

Shareholder(s) holding not less than one-twentieth of the paid-up capital of the Company carrying the right to vote at general meetings of the Company or not less than 100 shareholders may, at their expense, provide a written request to the attention of the Company Secretary signed and deposited in accordance with the Bermuda Companies Act 1981.

The procedures for the shareholders to propose a person for election as a director at a general meeting is available for viewing at the Company's website at www.pakfahyeow.com.

The above procedures are subject to the bye-laws of the Company and applicable legislation and regulation from time to time.

Besides, the updated memorandum of association and bye-laws of the Company has been posted on the website of the Company at www.pakfahyeow.com and the designated website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk.



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The directors have pleasure in submitting their report and audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are set out in note 33(a) to the consolidated financial statements.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income on pages 39 and 40.

An interim dividend (as set out in note 10 to the consolidated financial statements) amounting to HK3.0 cents per share and a special interim dividend of HK5.5 cents per share were paid to the shareholders during the year. The directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK3.8 cents per share and a special final dividend of HK8.2 cents per share, amounting to total dividends for the year of HK20.5 cents per share, to the shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members on 12 July 2024.

Subject to approval of the proposed final dividend and special final dividend by the shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 13 June 2024, the final dividend and special final dividend will be paid to the shareholders of the Company on 12 August 2024.

CLOSING OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 7 June 2024 to Thursday, 13 June 2024, both days inclusive, during which no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for attendance of annual general meeting, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Hong Kong Share Registrar, Tricor Standard Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 6 June 2024.

The register of members of the Company will also be closed from Wednesday, 10 July 2024 to Friday, 12 July 2024, both days inclusive, during which no transfer of shares will be effected. To rank for the proposed final dividend and special final dividend, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Hong Kong Share Registrar, Tricor Standard Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 July 2024.

DONATIONS

During the year, the Group made charitable donations amounting to approximately HK\$305,000. Other than the charitable donations made by the Group, the Group also made product donation of over 14,000 pieces and provided approximately HK\$15,000 worth of other items during the year.

BUSINESS REVIEW

A review of the business of the Group during the year, a discussion on the Group's future business development and description of possible risks and uncertainties that the Group may be facing are provided in the Chairman's Statement and Management Discussion and Analysis sections on pages 5 to 12 of this annual report. Also, the financial risk management objectives and policies of the Group can be found in note 30 to the consolidated financial statements. An analysis of the Group's performance during the year using financial key performance indicators is provided in the Management Discussion and Analysis section on pages 7 to 12 of this annual report. In addition, discussion on the Group's environmental policies and performance, relationships with its key stakeholders and compliance with relevant laws and regulations which have a significant impact on the Group are set out below.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE ("ESG")

Sustainability has rising importance in businesses, bringing along risks and opportunities in the economic, social and environmental aspects. Environmental performance has become a common factor for investors to consider in their valuations and investments strategies, as well as for consumers when making consumption decisions.

To integrate environmental consideration into our business strategies and deliver our commitment to sustainability, the Group has a sustainability governance structure in place which is embedded at all levels of the Group, including the Board, the ESG committee ("ESG Committee") and employees of different functional departments.

The board has ultimate accountability for the Group's ESG strategy, management, performance and reporting through the support of the ESG Committee. The board examines and approves the Group's ESG objectives, strategies, priorities, targets and goals, as well as the related policies and frameworks. The board receives reports periodically from the ESG Committee on ESG risks and opportunities, the progress of the ESG targets and their impact on the Group's business. Having achieved the environmental targets in relation to greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions, waste disposal, energy consumption and water consumption set in 2022, the Group is committed to strengthen the targets in the four areas which are more specific and quantitative.

The expertise of the board was improved through an ESG focused training session conducted by an external ESG consultancy firm. The board members gained valuable insights, especially knowledge in ESG related principles, international standards and best practices among peers. All these helped enhance the board oversight of ESG matters which are in line with the Group's business strategy.

The ESG Committee, chaired by an executive director, assists the board in fulfilling the board's oversight responsibilities. The ESG Committee has an overarching role in supporting the board on ESG matters and oversees the implementation of the ESG initiatives of the Group, including reviewing the related policies, practices and management approach. The ESG Committee also formulates the Group's ESG objectives, strategies, priorities, initiatives, goals and targets for the board's endorsement. In addition, the ESG committee is responsible for coordinating ESG matters, compiling ESG reports, monitoring the relevant work progress, and reports to the board on a regular basis.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PERFORMANCE

Raw Material Management

It is vital for the Group to establish an effective raw material management in order to minimise the risk of cost fluctuations due to the shortage of raw materials, as well as to help protecting endangered plants. Employees are provided with guidelines on handling storage of raw materials to ensure efficient use of resources through reduction at source, reuse and recycling. The Group has also stated its commitment in achieving natural resources conservation in the "Policy on Environment and the Responsible Use of Natural Resources".

Waste Management

The Group has established step-by-step instructions on managing different types of wastes to ensure employees handle wastes correctly according to relevant laws and regulations and minimise negative impacts on the environment. For healthcare product manufacturing, waste oil generated from the factory and organic waste generated from the laboratory are collected and handled periodically by EPD-approved collectors for further treatment. For office, both domestic waste and paper waste are collected and handled by the property management service provider. To demonstrate waste reduction practices, the Group has recycled approximately 8,252 kg of glass bottles during the year. In addition, the scope of recycling initiatives has been gradually expanding to other recyclable items including plastic bottles, aluminum cans and storage drums.

Regarding waste generated from packaging materials, the Group has taken the initiative to explore the feasibility of reducing plastic packaging in selected products and using biodegradable plastic for packaging. Looking ahead, the Group will dedicate efforts in further improving its packaging in line with its environmental goals and good industrial practice.

Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") Management

An independent consultant was engaged by the Group to conduct a GHG calculation of its healthcare business in Hong Kong for the year. As electricity consumption is the largest contributor to the Group's GHG emissions. Apart from various energy-saving initiatives that have been implemented, the Group has procured and installed new solar panels for powering the advertising signage at the rooftop of Gordon Houseusing renewable energy. Furthermore, the Group made contribution to two environmental projects by purchasing and retiring voluntary certified emission reductions ("CERs"), and thereby a total of 63 tCO₂e (18% of the Group's total emission) of GHG have been offset from the Group's total GHG emissions during the year.

During the year, there was no incident of non-compliance with the relevant environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Air Pollution Control Ordinance, the Water Pollution Control Ordinance and the Waste Disposal Ordinance that would have a significant impact on the Group's business operations and financial performance. For further details on the Group's environmental measures and performance, please refer to the Group's separately published ESG report.

Climate Change

Climate change impacts are manifesting all around the world. The Group is well aware of the profound and long-term impact of climate change imposed on the Group's business operations. Therefore, the Group strives to strengthen its resilience against climate change by identifying related challenges and by developing strategies in line with global best practices to mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change on its operations. During the year, the Group conducted a climate change assessment to identify climate-related risks and opportunities to its business and formulated relevant measures to manage them.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS

The Group is committed to communicating with key internal and external stakeholders through various channels. The Group's major stakeholders are employees, customers and suppliers.

Employees

To provide a quality workplace for employees, the Group has:

- Implemented a set of employment policies to ensure employees are remunerated equitably and competitively.
- Provided a safe and healthy working environment for employees. The safety management system is confirmed in the result of annual safety review conducted by a third party to be satisfactory. There were no cases of work-related fatality or injury during the year.
- Provided employees with approximately 585 hours of training during the year.

Customers

The Group's major customers are distributors and end users.

- The Group's relationships with major distributors ranges from a few years to over 30 years. Most distributors pay for their orders either in advance or through a letter of credit. Approximately 61.9% of the Group's total revenue during the year was generated from its five largest distributors.
- The degree of the Group's success depends heavily on customers which directly impact the Group's financial performance, and this may in turn lead to uncertainty in its financial performance. To achieve better results, the Group is investing more resources on its advertising and in organising marketing activities to expand the customer base and its product portfolio, and improve its geographical segment results. The Group also evaluates the performance of potential or existing distributors and communicates with them on a regular basis to ensure they could meet the requirements as set forth by the Group.

- Certificate of HALAL Product has been issued to certain Group's products, guaranteeing that those products meet the requirements of Islamic Law.
- Reviewed customer satisfaction regularly to understand their view on quality regarding our products and services.
- Intellectual property rights are protected through registration of trademarks and design marks as well as rules for employees to observe the intellectual property rights of others.

Suppliers

The relationship with the Group's suppliers is critical to its long-term business success and the Group takes a collaborative approach in regularly engaging with its suppliers across its operations.

- The Group's key suppliers are raw and packaging materials suppliers based in Hong Kong, Australia, Taiwan and the United States, all with over 15 years of business relationship. The credit period granted from the major suppliers is 30 to 60 days. During the year, the combined value of the Group's purchases from its five largest suppliers was approximately 84.0% of the total value of supplies purchased.
- The Group has implemented guidelines for selecting and introducing new suppliers and/or new products to its offering.
- The Group regularly review the internal policies relating to supply chain management as well as selection criteria to minimise environmental and social risks along the supply chain.
- The Group has designed and implemented a self-evaluation and assessment scheme for all vendors to manage environmental and social risks in the supply chain.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

The Group does not only focus on serving vulnerable communities in Hong Kong, but has also been working relentlessly on fundraising and collaborating with charities at both the national and local levels.

During the year, the Group organised multiple charity sales for emergency relief, helping the low-income groups and supporting animal welfare. Sponsorships of our products and cash donations were made to selected beneficiaries in various sports and fundraising activities.

The Group also sponsored Hoe Hin products as additional support for a beach clean-up event. Partnering with a local NGO and a number of Hong Kong listed companies our employees spent an afternoon with a team of volunteer to clean the coastline. The impressive accomplishment demonstrated the shared passion of participants for environment conservation.

PERMITTED INDEMNITY

The Company's bye-laws provides that the directors shall be entitled to be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses incurred or sustained by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duties or supposed duties except they shall incur or sustain through their own wilful neglect or default, fraud and dishonesty respectively. In addition, liability insurance for directors and senior management of the Company is maintained by the Company with appropriate coverage for certain legal actions against the directors.

RESERVES

Movements in the reserves of the Group and the Company during the year are set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on pages 42 and 43 and in note 33(b) to the consolidated financial statements respectively.

The Company's reserves available for distribution to shareholders of the Company as at 31 December 2023 amounted to HK\$112,169,000 (2022: HK92,154,000).

GROUP FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the results and the assets and liabilities of the Group for the past five financial years is set out on page 101.

INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

All the properties of the Group are carried at their revalued amounts.

Movements in the investment properties and property, plant and equipment of the Group during the year are set out in notes 12 and 13 to the consolidated financial statements respectively.

PROPERTIES

Particulars of the property interests of the Group are set out on page 102.

CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS AND CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

In 2012, the Group completed the acquisition of the trademarks relating to the White Flower Embrocation and White Flower Ointment for Hoe Hin products registered in Malaysia and Singapore from Mr. Gan Wee Sean, an executive director and a major shareholder of the Company, at a total consideration of HK\$19,600,000. The consideration is payable by 70 equal annual installments of HK\$280,000 each. The acquisition of trademarks constituted a connected transaction as defined in Chapter 14A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). Details are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 8 September 2009 and in note 14 to the consolidated financial statements.

During the year, there was no other material connected transaction nor continuing connected transaction which need to be disclosed pursuant to Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Details of the related party transactions are set out in notes 14 and 29 to the consolidated financial statements. Save as disclosed in "CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS AND CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS" above, the related party transactions did not constitute connected transactions which is required to be disclosed under the Listing Rules.

PURCHASE, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SHARES

During the year, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed shares.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Company's bye-laws, or the laws of Bermuda, which would obligate the Company to offer new shares on a pro-rata basis to existing shareholders.

EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS

No equity-linked agreements was entered into during the year and subsisted at the end of the year.

DIRECTORS

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Executive Directors

Mr. Gan Wee Sean (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen

Mr. Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin

Non-executive Director

Ms. Gan Fook Yin, Anita

Independent Non-executive Directors ("INED(s)")

Mr. Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence

Mr. Dell' Orto Renato

Mr. Chan Chi Chung, Simon

Pursuant to the bye-laws of the Company, Mr. Gan Wee Sean, Mr. Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin and Mr. Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence, being the Directors longest in office since their last re-election, shall retire by rotation from office at the forthcoming annual general meeting. All the retiring directors, being eligible, shall offer themselves for re-election.

The term of services of the INEDs, namely Mr. Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence, Mr. Dell' Orto Renato and Mr. Chan Chi Chung, Simon is for two years.

The Company has received written confirmation from each of the INEDs as regards their independence to the Company and considers that each of the INEDs is independent to the Company.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

As at 31 December 2023, the interests and short positions of the directors and chief executive in the shares of the Company and associated corporations, as defined in Part XV of the SFO and as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers, were as follows:

Long positions in shares of the Company

	Nu		of issued shares		
Name of director	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Total	of the Company
Mr. Gan Wee Sean	27,208,322	2,380,560 (Note 1)	65,323,440 (Note 2)	94,912,322 (Note 2)	30.46%
Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen	10,746,879	_	62,527,920 (Note 3)	73,274,799 (Note 3)	23.51%
Ms. Gan Fook Yin, Anita	1,190,280	_	_	1,190,280	0.38%

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Long positions in non-voting deferred shares of associated corporations

		Nui	mber of shares he	ld		issued non- voting deferred shares of the
	Name of director	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Total	respective corporations
(a)	Hoe Hin Pak Fah Yeow Manufa	ctory Limited (non	-voting deferred sh	nares of HK\$1,000 e	each)	
	Mr. Gan Wee Sean	8,600	800 (Note 1)	- 1	9,400	42.7%
	Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen	2,800	-		2,800	12.7%
(b)	Pak Fah Yeow Investment (Hong	g Kong) Company,	Limited (non-voti	ng deferred shares o	of HK\$1 each)	
	Mr. Gan Wee Sean	8,244,445	711,111 (Note 1)	-	8,955,556	42.2%
	Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen	2,800,000	-	_	2,800,000	13.2%

Notes:

- 1. Madam Khoo Phaik Gim, wife of Mr. Gan Wee Sean, beneficially owned 2,380,560 shares of the Company, 800 non-voting deferred shares of Hoe Hin Pak Fah Yeow Manufactory Limited and 711,111 non-voting deferred shares of Pak Fah Yeow Investment (Hong Kong) Company, Limited.
- 2. These 65,323,440 shares were beneficially owned by Hexagan Enterprises Limited, a company wholly-owned by Mr. Gan Wee Sean and his wife, Madam Khoo Phaik Gim. The total number of 94,912,322 shares in aggregate represented approximately 30.46 percent of the issued shares of the Company.
- 3. These 62,527,920 shares were beneficially owned by Gan's Enterprises Limited, a company in which Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen has an interest of approximately 32 percent. The total number of 73,274,799 shares in aggregate represented approximately 23.51 percent of the issued shares of the Company.

Other than as disclosed above, none of the directors or chief executives, nor their associates, had any interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations as defined in Part XV of the SFO and none of the directors or chief executives, or their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any right to subscribe for the securities of the Company, or had exercised any such rights at any time during the year.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTRACTS

Other than as disclosed in notes 7 and 14 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, no other transactions, arrangements or contracts of significance in relation to the Company'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.

DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

Mr. Gan Wee Sean and Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen respectively entered into a service agreement with the Company on 28 November 1991 for a term of two years and one month commencing from 1 December 1991. The appointment shall continue thereafter subject to termination by either party giving not less than 6-month notice in writing to the other party pursuant to the terms of the service agreement. Accordingly, the appointment continued upon completion of the initial term on 31 December 1993.

On 12 December 2014, a supplemental agreement to service agreement was entered into between the Company and Mr. Gan Wee Sean, an executive director, pursuant to which the contracting parties had agreed to revise the maximum amount of long service payment payable to Mr. Gan Wee Sean from HK\$8,000,000 to HK\$12,000,000 when he reached the age of 70.

In August 2016, Mr. Gan Wee Sean received his first long service payment of HK\$10,347,000 as he reached the age of 70, according to the supplemental agreement dated 12 December 2014. Pursuant to the supplemental agreement dated 26 October 2016, the appointment of Mr. Gan Wee Sean was extended for three years and the aggregate amount of the first and extended long service payments shall not exceed HK\$12,000,000.

Pursuant to the supplemental agreement dated 18 June 2019, the appointment of Mr. Gan Wee Sean was extended for three years commencing from 17 June 2019.

Pursuant to the supplemental agreement dated 18 June 2022, the appointment of Mr. Gan Wee Sean has been extended for three years commencing from 17 June 2022.

The service agreement dated 23 September 2015 entered into between the Company and Mr. Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin, an executive director, was renewed for a term of three years commencing from 23 September 2018 unless terminated pursuant to the termination clause in the service agreement which, amongst others, entitle either party to terminate the appointment by giving not less than 3-month notice in writing to the other party.

The service agreement dated 23 September 2021 was entered into between the Company and Mr. Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin for a term of three years commencing from 23 September 2021 unless terminated pursuant to the termination clause in the service agreement which, amongst others, entitle either party to terminate the appointment by giving not less than 3-month notice in writing to the other party.

Save as disclosed above, none of the directors has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

ARRANGEMENTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

At no time during the year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements, to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 31 December 2023, the interests or short positions of every person, other than the directors and their respective associates as disclosed in "DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES" above, in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO, are set out below:

Percentage

Long positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company

	Number of shares held				of issued shares
Name of shareholder	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Total	of the Company
Mr. Jonathan William Brooke	21,815,000	_	15,582,500	37,397,500	12.00%

Note: Mr. Jonathan William Brooke holds 100% issued shares of Brooke Capital Limited and Fort Galle Limited. Out of 15,582,500 shares of the Company, 15,147,500 shares are held by Brooke Capital Limited and the remaining 435,000 shares are held by Fort Galle Limited. Accordingly, Mr. Jonathan William Brooke is deemed to be interested in these 15,582,500 shares.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2023, the Company had not been notified of any other interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

The five largest customers of the Group accounted for 61.9% of the total revenue of the Group in 2023 with the largest customer accounting for 16.4%.

The five largest suppliers of the Group accounted for 84.0% of the total purchases of the Group in 2023 with the largest supplier accounting for 32.3%.

To the best of the directors' knowledge, no director of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, their close associates or any shareholder of the Company (which to the knowledge of the directors owns more than 5% of the Company's share capital) has any interest in the five largest customers or suppliers referred to above.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

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

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In the opinion of the directors, the Company has complied with the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules except for the following deviation:

Code provision C.2.1 stipulates that the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Gan Wee Sean, the Chairman of the board of directors, was appointed as the acting Chief Executive Officer on 21 April 2008 and the Chief Executive Officer on 1 September 2011. Although these two roles are performed by the same individual, certain responsibilities have been shared with other executive directors to balance the power and authority. In addition, all major decisions have been made in consultation with members of the board as well as senior management. The board has one non-executive director and also three INEDs who offer different independent perspectives. Therefore, the board is of the view that there are adequate balance of power and safeguards in place. The board would review and monitor the situation on a regular basis and would ensure that the present structure would not impair the balance of power in the Company.

PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the directors as at the date of this report, there is sufficient public float of not less than 25% of the Company's issued shares as required under the Listing Rules.

AUDITOR

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been audited by Mazars CPA Limited, Certified Public Accountants. A resolution will be submitted to the forthcoming annual general meeting to reappoint Mazars CPA Limited as auditor of the Company.

On behalf of the Board

Pak Fah Yeow International Limited

GAN Wee Sean

Chairman

Hong Kong, 26 March 2024

Independent Auditor's Report

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To the shareholders of Pak Fah Yeow International Limited (incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Pak Fah Yeow International Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group") set out on pages 39 to 100, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2023, and of its financial performance and 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 (the "HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Companies Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the "Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

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

Key audit matter

Valuation of investment properties and leasehold land and buildings

Refer to notes 12, 13 and 32(b) to the consolidated financial statements

As at 31 December 2023, investment properties and leasehold land and buildings held by the Group were stated at fair value of HK\$255,264,000 and HK\$322,600,000 respectively.

Significant estimation and judgement are applied by management to determine the fair value of the investment properties and the leasehold land and buildings, including the determination of valuation techniques and the selection of different inputs in the models. Therefore, it is considered as a key audit matter. Management has engaged independent professional valuers in the United Kingdom, Singapore and Hong Kong (the "Valuers") whose work has been relied on in the estimation of the fair values of the investment properties and the leasehold land and buildings.

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our key audit procedures over valuation of investment properties and leasehold land and buildings included:

- Understanding management's key controls over the fair value assessment process.
- Evaluating the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the Valuers.
- Assessing the appropriateness of the work of the Valuers by making enquiries on the bases of valuation and obtaining corroborative evidence on the input data.
- Considering the relevance and reasonableness of key assumptions and methods used, the relevance and accuracy of the source data used and the adequacy of the disclosure of the fair value measurement of the investment properties and leasehold land and buildings.

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OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the 2023 annual report of the Company but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE 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 disclosure requirements of the 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.

Those charged with governance are 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. This report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, 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 skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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 those charged with governance 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 those charged with governance, 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.

Mazars CPA Limited

Certified Public Accountants Hong Kong, 26 March 2024

The engagement director on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is:

Yip Ngai Shing

Practising Certificate number: P05163

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

		2023	2022
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	4	259,158	147,200
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Other revenue	4	154	133
Other net income	5	284	2,327
Changes in inventories of finished goods		(2,276)	(1,322)
Raw materials and consumables used		(38,023)	(29,701)
Staff costs		(44,035)	(34,637)
Depreciation expenses		(7,388)	(7,484)
Net exchange gain		10	18
Other operating expenses	6	(24,424)	(27,832)
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Profit from operations before fair value changes of financial assets			
		142.460	40.702
through profit or loss and of investment properties		143,460	48,702
Net gain (loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		1,345	(2,465)
Revaluation deficit in respect of investment properties	12	(15,384)	(7,823)
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Profit from operations		129,421	38,414
Front from operations		129,421	30,414
Finance costs	6	(615)	(644)
Finance costs		(013)	(044)
Profit before taxation	6	128,806	37,770
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Taxation	9	(23,767)	(7,815)
Profit for the year, attributable to owners of the Company		105,039	29,955
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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

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Notes	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Other comprehensive income (loss)		
Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Revaluation (deficit) surplus of leasehold land and buildings, net of tax effect of HK\$872,000 (2022: HK\$1,063,000)	(4,418)	5,375
Items that are reclassified or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Exchange difference arising from translation of financial statements of overseas subsidiaries Exchange difference arising from translation of inter-company	5,149	(11,276)
balances with overseas subsidiaries representing net investments	(132)	69
	5,017	(11,207)
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year, net of tax, attributable to owners of the Company	599	(5,832)
Total comprehensive income for the year, attributable to owners of the Company	105,638	24,123
Earnings per share	НК	НК
Basic and diluted 11	33.7 cents	9.6 cents

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

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			TREST December 2025
		2023	2022
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	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	12	255,264	264,937
Property, plant and equipment	13	326,596	336,223
Intangible assets	14	2,450	2,450
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	15	4,898	4,960
Deferred tax assets	24	983	883
		590,191	609,453
Current assets			
		44.40=	4.5.00
Inventories	16	12,197	15,826
Trade and other receivables	17	27,470	17,517
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	15	12,094	10,899
Bank balances and cash	18	265,513	169,441
Dank balances and cash	10	203,313	107,441
		317,274	213,683
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Current liabilities			
Bank borrowings, secured	19	4,737	5,496
Current portion of deferred income	22	287	268
Trade and other payables	20	21,970	12,231
	20		
Tax payable		16,323	927
Dividends payable		868	817
		44 105	10.720
		44,185	19,739
Net current assets		273,089	193,944
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Total assets less current liabilities		863,280	803,397
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Non-current liabilities			
Long-term portion of consideration payable for acquisition of			
trademarks	21	2,073	2,073
Long-term portion of deferred income	22	39,050	36,773
Provision for directors' retirement benefits	23		5,350
		5,959	
Deferred tax liabilities	24	51,015	51,976
		98,097	96,172
		70,077	70,172
NET ASSETS		765,183	707,225
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	25	15,582	15,582
Share premium and reserves	26	749,601	691,643
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TOTAL EQUITY		765,183	707,225

These consolidated financial statements on pages 39 to 100 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

GAN Wee Sean

Director

GAN Fock Wai, Stephen

Director

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

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	Share capital	Share premium (Note 26) HK\$'000	Properties revaluation reserve (Note 26) HK\$'000	Exchange reserve (Note 26) HK\$'000	Proposed dividends HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Sub-total HK\$'000	Total
At 1 January 2022	15,582	21,997	242,278	(31,093)	17,452	441,506	692,140	707,722
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	29,955	29,955	29,955
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year	-	-	5,375	(11,207)	-	-	(5,832)	(5,832)
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to owners of the Company	-	-	5,375	(11,207)	-	29,955	24,123	24,123
Transfer	-	-	(4,616)	-	-	4,616	-	
Transactions with owners: Distributions to owners Interim dividends declared (Note 10) Final dividend proposed (Note 10) Special dividend proposed (Note 10) Final dividend in respect of previous years approved (Note 10) Special dividend in respect of previous years approved (Note 10)	- - - -	-	- - - -	- - - -	11,842 9,349 (11,842) (5,610)	(7,168) (11,842) (9,349)	(7,168) - - (11,842) (5,610)	(7,168) - - (11,842) (5,610)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	3,739	(28,359)	(24,620)	(24,620)
At 31 December 2022	15,582	21,997	243,037	(42,300)	21,191	447,718	691,643	707,225

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity Year ended 31 December 2023

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	Share capital	Share premium (Note 26)	Properties revaluation reserve (Note 26)	Exchange reserve (Note 26)	Proposed dividends	Retained profits	Sub-total	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2023	15,582	21,997	243,037	(42,300)	21,191	447,718	691,643	707,225
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	105,039	105,039	105,039
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the year	-	-	(4,418)	5,017	-	-	599	599
Total comprehensive (loss) income attributable to owners of the Company	-	-	(4,418)	5,017	-	105,039	105,638	105,638
Transfer	-	-	(4,676)	-	-	4,676	-	
Transactions with owners: Distributions to owners Interim dividends declared (Note 10)	-	-	-	-	_	(9,349)	(9,349)	(9,349)
Special interim dividend declared (Note 10)	-	-	-	-	-	(17,140)	(17,140)	(17,140)
Final dividend proposed (<i>Note 10</i>) Special final dividend proposed (<i>Note 10</i>) Final dividend in respect of previous	-	-	-	-	11,842 25,555	(11,842) (25,555)	-	-
years approved (<i>Note 10</i>) Special dividend in respect of previous	-	-	-	-	(11,842)	-	(11,842)	(11,842)
years approved (Note 10)	-	-	_	-	(9,349)	-	(9,349)	(9,349)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	_	-	16,206	(63,886)	(47,680)	(47,680)
At 31 December 2023	15,582	21,997	233,943	(37,283)	37,397	493,547	749,601	765,183

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash generated from operations	27(a)	152,286	50,095
Dividend received		148	109
Interest received		4,381	616
Interest paid		(335)	(364)
Income taxes paid		(8,581)	(10,536)
Net cash generated from operating activities		147,899	39,920
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Decrease (Increase) in time deposits with original maturity of			
more than three months when acquired		19,713	(6,511)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(3,061)	(156)
Net cash from (used in) investing activities	_	16,652	(6,667)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	27(b)		
Consideration paid for acquisition of trademarks	27(0)	(280)	(280)
Net repayment of bank borrowings		(1,054)	(9,041)
Dividends paid		(47,629)	(24,585)
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Net cash used in financing activities		(48,963)	(33,906)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		115,588	(653)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the reporting period		146,875	148,605
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		197	(1,077)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	_	17/	(1,0//)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the reporting period,	10	262.662	146.075
represented by bank balances and cash	18	262,660	146,875

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1. GENERAL

Pak Fah Yeow International Limited (the "Company") is incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability and its shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The address of its registered office is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda and the principal place of its business is 11th Floor, 200 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are the manufacture and sale of healthcare products, treasury and property investments and investment holding. The Company and its subsidiaries are herein collectively referred to as the "Group".

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), which collective term includes all applicable HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Companies Ordinance. These consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise indicated.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a basis consistent with the accounting policies adopted in the 2022 consolidated financial statements except for the adoption of the following new/revised HKFRSs that are relevant to the Group and effective from the current year.

Adoption of new/revised HKFRSs

Amendments to HKAS 1 Disclosure of Accounting Policies
Amendments to HKAS 8 Definition of Accounting Estimates

Amendments to HKAS 12 Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from

a Single Transaction

Amendments to HKAS 12 International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules

Amendments to HKAS 1: Disclosure of Accounting Policies

The amendments require companies to disclose their material accounting policy information rather than their significant accounting policies.

The amendments have no effect on the measurement, recognition or presentation of any items in the consolidated financial statements. Management has reviewed the disclosure of accounting policy information and considered it is consistent with the amendments.

Amendments to HKAS 8: Definition of Accounting Estimates

The amendments clarify how companies should distinguish changes in accounting policies from changes in accounting estimates.

The adoption of the amendments does not have any significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 12: Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

The amendments narrow the scope of the recognition exemption in paragraphs 15 and 24 of HKAS 12 so that it no longer applies to transactions that, on recognition, give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

The adoption of the amendments does not have any significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Adoption of new/revised HKFRSs (Continued)

Amendments to HKAS 12: International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules

The amendments provide entities with temporary relief from accounting for deferred taxes arising from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Pillar Two model rules. The amendments also introduce targeted disclosure requirements to help investors understand an entity's exposure to income taxes arising from the rules.

The adoption of the amendments does not have any significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted by the Group is set out below.

Basis of measurement

The measurement basis used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements is historical cost, except for investment properties, leasehold land and buildings and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL"), which are measured at fair value as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and all of its subsidiaries. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting year as that of the Company using consistent accounting policies.

All intra-group balances, transactions, income and expenses and profits and losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full. The results of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which the Group obtains control and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases.

Investment properties

Investment properties are land and/or building that are held by owner or lessee to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation. These include properties held for a currently undetermined future use.

Investment properties are stated at fair value at the end of the reporting period. Any gain or loss arising from a change in fair value is recognised in profit or loss. The fair value of investment properties is based on valuations by independent valuers who hold recognised professional qualification and have recent experience in the location and category of the property being valued.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment, except for leasehold land and buildings held for own use, are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use. Repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the year in which they are incurred.

Leasehold land and buildings held for own use are stated at revalued amount, being the fair value at the date of valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Fair value is determined based on valuations performed periodically by independent valuers who hold recognised professional qualification and have recent experience in the location and category of the property being valued. Increases in valuation are credited to the properties revaluation reserve. Decreases in valuation are first offset against increases on earlier valuations in respect of the same asset and are thereafter charged to profit or loss. Any subsequent increases are credited to profit or loss up to the amount previously charged and thereafter to properties revaluation reserve. At the end of each reporting period, the amount of the revaluation surplus (calculated as the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the leasehold land and buildings and depreciation based on their original cost) is transferred from properties revaluation reserve to retained profits. On the subsequent sale or retirement of a revalued asset, the attributable revaluation surplus is transferred to retained profits.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation less accumulated impairment losses of property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives as set out below from the date on which they are available for use and after taking into account their estimated residual values, using the straight-line method. Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost or valuation of the item is allocated on a reasonable basis and depreciated separately:

Leasehold land Over the relevant lease term

Buildings situated on leasehold land 50 years or over the relevant lease term, whichever is shorter

Plant and machinery 10 – 15 years Furniture, fixtures and equipment 5 – 15 years Motor vehicles 5 years

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item) is included in profit or loss in the year in which the item is derecognised.

Intangible assets

Acquired intangible assets are measured on initial recognition at cost. Subsequently, intangible assets with finite useful lives are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

The useful lives of the Group's intangible assets are assessed as indefinite.

Gains or losses arising from derecognition of the Group's intangible assets are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

Subsidiaries

A subsidiary is an entity that is controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The Group reassesses whether it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the elements of control.

In the Company's statement of financial position which is presented within these notes, the investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less impairment losses. The carrying amount of the investment is reduced to its recoverable amount on an individual basis, if it is higher than the recoverable amount. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments

Financial assets

Recognition and derecognition

Financial assets are recognised when and only when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments and on a trade date basis except for financial assets mandatorily measured at FVPL which are accounted for on the settlement date basis.

A financial asset is derecognised when and only when (i) the Group's contractual rights to future cash flows from the financial asset expire or (ii) the Group transfers the financial asset and either (a) it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or (b) it neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset but it does not retain control of the financial asset.

If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset.

If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises the financial asset to the extent of its continuing involvement and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay.

Classification and measurement

Financial assets (except for trade receivables without a significant financing component) are initially recognised at their fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not carried at FVPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial assets. Such trade receivables are initially measured at their transaction price.

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as (i) measured at amortised cost; or (ii) measured at FVPL.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the Group's business model for managing the financial assets and the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics. Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its business model for managing them, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first interim reporting period following the change in the business model.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Classification and measurement (Continued)

1) Financial assets measured at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVPL:

- (i) it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- (ii) its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses arising from impairment, derecognition or through the amortisation process are recognised in profit or loss.

The Group's financial assets at amortised cost include trade and other receivables and bank balances and cash.

2) Financial assets at FVPL

These investments include financial assets held for trading. They are carried at fair value, with any resultant gain and loss recognised in profit or loss, which includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial assets. Dividend or interest income is presented separately from fair value gain or loss.

A financial asset is classified as held for trading if it is:

- (i) acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term;
- (ii) part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking on initial recognition; or
- (iii) a derivative that is not a financial guarantee contract or not a designated and effective hedging instrument.

Financial assets are designated at initial recognition as at FVPL only if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains or losses on them on different bases.

The Group's financial assets mandatorily measured at FVPL include equity securities, debt securities, private equity fund and mutual funds.

Financial liabilities

Recognition and derecognition

Financial liabilities are recognised when and only when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

A financial liability is derecognised when and only when the liability is extinguished, that is, when the obligation specified in the relevant contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial liabilities (Continued)

Classification and measurement

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at their fair value plus, in the case of financial liabilities not carried at FVPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issue of the financial liabilities.

The Group's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, consideration payable for acquisition of trademarks and bank borrowings. All financial liabilities are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method, unless the effect of discounting would be insignificant, in which case they are stated at cost.

Financial guarantee contracts

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer of the contract to make specified payments to reimburse the holder of the contract for a loss the holder incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. A financial guarantee contract is initially recognised as deferred income within trade and other payables at fair value (being the transaction price, unless the fair value can otherwise be reliably estimated).

Subsequently, the financial guarantee is measured at the higher of (i) the amount initially recognised less, when appropriate, the cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance with HKFRS 15: *Revenue from contracts with Customers* and (ii) the amount of the loss allowance determined in accordance with the expected credit losses ("ECL") model under HKFRS 9: *Financial Instruments*, unless the financial guarantee is measured at FVPL or arises from a transfer of a financial asset.

Impairment of financial assets and other items

The Group recognises loss allowances for ECL on financial assets that are measured at amortised cost, lease receivables and financial guarantee contracts issued to which the impairment requirements apply in accordance with HKFRS 9: *Financial Instruments*. Except for the specific treatments as detailed below, at each reporting date, the Group measures a loss allowance for a financial asset at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL if the credit risk on that financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition. If the credit risk on a financial asset has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group measures the loss allowance for that financial asset at an amount equal to 12-month ECL.

Measurement of ECL

ECL is a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses (that is, the present value of all cash shortfalls) over the expected life of the financial instrument.

For financial assets, a credit loss is the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to an entity under the contract and the cash flows that the entity expects to receive. For lease receivable, the cash flows used for determining the ECL should be consistent with the cash flow used in measuring the lease receivable in accordance with HKFRS 16: *Leases*.

For a financial guarantee contract, the entity is required to make payments only in the event of a default by the debtor in accordance with the terms of the instrument that is guaranteed. Accordingly, cash shortfalls are the expected payments to reimburse the holder for a credit loss that it incurs less any amounts that the entity expects to receive from the holder, the debtor or any other party. If the asset is fully guaranteed, the estimation of cash shortfalls for a financial guarantee contract would be consistent with the estimations of cash shortfalls for the asset subject to the guarantee.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets and other items (Continued)

Measurement of ECL (Continued)

Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument while 12-month ECL represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

Where ECL is measured on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped based on certain shared credit risk characteristics, such as past due information, nature of instrument, geographical location of debtors and external risk ratings.

Loss allowance is remeasured at each reporting date to reflect changes in the financial instrument's credit risk and loss since initial recognition. The resulting changes in the loss allowance are recognised as an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss with a corresponding adjustment to the carrying amount of the financial instrument.

Definition of default

The Group considers the following as constituting an event of default for internal credit risk management purposes as historical experience indicates that the Group may not receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full if the financial instrument meets any of the following criteria:

- (i) information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Group, in full (without taking into account any collaterals held by the Group); or
- (ii) there is a breach of financial covenants by the counterparty.

Irrespective of the above analysis, the Group considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

Assessment of significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. In particular, the following information is taken into account in the assessment:

- the debtor's failure to make payments of principal or interest on the due dates;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external or internal credit rating (if available);
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor; and
- actual or expected changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have or may have a significant adverse effect on the debtor's ability to meet its obligation to the Group.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets and other items (Continued)

Assessment of significant increase in credit risk (Continued)

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date.

Low credit risk

A financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk if:

- (i) it has a low risk of default;
- (ii) the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term; and
- (iii) adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

As detailed in note 30(a) to these consolidated financial statements, bank balances and other receivables are determined to have low credit risk.

Simplified approach of ECL

For trade and bills receivables, the Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECL. The Group recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECL at each reporting date and has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

Credit-impaired financial asset

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired include observable data about the following events:

- (a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower.
- (b) a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event.
- (c) the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider.
- (d) it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.
- (e) the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.
- (f) the purchase or origination of a financial asset at a deep discount that reflects the incurred credit losses.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets and other items (Continued)

Write-off

The Group writes off a financial asset when the Group determines that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due, taking into account legal advice if appropriate. Any subsequent recovery is recognised in profit or loss.

Cash equivalents

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash equivalents represent short-term highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, net of bank overdrafts.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost, which comprises all costs of purchase and, where applicable, cost of conversion and other costs that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition, is calculated using the first-in, first-out method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Revenue recognition

Rental income

Rental income under operating leases is recognised when the assets are let out and on the straight-line basis over the lease term. Variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate are initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date and subsequently adjusted when such index or rate changes. Such payments are recognised as income on the straight-line basis over the lease term. Other variable lease payments are recognised as income in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs.

Interest income

Interest income from financial assets is recognised using the effective interest method. For financial assets measured at amortised cost that are not credit-impaired, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the assets while it is applied to the amortised cost (that is, the gross carrying amount net of loss allowance) in case of credit-impaired financial assets.

Dividend income

Dividend income from financial assets is recognised when the Group's rights to receive dividend are established, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the dividend will flow to the Group and the amount of the dividend can be measured reliably.

Realised gain or loss on financial assets at FVPL

Realised gain or loss on financial assets at FVPL is recognised on a trade date basis whilst unrealised gain or loss on financial assets at FVPL is recognised to restate to their fair value at the end of the reporting period.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue recognition (Continued)

Revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15

Nature of goods

The nature of the goods provided by the Group is Hoe Hin brand of products.

Identification of performance obligations

At contract inception, the Group assesses the goods promised in a contract with a customer and identifies as a performance obligation each promise to transfer to the customer either:

- (a) a good (or a bundle of goods) that is distinct; or
- (b) a series of distinct goods that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer to the customer.

A good that is promised to a customer is distinct if both of the following criteria are met:

- (a) the customer can benefit from the good either on its own or together with other resources that are readily available to the customer (that is, the good is capable of being distinct); and
- (b) the Group's promise to transfer the good to the customer is separately identifiable from other promises in the contract (that is, the promise to transfer the good is distinct within the context of the contract).

Timing of revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when (or as) the Group satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a promised good (that is, an asset) to a customer. An asset is transferred when (or as) the customer obtains control of that asset

The Group transfers control of a good over time and, therefore, satisfies a performance obligation and recognises revenue over time, if one of the following criteria is met:

- (a) the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group's performance as the Group performs;
- (b) the Group's performance creates or enhances an asset (for example, work in progress) that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced; or
- (c) the Group's performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

If a performance obligation is not satisfied over time, the Group satisfies the performance obligation at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the promised asset. In determining when the transfer of control occurs, the Group considers the concept of control and such indicators as legal title, physical possession, right to payment, significant risks and rewards of ownership of the asset, and customer acceptance.

Sale of Hoe Hin brand of products is recognised at a point in time at which the customer obtains the control of the promised asset, which generally coincides with the time when the goods are delivered to customers and the title is passed. Revenue is after deduction of any trade discounts.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue recognition (Continued)

Revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15 (Continued)

Variable consideration

If the consideration promised in a contract includes a variable amount, the Group estimates the amount of consideration to which it will be entitled in exchange for transferring the promised goods to a customer. The variable consideration is estimated by using either the expected-value or the most-likely-amount method whichever is better to predict the entitled amount. The estimated variable consideration is then included in the transaction price only to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised of the contract will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

Variable consideration: rebates and chain-store discounts

The Group gives rebates to selected customers and discounts to selected chain-stores. The Group estimates the rebates and discounts using the most-likely-amount method and assesses whether the estimated variable consideration is constrained with reference to the agreed percentages of rebates and estimated annual sales. Any significant estimation variances will be analysed and taken into consideration in the current estimation and assessment. Typically, the estimated consideration is constrained.

Contract assets and contract liabilities

If the Group performs by transferring goods to a customer before the customer pays consideration or before payment is due, the contract is presented as a contract asset, excluding any amounts presented as a receivable. Conversely, if a customer pays consideration, or the Group has a right to an amount of consideration that is unconditional, before the Group transfers a good to the customer, the contract is presented as a contract liability when the payment is made or the payment is due (whichever is earlier). A receivable is the Group's right to consideration that is unconditional or only the passage of time is required before payment of that consideration is due.

For a single contract or a single set of related contracts, either a net contract asset or a net contract liability is presented. Contract assets and contract liabilities of unrelated contracts are not presented on a net basis.

In accordance with the standard payment terms of the Group, payments are normally not due or received from the customer until when the goods are delivered, although the Group may request from the customer the whole or some of the contractual payments before the goods are delivered (i.e. the timing of revenue recognition for such transactions). The Group recognises a contract liability until it is recognised as revenue.

Rebate/Discount liabilities

The Group recognises a rebate/discount liability if the Group receives consideration from a customer and expects to refund some or all of that consideration to the customer. A rebate/discount liability is measured at the amount of consideration received (or receivable) for which the Group does not expect to be entitled (that is, amounts not included in the transaction price). The rebate/discount liability (and the corresponding change in the transaction price and, therefore, the contract liability) is updated at the end of each reporting period for changes in circumstances.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Foreign currency translation

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 ("functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

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

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the retranslation of non-monetary items carried at fair value are recognised in profit or loss except for those arising on the retranslation of non-monetary items in respect of which gains and losses are recognised directly in equity, in which cases, the gains or losses are also recognised directly in equity.

The results and financial position of all the group entities that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency ("foreign operations") are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- Assets and liabilities for each statement of financial position presented and, where applicable, goodwill
 and fair value adjustments on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities arising on an acquisition of a
 foreign operation which are to be treated as assets and liabilities of that foreign operation, are translated
 at the closing rate at the end of the reporting period.
- Income and expenses for each statement of comprehensive income are translated at average exchange rate.
- All resulting exchange differences arising from the above translation and exchange differences arising from a monetary item that forms part of the Group's net investment in a foreign operation are recognised as a separate component of equity.
- On the disposal of a foreign operation, which includes a disposal of the Group's entire interest in a foreign operation, a disposal involving the loss of control over a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation, or a partial disposal of an interest in a joint arrangement or an associate that includes a foreign operation of which the retained interest is no longer equity-accounted for, the cumulative amount of the exchange differences relating to the foreign operation that is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in a separate component of equity is reclassified from equity to profit or loss when the gain or loss on disposal is recognised.
- On the partial disposal of the Group's interest in a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation which does not result in the Group losing control over the subsidiary, the proportionate share of the cumulative amount of the exchange differences recognised in the separate component of equity is reattributed to the non-controlling interests in that foreign operation and are not reclassified to profit or loss.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Group reviews internal and external sources of information to assess whether there is any indication that its intangible assets and property, plant and equipment may be impaired or impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may be reduced. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated, based on the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In addition, the Group tests its intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives and intangible assets that are not yet available for use for impairment by estimating their recoverable amount on an annual basis and whether there is an indication that those assets may be impaired. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the smallest group of assets that generates cash flows independently (that is, cash-generating unit).

If the recoverable amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset or cash-generating unit is reduced to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised as an expense immediately, except where the relevant asset is carried at revalued amount in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with the accounting policy relevant to that asset.

A reversal of impairment loss is limited to the carrying amount of the asset or cash-generating unit that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior years. Reversal of impairment loss is recognised as income in profit or loss immediately, except where the relevant asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case the reversal of impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase in accordance with the accounting policy relevant to that asset.

Interim financial reporting and impairment

Under the Listing Rules, the Group is required to prepare an interim financial report in compliance with HKAS 34: *Interim financial reporting* in respect of the first six months of a financial year. At the end of the interim period, the Group applies the same impairment testing, recognition and reversal criteria as it would at the end of the financial year.

Leases

The Group assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease at inception of the contract. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

As lessee

The Group applies the recognition exemption to short-term leases and low-value asset leases. Lease payments associated with these leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

As lessor

The Group classifies each of its leases as either a finance lease or an operating lease at the inception date of the lease. A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

When the Group is an intermediate lessor, it accounts for the head lease and sublease as two separate contracts. The sublease is classified as an operating lease if the head lease is a short-term lease to which the Group has applied the recognition exemption. Otherwise, the sublease is classified as a finance or operating lease by reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Leases (Continued)

As lessor (Continued)

The Group accounts for each lease component within a lease contract as a lease separately from non-lease components of the contract. The Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on a relative stand-alone price basis.

The Group applies the derecognition and impairment requirements in HKFRS 9 to the operating lease receivables.

A modification to an operating lease is accounted for as a new lease from the effective date of the modification, considering any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to the original lease as part of the lease payments for the new lease.

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Salaries, annual bonuses, paid annual leave and the cost of non-monetary benefits are accrued in the year in which the associated services are rendered by employees.

Defined contribution plan

The Group operates a Mandatory Provident Fund ("MPF") scheme for all employees in Hong Kong. The MPF scheme is registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Authority under the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance. The assets of the MPF scheme are held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of independent trustees. Under the rules of the MPF scheme, each of the employer and its employees are required to contribute 5% of the relevant payroll costs of each eligible employee to the MPF, subject to a maximum of HK\$1,500 per month. The obligations for contributions to defined contribution retirement scheme are recognised as an expense in profit or loss.

The total employee service cost charged to profit or loss of approximately HK\$824,000 for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: approximately HK\$795,000) represented contribution paid and payable to this scheme by the Group in respect of the current year.

Long service payments

The Group's net obligations in respect of long service payment under the Employment Ordinance and directors' retirement scheme benefits are the amounts of future benefit that employees and directors have earned in return for their services in the current and prior periods. The obligations related to employees are calculated using the projected unit credit method and discounted to their present values and after deducting the fair value of any related assets, including retirement scheme benefits. The obligations related to directors' retirement benefits are calculated on the monthly salaries up to the retirement age set in the Group's human resources policy or the appointment period stated in the service agreements but subject to the maximum amounts specified in their respective service contracts.

On 9 June 2022, the Employment and Retirement Schemes Legislation (Offsetting Arrangement) (Amendment) Ordinance 2022 (the "Amendment Ordinance") was enacted (the "Enactment") whereby the main provision is to abolish the employers' statutory right to offset long service payments ("LSP") or severance payments ("SP") payable to employees against the employers' contributions to mandatory provident fund ("MPF") scheme (the "Abolition") and which is to take effect from 1 May 2025 (the "Transition Date"), with no retrospective effect.

After the Abolition, an employer can continue to use the accrued benefits derived from its MPF contributions (whether made before, on or after the Transition Date) to offset an employee's pre-transition portion of LSP or SP and offset the amount of post-transition LSP or SP payable to an employee with its voluntary contributions to MPF.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Employee benefits (Continued)

Long service payments (Continued)

The pre-transition portion of LSP or SP for a monthly-rated employee is to be calculated on the basis of two-thirds of the employee's monthly wages (with a maximum of HK\$22,500) immediately preceding the Transition Date and the number of years of service before that date. The post-transition portion of LSP or SP earned on or after the Transition Date is to be calculated on the basis of two-thirds of the employee's last monthly wages (with a maximum of HK\$22,500) immediately before the termination of employment and the number of years of service after the Transition Date.

In addition, a 25-year subsidy scheme will be introduced by the government to provide financial assistance to employers after the Abolition up to a certain amount per employee per year with a cap.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs incurred that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, that is, assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. Capitalisation of such borrowing costs ceases when the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sales. All other borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Where any group company purchases the Company's equity share capital (treasury shares), the consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental costs (net of income taxes) is deducted from equity attributable to the Company's owners until the shares are cancelled or reissued. Where such shares are subsequently reissued, any consideration received, net of any directly attributable incremental transaction costs and the related income tax effects, is included in equity attributable to the Company's owners.

Taxation

The charge for current income tax is based on the results for the year as adjusted for items that are non-assessable or disallowed. It is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period in the relevant jurisdictions in which a group entity operates.

Deferred tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the end of the reporting period between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, any deferred tax arising from initial recognition of goodwill; or other asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss is not recognised.

The deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is recovered or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, tax losses and credits can be utilised.

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred 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 tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxable authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Related parties

A related party is a person or entity that is related to the Group.

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

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

- (a) that person's children and spouse or domestic partner;
- (b) children of that person's spouse or domestic partner; and
- (c) dependants of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner.

Segment reporting

Operating segments, and the amounts of each segment item reported in the consolidated financial statements, are identified from the financial information provided regularly to the Group's chief operating decision maker, namely, the executive directors, for the purposes of allocating resources to, and assessing the performance of, the Group's various lines of business.

Individually material operating segments are not aggregated for financial reporting purposes unless the segments have similar economic characteristics and are similar in respect of the nature of products or services, the nature of production processes, the type or class of customers, the methods used to distribute the products or provide the services, and the nature of the regulatory environment. Operating segments which are not individually material may be aggregated if they share a majority of these criteria.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and assumptions concerning the future and judgements are made by the management in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements. They affect the application of the Group's accounting policies, reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses, and disclosures made. They are assessed on an on-going basis and are based on experience and relevant factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Where appropriate, revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period of revision and future periods, in case the revision also affects future periods.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

(i) Valuation of investment properties and leasehold land and buildings

Investment properties and leasehold land and buildings held by the Group are stated at fair value based on the valuation performed by independent professional valuers. In determining the fair value, the valuers have made reference to recent market transaction prices/market rent, etc. of similar properties and adjusted to the condition of the Group's investment properties and leasehold land and buildings. In relying on the valuation report, management of the Group has exercised its judgement and is satisfied that the techniques and assumptions applied by the valuers are appropriate. Changes to these assumptions would result in changes in the fair value of the Group's investment properties and leasehold land and buildings which would be recognised in profit or loss or properties revaluation reserve.

(ii) Revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15

Estimation and constraint of variable consideration

The sale of Hoe Hin brand of products includes rebates and chain-store discounts that give rise to variable consideration. In estimating the variable consideration, the Group applies the most-likely-amount method to predict the entitled amount.

The Group determines that the most-likely-amount method is appropriate to estimate the variable consideration arising from rebates and chain-store discounts because there is usually a single volume threshold contained in the contract.

Before including any estimated amount of variable consideration in the transaction price, the Group considers whether it is constrained based on the historical experience, business forecast and the current economic conditions.

(iii) Loss allowance for ECL

The Group's management estimates the loss allowance for financial assets by using various inputs and assumptions including risk of a default and expected loss rate. The estimation involves high degree of uncertainty which is based on the Group's historical information, existing market conditions as well as forward-looking estimates at the end of each reporting period. Where the expectation is different from the original estimate, such difference will impact the carrying amount of financial assets. Details of the key assumptions and inputs used in estimating ECL are set out in note 30(a) to these consolidated financial statements.

(iv) Allowance for inventories

The Group's management reviews the condition of inventories at the end of each reporting period, and makes allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items that are identified as no longer recoverable or suitable for use in production. Management estimates the net realisable value for inventories based primarily on the latest invoice prices and current market conditions.

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2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Critical accounting estimates and judgements (Continued)

Critical judgements made in applying accounting policies

(i) Lease terms of contracts with extension options – as lessor

Lease terms are determined as the non-cancellable period of a lease, including periods covered by an option to extend if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the extension option, and periods covered by an option to terminate if the lessee is reasonably certain not to exercise the termination option.

The Group has lease contracts that include extension options. In assessing whether the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise an option to extend a lease, or not to exercise an option to terminate a lease, the Group applies judgement and considers all relevant facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to extend or terminate the leases.

After the commencement date, the Group reassesses the lease term upon the occurrence of a significant event or a significant change in circumstances that is within the control of the lessee and which affects whether the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option.

(ii) Classification of leases - as lessor

The Group classifies each of its leases as either a finance lease or an operating lease at the inception date which involves the overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. As part of the assessment, the Group considers all the relevant factors including the contractual terms and the circumstances of the contractual parties to determine the substance of the transaction.

Future changes in HKFRSs

At the date of authorisation of these consolidated financial statements, the HKICPA has issued the following new/revised HKFRSs that are not yet effective for the current year, which the Group has not early adopted.

Amendments to HKAS 1

Amendments to HKAS 1

Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7

Amendments to HKFRS 16

Amendments to HKAS 21

Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current ¹

Non-current Liabilities with Covenants ¹

Supplier Finance Arrangements ¹

Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback ¹

Lack of Exchangeability ²

Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ³

- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024
- ² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025
- The effective date to be determined

The directors are in the process of assessing the possible impact on the future adoption of the new/revised HKFRSs, but are not yet in a position to reasonably estimate their impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

3. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the chief operating decision maker – the executive directors for making strategic decisions and resources allocation. The Group's operating segments are structured and managed separately according to the nature of their businesses. The Group is currently organised into three operating businesses as follows:

- a) Healthcare manufacture and sale of Hoe Hin brand of products
- b) Property investments
- c) Treasury investments

Each of the Group's operating segments represents a strategic business unit subject to risks and returns that are different from those of the other operating segments.

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3. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

For the purposes of assessing the performance of the operating segments between segments, the executive directors assess segment profit or loss before income tax without allocation of finance costs, directors' emoluments, office staff salaries, legal and professional fees and central administrative costs and the basis of preparing such information is consistent with that of the consolidated financial statements. All assets are allocated to reportable segments other than deferred tax assets, tax recoverable and other corporate assets. All liabilities are allocated to reportable segments other than deferred tax liabilities, provision for directors' retirement benefits, tax payable, dividends payable and other corporate liabilities.

Business segments

	Year ended 31 December 2023				
	Healthcare <i>HK</i> \$'000	Property investments HK\$'000	Treasury investments <i>HK</i> \$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000	
Revenue from external customers	245,165	9,612	4,381	259,158	
Segment results	150,635	(7,130)	5,543	149,048	
Unallocated corporate expenses				(19,627)	
Profit from operations Finance costs				129,421 (615)	
Profit before taxation Taxation				128,806 (23,767)	
Profit for the year				105,039	
Assets Segment assets Unallocated corporate assets Consolidated total assets	575,704	257,022	72,729	905,455 2,010 907,465	
Liabilities Segment liabilities Unallocated corporate liabilities	19,969	45,135	-	65,104 77,178	
Consolidated total liabilities				142,282	
Other information Additions to non-current assets Depreciation expenses Revaluation deficit in respect of investment	(2,535) (7,362)	(526) (26)	- -	(3,061) (7,388)	
properties Revaluation deficit of leasehold land and	_	(15,384)	-	(15,384)	
buildings (in other comprehensive income) Net gain on financial assets at fair value	(4,418)	-	-	(4,418)	
through profit or loss	_	_	1,345	1,345	

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3. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Business segments (Continued)

	Year ended 31 December 2022				
	Healthcare <i>HK</i> \$'000	Property investments <i>HK</i> \$'000	Treasury investments <i>HK</i> \$'000	Consolidated <i>HK</i> \$'000	
Revenue from external customers	139,452	7,132	616	147,200	
Segment results	57,369	(3,804)	(324)	53,241	
Unallocated corporate expenses				(14,827)	
Profit from operations Finance costs				38,414 (644)	
Profit before taxation Taxation				37,770 (7,815)	
Profit for the year			!	29,955	
Assets Segment assets Unallocated corporate assets Consolidated total assets	489,699	266,337	65,722	821,758 1,378 823,136	
Liabilities Segment liabilities Unallocated corporate liabilities Consolidated total liabilities	11,199	44,117	-	55,316 60,595 115,911	
Other information Additions to non-current assets Depreciation expenses Revaluation deficit in respect of investment properties Revaluation surplus of leasehold land and	(156) (7,448)	(36) (7,823)	-	(156) (7,484) (7,823)	
buildings (in other comprehensive income) Net loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5,375	-	(2,465)	5,375 (2,465)	

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3. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Geographical information

The Group's businesses cover Hong Kong, Macau, other regions in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC" or "Mainland China"), Southeast Asia, North America and the United Kingdom.

The following tables provide an analysis of the Group's revenue and results from operations by geographical location of customers and geographical location of the related assets for healthcare products, property investment and treasury investment operations:

	Revenue fro	om external		
	custo	omers	Results from	operations
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
China (Note)	210,207	105,673	125,934	35,135
Southeast Asia	35,067	26,670	19,694	11,796
North America	7,294	10,358	3,587	4,150
United Kingdom	5,513	3,117	(3,435)	(1,517)
Other regions	1,077	1,382	1,465	1,670
Unallocated corporate expenses	-	-	(17,824)	(12,820)
	259,158	147,200	129,421	38,414

Note: China includes Hong Kong, Macau and the PRC.

	Non-current	Non-current assets (Note)		
	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000		
China Southeast Asia United Kingdom	462,247 14,879 107,184	479,523 14,111 109,976		
	584,310	603,610		

Note: Non-current assets exclude financial instruments and deferred tax assets.

Information about major customers

Revenues from external customers contributing 10% or more of the total revenue from the Group's business segment of healthcare products are as follows:

HK\$'	000	HK\$'000
Customer A	*	27,037
Customer B 40,	311	23,725
Customer C 37,	789	*
Customer D 24,	754	18,078
Customer E 30,9	79	16,875
133,	333	85,715

^{*} These customers individually contributed less than 10% of the total revenue from the Group's healthcare products segment during the year ended 31 December 2023 or 2022.

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4. REVENUE AND OTHER REVENUE

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15 Sale of Hoe Hin brand of products		
Fixed priceVariable price	110,816 134,349	97,058 42,394
	245,165	139,452
Revenue from other sources		
Lease income under operating leases with - Fixed lease payments - Variable lease payments	9,548 64	6,505 627
	9,612	7,132
Interest revenue calculated using the effective interest method from bank deposits	4,381	616
	13,993	7,748
Revenue	259,158	147,200
Listed investments Dividend income from financial assets at FVPL Gain on disposal of financial assets at FVPL	148	109 24
Other revenue	154	133
Total revenue	259,312	147,333

The amount of revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15 recognised for the year ended 31 December 2023 that was included in the contract liabilities at the beginning of the year is HK\$21,000 (2022: HK\$4,000).

5. OTHER NET INCOME

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	284	2,327
Government subsidies (Note)	_	1,880
Sundry income	249	416
Commission income	35	31
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	2023	2022

Note: The government subsidies represented a grant received from the Anti-epidemic Fund of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region under the Employment Support Scheme which aims to retain employment under the COVID-19 environment during the year ended 31 December 2022.

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6. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

This is stated after charging (crediting):

		2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
(a)	Other operating expenses		
()	Advertising, promotion and event expenses (Note)	10,813	13,160
	Auditor's remuneration	497	485
	Certificate and licensing fees	353	331
	Legal and professional fees	1,687	1,833
	Office and administrative expenses	3,967	3,327
	Production overheads	2,339	2,055
	Repairs and maintenance	420	2,241
	Travelling and transportation	1,873	1,467
	Others	2,475	2,933
		24,424	27,832

Note: Included lease charges on short-term leases of advertising spaces of HK\$2,127,000 (2022: HK\$313,000).

	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(b) Finance costs		
Interest on bank borrowings	335	364
Interest on consideration payable for acquisition of trademar	·ks 280	280
	615	644
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(c) Other items		
Cost of inventories	60,206	48,437
Contributions to defined contribution plan		
(included in staff costs) (Note)	824	795
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	10	2
Gross rental income from investment properties less direct		
operating expenses of HK\$216,000 (2022: HK\$246,000)	(9,396)	(6,886)

Note: The Group had no forfeited contribution available to reduce its contribution payable in future years as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

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7. BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS

(a) Directors' emoluments

The aggregate amounts of emoluments received and receivable by the Company's directors are as follows:

				2023			
	Directors' fees HK\$'000	Salaries and other benefits HK\$'000	Management performance bonus HK\$'000	Retirement benefits* HK\$'000 (Note 23)	Housing and other allowances HK\$'000	Contributions to defined contribution plan HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Executive directors							
Gan Wee Sean	48	4,831	1,234	28	1,734	-	7,875
Gan Fock Wai, Stephen	48	3,570	1,186	581	951	18	6,354
Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin	156	1,485	476	-	-	18	2,135
Non-executive director							
Gan Fook Yin, Anita	151	-	-	-	-	-	151
Independent non-executive directors							
Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence	151	-	-	-	-	-	151
Dell'Orto Renato	151	-	-	-	-	-	151
Chan Chi Chung, Simon	151	_	-	-	-	-	151
	856	9,886	2,896	609	2,685	36	16,968

				2022			
	Directors' fees HK\$'000	Salaries and other benefits HK\$'000	Management performance bonus HK\$'000	Retirement benefits* HK\$'000 (Note 23)	Housing and other allowances HK\$'000	Contributions to defined contribution plan HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Executive directors							
Gan Wee Sean	46	4,646	300	236	1,667	_	6,895
Gan Fock Wai, Stephen	46	3,433	300	(1,032)	915	18	3,680
Gan Cheng Hooi, Gavin	149	1,421	120	-	-	18	1,708
Non-executive director							
Gan Fook Yin, Anita	145	-	-	-	-	-	145
Independent non-executive directors							
Wong Ying Kay, Ada	109	-	-	-	-	_	109
Ip Tin Chee, Arnold	109	-	-	-	-	-	109
Leung Man Chiu, Lawrence	145	-	-	-	-	-	145
Dell'Orto Renato	37	-	-	-	-	-	37
Chan Chi Chung, Simon	37		-	-	-	-	37
	823	9,500	720	(796)	2,582	36	12,865

^{*} It represented the change in the discounted present value of directors' retirement benefits for the year. The discount rates applied in the calculation are 0% (2022: 0%) and 3.684% (2022: 3.962%) for Gan Wee Sean and Gan Fock Wai, Stephen respectively. The contractual undiscounted value at the end of the reporting period was HK\$1,653,000 (2022: HK\$1,625,000) and HK\$7,537,000 (2022: HK\$7,056,000) for Gan Wee Sean and Gan Fock Wai, Stephen respectively.

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7. BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

(a) Directors' emoluments (Continued)

Management performance bonus was calculated at 1% or 0.4% (2022: 1% or 0.4%) of the consolidated net profit after taxation and certain adjustments according to the terms specified in the service agreements of the respective executive director. The special bonus was offered during the year ended 31 December 2023, which was calculated as half of their monthly salaries.

(b) Loans, quasi-loans and other dealings in favour of directors

There were no loans, quasi-loans or other dealings in favour of the directors of the Company that were entered into or subsisted during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

(c) Directors' material interest in transactions, arrangements or contracts

Except for the instalments payable for the acquisition of trademarks and the retirement benefits arrangement as detailed in notes 14 and 23 to the consolidated financial statements, no transactions, arrangements and contracts of significance in relation to the Company's business to which the Company 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 years or at any time during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

8. FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments in the Group, three (2022: three) are directors whose emoluments are included in the amounts disclosed in note 7 above. The aggregate of the emoluments of the other two (2022: two) individuals are as follows:

Salaries and other benefits	
Performance bonus	
Retirement benefits	
Contributions to defined contribution plan	

2023	2022
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
2,426	2,287
1,400	377
30	_
36	36
3,892	2,700

The emoluments of the two (2022: two) individuals with the highest emoluments fall within the following bands:

HK\$Nil - HK\$1,000,000	
HK\$1,000,001 - HK\$1,500,000	
HK\$1,500,001 - HK\$2,000,000	

2023	2022
Number of	Number of
individuals	individuals
_	-
_	2
2	-

During the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, no emoluments were paid by the Group to the five highest paid individuals and other directors, as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office. In addition, during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, no directors waived any of their emoluments.

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9. TAXATION

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime introduced in 2018, the first HK\$2 million of profits of qualifying group entity in Hong Kong are taxed at 8.25% and profits above HK\$2 million are taxed at 16.5%. The profits of other group entities in Hong Kong not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

Overseas taxation has been provided on the estimated assessable profits for the year, in respect of the Group's overseas operations, at the rates of taxation prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

	2023	2022
The charge comprises:	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current tax		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	23,220	8,297
Overseas tax	735	(325)
	23,955	7,972
Deferred taxation (Note 24)		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(188)	(157)
	23,767	7,815
Reconciliation of effective tax rate		
Accommunion of effective tax rate	2023	2022
		2022
	%	%
Applicable tax rate in Hong Kong	16.5	16.5
	10.5	
Non-deductible expenses and losses	3 1	
Non-deductible expenses and losses	3.1	2.9
Non-taxable revenue and gains	(0.9)	(1.9)
Non-taxable revenue and gains Effect of two-tiered profits tax rate	(0.9) (0.1)	(1.9) (0.4)
Non-taxable revenue and gains	(0.9)	(1.9)
Non-taxable revenue and gains Effect of two-tiered profits tax rate	(0.9) (0.1)	(1.9) (0.4)

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10. DIVIDENDS

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Attributable to the current year: Interim dividend of HK3.0 cents per share		
(2022: HK2.3 cents per share)	9,349	7,168
Special interim dividend of HK5.5 cents per share (2022: Nil per share) Final dividend of HK3.8 cents per share	17,140	-
(2022: HK3.8 cents per share) (Note) Special final dividend of HK8.2 cents per share	11,842	11,842
(2022: HK3.0 cents per share) (Note)	25,555	9,349
	63,886	28,359
Attributable to previous years, approved and paid during the year: Final dividend of HK3.8 cents per share		
(2022: HK3.8 cents per share) Special dividend of HK3.0 cents per share	11,842	11,842
(2022: HK1.8 cents per share)	9,349	5,610
	21,191	17,452

Note: The final dividend and special final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2023 proposed after the end of the reporting period are subject to shareholders' approval at the forthcoming annual general meeting. These dividends have not been recognised as liabilities at the end of the reporting period.

11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of the Company is based on the following data:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	105,039	29,955
	2023	2022
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic earnings per share ('000)	311,640	311,640
	НК	НК
Earnings per share Basic and diluted	33.7 cents	9.6 cents

Diluted earnings per share equal to basic earnings per share as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares outstanding during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

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12. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Investment properties in Hong Kong under long leases HK\$'000	Freehold investment properties in United Kingdom and Singapore HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Valuation			
At 1 January 2022	149,100	136,524	285,624
Exchange realignment	-	(12,864)	(12,864)
Revaluation deficit, net	(5,800)	(2,023)	(7,823)
At 31 December 2022	143,300	121,637	264,937
At 1 January 2023	143,300	121,637	264,937
Exchange realignment	_	5,711	5,711
Revaluation deficit, net	(7,650)	(7,734)	(15,384)
At 31 December 2023	135,650	119,614	255,264

Investment properties in Hong Kong and Singapore were valued on a market value basis using the direct comparison approach by Memfus Wong Surveyors Limited and Hilco Appraisal Singapore Pte Limited, independent professional valuers respectively.

Investment properties in the United Kingdom were valued by Savills (UK) Limited, an independent professional valuer. The commercial units were valued by a traditional investment method of valuation with reference to rental value. The residential units were valued by capitalisation of receipts from granting lease extensions to occupational leaseholders of the residential units pursuant to a leaseholder's statutory right under the provisions of the Leasehold Reform, Housing & Urban Development Act 1993, as amended by the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002.

Leasing arrangement - as lessee

At the end of the reporting period, the investment properties in Hong Kong of HK\$135,650,000 (2022: HK\$143,300,000) are held under head leases with the remaining lease term ranging from of 60 to 875 (2022: 61 to 876) years. The lease contracts do not impose any covenants on the Group.

The property interests in leasehold land and the buildings thereon (including the whole or part of undivided share in the underlying land) in Hong Kong of HK\$135,650,000 (2022: HK\$143,300,000) are held by the Group as the registered owner. These property interests were acquired from the previous registered owners by making lump sum payments at the upfront (which was financed by a mortgage). Except for the variable amounts to be charged by the government subsequently that are reviewed regularly with reference to a number of factors including the rateable values, there are no ongoing payments to be made under the terms of the land leases.

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12. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

Leasing arrangement - as lessor

The investment properties are leased to tenants over their remaining lease term ranging from 1 to 137 (2022: 1 to 138) years. The leases are non-cancellable, except for one of the leases which is non-cancellable for the first year but cancellable in the second year with a pre-agreed notice period by the tenant. The leases do not contain any renewal option, except for those leases entered into for the investment properties in the United Kingdom. Monthly rental charges are fixed payments. Some of the tenants also bear the management fees and amounts charged by the government such as the rates levied on the Group.

Details of the lease income from operating leases are set out in note 4 to these consolidated financial statements.

The investment properties are subject to residual value risk. The lease contracts, as a result, include a provision on residual value guarantee based on which the Group has the right to charge the tenants for any damages to the investment properties at the end of the leases. Besides, the Group has purchased property owners' liability insurance to protect it against any losses that may arise from physical damages of the properties due to unforeseeable hazards.

Below is a maturity analysis of undiscounted lease payments to be received from the leasing of investment properties.

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Year 1	7,539	8,616
Year 2	5,169	7,058
Year 3	4,427	4,773
Year 4	3,586	4,401
Year 5	3,586	3,507
After year 5	23,315	25,067
Undiscounted lease payments to be received	47,622	53,422

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13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

TROTERT, TERRYT INVESTIGE	Leasehold				
	land and		Furniture,		
	buildings in	Plant and	fixtures and	Motor	
	Hong Kong	machinery	equipment	vehicles	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
D					
Reconciliation of carrying amount – year ended 31 December 2022					
At beginning of the reporting period	335,000	676	757	682	337,115
Additions	-	45	111	-	156
Revaluation	6,438	-	-	-	6,438
Depreciation	(6,738)	(195)	(259)	(292)	(7,484)
Disposals		_	(2)		(2)
At end of the reporting period	334,700	526	607	390	336,223
1 01					
Reconciliation of carrying amount -					
year ended 31 December 2023					
At beginning of the reporting period	334,700	526	607	390	336,223
Additions	_	1,921	334	806	3,061
Revaluation	(5,290)	_	_	_	(5,290)
Depreciation	(6,810)	(161)	(268)	(149)	(7,388)
Disposals	_	_	(10)	_	(10)
At end of the reporting period	322,600	2,286	663	1,047	326,596
At 31 December 2022					
Cost	-	15,886	18,388	1,587	35,861
Valuation	334,700	-	-	-	334,700
Accumulated depreciation		(15,360)	(17,781)	(1,197)	(34,338)
	224 700	F26	607	200	226 222
	334,700	526	607	390	336,223
A 21 D 1 2022					
At 31 December 2023 Cost		17,305	18,547	1,893	37,745
Valuation	322 600	17,303	10,34/	1,893	
Accumulated depreciation	322,600	(15,019)	(17,884)	(846)	322,600 (33,749)
Accumulated depreciation	<u> </u>	(13,017)	(17,004)	(040)	(33,747)
	322,600	2,286	663	1,047	326,596
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The property interest in leasehold land and the buildings thereon (including the whole or part of undivided share in the underlying land) in Hong Kong of HK\$322,600,000 (2022: HK\$334,700,000) are held by the Group as right-of-use assets and as the registered owner. These property interests were acquired from the previous registered owners by making lump sum payments at the upfront (which was financed by a mortgage). Except for the variable amounts to be charged by the government subsequently that are reviewed regularly with reference to a number of factors including the rateable values, there are no ongoing payments to be made under the terms of the land leases. At the end of the reporting period, the remaining lease term of the land is about 24 to 102 (2022: 25 to 103) years.

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13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

The leasehold land and buildings held for own use were valued on a market value basis on 31 December 2023 by Memfus Wong Surveyors Limited, an independent professional valuer.

The carrying amount of the leasehold land and buildings held for own use as at 31 December 2023 would be HK\$49,868,000 (2022: HK\$51,077,000) had they been carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

14. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Trademarks *HK*\$'000

Reconciliation of carrying amount - years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022

At beginning and end of the reporting period

2,450

In 2012, the Group completed the acquisition of the trademarks relating to the White Flower Embrocation and White Flower Ointment for Hoe Hin brand of products registered in Malaysia and Singapore (the "Trademarks") from Mr. Gan Wee Sean, an executive director and a major shareholder of the Company, at a total consideration of HK\$19,600,000. The consideration is payable by 70 equal annual instalments of HK\$280,000 each. The trademarks registered in Singapore was initially recognised at cost at the date of acquisition based on the present value of the total consideration of HK\$19,600,000 at a discount rate of 13.5%. The fair value of the trademark registered in Malaysia at the date of acquisition was assessed to be insignificant to the Group.

The useful lives of the Trademarks are assessed as indefinite because the Trademarks are expected to contribute to net cash inflow indefinitely and can be renewed every ten years by the Group without significant cost.

Estimates used to measure recoverable amount of cash-generating units containing the trademarks:

The trademarks registered in Singapore have been allocated to the cash-generating unit of healthcare in Singapore for impairment test.

The recoverable amount of the trademarks registered in Singapore has been determined by a value in use calculation. Cash flow projections are based on sales forecast covering a period of five years. The discount rate applied to the cash flow projections is 13.5% (2022: 13.5%). The annual sales growth rates applied in preparing the cash flow projection is +6.15% for 2024 (2022: +4% for 2023) and +6.15% (2022: +4%) for the next 4 years with regard to the economic recovery from pandemic. The long-term average growth rate for this cashgenerating unit is 2.99% (2022: 3.08%).

Management determined the budgeted gross profit margin based on past performance, market conditions and its expectation for market development. The weighted average growth rates used are consistent with external sources of information. Values assigned to key assumptions reflect past experience. The discount rate used is pre-tax and reflect specific risks relating to the relevant segment.

Management is of the opinion that any reasonably possible change in the key assumptions would not cause the cash-generating unit's carrying amount to exceed its recoverable amount.

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15. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

Equity securities:	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Listed	2,359	2.514
Hong Kong		2,514
Overseas	53	72
	2,412	2,586
Mutual funds and private equity fund, unlisted	9,757	8,450
Debt securities, unlisted	4,823	4,823
	16,992	15,859
Carrying amount included in:		
Current assets	12,094	10,899
Non-current assets	4,898	4,960
	16,992	15,859

At 31 December 2023, HK\$16,992,000 (2022: HK\$15,859,000) are mandatorily measured at FVPL.

The Group's major investments are detailed below:

	As at 31 December 2023				
	Stock code	Fair/Market value HK\$'000	Approximate percentage of the Group's investment portfolio	Approximate percentage of the Group's net assets	Current year unrealised fair value gain HK\$'000
Equity securities, listed in Hong Kong HSBC Holdings plc	0005.HK	869	5.11	0.11	199
Mutual funds, unlisted KBC Eco Fund SICAV-Water capitalisation Multipartner SICAV-RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Fund B –	N/A	5,047	29.70	0.66	619
capitalisation	N/A	3,486	20.52	0.46	545
Debt securities, unlisted Aberdeen Marina Club Limited* Shenzhen Xili Golf Club*	N/A N/A	2,785 1,842	16.39 10.84	0.36 0.24	-

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15. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

The Group's major investments are detailed below (Continued):

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		As a	t 31 December 20	22	
	Stock code	Fair/Market value <i>HK\$</i> '000	Approximate percentage of the Group's investment portfolio	Approximate percentage of the Group' net asset	f Current year s unrealised s fair value loss
Mutual funds, unlisted					
KBC Eco Fund SICAV-Water capitalisation Multipartner SICAV-RobecoSAM Sustainable Water Fund B –	N/A	4,428	27.92	0.63	3 (885)
capitalisation	N/A	2,857	18.01	0.40	0 (517)
Debt securities, unlisted					
Aberdeen Marina Club Limited*	N/A	2,785	17.56	0.39	9 –
Shenzhen Xili Golf Club*	N/A	1,842	11.61	0.20	5 –
INVENTORIES Finished goods Raw materials Bottles, caps and packing materials			F	2023 HK\$'000 3,011 5,496 3,690	2022 HK\$'000 5,287 7,574 2,965
TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVAR	BLES				
		Note	· F	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Trade receivables		17(a))	17,435	5,930
Bills receivables				5,566	7,541
Other receivables Deposits, prepayments and other debte	ors			4,469	4,046
				27.450	10.515
				27,470	17,517

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17. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

17(a) Trade receivables

The Group allows credit period ranging from 30 days to 120 days (2022: 30 days to 120 days) to its customers. The ageing analysis of trade receivables by invoice date is as follows:

2023	2022
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
8,700	3,058
3,946	716
-	960
4,789	1,196
17,435	5,930

All trade receivables are expected to be recovered within 12 months and no provision had been made for non-repayment of balances at the end of the reporting period.

Information about the Group's exposure to credit risks is included in note 30(a) to these consolidated financial statements.

18. BANK BALANCES AND CASH

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Cash at bank and in hand Time deposits	78,248 187,265	96,218 73,223
Time deposits	167,203	73,223
Total cash and bank balances as stated in consolidated statement of		
financial position	265,513	169,441
Less: time deposits with original maturity of over three months	(2,853)	(22,566)
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Total cash and bank balances as stated in consolidated statement of cash flows	262,660	146,875
Cash nows	202,000	140,873

Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates based on bank deposit rates. Short-term time deposits are made between one month and three months depending on the immediate cash requirement of the Group, and earn interest at the prevailing short-term deposit rates.

19. BANK BORROWINGS, SECURED

The analysis of the carrying amount of bank borrowings is as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Bank borrowings due for repayment within one year	4,737	5,496
The bank borrowings are denominated in the following currencies:		
	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
British Pound Sterling	4,737	5,496

The revolving loan of HK\$4,737,000 (2022: HK\$5,496,000) bears interest at the bank's cost of fund plus 1.85% per annum and is repayable one month after drawdown. The loan is secured by pledging the Group's investment properties disclosed in note 28 to these consolidated financial statements together with the assignment of rental monies derived from the investment properties.

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20. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Notes	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Trade payables	20(a)	1,472	918
Other payables Accrued charges and other creditors Accrued advertising and promotion expenses Accrued rebates and discounts Contract liabilities	20(b) 20(c)	7,530 6,848 1,080 5,040	4,475 6,648 169 21
	_	20,498	11,313

(a) Trade payables

All trade payables are expected to be settled within one year. The ageing analysis of trade payables by invoice date is as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Within 30 days	1,455	901
31 – 60 days	-	-
61 – 90 days	-	_
More than 90 days	17	17
	1,472	918

(b) Accrued rebates and discounts

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the sales to distributors increased, thereby increasing the estimated rebates and discounts to be payable.

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, there were no contract liabilities arising from rebates and discounts that were expected to be settled after more than 12 months.

(c) Contract liabilities

Contract liabilities represents consideration received from customers before the related goods are delivered.

The movements (excluding those arising from increases and decreases both occurred within the same year) of contract liabilities from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15 during the year are as follows:

2022

	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At beginning of the reporting period Recognised as revenue Receipt of advances or recognition of receivables	21 (21) 5,040	4 (4) 21
At end of the reporting period	5,040	21

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20. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (CONTINUED)

(c) Contract liabilities (Continued)

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group received more overseas sales orders which are pending shipment at the end of the year, thereby increasing the advances received from customers.

Unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied performance obligations

All the performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) at 31 December 2023 and 2022 were part of contracts that had an original expected duration of one year or less. Given that the Group applies the practical expedient in paragraph 121(a) of HKFRS 15, the transaction price allocated to these performance obligations is not disclosed.

21. CONSIDERATION PAYABLE FOR ACQUISITION OF TRADEMARKS

The amount represents amortised cost of the consideration payable for acquisition of the Trademarks as disclosed in note 14 to these consolidated financial statements, calculated using the effective interest method at the rate of 13.5% per annum.

22. DEFERRED INCOME

The amount represents lease premiums received in advance in respect of certain of the Group's investment properties in the United Kingdom, which is recognised as income on a straight-line basis over the lease term ranging from 138 to 153 (2022: 139 to 153) years.

23. PROVISION FOR DIRECTORS' RETIREMENT BENEFITS

At beginning of the reporting period Additional (Reversal of) provision (Note 7)

HK\$'000	HK\$'000
5,350 609	6,146 (796)
5,959	5,350

At end of the reporting period

Mr. Gan Wee Sean and Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen respectively entered into a service agreement with the Company on 28 November 1991 for a term of two years and one month commencing from 1 December 1991. The appointment shall continue thereafter subject to termination by either party giving not less than 6-month notice in writing to the other party. Accordingly, the appointment continued upon the completion of the initial term on 31 December 1993 and is still in force currently. Pursuant to the terms of the service agreements (supplemented with the board minutes dated 25 September 2006, and the supplemental agreements dated 12 December 2014, 26 October 2016, 18 June 2019 and 18 June 2022), the Company shall pay Mr. Gan Wee Sean and Mr. Gan Fock Wai, Stephen a long service payment of not exceeding HK\$12,000,000 and HK\$8,000,000 respectively when the events as stipulated in the agreements take place.

In August 2016, Mr. Gan Wee Sean received his first long service payment of HK\$10,347,000 when he reached the age of 70, according to the supplemental agreement dated 12 December 2014.

Pursuant to the supplemental agreement dated 18 June 2022, the appointment of Mr. Gan Wee Sean has been extended for three years and the aggregate amount of the first and extended long service payments shall not exceed HK\$12,000,000 in aggregate.

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24. DEFERRED TAXATION

The movement for the year in the Group's net deferred tax position is as follows:

		2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
At beginning of the reporting period Recognised in profit or loss (<i>Note 9</i>)		51,093 (188)	50,187 (157)
Recognised in other comprehensive (loss) income		(873)	1,063
At end of the reporting period		50,032	51,093
Recognised deferred tax assets:			
			Directors' retirement benefits HK\$'000
At 1 January 2022			(1,014)
Recognised in profit or loss		_	131
At 31 December 2022		_	(883)
At 1 January 2023			(883)
Recognised in profit or loss		_	(100)
At 31 December 2023		_	(983)
Recognised deferred tax liabilities:			
	Accelerated depreciation allowances HK\$'000	Revaluation of leasehold land and buildings HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2022	710	50,491	51,201
Recognised in profit or loss	(288)	1.062	(288)
Recognised in other comprehensive income		1,063	1,063
At 31 December 2022	422	51,554	51,976
At 1 January 2023	422	51,554	51,976
Recognised in profit or loss	(88)	_	(88)
Recognised in other comprehensive loss		(873)	(873)
At 31 December 2023	334	50,681	51,015

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24. DEFERRED TAXATION (CONTINUED)

Unrecognised deferred tax assets arising from:

	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Deductible temporary differences	_	1
Tax losses	1,335	1,304
At end of the reporting period	1,335	1,305

2023

2022

Both the tax losses and the deductible temporary differences have no expiry date under current tax legislation. The related deferred tax assets of approximately HK\$220,000 (2022: approximately HK\$215,000) have not been recognised due to uncertainty of their recoverability.

25. SHARE CAPITAL

	2023		2022	
Authorised:	No. of shares	HK\$'000	No. of shares	HK\$'000
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.05 each (2022: HK\$0.05 each)	600,000,000	30,000	600,000,000	30,000
Issued and fully paid: At beginning and end of the reporting period	311,640,000	15,582	311,640,000	15,582

26. SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES

Share premium

The share premium represents the excess of the net proceeds from issuance of shares of the Company over its par value.

Properties revaluation reserve

The properties revaluation reserve has been set up and is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies adopted for revaluation of land and buildings held for own use, net of deferred tax.

Exchange reserve

The exchange reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of the Group's foreign operations and is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies adopted.

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27. OTHER CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit before taxation	128,806	37,770
Interest income	(4,381)	(616)
Interest expenses	615	644
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through		
profit or loss	(148)	(109)
Revaluation deficit in respect of investment properties	15,384	7,823
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	10	2
Provision for directors' retirement benefits	609	(796)
Exchange differences	69	(9)
Depreciation expenses	7,388	7,484
Changes in working capital:		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(1,133)	2,869
Inventories	3,629	(684)
Trade and other receivables	(8,225)	(8,225)
Trade and other payables	9,386	1,977
Deferred income	277	1,965
Cash generated from operations	152,286	50,095

(b) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

Details of the changes in the Group's liabilities from financing activities are as follows:

	Bank borrowings, secured HK\$'000	Consideration payable for acquisition of trademarks HK\$'000	Dividends payable HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
2023				
At beginning of the reporting period	5,496	2,073	817	8,386
	(50.004)	(222)		(50.001)
Repayment	(59,921)	(280)	_	(60,201)
New bank borrowings	58,867	_	_	58,867
Dividends paid	_	_	(47,629)	(47,629)
Net cash flows	(1,054)	(280)	(47,629)	(48,963)
Imputed interest	_	280	_	280
Changes in exchange rates	295	_	_	295
Declaration of dividends	_	_	47,680	47,680
	295	280	47,680	48,255
At end of the reporting period	4,737	2,073	868	7,678

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27. OTHER CASH FLOW INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities (Continued)

	Bank borrowings, secured HK\$'000	Consideration payable for acquisition of trademarks HK\$'000	Dividends payable <i>HK\$</i> '000	Total <i>HK\$</i> '000
2022				
At beginning of the reporting period	16,212	2,073	782	19,067
-				
Repayment	(160,533)	(280)	_	(160,813)
New bank borrowings	151,492	_	_	151,492
Dividends paid	-	-	(24,585)	(24,585)
_				
Net cash flows	(9,041)	(280)	(24,585)	(33,906)
Imputed interest	-	280	-	280
Changes in exchange rates	(1,675)	-	-	(1,675)
Declaration of dividends	-	-	24,620	24,620
_				
	(1,675)	280	24,620	23,225
At end of the reporting period	5,496	2,073	817	8,386

⁽c) The Group has recognised total cash outflows for leases of HK\$2,127,000 (2022: HK\$313,000) for the year.

28. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

The Group's investment properties in the United Kingdom were pledged to secure banking facilities, including bank borrowings, granted to the Group to the extent of HK\$59,483,000 (2022: HK\$60,252,000), of which HK\$4,737,000 (2022: HK\$5,496,000) were utilised at the end of the reporting period as disclosed in note 19 to these consolidated financial statements.

The carrying amounts of the Group's pledged assets are as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Investment properties	107,184	109,976

Except for the above, there is no significant restrictions on its ability to access or use the assets and settle the liabilities of the Group.

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29. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the transactions/information disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements, during the year, the Group had the following transactions with related parties.

30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Group's major financial instruments include bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, bank borrowings, consideration payable for acquisition of trademarks and trade and other payables. The risks associated with these financial instruments and the policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The executive directors manage and monitor these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

(a) Credit risk

The carrying amount of financial assets recognised on the consolidated statement of financial position, which is net of impairment losses, represents the Group's exposure to credit risk without taking into account the value of any collateral held or other credit enhancements.

Bank balances

Management considered the Group has limited credit risk with its banks and financial institutions which are leading and reputable and assessed as having low credit risk. The Group has not incurred significant loss from non-performance by them in the past and management does not expect so in the future.

Trade and bills receivables

The Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy third parties. It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. The Group limits its exposure to credit risk from trade and bills receivables by establishing a maximum payment period of 120 days.

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. The default risk of the industry in which the customers operate also has an influence on credit risk but to a lesser extent. Credit quality of a customer is assessed based on an extensive credit rating and individual credit limit assessment which is mainly based on the Group's own records.

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had a concentration of credit risk from trade and bills receivables as 31.89% (2022: 47.42%) and 90.65% (2022: 97.93%) of the total trade and bills receivables was made up by the Group's largest outstanding balance and the five (2022: five) largest outstanding balances respectively.

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30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

Trade and bills receivables (Continued)

The Group's customer base consists of a number of clients and the trade and bills receivables are categorised by common risk characteristics that are representative of the customers' abilities to pay all amounts due in accordance with the contractual terms. The Group applies the simplified approach to provide for expected credit losses as prescribed by HKFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade and bills receivables. Based on historical experience, and adjusted for current and forward-looking factors to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historical data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's estimate on future economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables, the expected loss rate of trade and bills receivables are assessed to be negligible. Therefore, no loss allowance provision for these balances was provided for at the end of the reporting period.

The information about the exposure to credit risk and ECL for trade and bills receivables using a provision matrix is summarised below.

	Gross carrying amount HK\$'000	Loss allowance HK\$'000	Credit- impaired
As at 31 December 2023			
Not yet due	16,547	_	No
Within 30 days	6,076	_	No
31 – 60 days	_	_	No
61 – 90 days	345	_	No
More than 90 days	33	_	No
	23,001		
As at 31 December 2022			
Not yet due	10,953	-	No
Within 30 days	2,248	-	No
31 – 60 days	170	-	No
61 – 90 days	32	-	No
More than 90 days	68	-	No
	13,471	_	

The Group did not hold any collateral over trade and bills receivables as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

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30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

Other receivables

The Group considers that the other receivables have low credit risk based on the counterparties' strong capacity to meet their contractual cash flow obligations in the near term and low risk of default. Impairment on other receivables is measured on 12-month ECL and reflects the short maturities of the exposures.

In estimating the ECL, the Group has taken into account the historical actual credit loss experience over the past 3 years (2022: 3 years) and the financial position of the counterparties by reference to, among others, their management or audited accounts and available public information, adjusted for forward-looking factors that are specific to the debtors and general economic conditions of the industry in which the counterparties operate, in estimating the probability of default of these financial assets, as well as the loss upon default in each case. The management of the Group considers the ECL of these financial assets to be insignificant after taking into account the financial position and credit quality of the counterparties.

There was no change in the estimation technique or significant assumptions made during the year.

(b) Liquidity risk

The Group closely monitors its liquidity requirements and the sufficiency of cash and available banking facilities so as to ensure that payment obligations are met.

The following tables detail the remaining contractual maturity of the non-derivative financial liabilities of the Group. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group is required to pay. For cash flows denominated in currency other than Hong Kong dollars, the prevailing foreign exchange rates at the end of the reporting period are used to convert the cash flows into Hong Kong dollars.

At 31 December 2023
Bank borrowings
Trade and other payables
Consideration payable for
acquisition of trademarks
Dividends payable

On demand HK\$'000	Less than 1 year HK\$'000	More than 1 year HK\$'000	Total contractual undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Carrying amount HK\$'000
12,709	4,758 1,455		4,758 14,164	4,737 14,164
- 868	280	15,960	16,240 868	2,073 868
13,577	6,493	15,960	36,030	21,842

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30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(b) Liquidity risk (Continued)

	On demand HK\$'000	Less than 1 year HK\$'000	More than 1 year HK\$'000	Total contractual undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Carrying amount HK\$'000
At 31 December 2022					
Bank borrowings	-	5,520	-	5,520	5,496
Trade and other payables	10,832	901	-	11,733	11,733
Consideration payable for					
acquisition of trademarks	-	280	16,240	16,520	2,073
Dividends payable	817	-	_	817	817
	11,649	6,701	16,240	34,590	20,119

(c) Currency risk

Most of the Group's business transactions are conducted in Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars. Certain rental income is derived in the United Kingdom and denominated in British Pounds Sterling. The Group also has equity and debt securities denominated in foreign currencies.

At the end of the reporting period, the carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the group entities are as follows:

Australian dollars
British Pounds Sterling
United States dollars
Euro dollars
Japanese Yen
Malaysian Ringgit
New Zealand dollars
Renminbi
Singapore dollars
Swiss Franc
New Taiwan dollars
Others

Ass	sets	Liabilities		
2023	2022	2023	2022	
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
5,596	4,987	_	-	
64	58	_	-	
34,641	32,038	700	666	
15,231	14,280	_	-	
1,551	1,671	_	_	
4,437	3,608	_	-	
1,187	1,132	_	-	
8,901	2,359	_	-	
20,194	15,896	_	-	
1,517	1,370	_	-	
_	_	364	251	
45	369	_	_	
93,364	77,768	1,064	917	

The Group considers there is no significant exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations for United States dollars as long as the Hong Kong-United States dollar exchange rate remains pegged. The currency risk for debt borrowings is minimal as they are denominated in the currency of the underlying pledged assets.

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30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(c) Currency risk (Continued)

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined assuming that a change in exchange rate had occurred at the end of the reporting period and had been applied to both derivative and non-derivative financial instruments (excluding items which are denominated in United States dollar) that would have affected the profit or loss. A change of 4% (2022: 7%) was applied at the end of the reporting period.

202	3	202	2
4%	4%	7%	7%
Strengthen	Weaken	Strengthen	Weaken
in foreign	in foreign	in foreign	in foreign
currencies	currencies	currencies	currencies
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
2,334	(2,334)	3,184	(3,184

Increase (Decrease) in profit

(d) Equity/Debt price risk

The Group's equity and debt securities are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period with reference to the market price. Therefore, the Group is exposed to equity or debt price risks and management monitors the price movements and takes appropriate actions when required.

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined assuming that a change in the corresponding equity or debt prices had occurred at the end of the reporting period and had been applied to the equity and debt securities that would have affected the profit or loss and equity. A change of 9% (2022: 12%) in stock price and debt price was applied at the end of the reporting period.

20	23	20	22
	Effect		Effect
Increase	on other	Increase	on other
(Decrease)	component	(Decrease)	component
in profit	of equity	in profit	of equity
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
1,529	_	1,903	-
(1,529)	_	(1,903)	-

Change in the relevant equity/debt price risk variable:
Increase 9% (2022: 12%)
Decrease 9% (2022: 12%)

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31. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The objectives of the Group's capital management are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide returns for shareholders. The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments, including payment of dividend to shareholders, return of capital to shareholders, repurchase of shares or issue of new shares or raise new debts or sale of assets to reduce debts. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

The Group monitors its capital using a gearing ratio, which is interest-bearing borrowings divided by total shareholders' funds at the end of the reporting period, as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Bank borrowings, secured	4,737	5,496
Total shareholders' fund	765,183	707,225
Gearing ratio	0.6%	0.8%

32. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following presents the assets measured at fair value or required to disclose their fair value in these consolidated financial statements on a recurring basis at 31 December 2023 across the three levels of the fair value hierarchy defined in HKFRS 13: Fair Value Measurement, with the fair value measurement categorised in its entirety based on the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement. The levels of inputs are defined as follows:

- Level 1 (highest level): quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Group can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;
- Level 3 (lowest level): unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.
- (a) Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss

Equity securities, listed in Hong Kong Equity securities, listed overseas Mutual funds, unlisted Private equity fund, unlisted Debt securities, unlisted

31 December			
2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
2,359	2,359	_	_
53	53	_	_
9,682	_	9,682	_
75	_	_	75
4,823	4,823	_	-
16,992	7,235	9,682	75

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FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED) 32.

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss (Continued)

	31 December 2022 <i>HK</i> \$'000	Level 1 <i>HK</i> \$'000	Level 2 HK\$'000	Level 3 HK\$'000
Equity securities,				
listed in Hong Kong	2,514	2,514	-	-
Equity securities, listed overseas	72	72		-
Mutual funds, unlisted	8,313		8,313	_
Private equity fund, unlisted	137	_	-	137
Debt securities, unlisted	4,823	4,823	_	
	15,859	7,409	8,313	137

During the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements, and no transfers into and out of Level 3 fair value measurements. The Group's policy is to recognise transfers between levels as at the end of the reporting period.

Movements in Level 3 fair value measurements

Description	Filvate equity ful	na, umistea
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At beginning of the reporting period	137	284
Disposals	(62)	(147)

At end of the reporting period

Description

Description of the valuation techniques and inputs used in Level 2 fair value measurement

The unlisted mutual funds are valued based on quoted market prices from dealers or by reference to quoted market prices for similar instruments.

Description of the valuation techniques and inputs used in Level 3 fair value measurement

The unlisted private equity fund's assets mainly comprise investment in unlisted companies in various industries (the "Investment") and the fair value of the Investment is estimated by the external fund manager by reference to a number of factors including the operating cash flows and financial performance of the Investment, trends within sectors and/or regions, underlying business models, expected exit timing and strategy and any specific rights or terms associated with the Investment.

Valuation processes of the Group

The Group reviews estimation of fair value of the unlisted private equity fund which is categorised into Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. Reports with estimation of fair value are prepared by the external fund manager on a quarterly basis. Discussion of the valuation process and results is held between the chief financial officer and the Audit Committee twice a year, to coincide with the reporting dates.

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32. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Investment properties and leasehold land and buildings measured at fair value

	31 December 2023 HK\$'000	Level 1 HK\$'000	Level 2 HK\$'000	Level 3 HK\$'000
Investment properties				
Commercial - Hong Kong	121,000	_	_	121,000
Industrial – Singapore	12,430	-	-	12,430
Residential – Hong Kong Commercial and Residential	14,650	-	-	14,650
– United Kingdom	107,184	_	_	107,184
	255,264	_	_	255,264
	200,201			200,201
Leasehold land and buildings				
Commercial - Hong Kong	137,000	_	_	137,000
Industrial – Hong Kong	182,000	_	_	182,000
Carpark - Hong Kong	3,600	_	_	3,600
	322,600			322 600
	322,000			322,600
	31 December			
	2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Investment properties				
Commercial – Hong Kong	127,800		_	127,800
Industrial – Singapore	11,661	_	_	11,661
Residential – Hong Kong	15,500	-		15,500
Commercial and Residential	100.076			100.076
- United Kingdom	109,976			109,976
	264,937	_	-	264,937
Leasehold land and buildings				
Commercial - Hong Kong	146,000	-	-	146,000
Industrial – Hong Kong Carpark – Hong Kong	185,000 3,700	_	_	185,000 3,700
Curpuik Hong Rong				3,700
	334,700	_	_	334,700

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32. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Description

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At beginning of the reporting Revaluation (deficit) surplus Exchange realignment

At end of the reporting period

(b) Investment properties and leasehold land and buildings measured at fair value (Continued)

During the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements, and no transfers into and out of Level 3 fair value measurements. The Group's policy is to recognise transfers between levels as at the end of the reporting period.

Movement in Level 3 fair value measurements

	Investment properties					
		2023			2022	
	Commercial/ residential	Industrial	Commercial/ residential	Commercial/ residential	Industrial	Commercial/ residential
	units in Hong Kong HK\$'000	units in Singapore HK\$'000	units in the United Kingdom HK\$'000	units in Hong Kong <i>HK\$</i> '000	units in Singapore HK\$'000	units in the United Kingdom HK\$'000
g period	143,300 (7,650)	11,661 769	109,976 (8,503) 5,711	149,100 (5,800)	11,247 414 -	125,277 (2,437) (12,864)
od	135,650	12,430	107,184	143,300	11,661	109,976

Net revaluation deficit and exchange realignment are reported as changes of "revaluation deficit in respect of investment properties" in profit or loss and "exchange difference arising from translation of financial statements of overseas subsidiaries" in other comprehensive income respectively.

Leasehold land and buildings

	2023		2022	
Description	Commercial units in Hong Kong HK\$'000	Industrial/ Carpark units in Hong Kong <i>HK</i> \$'000	Commercial units in Hong Kong HK\$'000	Industrial/ Carpark units in Hong Kong HK\$'000
At beginning of the reporting period Revaluation (deficit) surplus	146,000 (7,283)	188,700 1,993	149,000 (1,247)	186,000 7,685
Depreciation charge	(1,717)	(5,093)	(1,753)	(4,985)
At end of the reporting period	137,000	185,600	146,000	188,700

Net revaluation (deficit) surplus is reported as "revaluation (deficit) surplus of leasehold land and buildings" in other comprehensive income.

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32. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Investment properties and leasehold land and buildings measured at fair value (Continued)

Quantitative information of the significant unobservable inputs and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurement.

Quantitative information of the significant unobservable inputs and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurement, including the description of the sensitivity to changes in unobservable inputs for recurring level 3 fair value measurements, are as follows:

Properties	Valuation technique(s)	Significant unobservable input(s)	Sensitivity
Leasehold land and buildings			
Commercial units located in Hong Kong	Market value basis - Direct comparison approach	Market unit rate is at about HK\$25,600/sq.ft. (2022: HK\$27,200/sq.ft.) saleable area, mainly taking into account time, floor, view, age, quality and size, adjustment basically range from about –13% to +3% (2022: –10% to +15%), or –7% to +3% (2022: –7% to +15%) if exclusive of the time adjustment factor.	If the market unit rate is higher/lower, while all the other variables were held constant, the fair value of the property will increase/decrease.
Roof of a commercial building located in Hong Kong	Market value basis - Direct comparison approach	Market unit rate is at about HK\$180,000/ft. (2022: HK\$195,000/ft.) for the side with exposure/ visibility.	If the location adjustment is higher/lower, while all the other variables were held constant, the fair value of
		Adjustment factors mainly include time, location, frontage and layout, basically range from about -20% to +30% (2022: -20% to +30%), remains -20% to +30% (2022: -20% to +30%) if exclusive	the property will increase/ decrease.
		of the time adjustment factor, with the most significant adjustment at +30% (2022: +30%) on location for one comparable.	
Industrial units located in Hong Kong	Market value basis – Direct comparison approach	Market unit rate is at about HK\$6,100/sq.ft. (2022: HK\$6,200/sq.ft.) effective area, mainly taking into account time, floor, size, whole floor, loading headroom, layout and view, adjustment basically range from about –15% to +4% (2022: –15% to +8%), or –15% to +4% (2022: –15% to +8%) if exclusive of the time adjustment factor.	If the adjustment for size is higher/lower, with other variables held constant, the fair value of the property will decrease/increase.
		Size is the most significant unobservable input, and adopted at 1.0% adjustment for every 2,000 (2022: 2,000) square feet difference in the size of the comparable.	
Carpark units located in Hong Kong	Market value basis – Direct comparison approach	Market unit rate is at about HK\$1,800,000/car park (2022: HK\$1,850,000/car park), mainly taking into account time, location and floor, adjustment basically range from –10% to +16% (2022: –5% to +16%), remains –5% to +16% (2022: –5% to +16%) if exclusive of the time adjustment factor.	If the market unit rate is higher/lower, while all the other variables were held constant, the fair value of the property will increase/decrease.

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32. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Investment properties and leasehold land and buildings measured at fair value (Continued)

Quantitative information of the significant unobservable inputs and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurement. (Continued)

Quantitative information of the significant unobservable inputs and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurement, including the description of the sensitivity to changes in unobservable inputs for recurring level 3 fair value measurements, are as follows: (Continued)

Properties	Valuation technique(s)	Significant unobservable input(s)	Sensitivity
Investment properties			
Commercial units located in Hong Kong	Market value basis – Direct comparison approach	Market unit rate is at about HK\$22,600/sq.ft. (2022: 23,000/sq.ft.) saleable area, mainly taking into account time, location, age, floor, size, whole floor, view and design/condition, adjustment basically range from –11% to +5% (2022: –10% to +5%), or –8% to +5% (2022: –10% to +5%) if exclusive of the time adjustment factor.	If the market unit rate is higher/lower, while all the other variables were held constant, the fair value of the property will increase/ decrease.
Commercial units located in Hong Kong	Market value basis – Direct comparison approach	Market unit rate is at about HK\$21,900/sq.ft. (2022: 23,900/sq.ft.) saleable area, mainly taking into account time, age, location, floor, view, size and condition, adjustment basically range from about –13% to +25% (2022: –20% to +20%), or –6% to +25% (2022: –20% to +20%) if exclusive of the time adjustment factor.	If the market unit rate is higher/lower, while all the other variables were held constant, the fair value of the property will increase/ decrease.
Residential units located in Hong Kong	Market value basis – Direct comparison approach	Market unit rate is at about HK\$9,700/sq.ft. (2022: HK\$10,800/sq.ft.) saleable area, mainly taking into account time, floor, view, orientation, size and noise, adjustment basically range from about -20% to +2% (2022: -9% to +5%), or -3% to +2% (2022: -3% to +5%) if exclusive of the time adjustment factor, for comparable within subject building.	If the market unit rate is higher/lower, while all the other variables were held constant, the fair value of the property will increase/ decrease.
Residential units located in Hong Kong	Market value basis – Direct comparison approach	Market unit rate is at about HK\$8,600/sq.ft. (2022: HK \$8,600/sq.ft.) saleable area, taking into account time, floor, view, orientation and size, adjustment basically range from about –10% to +3% (2022: –10% to +2%), remains –3% to +3% (2022: –5% to +2%) if exclusive of the time adjustment factor, for comparable within subject building.	If the market unit rate is higher/lower, while all the other variables were held constant, the fair value of the property will increase/decrease.
Industrial units located in Singapore	Market value basis – Direct comparison approach	Market unit rate is at about SGD604/sq.ft. after adjustment for direct comparable transaction (2022: SGD580/sq.ft.)	If the market unit rate is higher/lower, while all the other variables were held constant, the fair value of the property will increase/decrease.

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32. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Investment properties and leasehold land and buildings measured at fair value (Continued)

Quantitative information of the significant unobservable inputs and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurement (Continued)

Quantitative information of the significant unobservable inputs and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurement, including the description of the sensitivity to changes unobservable inputs for recurring level 3 fair value measurements, are as follows: (Continued)

Properties	Valuation technique(s)	Significant unobservable input(s)	Sensitivity
Investment properties (Contin	ued)		
Commercial units located in the United Kingdom	Traditional investment method of valuation	Market rent at a weighted average of £170/sq.ft. (2022: £170/sq.ft.)	A significant increase in the market rent would result in a significant increase in fair value, and vice versa.
		Equivalent yield at a weighted average of 5.86% (2022: 5.39%)	A significant increase in the equivalent yield would result in a significant decrease in fair value, and vice versa.
Residential units located in the United Kingdom	Capitalisation of receipts from granting lease extensions to occupational leaseholders of the residential units	Capital value at a weighted average of £925/sq.ft. (2022: £925/sq.ft.)	A significant increase in the capital value would result in a significant increase in fair value, and vice versa.

Valuation processes of the Group

The Group reviews the estimation of fair value of the investment properties and leasehold land and buildings. Valuations of investment properties and leasehold land and buildings are performed by independent professional qualified valuers at each interim and annual reporting date. Discussion of the valuation process and results is held between the chief financial officer and the Audit Committee twice a year, to coincide with the reporting dates.

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33. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

	Notes	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Investments in subsidiaries	33(a)	84,340	84,340
Deferred tax assets	_	983	883
		85,323	85,223
Current assets			
Deposits, prepayments and other debtors		306	300
Amounts due from subsidiaries		176,539	158,315
Bank balances and cash		4,984	1,456
		101.020	1.00.071
		181,829	160,071
Current liabilities			
Accrued charges and other creditors		2,769	1,145
Amounts due to subsidiaries		107,788	108,214
Dividends payable		868	817
Tax payable	_	20	35
		111,445	110,211
Net current assets		70,384	49,860
Total assets less current liabilities		155,707	135,083
Non-current liabilities			
Provision for directors' retirement benefits		5,959	5,350
NET ASSETS		149,748	129,733
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	25	15,582	15,582
Share premium and reserves	33(b)	134,166	114,151
TOTAL EQUITY	_	149,748	129,733

This statement of financial position was approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

GAN Wee Sean *Director*

GAN Fock Wai, Stephen *Director*

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33. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

(a) Investments in subsidiaries

Particulars of the Company's subsidiaries, all of which are private limited liability companies, are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/	Issued and fully paid share capital	Percentage of nom of issued ordinary sl held by the Cor	Principal activities		
			Directly	Indirectly		
Biotech Marketing Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	1 ordinary share of US\$1	-	100	Advertising agency	
Hoe Hin Pak Fah Yeow (B. V. I.) Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	20,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	100	-	Investment holding	
Hoe Hin Pak Fah Yeow Manufactory Limited	Hong Kong	22,000 non-voting deferred shares* and 2 ordinary shares	-	100	Manufacturing and sale of healthcare products and property investment	
Pak Fah Yeow Advertising Company Limited	Hong Kong	2 ordinary shares	-	100	Inactive	
Pak Fah Yeow Investment (Hong Kong) Company, Limited	Hong Kong	21,200,000 non-voting deferred shares* and 2 ordinary shares	-	100	Property and treasury investment	
Princesland International Limited	British Virgin Islands/ United Kingdom	1 ordinary share of US\$1	-	100	Property investment	

^{*} The non-voting deferred shares carry no right to receive notice of or attend or vote at any general meeting of these subsidiaries. They also carry very limited rights in respect of dividends and share of surplus assets upon winding up.

None of the subsidiaries had issued any debt securities during the year.

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33. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

(b) Share premium and reserves

Share premium and reserves	Share premium HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Proposed dividends HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2022	21,997	67,708	17,452	6,683	113,840
Profit for the year	-	-	-	24,931	24,931
Transaction with owners: Distributions to owners					
Interim dividends declared	-	-	-	(7,168)	(7,168)
Final dividends proposed	-	-	11,842	(11,842)	-
Special dividends proposed Final dividend related to previous	-	-	9,349	(9,349)	-
year approved Special dividend related to previous	_	-	(11,842)		(11,842)
year approved		-	(5,610)	- 1	(5,610)
At 31 December 2022	21,997	67,708	21,191	3,255	114,151
At 1 January 2023	21,997	67,708	21,191	3,255	114,151
Profit for the year Transaction with owners: Distributions to owners	-	-	-	67,695	67,695
Interim dividends declared	_	_	_	(9,349)	(9,349)
Special interim dividends declared	-	_	-	(17,140)	(17,140)
Final dividends proposed	_	_	11,842	(11,842)	-
Special final dividends proposed Final dividend related to previous	_	-	25,555	(25,555)	-
year approved Special dividend related to previous	-	-	(11,842)	-	(11,842)
year approved	-	-	(9,349)	-	(9,349)
At 31 December 2023	21,997	67,708	37,397	7,064	134,166

The contributed surplus of the Company represents the difference between the nominal value of the Company's shares allotted on 28 November 1991 and the consolidated net assets of the subsidiaries then acquired.

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33. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

(b) Share premium and reserves (Continued)

Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), the contributed surplus of the Company is available for distribution to shareholders. However, the Company cannot declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus if there are reasonable grounds for believing that:

- (i) the Company is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or
- (ii) the realisable value of its assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium accounts.

At the end of the reporting period, the Company's reserves available for distribution to owners of the Company are as follows:

Contributed surplus Proposed dividend Retained profits

2023	2022
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
67,708	67,708
37,397	21,191
7,064	3,255
112,169	92,154

(c) Financial guarantees

At the end of the reporting period, the Company had issued corporate guarantees to a bank for bank loan utilised by a subsidiary amounting to HK\$4,737,000 (2022: HK\$5,496,000). The Company has not recognised any deferred income for the financial guarantees as their fair value cannot be reliably measured and the transaction price was nil. The directors consider that the above financial guarantees are unlikely to materialise. No provision has therefore been made in this respect in the financial statements of the Company for any possible reimbursement to banks as a result of subsidiaries failing to repay.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEM	ENT OF COMPI	REHENSIVE IN	ICOME				
	For the year ended 31 December						
	2019 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000		
Turnover	147,761	109,343	139,823	147,200	259,158		
Profit (Loss) before taxation	44,262	(33,861)	46,922	37,770	128,806		
Taxation	(8,216)	(4,495)	(8,736)	(7,815)	(23,767)		
Profit (Loss) after taxation	36,046	(38,356)	38,186	29,955	105,039		
Dividends	33,657	19,945	26,178	28,359	63,886		
	НК	НК	НК	HK	НК		
Earnings (Loss) per share	11.6 cents	(12.3 cents)	12.3 cents	9.6 cents	33.7 cents		
CONSOLIDATED STATEM	ENT OF FINAN	CIAL POSITIO	N				
	At 31 December						
	2019 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000		
Non-current assets	723,182	617,293	631,310	609,453	590,191		

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION							
	At 31 December						
	2019 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000		
Non-current assets	723,182	617,293	631,310	609,453	590,191		
Net current assets	131,616	147,368	174,668	193,944	273,089		
Non-current liabilities	(94,681)	(91,469)	(98,256)	(96,172)	(98,097)		
	760,117	673,192	707,722	707,225	765,183		
Share capital	15,582	15,582	15,582	15,582	15,582		
Share premium and reserves	744,535	657,610	692,140	691,643	749,601		
	760,117	673,192	707,722	707,225	765,183		

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Property Portfolio Year ended 31 December 2023

INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Location	Tenure	Approximate floor area	Туре	Group's interest (%)
1.	12th Floor Grand Building, Nos. 15-18, Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong	Two leases for 999 years respectively from 6 December 1899 and 24 December 1898	2,905 sq.ft.	Commercial	100
2.	7th Floor Lippo Leighton Tower, No. 103 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong	Lease for 982 years from 25 June 1860	3,880 sq.ft.	Commercial	100
3.	13th Floor in Block B, North Point Mansion (Part), Nos. 692-702 King's Road and Nos. 27-29 Healthy Street East, Hong Kong	Lease for 75 years from 20 March 1933, renewable for another 75 years	905 sq.ft.	Residential	100
4.	Flat A on 4th Floor Hennessy Apartments, No. 48 Percival Street, Hong Kong	Lease for 982 years from 25 June 1860	715 sq.ft.	Residential	100
5.	No. 30 Kallang Pudding Road, No. 03-07 Valiant Industrial Building, Singapore, 349312	Freehold	323 sq.m.	Industrial	100
6.	Princess Court, 47-63 Queensway, London, W2, United Kingdom	Freehold	7,382 sq.ft.	Commercial/ Residential	100

LEA	LEASEHOLD LAND AND BUILDINGS							
	Location	Tenure	Approximate floor area	Туре	Group's interest (%)			
1.	Roof of No. 84, Hing Fat Street, Hong Kong	Lease for 75 years from 15 May 1916, renewable for another 75 years	3,080 sq.ft.	Commercial	100			
2.	11th Floor, 200 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	Lease for 99 years from 26 December 1928, renewable for another 99 years	7,388 sq.ft.	Commercial	100			
3.	Units 1 to 13 on 2nd Floor, Paramount Building, No. 12 Ka Yip Street, Chai Wan, Hong Kong	Lease from 29 May 1987 to 30 June 2047	31,444 sq.ft.	Industrial	100			
4.	Car parking Space, Nos. 13 and 14 on 1st Floor, Paramount Building, No. 12 Ka Yip Street, Chai Wan, Hong Kong	Lease from 29 May 1987 to 30 June 2047	133 sq.ft.	Carpark	100			

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