

Other Corporate Information

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Group's turnover was HK\$586,063,000 for the year ended 31 December 2005, an increase of 45% over the corresponding period in 2004. This increase was due primarily to higher revenue generated from the operation of the Sheraton Saigon Hotel in Vietnam. Profit from operations was HK\$169,454,000 for the year ended 31 December 2005 as compared to a profit of HK\$128,097,000 (restated) in 2004. Profit attributable to equity shareholders amounted to HK\$122,363,000.

As 31 December 2005, the Group has a total bank loans and other borrowings of HK\$345,781,000 and cash equivalents of HK\$639,303,000. Of the total amount of bank borrowings of HK\$171,665,000, HK\$46,279,000 is repayable within twelve months and the remaining of HK\$125,386,000 is repayable within two to five years.

The Group's bank borrowings are mostly in Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars. Cash and cash equivalents are mostly in Hong Kong dollars, Euros, Australian dollars and United States dollars. Most of the Group's bank borrowings are on a floating rate basis. Taking into account cash in hand and available credit facilities, the Group has sufficient working capital for its present requirements.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As 31 December 2005, the secured bank loan facilities granted to the Group were secured by mortgages over the Group's assets, including hotel properties and related assets and properties under development with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$1,020 million.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31 December 2005, there were outstanding counter indemnities relating to guarantees issued by bankers of a subsidiary in favour of the Macau SAR Government in respect of properties under development amounting to HK\$8,252,000 (2004: HK\$6,311,000).

At 31 December 2005, guarantees given by the Company to banks to secure banking facilities made available to subsidiaries and associates amounted to HK\$134.3 million and HK\$69.1 million (2004: HK\$134.5 million and HK\$66.7 million) respectively.

At 31 December 2005, guarantees given by a subsidiary and the Company to a bank to secure banking facilities made available to its associate amounted to HK\$33.4 million (2004: HK\$32.3 million).

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DETAILS OF DIRECTORS PROFILES

Mr HO Kian Guan, aged 60, is the Executive Chairman of the Company. He was appointed as a director of the Company on 5 December 1979. Mr Ho entered into service contracts with two subsidiaries of the Company. He is also a director of Ocean Inc, Pad Inc, Lapford Limited, Goodland Limited and Kansas Holdings Limited (all being substantial shareholders of the Company) and a director of various members for the Group. Mr Ho is also the Executive Chairman and director of Keck Seng (Malaysia) Berhad (a company listed on the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (the “BMSB”)). He also serves on the board of Shangri-La Asia Limited (a company listed on The Hong Kong Stock Exchange), Petaling Garden Berhad, Pelangi Berhad (both companies listed on the BMSB), Parkway Holdings Limited (a company listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited) and Shangri-La Hotel Public Company Limited, Thailand (a company listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand). He is a brother of Mr Ho Kian Hock and Mr Ho Kian Cheong.

Mr HO Kian Hock, aged 58, is the Deputy Executive Chairman of the Company. He was appointed as a director of the Company on 19 December 1979. Mr Ho entered into service contracts with two subsidiaries of the Company. He is also a director of Ocean Inc, Pad Inc, Lapford Limited, Goodland Limited and Kansas Holdings Limited (all being substantial shareholders of the Company) and a director of various members of the Group. Mr Ho is also the Managing Director of Keck Seng (Malaysia) Berhad and an alternate director of Petaling Garden Berhad and Pelangi Berhad (all three companies listed on the BMSB), and Parkway Holdings Limited (a company listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited). He also serves on the board of Shangri-La Asia Limited (a company listed on The Hong Kong Stock Exchange) as alternate director. He is a brother of Mr Ho Kian Guan and Mr Ho Kian Cheong.

Mr TSE See Fan, Paul, aged 51, is an executive director of the Company. He was appointed as a director of the Company on 5 December 1979. He is also a director of Lapford Limited, Goodland Limited and Kansas Holdings Limited (all being substantial shareholders of the Company) and a director of various members of the Group.

Mr HO Kian Cheong, aged 56, is a non-executive director of the Company. He was appointed as a director of the Company on 5 December 1979 and was re-designated as non-executive director on 17 April 2003. He is also a director of Keck Seng (Malaysia) Berhad (a company listed on the BMSB). He is a brother of Mr Ho Kian Guan and Mr Ho Kian Hock.

Dr CHAN Yau Hing, Robin, GBS, LLD, JP, aged 73, is an independent non-executive director of the Company. He was appointed as a director of the Company on 8 September 1988. He is also the Chairman of Asia Financial Holdings Limited and a director of K. Wah International Holdings Limited and Liu Chong Hing Bank Limited (companies listed on The Hong Kong Stock Exchange). He is also a director and adviser of numerous other companies with over 40 years experience in banking business. Dr Chan was awarded the Knight Commander (Second Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand by His Majesty, the King of Thailand and the Gold Bauhinia Star of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government of the People’s Republic of China. He is also a Deputy to the Chinese National People’s Congress and the Ex-officio Life Honorary Chairman of The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong.

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Mr KWOK Chi Shun, Arthur, aged 60, is an independent non-executive director of the Company. He was appointed as a director of the Company on 3 January 1995. He is a professional architect with extensive architectural, town planning and interior design experience and has wide business interests in property development, merchandise retailing and wholesale. He is also the Commandant of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force.

Ms WANG Poey Foon, Angela, aged 48, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company since 28 September 2004. Ms Wang holds an LLB (Hons) degree from the National University of Singapore, and is an Advocate and Solicitor (Singapore), Solicitor (Hong Kong and United Kingdom). She has practiced with major law firms in Singapore, Australia and Hong Kong and is currently the senior partner of a firm of solicitors in Hong Kong. She is also a non-executive director of Frasers Property (China) Limited and an independent non-executive director of Pan Sino International Holding Limited (both companies listed on The Hong Kong Stock Exchange).