



德祥地產集團有限公司*

ITC PROPERTIES GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

Stock Code: 199

2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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CORPORATE INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Directors

Mr. Cheung Hon Kit (*Chairman*)
Dr. Chan Kwok Keung, Charles (*Joint Vice Chairman*)
Mr. Chan Yiu Lun, Alan
Mr. Law Hon Wa, William (*Chief Financial Officer*)

Non-executive Director

Ms. Chau Mei Wah

Independent Non-executive Directors

Hon. Shek Lai Him, Abraham, *GBS, JP* (*Joint Vice Chairman*)
Mr. Ip Hon Wah
Mr. Pang, Anthony Ming-tung

BOARD COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

Mr. Pang, Anthony Ming-tung (*chairman*)
Hon. Shek Lai Him, Abraham, *GBS, JP*
Mr. Ip Hon Wah

Remuneration Committee

Mr. Pang, Anthony Ming-tung (*chairman*)
Hon. Shek Lai Him, Abraham, *GBS, JP*
Mr. Ip Hon Wah

Nomination Committee

Hon. Shek Lai Him, Abraham, *GBS, JP* (*chairman*)
Mr. Cheung Hon Kit
Mr. Ip Hon Wah
Mr. Pang, Anthony Ming-tung

Corporate Governance Committee

Mr. Cheung Hon Kit (*chairman*)
Mr. Ip Hon Wah
Mr. Law Hon Wa, William

Investment Committee

Mr. Cheung Hon Kit
Dr. Chan Kwok Keung, Charles
Mr. Chan Yiu Lun, Alan
Mr. Law Hon Wa, William

COMPANY SECRETARY

Ms. Wong Siu Mun

AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Cheung Hon Kit (*Alternate: Ms. Chuk Wai Yin*)
Mr. Law Hon Wa, William (*Alternate: Ms. Wong Siu Mun*)

LEGAL ADVISORS

Conyers Dill & Pearman (*as to Bermuda law*)
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Leong Hon Man, Advogado (*as to Macau law*)

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Certified Public Accountants
Registered Public Interest Entity Auditors

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INFORMATION FOR SHAREHOLDERS

FINANCIAL CALENDAR

Announcement of 2023-2024 Annual Results	28 June 2024
Ex-Dividend Date for Dividend	N/A
Book Closure Dates for Dividend	N/A
Record Date for Dividend Entitlement	N/A
Payment Date of Dividend	N/A
Book Closure Dates for Annual General Meeting	3 to 6 September 2024
Annual General Meeting	6 September 2024
Announcement of 2024-2025 Interim Results	November 2024

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

The English and Chinese versions of this annual report are now available in printed form and in accessible format on the website of the Company at www.itcproperties.com.

If Shareholders and non-registered shareholders of the Company, who have selected to receive corporate communications of the Company in printed form, wish to change their elected language of all future corporate communications, they may at any time notify the Company by prior notice of at least seven days in writing to the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong (the "Branch Share Registrar"), Tricor Secretaries Limited, at 17/F., Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, or by e-mail to itcproperties-ecom@hk.tricorglobal.com or by completing and returning the change request form.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Year ended 31 March

2024

2023

HK\$'million

Revenue

Per consolidated statement of profit or loss

Property income and hotel revenue

- share of associates and joint ventures
- by way of disposal of interest in an associate

111

91

581

965

50

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742

1,056

(682)

(153)

Net loss

HK cents

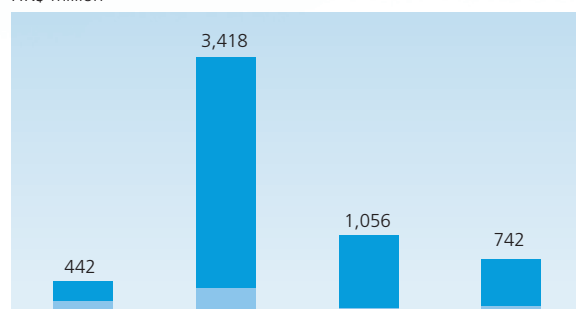
Basic loss per Share

(71)

(16)

Revenue

HK\$'million



FY2020/2021

FY2021/2022

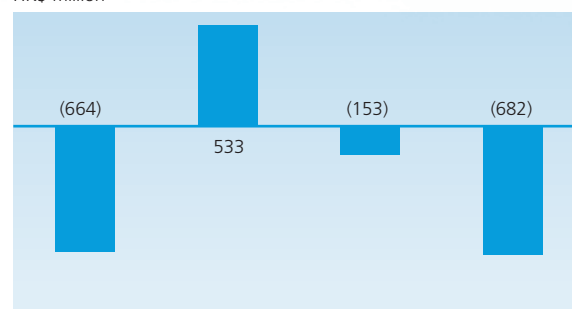
FY2022/2023

FY2023/2024

■ From subsidiaries ■ From share of associates and joint ventures

Net (Loss) Profit

HK\$'million



FY2020/2021

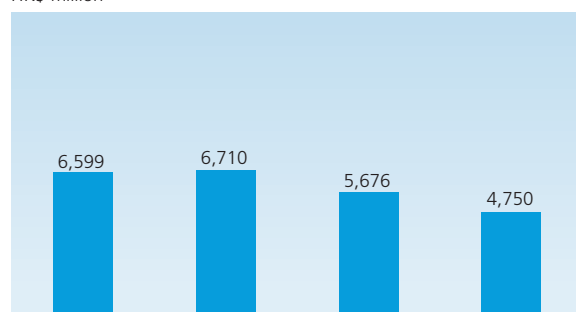
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FY2022/2023

FY2023/2024

Total Assets

HK\$'million



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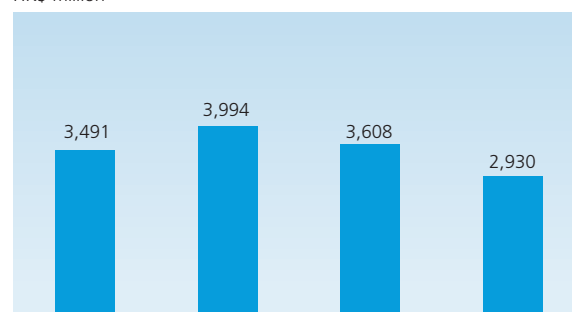
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Total Shareholders' Fund

HK\$'million



31.03.2021

31.03.2022

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31.03.2024

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

**Mr. Cheung Hon Kit** (age: 70)

Mr. Cheung joined the Company as an executive Director and the Chairman in April 2005 and is also a director of various members of the Group. He is also the chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee, and a member of each of the Nomination Committee and the Investment Committee of the Company. Mr. Cheung graduated from the University of London with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He has over 46 years of experience in real estate development, property investment and corporate finance, holding key executive positions in various leading property development companies in Hong Kong. Mr. Cheung is an independent non-executive director of Road King Infrastructure Limited, a listed company in Hong Kong. He retired as an independent non-executive director of Future Bright Holdings Limited, a listed company in Hong Kong, at the conclusion of its annual general meeting held on 31 May 2023.

**Dr. Chan Kwok Keung, Charles** (age: 69)

Dr. Chan joined the Company as an executive Director and Joint Vice Chairman in November 2021 and is a member of the Investment Committee of the Company. He is also a director of various members of the Group. Before joining the Board, Dr. Chan was a senior consultant of the Group. He has over 43 years of international corporate management experience in the construction and the property sectors, as well as in strategic investments. Dr. Chan holds an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws and a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. He had been the chairman and an executive director of a number of listed companies over the years. Dr. Chan is a substantial shareholder of the Company and also the sole director of ITC Holdings Limited and Galaxyway Investments Limited whose interests in the Company are disclosed in the section headed "Interests of Substantial Shareholders and Other Persons" in the directors' report of this annual report. Dr. Chan is the spouse of Ms. Ng Yuen Lan, Macy, a substantial shareholder of the Company and the father of Mr. Chan Yiu Lun, Alan, an executive Director.

**Mr. Chan Yiu Lun, Alan** (age: 40)

Mr. Chan joined the Company as an executive Director in March 2010 and is also a director of various members of the Group. He is also a member of the Investment Committee of the Company. He graduated from Trinity College of Arts and Sciences of Duke University, United States of America, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science – International Relations. Mr. Chan previously worked in the investment banking division of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. He is a director of Burcon NutraScience Corporation whose issued shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. Mr. Chan is the son of Dr. Chan Kwok Keung, Charles, an executive Director and Joint Vice Chairman and Ms. Ng Yuen Lan, Macy, both of whom are the substantial shareholders of the Company.

BIOGRAPHIES OF DIRECTORS



Mr. Law Hon Wa, William (age: 59)

Mr. Law joined the Company as an executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company in April 2023 responsible for the finance and accounting functions of the Group. He is a member of each of the Corporate Governance Committee and the Investment Committee of the Company. He is also a director of various members of the Group. Mr. Law was the chief financial officer (executive director) and a member of the executive committee of one of the leading construction and engineering groups in Hong Kong and Macau for 15 years. He has over 31 years of experience in auditing accounting and financial management. Mr. Law holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Applied Finance. He is a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ms. Chau Mei Wah (age: 69)

(alias: Rosanna)

Ms. Chau joined the Company as an executive Director in November 2021. She retired as an executive Director and was re-designated as a non-executive Director in April 2023. Before joining the Board, Ms. Chau was a consultant of the Group. She has over 45 years' experience in international corporate management and finance. She had served on the board of directors of a number of listed companies over the years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Commerce and is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Ms. Chau retired as a director of Burcon NutraScience Corporation, whose issued shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, at the conclusion of its annual general meeting held on 23 November 2022.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



Hon. Shek Lai Him, Abraham, GBS, JP (age: 79)

(alias: Abraham Razack)

Mr. Shek joined the Company as an independent non-executive Director and the Vice Chairman in September 2010. He is also the chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of each of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Company. Mr. Shek graduated from the University of Sydney, Australia with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Diploma in Education. He holds a Juris Doctor Degree. He was a member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong representing the real estate and construction functional constituency from 2000 to 2021. He was appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 1995. He was awarded Silver Bauhinia Star in 2007 and was further awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2013.

Mr. Shek is the honorary chairman and an independent non-executive director of Chuang's China Investments Limited, being a listed company in Hong Kong. Mr. Shek is also an independent non-executive director of Alliance International Education Leasing Holdings Limited, China Resources Building Materials Technology Holdings Limited, Chuang's Consortium International Limited, Cosmopolitan International Holdings Limited, CSI Properties Limited, Everbright Grand China Assets Limited, Far East Consortium International Limited, Hao Tian International Construction Investment Group Limited, Lai Fung Holdings Limited, NWS Holdings Limited, Paliburg Holdings Limited and Shin Hwa World Limited, all being listed companies in Hong Kong. He is also an independent non-executive director of Eagle Asset Management (CP) Limited – the manager of Champion Real Estate Investment Trust and Regal Portfolio Management Limited – the manager of Regal Real Estate Investment Trust, both of the trusts being listed in Hong Kong. In addition, he is the chairman and an executive director of Goldin Financial Holdings Limited (In Liquidation), shares of which were delisted on 31 October 2023, and an independent non-executive director of Lifestyle International Holdings Limited, shares of which were delisted on 20 December 2022. Mr. Shek resigned as an independent non-executive director of Country Garden Holdings Company Limited, a listed company in Hong Kong, on 15 March 2024. Mr. Shek is an honorary member of the Court of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, a member of both of the Court and the Council of The University of Hong Kong and a member of the Court of City University of Hong Kong.

BIOGRAPHIES OF DIRECTORS



Mr. Ip Hon Wah (age: 42)

Mr. Ip joined the Company as an independent non-executive Director in February 2021. He is also a member of each of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee, the Nomination Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee of the Company. Mr. Ip graduated from the University of Cambridge with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Arts in Economics. He also obtained a Graduate Diploma in Law (Distinction) from the College of Law, England and a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws from the University of Hong Kong. Mr. Ip is a Barrister-at-Law in Hong Kong and a partner of a real estate investment and asset management firm responsible for Hong Kong capital markets and business development. He previously worked in a global management consultancy firm where he specialised in real estate and public sectors in Hong Kong and Mainland China.



Mr. Pang, Anthony Ming-tung (age: 58)

(former name: Pang Ming Tung)

Mr. Pang joined the Company as an independent non-executive Director in September 2023. He is also the chairman of each of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Nomination Committee of the Company. Mr. Pang is the head of talent and finance department of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong responsible for the talent management, finance, and accounting functions. He was the country manager or managing director of the leading travel-related companies in Hong Kong and Macau for more than 25 years. He has over 31 years of experience in strategic management, sales management and accounting and financial management. Mr. Pang holds a Bachelor of Business Administration, a Master of Commerce and a Master of Science. He is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a member of CPA (Australia).

The executive Directors are regarded as members of the Group's senior management.

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to present the annual report of the Group for the Year.

The Group is facing a challenging business environment, primarily influenced by elevated geopolitical tensions, persistent high interest rates, and financial pressures on the property developers. In addition, in the absence of encouraging catalysts, Hong Kong's property market, especially commercial property, is grappling with declining rents and rising vacancies. In response to such market conditions, the Group has been continuously reviewing its business model and adjusting agility. During the Year, the Group disposed of certain stock of properties located in Hong Kong and the PRC, and accordingly, revenue increased by 22.4% to HK\$111.1 million for the Year. The Group recorded a net loss attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$644.9 million for the Year and the basic loss per Share was HK71 cents.

Looking towards the future, the Group anticipates persistent business challenges, influenced by external macroeconomic factors such as high interest rates and intensifying geopolitical tensions, notably not only in the Middle East, but also between China and the US. These uncertainties in the global business environment could potentially slow economic growth. Thus, as a property developer, the Group faces tough challenges in coming year amid these conditions.

In response to these uncertainties, the Group will continue to adopt a cautious approach in reviewing its business strategies, refining its business model and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of its operations. We will focus on the sale of our redevelopment projects and the remaining units in Sky Oasis and Grand Oasis in Macau to realise the tied-up capital and secure the revenue of the Group. All these could boost our liquidity and financial flexibility, enabling us to better navigate the current challenging business environment. In the meantime, apart from businesses in the PRC, Macau, Canada and the United Kingdom, we will cautiously explore potential property development projects and closely assess and select attractive opportunities to replenish the Group's portfolio.

Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Shareholders for their support, to the fellow Board members, management and staff for their dedicated efforts to the Group and to our clients, consultants and business partners for all their valuable assistance offered during the Year.

Cheung Hon Kit

Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 June 2024

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

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The Group recorded a net loss attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$644.9 million for the Year, as compared with that of HK\$146.9 million for the last financial year. The net loss for the Year was mainly due to (i) full impairment loss of interests in an associate, which directly owned a piece of land located in Beijing, the PRC, of HK\$136.2 million; (ii) decrease in the fair value of the Group's investment properties of HK\$134.0 million and impairment losses of commercial property held by the Group of HK\$46.4 million due to the adverse impacts on the commercial property market condition in Hong Kong; and (iii) share of net losses of the Group's joint ventures of HK\$78.8 million due to the absence of one-off gain occurred during the Year, as compared with net profits of HK\$264.0 million for the last financial year.

The Board has resolved not to pay any dividend for the Year. Accordingly, no dividend is paid or payable for the whole Year (2023: nil).

Property

Segment loss for the Year of HK\$405.7 million was recorded, as compared to HK\$135.6 million for the last financial year.

Macau

Grand Oasis in Cotai South is a luxury residential project developed by an associate of the Group. As more presold units of this project were handed over to the end buyers during the Year, the contribution to the Group increased to HK\$61.9 million (2023: HK\$16.8 million).



One Oasis, Sky Oasis, Grand Oasis



High Peak

Hong Kong

With respect to the redevelopment project located at Nos. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 31 Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan, in which the Group has 72% interests, the property was demolished in August 2022. The Group has accepted most of the provisional basic terms for the land exchange to residential and commercial land and is undergoing negotiations for the land premium assessment with the Lands Department.

High Peak is a deluxe residential project located at No. 23 Po Shan Road, Mid-levels, in which the Group has 20% interests. Its occupation permit was issued in September 2022. One deluxe residential flat was sold and handed over to the end buyer during the Year.

PRC

Dabiao International Centre is a composite tower, comprising a commercial podium, offices and a hotel, situated in Guangzhou City and conveniently connected to the Changgang Metro Station. Its occupancy rate for the Year remain stable.

Overseas

London, United Kingdom

The project at Greycoat Place was redeveloped into a mixed residential and commercial tower, with its practical certificate obtained in August 2023. Currently, the remaining works on interior refurbishment and furniture are in progress.

Vancouver, Canada

The residential redevelopment project at Alberni Street, in which the Group has 28% interests, is in the course of obtaining the development and building permits from the local authority.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



Greycoat Place

Hotel and Leisure

Segment loss of HK\$230.8 million was recorded for the Year (2023: segment profit of HK\$175.4 million) due to an impairment loss of interest in an associate of HK\$136.2 million and loss on disposal of 49% equity interests in an associate of the Group, which indirectly owned a hotel, Renaissance Shanghai Caohejing Hotel, in Shanghai of HK\$13.8 million.

The shift to segment loss for the Year was mainly attributable to:

(I) Full impairment loss of interest in an associate of HK\$136.2 million

The Group has 20% equity interests in Rosedale Hotel Beijing Co., Ltd. (北京珀麗酒店有限責任公司) (“Rosedale Beijing”), a sino-foreign joint venture company established in the PRC, which held a piece of land located at No. 8, Jiang Tai Road West, Chaoyang District, Beijing, the PRC (the “Land”).

In the first half of 2023, 北京百駿投資有限公司, the majority shareholder of Rosedale Beijing (the “Majority Shareholder”), sent a letter to the Group, seeking a sizable contribution (the “Letter”). The reasons outlined in the Letter were as follows: Rosedale Beijing had an overdue borrowing of approximately RMB173.0 million, with a interest rate of 16% per annum, which matured in August 2021; the Majority Shareholder had also pledged 40% of its equity interests as security, potentially exposing Rosedale Beijing to legal claims from the lender; and Rosedale Beijing owed its employees 9 months’ worth of unpaid salaries, along with operating expenses and a 30% construction costs deposit. In the Letter, the Majority Shareholder also pointed out that without sufficient funding, the redevelopment of the Land would be halted, and there was even a possibility that the Land could be reclaimed. Under such circumstances, Rosedale Beijing might bankrupt and be liquidated.

On 11 July 2023, the Group issued an official reply letter to the Majority Shareholder, highlighting that the Majority Shareholder had not informed or reported to the Group about the borrowing, leaving the Group uninformed about the operational difficulties faced by Rosedale Beijing, including the outstanding employees’ salaries and daily expenses.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Between July 2023 and May 2024, the Group further made diligent efforts to establish communication with both Rosedale Beijing and the Majority Shareholder through various channels, including the issue of formal letters to prepare for the “shareholder’s right to know” lawsuit under PRC laws after consultation with a PRC lawyer, and repeatedly emphasised its requests for business documents including, but not limited to, the relevant accounting records and financial statements for inspection per agreed terms under the joint venture agreement between the Group and the Majority Shareholder.

Despite the Group’s persistent efforts to establish a communication channel with both Rosedale Beijing and the Majority Shareholder since July 2023, the Group has not received any information or response from Rosedale Beijing or the Majority Shareholder up to the date of this annual report.

In light of the above, the Directors have assessed the fair value of its investment in Rosedale Beijing, taking into account:

1. *Possibility that the Land will be reclaimed*

As stated in the Letter, the redevelopment of the Land has been suspended, and there is a possibility that if the property is designated as idle land, it could be reclaimed by the relevant authorities. Such a development would likely to reduce the value of Rosedale Beijing’s land holding substantially and this may render it worthless.

2. *Lack of resource for redevelopment*

Without the support or cooperation of the Majority Shareholder, the availability of resources for the Land’s redevelopment will be hindered, preventing any meaningful progress from being made. This situation not only diminishes the value of the Land but also likely eliminates the possibility of generating any revenue from it.

3. *Issues with the Majority Shareholder*

The daily operations of Rosedale Beijing is controlled by the Majority Shareholder without involving the Group. The Group is not in a position to protect its investment in any way, except potentially through the legal action that it is taking.

4. *Maximum potential loss by the Group*

Rosedale Beijing, being a limited liability company and an associate of the Group, does not have any guarantees provided by the Group. Consequently, the Company has assessed the minimum realizable value as zero, leading to a total loss of the Group’s carrying costs of HK\$132.1 million as of 31 March 2023.

Due to the difficulties in recovering these costs, the Board has recognized a full impairment loss of interest in the associate, amounting to HK\$136.2 million for the Year.

(II) *Absence of one-off gain from prior year*

There was absence of (i) share of profit of HK\$223.2 million derived from the disposal of a hotel and (ii) share of the reversal of impairment loss of HK\$61.1 million due to an increase in the fair value of a hotel property located in Canada, both of which were recorded in the last financial year.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Outlined below is a summary of the Group's interests in properties which are significant to the operations of the Group as at the date of this annual report:

Location	Usage	Group's interests (%)	Attributable gross floor area ⁽¹⁾ (sq. ft.)
Macau			
One Oasis, Sky Oasis and Grand Oasis situated at Estrada de Seac Pai Van, Coloane	Residential/Commercial	35.5	349,000
Sub-total			349,000
Hong Kong			
250 Hennessy situated at No. 250 Hennessy Road, Wanchai	Office/Car parks	100	55,600
Redevelopment project situated at Nos. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 31 Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan	Residential/Commercial	72	58,900 ⁽²⁾
High Peak situated at No. 23 Po Shan Road, Mid-levels	Residential	20	15,300
Sub-total			129,800
PRC			
Land situated at the Yazhou Bay Science and Technology City, Sanya City, Hainan Province ⁽³⁾	Hotel	100	886,000
Portions of Dabiao International Centre situated at No. 362 Jiangnan Avenue South and No. 238 Changgang Zhong Road, Haizhu District, Guangzhou City	Commercial/Office/Hotel/Car parks	45	282,600
Sub-total			1,168,600
Overseas			
Redevelopment property situated at 18, 19 and 20 Greycoat Place, London, United Kingdom	Residential/Commercial	90.1	39,000
The Westin Bayshore situated at 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	Hotel/Conference/Ancillary uses	50	224,500
Redevelopment project situated at 1444 Alberni Street, 711 Broughton Street and 740 Nicola Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	Residential/Commercial	28	171,200
Sub-total			434,700
Total			2,082,100

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Notes:

- (1) This represented the area under the existing use.
- (2) This represented the area under the provisional basic terms for land exchange to residential and commercial land.
- (3) The Group has paid the deposits for acquisition of leasehold land for property development.

Securities Investments

The investment markets experienced volatility due to the concerns surrounding US interest rate increases, the potential for a global economic recession, and the ongoing geopolitical risks. These factors collectively impacted corporate earnings, leading to a decline in the Group's investment fair value. Segment loss of HK\$22.8 million was recorded for the Year (2023: HK\$48.3 million). Such loss represented mainly the unrealised loss arising from the drop in market prices.

As at 31 March 2024, the Group had equity and fund investments in aggregate of HK\$59.3 million, 59% being unlisted securities and funds denominated in US dollars and the remaining 41% being listed securities denominated in Hong Kong dollars.

Finance

As at 31 March 2024, other loan receivables of the Group amounted to HK\$121.0 million (2023: HK\$203.9 million).

For the Year, the Group saw a segment profit of HK\$9.4 million (2023: HK\$5.0 million), which was mainly attributable to an interest income of HK\$11.0 million (2023: HK\$13.3 million) and a loss allowance for expected credit loss of HK\$1.4 million (2023: HK\$7.8 million) provided on loan receivables (together with the outstanding interest accrued thereon) in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Group.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Group maintains a prudent funding and treasury policy with regard to its overall business operations. A variety of credit facilities are maintained to satisfy the commitments and working capital requirements of the Group.

As at 31 March 2024, the Group had total bank and other borrowings of HK\$1,362.2 million. After netting off cash and cash equivalents of HK\$24.7 million and comparing with the shareholders' funds of the Group of HK\$2,930.1 million, the Group's net gearing ratio as at 31 March 2024 was 0.46 (2023: 0.38). Bank borrowings of HK\$1,298.8 million carried interest at floating rate and the other borrowings of HK\$46.8 million carried interest at fixed rate. The Group will closely monitor and manage its exposure to the interest rate fluctuations and will consider engaging hedging instruments as and when appropriate.

During the Year, bank borrowings of HK\$51.2 million were drawn down to finance the redevelopment project in the United Kingdom. As at 31 March 2024, the Group's total borrowings amounting to HK\$1,037.9 million will be due for repayment in the coming twelve months, of which a borrowing of HK\$213.9 million has subsequently extended to 31 March 2025. The Group is actively seeking new sources of financing and loan facilities, and will continue to closely monitor its liquidity and working capital requirements to ensure appropriate financing arrangements are made when necessary.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

During the Year, the Group reported a loss attributable to the owners of the Group of HK\$644.9 million and had a net operating outflow of HK\$46.5 million. Also, as of 31 March 2024, the Group's aggregate bank and other borrowings amounted to HK\$1,362.2 million while the Group has cash and cash equivalents amounting to HK\$24.7 million. These conditions indicate the existence of material uncertainties which may cast significant doubt about the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company has been undertaking a number of measures, including the following, to improve the Group's liquidity and financial position.

(1) *Obtained a new source of borrowings*

In May 2024, the Group successfully obtained a new borrowing of HK\$200.0 million which carries interest at 15% per annum and is repayable in April 2026. The new borrowing was secured by certain subsidiaries of the Company and guaranteed by a substantial shareholder of the Company.

(2) *Disposal of properties/joint ventures/associates*

The Group is considering selling specific properties in order to realise the value represented by these investments. This will allow the Group to address its immediate financing requirements and provide additional resources for its continuing operations.

(3) *Seeking refinancing*

As mentioned above, the Group will actively seek for refinancing the existing loan facilities before maturity. Also, up to the date of this annual report, the Group has not received any demand for immediate repayment of its borrowings of HK\$396.0 million which was overdue after the year-end date, and the Group has been and is still actively negotiating with the other lenders for refinancing such borrowings.

(4) *Control on administrative and operating costs*

The Group will continue to take active measures to control administrative and operating costs through various channel.

The Directors are of the opinion that, taking into account the above-mentioned plans and measures, the liquidity needs of the Group will be managed and the financial position of the Group will be improved. Also, the Group will have sufficient working capital to finance its operations and meet its financial obligations if they fall due within twelve months from the date of approval of the consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, the Directors have, at the time of approving the consolidated financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

For overseas subsidiaries, associates, joint ventures and other investments with cash flows denominated in foreign currencies, the Group endeavours to establish a natural hedge for debt financing with an appropriate level of borrowings in the same currencies. In this respect, the borrowings of the Group and its associates and joint ventures, to which the Group has provided guarantees, are denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Canadian dollars and Pound Sterling. For the Year, an unrealised loss on exchange differences of HK\$42.9 million was debited as other comprehensive expense, mainly arising from translations of operations in Canada, the United Kingdom and the PRC due to the depreciation of Canadian dollars, Pound Sterling and Renminbi. A majority of the Group's cash and cash equivalents are denominated in Hong Kong dollars and Pound Sterling while the Group's other assets and liabilities are denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi, Macau Pataca, Pound Sterling, US dollars and Canadian dollars. Though no hedging instruments have been used, the Group will closely monitor its foreign exchange risk exposure.

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Pledge of Assets

As at 31 March 2024, the Group's general credit facilities granted by the banks were secured by pledges of the Group's investment properties of HK\$469.0 million, property, plant and equipment of HK\$420.3 million, stock of properties of HK\$506.4 million and interests in associates of HK\$736.6 million.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 March 2024, the Group provided corporate guarantees on a several basis with maximum liabilities of (i) HK\$537.7 million (2023: HK\$542.1 million), HK\$91.1 million (2023: HK\$35.6 million) and HK\$225.7 million (2023: HK\$227.6 million) in respect of the banking facilities granted to three joint ventures (which were owned as to 50%, 50% and 28% by the Group respectively) with the outstanding amounts attributable to the Group's interests of HK\$489.3 million (2023: HK\$522.5 million), HK\$40.8 million (2023: HK\$35.6 million) and HK\$138.5 million (2023: HK\$139.6 million); and (ii) HK\$242.5 million (2023: HK\$312.8 million) in respect of the banking facilities granted to an associate (which was owned as to 20% by the Group) with the outstanding amount attributable to the Group's interest of HK\$242.5 million (2023: HK\$312.8 million).

Number of Employees and Remuneration Policies

As at 31 March 2024, the total number of employees of the Group was 130 (2023: 145). Employees are remunerated according to their qualifications and experience, job nature and performance, and under the pay scales aligned with market conditions. Other benefits to employees include medical scheme, insurance coverage, share options and retirement schemes.

Movement in Issued Shares

During the Year, the Company cancelled a total of 5,436,000 Shares upon repurchases. As at 31 March 2024, there were 907,198,410 Shares in issue. Throughout the Year and up to the date of this annual report, there were no treasury shares in issue.

EVENT AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 30 April 2024, Great Intelligence Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into an agreement (the "Agreement") with an independent third party (the "Purchaser") in relation to the disposal of premises located on the whole of 30th Floor and four car parking spaces located on 4th Floor, Bank of America Tower, No. 12 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong (collectively, the "Property"), at an aggregate consideration of HK\$260.0 million. The disposal resulted in an estimated loss of approximately HK\$4.0 million. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Purchaser agrees to let the Property to an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (the "Designated Tenant") at the rent of HK\$650,000.0 per calendar month (exclusive management fee, rates and government rent all of which shall be borne by the Designated Tenant) for an initial term of one year commencing from the completion date of the disposal with an option on the Designated Tenant to renew for a further term of one year at the same rent. Further details of the disposal were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 30 April 2024.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DISCLAIMER OF OPINION AND ADDITIONAL MATTER

The Company's auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, (the "Auditor") issued a disclaimer of opinion (the "Disclaimer of Opinion") in relation to going concern and raised an additional matter in relation to qualification on investment in an associate on the Company's consolidated financial statements for the Year. Details are disclosed in the sections headed "Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion" and "Additional matter - Qualification on investment in an associate" in the Independent Auditor's Report of this annual report.

Management's views on the Disclaimer of Opinion in relation to going concern

The Board has given careful consideration to the Disclaimer of Opinion and had ongoing discussion with the Auditor when preparing the Group's consolidated financial statements for the Year.

As disclosed in the "Financial Review" section above, the Board is of the opinion that, taking into account the plans and measures, the liquidity needs of the Group will be managed and the financial position of the Group will improve. Also the Group will have sufficient working capital to finance its operations and meet its financial obligations as they fall due within twelve months from the date of approval of the consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, the Board has, at the time of approving the consolidated financial statements for the Year, a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue to operate normally for the foreseeable future.

Although the Auditor was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence concerning the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, the Board has taken and is taking the steps as mentioned in the "Financial Review" on page 16 to address its concerns.

In determining the appropriateness of the Directors' adoption of the going concern basis of accounting, as the Group is in the process of executing its plans and measures as mentioned above, there was no written contractual agreement or documentation to that effect as of the date of approval for the issuance of the consolidated financial statements of the Group, which would serve as appropriate evidence to the Auditor. Thus, the Auditor considered that they were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to validate the outcome of the plans and measures stated, and thus, the going concern assumptions.

Currently, the Company is in communication with relevant parties in relation to the initiatives mentioned. Thus, the Board believes that through the implementation of the plans and measures as mentioned above, the Group will effectively address its liquidity needs and enhance its financial position. Accordingly, it is appropriate to prepare the Group's consolidated financial statements for the Year on a going concern basis.

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Management's views on the additional matter in relation to qualification on investment in an associate

The Group currently holds a number of associates, which are accounted for using the equity method, including a 20% equity interest in Rosedale Beijing, an associate, which was established in the PRC and is engaged in property holding in Beijing.

The Group has historically accounted for its interests in Rosedale Beijing based on the financial information supplied by Rosedale Beijing. Nonetheless, considering the circumstances outlined on pages 12 and 13 of this annual report, the Board, in making its provision for this investment, has taken the following matters into consideration:

- (i) The director nominated by the Group cannot exercise his rights on the board of directors of Rosedale Beijing as he has received no information as to the performance of the operation and has not been informed of any meetings of the board of directors;
- (ii) The Group is not able to participate in any decisions in connection with Rosedale Beijing;
- (iii) The Group has not received any information from Rosedale Beijing's management or the Majority Shareholder despite repeated requests; and
- (iv) In March 2024, after consultation with the PRC lawyer, the Group decided to launch a "shareholder's right to know" legal action against Rosedale Beijing as it is entitled contractually and in law to receive certain information on the operations of Rosedale Beijing.

In light of the above, the Board has assessed the fair value of its investment in Rosedale Beijing, taking into account the factors as mentioned on page 13 of this annual report, which are (i) possibility of Land being designated as idle land; (ii) lack of resource for redevelopment; (iii) issues with the Majority Shareholder; and (iv) maximum potential loss by the Group.

In view of the above, the Board considers that it is unlikely to recover anything from this investment, given the challenges in investing in a minority interest in a private company with no control over its affairs. Therefore, the Board regards it as prudent to record a full impairment loss of its interests in Rosedale Beijing of HK\$136.2 million, which was recognised for the Year.

Since the Majority Shareholder of Rosedale Beijing had full access to the books and records of Rosedale Beijing, and there were no responses, including provide financial information, from the Majority Shareholder and the management of Rosedale Beijing, the Group was unable to obtain financial information, and thus the Auditor was therefore unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence in related to Rosedale Beijing.

The Group has actively sought advice from various professional parties to confirm the Board's assessment of the current situation involving the Majority Shareholder of Rosedale Beijing. In addition, the Group has been in discussions with our PRC lawyer in order to seek legal advice with the objective to assess the feasibility and appropriateness of pursuing additional measures to potentially initiate a legal dispute. Moreover, the Group has also been consulting with a valuation expert to consider any methodology to assess its investment in Rosedale Beijing under the current situation or circumstances.

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PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES



The Group's business, financial condition and results of operations are subject to various risks and uncertainties. The principal factors have been identified and are set out below:

Principal Risks	Key Controls and Risk Mitigations	Risk Trend
<p>1. Global economic uncertainties</p> <p>The outlook for the global economy and financial markets remains uncertain as affected by the high interest rates, soaring inflation and intensifying geopolitical tensions. The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and the Israel-Palestinian conflict also cast additional uncertainties on the global business environment which may potentially slower the economic growth. In Hong Kong and Macau, housing market woes persisted, tourism was not return to pre-pandemic level, and lingering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic led to a subduing consumer spending. The economy of the PRC has been facing downward pressure due to the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, sluggish foreign demand, bursting of the housing bubble and deteriorating China-the United States relations. The Brexit has continually casted deep uncertainties over the future of the United Kingdom. These global economic uncertainties could adversely affect the business activities and the economic and market conditions globally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit monthly updates of financial information of the Group to the Directors to facilitate them to manage the businesses in a volatile market • Set up investment strategy and undertake structured analyses of business opportunities • Closely monitor the Group's liquidity and working capital to ensure its sustainability in adverse environment 	 <p>Remains stable</p>



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Principal Risks	Key Controls and Risk Mitigations	Risk Trend
<p>2. Disasters</p> <p>Climate change poses different risks to the Group's businesses. Apart from physical risks such as extreme weather condition which could result in severe personal injury, property damage and adverse impact on property valuation, transitioning to a lower carbon economy may entail extensive policy, legal, technological and market changes to curtail the Group's business operations and rise the operating costs. In addition, the pandemic could cause business disruption and impact the sustainability around the globe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and reduce carbon emissions from day-to-day operations • Pursue green building certifications • Strengthen the governance of the environmental, social and governance performance • Review and update business continuity plans and crisis management procedures • Arrange sufficient insurance package • Maintain standard operating procedures and guidelines in response to the pandemic 	 Remains stable
<p>3. Highly competitive industries</p> <p>Competition risks faced by the Group may include: (i) numerous developers undertaking property investment and development in the markets, including Hong Kong, where the Group's property business conducts; (ii) keen competition and pricing pressure from other developers; (iii) challenges in delivering projects on budget, on time and in line with the required quality under tight deadlines and the increase in construction costs; and (iv) appeals for rent relief and rising vacancy rates as affected by the weak economy adding pressure on landlords.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors and management to discuss business performance and formulate various operation and marketing strategies to maintain the Group's competitiveness • Teams of good calibre and experience to closely monitor performance by segments • Closely monitor the price fluctuations and supply of construction materials, conduct careful tender analysis, tighten controls on price variation claims, extension of time and final accounts 	 Remains stable

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Principal Risks	Key Controls and Risk Mitigations	Risk Trend
<p>4. Financing uncertainties</p> <p>The Group's capital requirements primarily depend on the amount of capital expenditure required on its property investment and development projects, and hotel management. The Group may need to raise additional funds to meet these requirements. However, there is no assurance that additional financing will be made available, or if available, such financing will be obtained on terms favourable to the Group. Prolonged economic downturn and unfavourable market condition could adversely affect property valuation and the Group's borrowing capabilities. If the Group fails to obtain necessary funding on acceptable terms, it may be forced to delay capital development projects, potential acquisitions and investments or otherwise curtail or cease operations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain close communication with banks • Review financial risk exposure in accordance with the covenants of the bank borrowings • Manage the maturity profile of deposits and loans to minimise banking facilities renewal and refinancing risk and cost • Establish and maintain diversified channels of financing • Crystallise certain investments to realise the tied-up capital and obtain adequate cash to meet matured debts 	 Remains stable
<p>5. Cooling measures on property markets</p> <p>Due to the introduction of the government's cooling measures on property markets in regions where the Group conducts its business, the Group may experience market pressures to reduce effective prices for property sales or rentals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have ongoing update and assessment of the government policies • Conduct market study and demand analysis timely to formulate the appropriate strategies • Geographical diversification 	 The Hong Kong government scraps the long-standing property cooling measures

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Principal Risks	Key Controls and Risk Mitigations	Risk Trend
<p>6. Laws and regulations</p> <p>Development projects require government approvals or permits, and some of such approvals and permits may require an unexpected long period of time to be granted and issued, which may lead to a delay in completion of the project. The authorities may also from time to time impose new regulations on property owners or change policies without sufficient consultation and guidelines requiring the Group to increase manpower and incur additional costs and expenses to comply with such requirements. In some cases, it may adversely affect the Group's property sales performance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue monitoring and assessing the impact of the regulatory changes Seek for professional advice on regulatory changes if necessary Monitor the compliance with laws and regulations through internal policies and compliance checklists Maintain proper documentation 	 Remains stable
<p>7. Currency and interest rate fluctuations</p> <p>The results of the Group are recorded in Hong Kong dollars but its various subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures may receive revenue and incur expenses in other currencies, including Renminbi, Canadian dollars and Pound Sterling. Any significant currency fluctuations on translation of the overseas accounts may therefore impact on the Group's results of operations, financial position and cash flow. Besides, the Group's bank borrowings are subject to floating interest rates which could expose to rising interest rates and increase the finance costs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess and monitor the foreign exchange and interest rate exposure continuously Consider the use of hedging devices when appropriate 	 Hong Kong dollar and Pound Sterling interest rates hike

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Principal Risks	Key Controls and Risk Mitigations	Risk Trend
<p>8. Associates and joint ventures</p> <p>A large proportion of the Group's project development and investment activities are carried out through associates and joint ventures, so it may expose to risks of having business partners who may withdraw from the associates and joint ventures due to the change of their business strategies, take some unfavourable actions to the Group, fail to perform their duties and fulfill their obligations in accordance with the shareholders' agreements, undergo a change of ownership and control or experience material business and financial difficulties hindering their contributions to the investment projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select business partners with long-term established relationship carefully • Maintain ongoing communications with the business partners to understand their business strategies and their change of structures • Review the shareholders' agreements and constitutional documents regularly to safeguard the Group's interests • Monitor the fulfilment of contractual obligations through internal policies, reporting procedures and compliance checklists • Take timely action if non-compliance or significant area of concern is noted 	 <p>Remains stable</p>

The Directors are pleased to present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Year.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The Company is an investment holding company. The principal activities of the Group are development of, selling of and investment in properties in Macau, Hong Kong, the PRC, Canada and the United Kingdom; investment in hotels and leisure business in the PRC and Canada; securities investments and provision of loan financing services. The principal activities of the Company's principal subsidiaries are set out in Note 42 to the consolidated financial statements.

Further discussion and analysis of the above activities as required by Schedule 5 to the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, including a fair review of the business of the Group, a description of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group and an indication of likely future development in the Group's business, are set out in the "Financial Highlights", "Chairman's Statement", "Management Discussion and Analysis", "Corporate Governance Report", "Environmental, Social and Governance Report" and "Financial Summary" sections of this annual report. The relevant discussions in these sections form part of this report.

RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

The results of the Group for the Year are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss on page 77.

The Board has resolved not to pay any dividend for the Year. Accordingly, no dividend is paid or payable for the whole Year (2023: nil).

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

For the purpose of ascertaining Shareholders' entitlement to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 3 September 2024 to Friday, 6 September 2024, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting, Shareholders must lodge all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates with the branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 17/F., Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 2 September 2024.

FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the results and the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is set out on page 181.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Group during the Year are set out in Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements.

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PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES

Particulars of the Group's principal properties as at 31 March 2024 are set out on page 182.

SHARE CAPITAL

Details of movements in the share capital of the Company during the Year are set out in Note 30 to the consolidated financial statements.

RESERVES

Details of 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 page 81 and the note to Note 41 to the consolidated financial statements respectively.

DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES OF THE COMPANY

The Company's reserves available for distribution to its Shareholders as at 31 March 2024 was HK\$113,020,000 (2023: HK\$658,591,000).

Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), the contributed surplus of the Company is available for distribution. However, the Company cannot declare or pay any dividend, or make a distribution out of its contributed surplus if the Company is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or the realizable value of the assets of the Company would thereby be less than its liabilities.

DIRECTORS

During the Year and up to the date of this report, there were changes to the Board as follows:

- (i) Ms. Lam Sau Fung resigned as an executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company both with effect from 1 April 2023.
- (ii) Mr. Law Hon Wa, William ("Mr. William Law") was appointed as an executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company both with effect from 1 April 2023.
- (iii) Ms. Chau Mei Wah ("Ms. Rosanna Chau") retired as an executive Director and was re-designated as a non-executive Director both with effect from 1 April 2023.
- (iv) Mr. Chan Pak Cheong Afonso ("Mr. Afonso Chan") resigned as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 18 September 2023.
- (v) Mr. Pang, Anthony Ming-tung ("Mr. Anthony Pang") was appointed as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 18 September 2023.

The Directors as at the date of this report are:

Executive Directors:

Mr. Cheung Hon Kit (*Chairman*)
Dr. Chan Kwok Keung, Charles (*Joint Vice Chairman*)
Mr. Chan Yiu Lun, Alan
Mr. William Law (*Chief Financial Officer*)

Non-executive Director:

Ms. Rosanna Chau

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Hon. Shek Lai Him, Abraham, *GBS, JP* (*Joint Vice Chairman*)
Mr. Ip Hon Wah
Mr. Anthony Pang

The biographical details of the Directors are set out on pages 5 to 8. Dr. Chan Kwok Keung, Charles ("Dr. Charles Chan") is the spouse of Ms. Ng Yuen Lan, Macy ("Ms. Macy Ng") and both of them are the substantial shareholders of the Company. Mr. Chan Yiu Lun, Alan ("Mr. Alan Chan") is their son. Other than the aforesaid, none of the Directors has any relationship with the substantial shareholders of the Company as at the date of this report.

Pursuant to bye-law 84 of the Bye-Laws and the CG Code, Dr. Charles Chan, Mr. Alan Chan and Ms. Rosanna Chau shall retire from office at the Annual General Meeting by rotation. In addition, pursuant to bye-law 83(2) of the Bye-Laws, Mr. Anthony Pang, being a Director appointed by the Board after the last annual general meeting, shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting. All these four retiring Directors, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

None of the Directors being proposed for re-election at the Annual General Meeting has a service contract with the Group which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

After reviewing the independent non-executive Directors' written confirmations of the factors set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules concerning directors' independence, the Board considers that all the independent non-executive Directors are independent.

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

As at 31 March 2024, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company and/or their respective close associates in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), (i) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (ii) which were required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO; or (iii) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code, were as follows:

The Company

Name of Director	Number of Shares held	Number of underlying shares held (Note 2)	Total	Percentage (Note 4)
Mr. Cheung Hon Kit ("Mr. HK Cheung")	48,800,000	2,600,000	51,400,000	5.66%
Dr. Charles Chan	518,948,012 (Note 3)	—	518,948,012	57.20%
Mr. Alan Chan	4,075,781	1,000,000	5,075,781	0.55%
Ms. Rosanna Chau	11,952,564	—	11,952,564	1.31%
Hon. Shek Lai Him, Abraham, GBS, JP ("Mr. Abraham Shek")	322,347	500,000	822,347	0.09%
Mr. Ip Hon Wah ("Mr. HW Ip")	—	300,000	300,000	0.03%

Notes:

- Except Dr. Charles Chan, all the Directors were the beneficial owners having personal interests in the Shares and/or underlying shares of the Company disclosed above. All the interests disclosed above were long positions.
- This represented the aggregate number of share options granted to the Directors by the Company (being regarded as unlisted physically settled equity derivatives) under the Share Option Scheme. Details of the share options are disclosed in the section headed "Share Option Scheme" below.
- By virtue of Part XV of the SFO, Dr. Charles Chan was interested in and deemed to be interested in a total of 518,948,012 Shares as follows:
 - he was the beneficial owner having personal interests in 191,588,814 Shares;
 - he was deemed to have corporate interests in 76,186,279 Shares which were owned by the companies wholly owned by him; and
 - he was deemed to have family interests in 251,172,919 Shares which were owned by the companies wholly owned by his spouse, Ms. Macy Ng.

Details of (ii) and (iii) above are disclosed in the section headed "Interests of Substantial Shareholders and Other Persons".

- This represented the approximate percentage of the total number of issued Shares as at 31 March 2024.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 March 2024, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company and/or their respective close associates had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), (i) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (ii) which were required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO; or (iii) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

On 10 September 2021, the Share Option Scheme was approved and adopted by the Shareholders pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed at the annual general meeting. The primary purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to retain, reward, motivate and give incentives to eligible persons. The Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing from 10 September 2021 to 9 September 2031.

Under the Share Option Scheme, the Directors may grant share options to the following eligible persons to subscribe for the new shares of the Company:

- (i) any employee or proposed employee (whether full-time or part-time) or executive, including executive director, of any member of the Group; or
- (ii) any non-executive director (including independent non-executive director) of any member of the Group; or
- (iii) any consultant, adviser or agent (legal, financial or professional) engaged by any member of the Group, who, under the terms of the relevant engagement with the Group, is eligible to participate in a share option scheme of the Company; or
- (iv) any executive, including executive director, of any entity in which any member of the Group, directly or indirectly, holds 30% or more equity interests.

Under the Share Option Scheme, share options granted should be accepted within 21 days after the date of grant, upon payment of HK\$1.0 per each grant of the share options. The exercise price shall be determined by the Board and shall be at least the highest of (i) the closing price of the Shares on the date of grant of the share options; or (ii) the average closing price of Shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant; or (iii) the nominal value of a Share on the date of grant.

There is no specific requirement that an option must be held for any minimum period before it can be exercised but the Board is empowered to impose at its discretion any such minimum period at the time of grant of any particular option. The period during which an option may be exercised is determined by the Board at its absolute discretion, save that no option may be exercised more than 10 years from the date of grant.

The total number of shares of the Company which may be issued upon exercise of all the share options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the adoption date (the "Scheme Limit"). The Scheme Limit may be refreshed by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting provided that the Scheme Limit so refreshed shall not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of such Shareholders' approval. Furthermore, the maximum aggregate number of shares of the Company which may be issued upon the exercise of all outstanding share options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 30% of the total number of Shares in issue from time to time. The numbers of share options available for grant under the Share Option Scheme at the beginning and the end of the Year were 84,137,541 and 84,897,541 respectively.

As at the date of this annual report, the total number of new shares of the Company available for issue upon exercise of all outstanding share options granted by the Company under the Share Option Scheme but not yet exercised was 9,920,000, representing approximately 1.1% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of this annual report.

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The maximum number of shares of the Company issued and to be issued upon exercise of the share options granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company (including options exercised, cancelled or outstanding) to each eligible person in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the total number of Shares in issue unless approval of the Shareholders is obtained. Any grant of share options to a Director, the chief executive of the Company, a substantial shareholder of the Company, or a Controlling Shareholder or any of their respective associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) is subject to approval by the independent non-executive Directors (excluding independent non-executive Director who is the grantee of the share options). In addition, where the Board proposes to grant any share options to a substantial shareholder of the Company or an independent non-executive Director or any of their respective associates, and such share options, if exercised in full, would result in the total number of shares of the Company issued and to be issued upon exercise of all the share options already granted and to be granted (including options exercised, cancelled and outstanding) to such person in the past 12-month period up to and including the date of grant in excess of 0.1% of the total number of Shares in issue on the date of grant and with an aggregate value (based on the closing price of the Shares on the date of grant) in excess of HK\$5,000,000, such grant of share options is subject to the Shareholders' approval in general meeting.

On 28 September 2021, the Company granted share options, of which a total of 16,320,000 share options were duly accepted by the grantees, under the Share Option Scheme with an exercise price of HK\$1.03 per share option. The period during which these share options can be exercised is from 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2025 (both dates inclusive), provided that 25% of the share options shall be exercisable during each of the periods (i) from 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2025 (both dates inclusive), (ii) from 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2025 (both dates inclusive), (iii) from 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2025 (both dates inclusive), and (iv) from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2025 (both dates inclusive) pursuant to the Share Option Scheme. The vesting period of the share options is from the date of the grant until the commencement of the exercise period.

The movements of the share options during the Year were as follows:

Category and name of participant	Number of share options				Outstanding as at 31 March 2024
	Outstanding as at 1 April 2023	Granted during the Year	Exercised during the Year	Cancelled/ lapsed during the Year	
Directors					
Mr. HK Cheung	2,600,000	—	—	—	2,600,000
Mr. Alan Chan (Note 1)	1,000,000	—	—	—	1,000,000
Mr. Abraham Shek	500,000	—	—	—	500,000
Mr. Afonso Chan (<i>resigned with effect from 18 September 2023</i>)	300,000	—	—	—	N/A
Mr. HW Ip	300,000	—	—	—	300,000
Sub-total	4,700,000	—	—	—	4,400,000
Employees (Note 2)	6,080,000	—	—	(460,000)	5,620,000
Other participants	1,100,000 (Note 3(i) & (ii))	—	—	(300,000) (Note 3(iii))	1,100,000 (Note 3(i) & (ii))
Total	11,880,000	—	—	(760,000)	11,120,000

Notes:

1. Mr. Alan Chan is also an associate (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the substantial shareholders of the Company.
2. This represented the aggregate number of share options held by existing employees and former employees, including a former Director who resigned from the position with effect from 1 April 2023 and remained as an employee until 30 September 2023.
3. These other participants are:
 - (i) a consultant of the Group, who held 800,000 outstanding share options;
 - (ii) a senior executive of a principal associate of the Company, who held 300,000 outstanding share options. He is also a director of certain associates; and
 - (iii) Mr. Afonso Chan, a former Director, who still held 300,000 outstanding share options after his resignation pursuant to the Share Option Scheme and such share options eventually lapsed during the Year.

Save as disclosed above, there were no share options granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed under the Share Option Scheme during the Year.

EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENT

Save as disclosed in the section headed "Share Option Scheme" above, no equity-linked agreements were entered into by the Company during the Year or subsisted at the end of the Year.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Other than the Share Option Scheme as disclosed above, at no time during the Year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESSES

Pursuant to Rule 8.10 of the Listing Rules, the interests of the relevant Directors in businesses which competed or were likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group during the Year, were as follows:

- (i) Mr. HK Cheung, an executive Director and the Chairman of the Company, had personal interests and/or held directorships in companies which were engaged in property investment in Macau, Hong Kong, the PRC and Canada and/or investment in hotel in the PRC.
- (ii) Dr. Charles Chan, an executive Director and Joint Vice Chairman of the Company, and/or his close associate had personal interests and/or held directorships in companies which were engaged in property investment in Hong Kong and/or investment in hotel in Canada and/or securities investments and/or property development and hotel management in the PRC.
- (iii) Mr. Alan Chan, an executive Director, had personal interests and/or held directorships in companies which were engaged in securities investments.
- (iv) Ms. Rosanna Chau, a non-executive Director, held directorship in a company which was engaged in securities investments.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors are aware of their fiduciary duties to the Company and understand that they must, in the performance of their duties as Directors, avoid actual and potential conflicts of interest and duty in order to ensure that they act in the best interests of the Shareholders and the Company as a whole. In addition, any significant business decisions of the Group are to be determined by the Board. Any Director who has material interest in any matter being resolved will abstain from voting. In view of the above, the Board considers that the interests of each of the above Directors in other companies neither prejudice his/her capacity as a Director nor compromise the interests of the Group and the Shareholders. Also, the Board opines that coupled with the diligence of the independent non-executive Directors, the Group is capable of carrying on its businesses independently of, and at arm's length from, such businesses in which the above Directors were regarded as being interested in.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Save as disclosed in Note 39 to the consolidated financial statements, no transactions, arrangements or contracts of significance to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which a Director or an entity connected with a Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the Year or at any time during the Year.

CHANGES IN INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

Pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, changes in information on the Directors since the date of the 2023-2024 interim report of the Company and up to the date of this report were set out below:

- (i) There were changes to the directorships of each of Mr. HK Cheung, Dr. Charles Chan and Mr. William Law in certain members of the Group.
- (ii) Mr. Abraham Shek resigned as an independent non-executive director of Country Garden Holdings Company Limited, a listed company in Hong Kong, with effect from 15 March 2024.
- (iii) Ms. Rosanna Chau did not renew her membership in the CPA Australia and the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia of her own accord.
- (iv) Details of the Directors' emolument for the Year are set out in Note 12(a) to the consolidated financial statements.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other changes in information on the Directors required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

CONNECTED TRANSACTION

There was no connected transaction or continuing connected transaction undertaken by the Company during the Year and up to the date of this report which was required to be disclosed pursuant to Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The related party transactions disclosed in Note 39 to the consolidated financial statements did not constitute connected transactions or continuing connected transactions of the Company, or were either disclosed previously pursuant to the Listing Rules or exempt from reporting, annual review, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The Directors confirm that the Company has complied with the disclosure requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

INTERESTS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHER PERSONS

As at 31 March 2024, so far as known to the Directors or chief executive of the Company, the interests and short positions of the substantial shareholders of the Company or other persons (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) in the Shares and underlying shares of the Company, which have been disclosed to the Company pursuant to the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO and have been recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO, were as follows:

Name	Nature of interests	Capacity	Number of Shares held	Percentage (Note 2)
(I) Substantial shareholders				
Ms. Macy Ng	Corporate interests	Interest of controlled corporation	251,172,919	27.68%
	Family interests	Interest of spouse	267,775,093	29.52%
			518,948,012 (Note 3)	57.20%
Record High Enterprises Limited ("Record High")	Corporate interests	Interest of controlled corporation	251,172,919 (Note 3)	27.68%
Fortune Crystal Holdings Limited ("Fortune Crystal")	Personal interests	Beneficial owner	251,172,919 (Note 3)	27.68%
(II) Other persons				
ITC Holdings Limited ("ITC Holdings")	Corporate interests	Interest of controlled corporation	76,186,279 (Note 4)	8.39%
Galaxyway Investments Limited ("Galaxyway")	Personal interests	Beneficial owner	76,186,279 (Note 4)	8.39%

Notes:

- All the interests in the Shares disclosed above were long positions. Also, no underlying shares of the Company were held by the substantial shareholders of the Company and other persons stated above.
- This represented the approximate percentage of the total number of issued Shares as at 31 March 2024.
- Fortune Crystal owned 251,172,919 Shares and was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Record High which in turn was wholly owned by Ms. Macy Ng. As such, Record High and Ms. Macy Ng were deemed to be interested in the 251,172,919 Shares owned by Fortune Crystal by virtue of Part XV of the SFO.

In addition, Ms. Macy Ng was deemed to be interested in the 76,186,279 Shares owned by Galaxyway set out in Note 4 below and the 191,588,814 Shares beneficially owned by Dr. Charles Chan, an executive Director and Joint Vice Chairman of the Company, by virtue of her being the spouse of Dr. Charles Chan for the purpose of Part XV of the SFO.

Accordingly, Ms. Macy Ng was deemed to be interested in a total of 518,948,012 Shares by virtue of Part XV of the SFO.

- Galaxyway owned 76,186,279 Shares and was a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings which in turn was wholly owned by Dr. Charles Chan. As such, ITC Holdings and Dr. Charles Chan were deemed to be interested in the 76,186,279 Shares owned by Galaxyway by virtue of Part XV of the SFO.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 March 2024, the Company had not been notified of any other interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company pursuant to the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Save for employment contracts, no other contracts relating to the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the businesses of the Company were entered into or subsisted during the Year.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

For the Year, the aggregate revenue attributable to the five largest customers of the Group was approximately 91% of the total revenue of the Group, and the largest customer accounted for approximately 41% of the Group's total revenue. The aggregate amount of purchases attributable to the five largest suppliers of the Group was less than 30% of the total purchases of the Group.

None of the Directors and their respective close associates or any Shareholders (who to the knowledge of the Directors owned more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) had any interest in any of the Group's five largest customers as at 31 March 2024.

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

During the Year, the Company repurchased a total of 5,436,000 Shares on the Stock Exchange. Details of the repurchases are as follows:

Month	Number of Shares repurchased	Purchase price per Share		Aggregate consideration (excluding expenses) (HK\$)
		Highest (HK\$)	Lowest (HK\$)	
July 2023	4,956,000	0.85	0.76	4,085,850
August 2023	480,000	0.80	0.71	356,280
	5,436,000			4,442,130

The Directors believed that the above repurchases of Shares led to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and benefited the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. All the above repurchased Shares have been cancelled during the Year.

Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Year.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

As far as the Company is aware, there was no material breach of or non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations that had a significant impact on the businesses and operations of the Group during the Year.

REMUNERATION POLICY

The remuneration policy regarding the Directors, top management and other employees of the Group was formulated and will be reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company from time to time. Directors, top management and employees are remunerated according to their qualifications and experience, job nature and performance and under the pay scales aligned with market conditions. In addition to the contractual remuneration, other benefits including discretionary bonus, medical scheme, insurance coverage, retirement benefits schemes and share options may also be offered upon the determination of the Group. Details of the Group's retirement benefits schemes and the Share Option Scheme are set out in Note 38 to the consolidated financial statements and the section headed "Share Option Scheme" above respectively.

DIVIDEND POLICY

The dividend policy of the Company aims at providing stable and sustainable returns to the Shareholders whilst preserving the liquidity of the Group to capture future growth opportunities. The Company intends to provide the Shareholders with regular dividends and to declare special dividend from time to time, and whenever appropriate, to offer a scrip dividend alternative to the Shareholders. In deciding whether to propose a dividend and determining the dividend amount, the Board will consider the earnings performance, financial and liquidity position, investment requirements and future prospects of the Group, and any other factors that the Board may deem appropriate.

PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

A permitted indemnity provision for the benefit of the Directors is currently in force and was in force throughout the Year. The Company has arranged insurance coverage in respect of legal action against its Directors and officers.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Bye-Laws or the laws of Bermuda, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares of the Company on a pro-rata basis to the existing Shareholders.

SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, the Company has maintained a sufficient public float of its Shares as required under the Listing Rules throughout the Year and as at the date of this report.

AUDITOR

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as auditor of the Company.

On behalf of the Board

Cheung Hon Kit
Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 June 2024

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Company is committed to maintaining high standard of corporate governance practices and procedures and complying with the statutory and regulatory requirements with an aim to maximising the values and interests of the Shareholders as well as enhancing the transparency and accountability to the stakeholders.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company has adopted the code provisions of the CG Code as its own code of corporate governance. Throughout the Year, the Company has complied with all the code provisions of the CG Code and applied the principles contained therein, except that the role of the “chief executive” is vacant. Details of such deviation are set out in the section headed “Chairman and Managing Director” below.

CORPORATE CULTURE, STRATEGY AND LONG-TERM BUSINESS MODEL

The Company embeds with a strong corporate culture for compliance, corporate governance and corporate social responsibilities, and at the same time, keeps a close eye on opportunities of property markets in different locations and revisits and restructures the property investment portfolio of the Group. The corporate objective of the Group is to maximize returns for the Company and its Shareholders. To achieve this corporate objective, the business strategies of the Group are to maintain continuous growth and profitability by acquiring property sites with good locations at relatively low costs for redevelopment, while sale of property upon completion of development is the primary profit driver. The Group also builds a property investment portfolio with appreciation potential in order to secure a recurring and reliable source of income. Other businesses, including the securities investments and the provision of loan financing services, are part of the Group’s treasury management for utilising surplus cash, and supplement to the Group’s core businesses of property development and investment.

Forming joint ventures with business partners having similar investment philosophy is a preferred mode of holding structure for the Group’s investment as it can on one hand diversify the business risks, and on the other hand share the expertise of business partners. The Group also maintains professional teams and grasps timely information to meet the market changes.

DIRECTORS’ SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as its own code of conduct for Directors in their dealings in the securities of the Company. In response to specific enquiries made by the Company, all the Directors occupying the positions during the Year confirmed that they complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the Year or their tenure of office within the Year, whichever is shorter. The Company has also adopted the Model Code to regulate the dealings in the securities of the Company by its employees and directors of the subsidiaries who are likely to possess inside information relating to the Company or its securities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board are individually and collectively responsible for the leadership and control, and for the promotion of the success, of the Company by operating and developing the Group’s business operations, implementing the Group’s business strategies, and performing the corporate governance duties. The Board currently has eight members, comprising four executive Directors, one non-executive Director and three independent non-executive Directors. Details of the composition of the Board and the changes occurred during the Year and up to the date of this annual report are set out on page 2 and the section headed “Directors” in the directors’ report of this annual report respectively. A list containing the names of all the Directors and their role and function is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company, and will be updated from time to time as and when there are any changes.

The biographical details of the Directors are set out on pages 5 to 8 of this annual report. Except that Dr. Charles Chan, an executive Director and Joint Vice Chairman, is the father of Mr. Alan Chan, an executive Director, there is no financial, business, family or other material relationship among the members of the Board.

The Company has maintained a sufficient number of independent non-executive Directors representing at least one-third of the Board as required under the Listing Rules throughout the Year. With three independent non-executive Directors possessing professional expertise and a diverse range of experience, the Board can effectively and efficiently exercise independent judgment, give independent advice to the management of the Company and make decisions objectively for the benefits and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The Board has delegated the executive Board or other committees with authority and responsibility for handling the management functions and operations of the day-to-day business of the Group while specifically reserving important matters and decisions to the Board for approval, such as annual and interim financial reporting and control, equity fund-raising, declaration of interim dividend, recommendation of final dividend or other distributions, decisions regarding notifiable transactions and connected transactions under Chapter 14 and Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules respectively and making recommendation for capital reorganisation or scheme of arrangement of the Company. The Board has also established the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee, the Nomination Committee, the Corporate Governance Committee and the Investment Committee each with specific written terms of reference which clearly define their respective roles, authorities and functions. The members of the said committees have full access to minutes, records and materials as well as the personnel of the Company to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities. Further information on each of the committees is set out below in this report.

Regular Board meetings are held at least four times a year with at least 14 days' prior notice being given to all Directors. Additional Board meetings will be arranged and held as and when necessary. The Directors may attend the Board meetings either in person or through electronic means of communication. During the Year, four regular meetings were held and written resolutions of Directors were circulated and passed for approving significant matters. Also, resolutions were passed by the executive Board during the Year for normal course of business and matters under authorisation and/or delegation by the Board.

The Directors are provided with all relevant information in advance to enable them to make informed decisions, and appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure that they are given an opportunity to include matters in the agendas for the regular Board meetings. All Directors have separate and independent access to the advice and services of the Group's senior management and consultants with a view to ensuring that the Board procedures and all applicable laws, rules and regulations are observed and complied with. The chairman of the Board (the "Chairman") meets at least annually with the independent non-executive Directors without the presence of other Directors.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

A tentative schedule for regular Board meetings, committee meetings and annual general meeting of each financial year is made available to all Directors prior to the beginning of that year. The attendance records of each Board member occupying the position during the Year, on a named basis, at the meetings held during the Year are as follows:

Name of Director	Number of Meetings Attended/Eligible to Attend					2023
	Board	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Nomination Committee	Corporate Governance Committee	Annual General Meeting
Executive Directors:						
Mr. HK Cheung	4/4	–	–	1/1	1/1	1/1
Dr. Charles Chan	4/4	–	–	–	–	1/1
Mr. Alan Chan	4/4	–	–	–	–	1/1
Mr. William Law (Note 1)	4/4	–	–	–	1/1	1/1
Non-executive Director:						
Ms. Rosanna Chau (Note 2)	4/4	–	–	–	–	1/1
Independent Non-executive Directors:						
Mr. Abraham Shek	4/4	5/5	1/1	1/1	–	1/1
Mr. HW Ip	4/4	5/5	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1
Mr. Anthony Pang (Note 3)	2/2	2/2	1/1	–	–	–
Mr. Afonso Chan (Note 3)	2/2	3/3	–	1/1	–	1/1

Notes:

1. Mr. William Law was appointed as an executive Director and a member of the Corporate Governance Committee both with effect from 1 April 2023.
2. Ms. Rosanna Chau resigned as a member of each of the Remuneration Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee both with effect from 1 April 2023.
3. Mr. Afonso Chan resigned and Mr. Anthony Pang was appointed as an independent non-executive Director, the chairman of each of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee and a member of Nomination Committee all with effect from 18 September 2023.

Directors have disclosed to the Company periodically their directorships and offices held in other organisations as well as other significant commitments, and also their time commitments to the Company. In line with the recommended best practice set out in the CG Code, the Board reviewed the performance of the Directors and their contributions to the Company, and is satisfied that the Directors have firm commitments to the Company. Also, the Board is of the view that the Directors have made positive contributions to the Board through active participation in the Company's affairs and the Board's discussion and decisions, as reflected in their attendance rate at the meetings of the Board and committees as well as the annual general meeting held during the Year.

The Company has arranged insurance coverage in respect of legal actions against the Directors and officers arising out of their duties. Such insurance coverage is reviewed periodically to ensure the adequacy of its coverage.

Chairman and Managing Director

Mr. HK Cheung is the Chairman and is principally responsible for the strategic planning of the Group and the management of the operations of the Board. The position of the Managing Director is vacant and the responsibilities for the operations and business development of the Group are shared by the executive Directors. The Board is of the view that as there is a clear division of responsibilities amongst the executive Directors, the current structure is effective in facilitating the operations and business development of Group and enabling the Board to discharge its responsibilities satisfactorily. In addition, the independent non-executive Directors contribute valuable views and proposals independently for the Board's deliberation and decisions.

Non-executive Directors

Pursuant to the Bye-Laws and the CG Code, every Director is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at least once every three years. All the non-executive Directors are subject to the aforesaid retirement requirements.

The Board has three independent non-executive Directors, and at least one of them has the appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise as required under the Listing Rules. After reviewing the independent non-executive Directors' written confirmations of the factors set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules concerning directors' independence, the Board considered that all the independent non-executive Directors are independent.

Directors' Continuous Professional Development

In order to uphold good corporate governance, every newly appointed Director will be briefed on the Group's businesses and provided with professional development materials to ensure that he/she has sufficient understanding of the Group's businesses and awareness of duties under the Listing Rules and the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements. During the Year, comprehensive induction packs were provided to Mr. William Law and Mr. Anthony Pang on their appointments.

In addition, the Company encourages the Directors to enroll in professional development courses and seminars relating to the Listing Rules, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and corporate governance practices organised by professional bodies or chambers. Briefings on specific topics of significance and interests with the relevant reading materials are also arranged for the Directors so as to provide continuous professional development (the "CPD") training as required by the CG Code. During the Year, the Company continued to provide the Directors with materials on updates on rules and regulations, market developments, and other relevant topics which enhanced greater awareness and understanding of the Group's businesses and the compliance with regulatory development.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

All Directors occupying the positions during the Year have provided their training records to the Company and confirmed that during the Year or their tenure of office within the Year, whichever is shorter, they have participated in the CPD on the following topics:

Name of Director	The Group's businesses	Corporate governance and/or others (Note)
Mr. HK Cheung	✓	✓
Dr. Charles Chan	✓	✓
Mr. Alan Chan	✓	✓
Mr. William Law (appointed with effect from 1 April 2023)	✓	✓
Ms. Rosanna Chau (retired as an executive Director and re-designated as a non-executive Director both with effect from 1 April 2023)	✓	✓
Mr. Abraham Shek	✓	✓
Mr. HW Ip	✓	✓
Mr. Anthony Pang (appointed with effect from 18 September 2023)	✓	✓
Mr. Afonso Chan (resigned with effect from 18 September 2023)	✓	✓

Note: It includes topics on directors' duties and responsibilities, legal and regulatory updates, and internal controls.

Nomination, Appointment and Re-election of Directors

The Board has delegated its authority to the Nomination Committee for the nomination and appointment of new Directors and the nomination of Directors for re-election by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting. Pursuant to the Bye-Laws, the Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or as an addition to the existing Board, who will be subject to retirement and re-election at the next following annual general meeting.

The Board has adopted a board diversity policy (the "Board Diversity Policy"), which shall be reviewed annually, for ensuring a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the requirements of the businesses and strategies of the Group and to the succession planning and development of the Board. Selection of candidates for appointment to the Board shall be based on a range of perspectives, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional and industrial experience, business perspectives, skills, knowledge and length of service. All Board appointments shall be based on merit and contribution on an equal-opportunity principle, and selected candidates shall be considered against objective criteria, having due regard to the benefits of diversity on the Board as well as the needs of the Board without focusing on one single diversity aspect. A candidate to be appointed as an independent non-executive Director must satisfy the independence criteria set out in the Listing Rules and is expected to have independent views and exercise independent judgement and should not solely rely on professional advisers or what is volunteered by the management. At the Board level, there shall be a mixed gender Board with at least one Director of a different gender by 31 December 2024. For succession planning of the Board, there shall be at least 20% of senior executives of a different gender. Furthermore, there shall be at least 20% of the total workforce of a different gender.

During the Year, no Director was involved in fixing his/her own terms of re-appointment and no independent non-executive Director participated in assessing his own independence. The Board reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the Board Diversity Policy and measurable objectives set out therein during the Year and is satisfied that all the measurable objectives have been achieved.

Each of the Directors has signed a formal letter of appointment setting out the key terms and conditions of his/her appointment. Every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at the annual general meeting. Also, pursuant to the Bye-Laws, not less than one-third of the Directors for the time being shall retire from office by rotation at each annual general meeting.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee currently comprises four members, namely Mr. Abraham Shek (committee chairman), Mr. HK Cheung, Mr. HW Ip and Mr. Anthony Pang who was appointed in place of Mr. Afonso Chan with effect from 18 September 2023. Except Mr. HK Cheung who is an executive Director, all the members are independent non-executive Directors.

The main responsibilities of the Nomination Committee include making recommendations to the Board on matters relating to the appointment or re-appointment of the Directors and succession planning for the Directors; assessing the independence of the independent non-executive Directors; reviewing the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity of perspectives) of the Board at least annually and making recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy; and reviewing the nomination policy of the Company (the "Nomination Policy") to ensure its effectiveness and regulatory compliance. The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company. For effective functioning in the course of the Director's nomination process, the Board has also adopted the procedures for the Shareholders to propose a person for election as a Director in accordance with the Bye-Laws, the Nomination Policy and the Board Diversity Policy. The Nomination Committee has been provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties.

Under the Nomination Policy, the Nomination Committee shall apply the following selection criteria after identifying and shortlisting the suitable candidates for appointment of Director:

- (i) the attributes to complement the Company's corporate strategies;
- (ii) the business experience and board expertise and skills;
- (iii) the time commitment and attention in the businesses of the Group;
- (iv) the integrity, personal ethics, honesty and good reputation;
- (v) in case of appointment of independent non-executive Director, the compliance with the independence requirements under the Listing Rules and the possession of independent views and the exercise of independent judgement without solely reliance on professional advisers or what is volunteered by the management; and
- (vi) the benefits towards a diversified Board with regards to the Board Diversity Policy.

The recommendation of the Nomination Committee on appointment of a new Director shall then be put to the Board for consideration and approval.

For re-election of a retiring Director, the Nomination Committee shall also apply the selection criteria to assess the retiring Director and make recommendation to the Board. A circular containing the requisite information on the Directors standing for re-election shall be sent to the Shareholders. If a retiring independent non-executive Director (i) has served on the Board for more than nine years or (ii) has held directorship in six or more other listed companies, the Board shall explain in the circular the reasons why (i) he is still believed as independent and should be re-elected, including the factors considered, the process and the discussion in arriving at such determination or (ii) he is able to devote sufficient time to the Board, respectively.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

During the Year, the Nomination Committee held a meeting and dealt with certain matters by way of passing written resolution. The work performed by the Nomination Committee during the Year included the following:

- (i) reviewed the structure, size and composition of the Board;
- (ii) assessed the independence of the independent non-executive Directors;
- (iii) nominated the retiring Directors for re-election at the annual general meeting;
- (iv) recommended to the Board for approval on the proposed changes of independent non-executive Directors; and
- (v) reviewed the terms of reference of the Nomination Committee and the Nomination Policy.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Corporate Governance Committee has three members, comprising (i) two executive Directors, namely Mr. HK Cheung (committee chairman) and Mr. William Law and (ii) one independent non-executive Director, namely Mr. HW Ip.

The Board has delegated its corporate governance functions set out in the code provisions of the CG Code to the Corporate Governance Committee. The principal duties of the Corporate Governance Committee include making recommendations to the Board on the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance; and reviewing and monitoring (i) the training and CPD of the Directors and the senior management of the Company, (ii) the Company's policies and practices on compliance with the legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) the code of conduct and compliance manual (if any) applicable to the Company's employees and the Directors, and (iv) the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosure in the Corporate Governance Report. The Board has also adopted the corporate governance policy and the code of conduct for internal guidance purpose. The Corporate Governance Committee has been provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties.

During the Year, the Corporate Governance Committee held a meeting. The work performed by the Corporate Governance Committee during the Year included the following:

- (i) endorsed the following matters to the Board for approval:
 - the Company's practices and procedures on corporate governance and the compliance with the CG Code; and
 - the 2022-2023 corporate governance report;
- (ii) reviewed the training and CPD of the Directors occupying the positions during the Year; and
- (iii) reviewed the terms of reference of the Corporate Governance Committee, the corporate governance policy, the Shareholders' communication policy, the code of conduct and various procedures for corporate governance matters.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Remuneration Committee currently comprises three members, all being independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Anthony Pang (committee chairman), Mr. Abraham Shek and Mr. HW Ip. Mr. Anthony Pang was appointed as the committee chairman in place of Mr. Afonso Chan with effect from 18 September 2023.

The main responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee include (i) making recommendations to the Board on the Company's remuneration policy and structure for all the Directors and senior management of the Company and on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing remuneration policy, and (ii) determining the remuneration packages of the executive Directors and senior management of the Company. The terms of reference are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company. The Remuneration Committee has been provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties.

During the Year, the Remuneration Committee held a meeting and dealt with certain matters by way of passing written resolution. The work performed by the Remuneration Committee during the Year included the following:

- (i) recommended to the Board for approval on the Director's fee of a new independent non-executive Director; and
- (ii) reviewed the terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee and the remuneration policy for the Directors and employees of the Group.

Details of the remuneration packages of the Directors occupying the positions during the Year are set out in Note 12(a) to the consolidated financial statements. During the Year, no Director or any of his/her associates was involved in deciding the remuneration package of such Director, and no service contract of any executive Directors or senior management of the Company is required to be approved by the Remuneration Committee.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee currently comprises three members, all being independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Anthony Pang (committee chairman), Mr. Abraham Shek and Mr. HW Ip. Mr. Anthony Pang is a qualified accountant with extensive experience in financial reporting and controls as required by the Listing Rules and was appointed as the committee chairman in place of Mr. Afonso Chan with effect from 18 September 2023.

The principal duties of the Audit Committee include reviewing the Group's interim and annual results prior to recommending them to the Board for approval; making recommendation on the appointment of external auditor of the Company (the "Auditor") and acting as the key representative body for overseeing the Company's relations with the Auditor; and reviewing the Group's financial information and financial reporting system. The Audit Committee is also responsible for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems, and the effectiveness of the internal audit function of the Company. Its terms of reference are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company. The Board has also adopted the risk management and internal control policy and the whistle-blowing policy, and has delegated the Audit Committee with the responsibility for reviewing such policies and related arrangements. The Audit Committee has been provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties.

During the Year, the Audit Committee held five meetings and dealt with certain matters by way of passing written resolutions. The work performed by the Audit Committee during the Year included the following:

- (i) discussed and reviewed the audit planning reports for the years ended 31 March 2023 and 2024;
- (ii) endorsed the following matters for the Board's approval:
 - the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 and the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2023;
 - the re-appointment of the Auditor for Shareholders' approval at the annual general meeting;
 - the internal audit checklist and timetable;
 - the cash flows forecast for the periods from 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2024 and from 1 October 2023 to 30 November 2024; and
 - the internal audit reports;
- (iii) granted a mandate to executive Director to engage any external auditor(s) to perform non-audit services within a fee threshold;
- (iv) approved the terms of engagement of the Auditor, including the fee basis, in respect of the consolidated financial statements for the Year;
- (v) discussed and reviewed with the management and the Auditor on the changes in accounting standards and requirements which might affect the Group; and
- (vi) reviewed the terms of reference of the Audit Committee, the risk management and internal control policy and the whistle-blowing policy.

The Board and the members of the Audit Committee did not have any differences in opinion during the Year.

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INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee comprises two members and both of them shall be executive Directors.

The main responsibilities of the Investment Committee include (i) making recommendations to the Board on strategies and risk control policies for the Group's investments and reviewing the efficiency and effectiveness of their implementation, and relevant matters relating to acquisitions and disposals of, investments in assets, companies, businesses or projects, and their funding requirements; (ii) conducting necessary research and gathering necessary information before making any investment decisions; (iii) reviewing financial performance of the investment portfolio of the Group; (iv) reviewing the appropriateness of the investment portfolio and making recommendations to the Board on treasury management and investment of surplus funds; and (v) reviewing the investment policy to ensure its effectiveness and making recommendations to the Board on any proposed changes. The Investment Committee has been provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties.

During the Year, the Investment Committee reviewed the terms of reference of the Investment Committee and the investment policy.

COMPANY SECRETARY

The company secretary of the Company (the "Company Secretary") is responsible for ensuring that Board procedures are followed and Board activities are effectively and efficiently conducted, and the Company complies with the Listing Rules and the other relevant rules and regulations, including but not limited to the preparation, publication and despatch of the Company's annual and interim reports within the prescribed time limit as required by the Listing Rules and arrangement of Directors' CPD training as required by the CG Code.

In addition, the Company Secretary advises the Directors on their obligations for the disclosure of interests and dealings in the Company's securities, connected transactions and inside information, and ensures that the standards and disclosures as required by the Listing Rules and all other relevant rules and regulations are fulfilled and, if required, disclosures are made in the annual and/or interim reports of the Company.

The Company Secretary is an employee of the Group. She confirmed that she has complied with the qualifications, experience and training requirements as required by the Listing Rules.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the financial statements for each financial period to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and of the results and cash flows of the Group for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the Directors have selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently, made judgments and estimates that are prudent, fair and reasonable and prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. The statement of the Auditor regarding its reporting responsibilities on the financial statements of the Group is set out in the Independent Auditor's Report of this annual report.

The Group has maintained a team of qualified accountants to oversee its financial reporting and other accounting related issues in accordance with the relevant laws, rules and regulations. The management of the Company provides all members of the Board with monthly updates, giving a balanced and understandable assessment of the Company's performance, position and prospects in sufficient details to enable the Board as a whole and the Directors to discharge their duties under Rule 3.08 and Chapter 13 of the Listing Rules.

The Auditor issued a disclaimer of opinion (the “Disclaimer of Opinion”) in relation to going concern on the Company’s consolidated financial statements for the Year, and raised an additional matter in respect of qualification on investment in an associate (the “Additional Matter”), the details of which are described in the sections headed “Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion” and “Additional Matter – Qualification on Investment in an Associate” respectively in the Independent Auditor’s Report of this annual report. Management’s views on such Disclaimer of Opinion and Additional Matter are disclosed in the paragraphs headed “Management’s views on the Disclaimer of Opinion in relation to going concern” and “Management’s views on the additional matter in relation to qualification on investment in an associate” respectively in the Management Discussion and Analysis of this annual report.

Audit Committee’s Views on the Disclaimer of Opinion and Additional Matter

The Audit Committee had critically reviewed the Disclaimer of Opinion and the Additional Matter, the corresponding management’s position, the plans and measures of the Group to address the Disclaimer of Opinion and the assessment performed by the Group regarding its investment in an associate. The Audit Committee confirms and concurs with the management’s views with respect to the Disclaimer of Opinion and the Additional Matter.

AUDITOR’S REMUNERATION

The total remuneration paid or payable to the Auditor for the Year amounted to approximately HK\$4,642,000, of which HK\$4,390,000 was for audit services and HK\$252,000 for non-audit services, including tax-related service.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board believes that good governance reflects the values and culture of an organisation. It has the overall responsibility for acting with integrity, promoting a strong culture for compliance and corporate governance of the Group, and maintaining a sound and effective system of risk management and internal control for reviewing its effectiveness, particularly in respect of the key controls on finance, operations and compliance through risk management assessment, to integrate into the Group’s strategies and business operations.

The Board oversees the Group’s risk management process which comprises the identification and assessment of the key risks exposure of the Group, including material environmental, social and governance risks, based on their estimated impact and likelihood of occurrence and formulation of corresponding mitigating controls by the management. The Group’s identified risks and associated mitigating controls are recorded in a risk register and are reviewed at least annually in light of internal and external changes. An open and interactive communication channel is maintained to enable timely reporting and ongoing supervision of the identified risks within the Group. The principal risks and uncertainties encountered by the Group and the corresponding mitigating controls are set out in the section headed “Management Discussion and Analysis” of this annual report.

The foundation of strong risk management and internal control systems is dependent on the values and culture developed by the organisation, the direction provided by the Board and compliance with the policies and procedures by the personnel. The Group’s risk management and internal control systems include a well-established organisation structure, comprehensive policies and standards, and the Board’s periodic reviews on the implementation of the internal control systems by the functional departments in respect of operation, financial function and compliance of all the businesses of the Group, including the corporate transactions and provision of financial assistance, if any, in order to manage the Group’s identified risks effectively. The risk management and internal control policy of the Group has been developed with a primary objective of providing general guidance and recommendations on a basic framework of risk management and internal control and for achievement of the Group’s purpose.

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The Company has also established and maintained appropriate and effective systems and procedures for handling and dissemination of inside information. The Board has adopted the policy on disclosure of inside information, pursuant to which an internal committee has been established to review and assess any material information which requires to be escalated for the attention of the Board and to be disclosed. Procedures have also been implemented for responding to external and Shareholders' communications so that only designated personnel can respond to enquiries about the Group's affairs.

The internal audit function of the Group is an independent function that reports directly to the Audit Committee. The internal audit team from time to time reviews the Group's business operations, risk management and internal control systems in accordance with the risk-based internal audit work plan, internal audit checklist and timetable as approved by the Audit Committee. Internal audit reports with internal control effectiveness conclusions are also prepared periodically for the Audit Committee's review and the Board's consideration and approval.

The Board is responsible for the design, implementation and monitoring of the Group's risk management and internal control systems on an ongoing basis and a cyclical review has been conducted on their effectiveness. Furthermore, the Board has performed annual review and ensured that adequate resources and budget have been spent on the Company's accounting and financial reporting, internal audit, compliance, and environmental, social and governance performance and reporting functions which are carried out by professional staff with appropriate qualifications, experience and training.

During the Year, the Group's risk management and internal control systems remain unchanged from the prior year. No significant irregularity, deficiency or areas of concern in risk management and internal control systems was required to draw the attention of the Audit Committee. The Board, based on the periodical assessment and confirmation from the management, the internal audit function and the Audit Committee, has reviewed the Group's risk management and internal control systems and considered them to be effective and adequate.

Taking into account the Additional Matter, the Group will further enhance the internal controls through closely monitoring the reporting of financial and operational information by its associates, periodically reviewing the shareholders' agreements and constitutional documents, and taking timely action in response to any non-compliance or significant area of concern noted, in order to avoid similar situations happening again.

COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS

The Board has adopted, and reviews from time to time, the Shareholders' communication policy which was designed with the objective of ensuring that the Shareholders are provided with ready, equal and timely access to balanced and understandable information about the Company in order to enable them to exercise their rights in an informed manner. During the Year, a review on the implementation and effectiveness of the Shareholders' communication policy was conducted and the policy was considered effective to the Company.

The Company communicates with the Shareholders through the publication of annual and interim reports, announcements and circulars as well as the dissemination of additional information about the Group's activities, business strategies and developments. All such information is available on the Company's website at www.itcproperties.com. During the Year, to meet the new requirements under the Listing Rules, the Company's website was updated to disclose the manner adopted by the Company for the dissemination of corporate communications by electronic means and the arrangements for Shareholders to make requests for printed copies of corporate communications of the Company.

The Board strives to maintain an ongoing and transparent communication with all the Shareholders, including posting the contact details of Shareholders' communication channels on the Company's website and, in particular, holding general meetings as a means to communicate with the Shareholders and encourage their participation. An open forum session is always arranged after the conclusion of the annual general meetings in order to provide a face-to-face opportunity for the Shareholders to express their views and for the Company to solicit and get feedback from the Shareholders.

Pursuant to the Bye-Laws, notice of 2023 annual general meeting (the "2023 AGM") was sent to the Shareholders not less than 21 clear days before the meeting. Due to bad weather, the 2023 AGM was adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same place and at such time determined by the Board in accordance with the Bye-Laws. All Directors and the representatives from the Auditor attended the 2023 AGM in person or by electronic means, and were available to answer questions raised by the Shareholders at the meeting. At the 2023 AGM, a separate resolution in respect of each substantially separate issue put forward for consideration was proposed by the chairman of the meeting, and voting on each resolution was conducted by poll. An explanation of the detailed procedures of conducting a poll was provided to the Shareholders prior to the commencement of the 2023 AGM. The results of the poll were published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company pursuant to the Listing Rules.

The Bye-Laws are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

Proposing a Person for Election as a Director

Pursuant to bye-law 85 of the Bye-Laws, if a Shareholder wishes to propose a person other than a retiring Director for election as a Director at a general meeting, he/she/it can deposit a written notice at the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong for the attention of the Board or the Company Secretary or at the Branch Share Registrar. The period for lodgment of such notice will commence no earlier than the day after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting and end no later than seven days prior to the date of such general meeting. The procedures for a Shareholder to propose a person for election as a Director at a general meeting are set out in the "Corporate Governance" section of the Company's website.

Convening a Special General Meeting

Pursuant to bye-law 58 of the Bye-Laws, Shareholder(s) holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than 10% of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Company Secretary, to require a special general meeting to be called by the Board. The requisition must state the purpose(s) of the meeting, and must be signed by the requisitionist(s) and deposited at the registered office of the Company or its principal place of business in Hong Kong. Such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition.

If the Board does not, within 21 days from the date of the deposit of the requisition, proceed duly to convene a meeting, the requisitionist(s), or any of them representing more than one-half of the total voting rights of all of them, may themselves convene a special general meeting, but any meeting so convened shall not be held after the expiration of three months from the said date of the deposit of the requisition. Any reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) by reason of the failure of the Board duly to convene a special general meeting shall be repaid to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

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Putting Forward Proposals at General Meetings

Pursuant to Sections 79 and 80 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), (i) any number of Shareholders representing not less than 5% of the total voting rights of all the Shareholders having at the date of the requisition a right to vote at the general meeting to which the requisition relates; or (ii) not less than 100 Shareholders, can submit a requisition in writing to the Company:

- (a) to give to the Shareholders entitled to receive notice of the next annual general meeting notice of any resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at that meeting; and
- (b) to circulate to the Shareholders entitled to have notice of any general meeting sent to them any statement of not more than 1,000 words with respect to the matter referred to in any proposed resolution or the business to be dealt with at that meeting.

The written requisition must be signed by the requisitionist(s) and deposited at the registered office of the Company with a sum reasonably sufficient to meet the Company's relevant expenses and not less than six weeks before the general meeting in case of a requisition requiring notice of a resolution and not less than one week before the general meeting in case of any other requisition.

Enquiries to the Board

Shareholders may at any time send their enquiries and comments to the Board by addressing them to the Company Secretary by post to the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong, or by e-mail to info@itcproperties.com, or by fax at (852) 2858 2697.

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ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Company is delighted to present its annual Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) Report (the “ESG Report”) which has been reviewed and approved by the Board.

With its mission of “be well-positioned as to location, timing and strategy to maximise returns for the Company and its Shareholders” and “be persistent in excellent development design and execution” as its guiding discipline, the Company is embedded with a strong corporate culture for compliance, corporate governance and corporate social responsibilities that forms an integral part of its values and strategies. The Group endeavours to create a harmonious and sustainable community through cultivating its responsible corporate citizenship and integrate ESG concerns into the businesses and operations with an aim of aligning the interests and benefits of its valuable key stakeholders, the society at large and the environment as a whole.

REPORTING FRAMEWORK AND SCOPE

This ESG Report was prepared in accordance with the ESG Reporting Guide set out in Appendix C2 to the Listing Rules, and summarised the ESG-related policies, initiatives and performances of the Group’s core operations in the property business over which the Group had major financial and operational controls as well as with significant ESG implications to the Group and its stakeholders during the Year.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT

The Group’s ESG Reporting Policy specifies the roles and responsibilities of the Board in ESG strategy, performance and reporting. The Board provides strategic direction to the ESG reporting team on evaluating ESG-related risks and opportunities, sets and reviews related policies regularly to achieve the Group’s ESG objectives. The Group’s approach to sustainability remains relevant and consistent across its operations. Implementation and communications from top to bottom, across operational teams and geographies integrate sustainability into day-to-day operations. Key stakeholders are identified based on their significance to the Group’s strategy making and operations, and their working relationships with the Group, who are then engaged through on-going and comprehensive communication channels to understand their concerns and expectations.

Stakeholder Engagement

“A process of identifying, understanding and addressing material sustainability issues and concerns”

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Key Stakeholders	Communication Channels	Expectation
1. Shareholders and investors of the Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual and interim reports • Announcements and circulars • General meetings • Meetings and interviews • Website • By writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial performance • Corporate transparency • Future growth potential and sustainable development • Crisis management • Social investment
2. Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily operations • Events • Brochures and leaflets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality products and services • Data privacy and information security • Business integrity and conduct
3. Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training programmes, seminars and briefing sessions • New hire orientation • Regular performance reviews • Exit interviews • Memos, notice board, intranet, WeChat group, meetings and discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety • Remuneration and benefits • Career development • Talent retention • Gender diversity and equal opportunities • Corporate culture
4. Suppliers and contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotations and tendering processes • Periodic performance evaluation • After-sale services • Site inspections, meetings and work review • Industrial seminars and workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product quality and safety • Corporate reputation • Fair and ethical business practice • Long-term relationship • Supply chain responsibilities
5. Business partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual development and sharing of resources • Joint projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual trust and synergies • Long-term partnership relationship • Return on investment
6. Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community investment • Volunteering activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social contribution • Environmental responsibilities • Community participation
7. Regulatory bodies and government authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance management • Consultation • Meetings • Seminars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance • Corporate governance • Laws, regulations and practices • Business ethics

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During the Year, the Group obtained feedbacks from its key stakeholders through the above communication channels. Through the stakeholder engagement and identification of ESG megatrends, the Group further launched a materiality analysis to identify and rank the ESG issues based on the importance to the internal and external stakeholders, and the impacts on the Group's core businesses. The Group will continue to manage all identified issues and address the most material issues as its priority. These are also the focal points of its reporting through dedicated initiatives, targets and Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs") which are described in the later parts of this ESG Report. The results were summarised in the following table:

Subject Areas	ESG Aspects	Material ESG Issues
A. Environmental	A1. Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Emissions • Waste Management • Greenhouse Gas Emissions
	A2. Use of Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Consumption • Water Consumption
	A3. The Environment and Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emissions, Waste, Energy, Water and Materials • Indoor Air Quality • Noise Management
	A4. Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Management
B. Social	<i>Employment and Labour Practices</i>	
	B1. Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Practices and Relations
	B2. Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplace Health and Safety
	B3. Development and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talent Development
	B4. Labour Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Child and Forced Labour
	<i>Operating Practices</i>	
	B5. Supply Chain Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair and Green Procurement Practices
	B6. Product Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products and Services Standards • Customer Services • Data Privacy and Information Security • Fair Marketing • Protection of Intellectual Property Rights
	B7. Anti-corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption
	<i>Community</i>	
	B8. Community Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Citizenship

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A. ENVIRONMENTAL

As a property developer and investor, the Group faces the environmental risks, including but not limited to emissions and waste generation, energy conservation, water shortage and pollution, and climate change. Ever since the Group began to collect the environmental data and developed its first ESG report, it has been seeking ways to make improvements in emissions reduction, waste minimisation, energy and water saving, and proactively managing climate change through the Group's environmental policies. The Group strives to:

- Ensure compliance with all applicable environmental and related legislations and encourage employees, business partners and other stakeholders to meet their environmental obligations
- Identify environmental impacts associated with its operations, and continually improve the environmental performance
- Provide good indoor environmental quality in its buildings to ensure that the work and living environments are healthy
- Minimise waste generation whenever practical in daily operations through source reduction and recycling
- Measure and report the greenhouse gas emissions, and actively encourage the stakeholders to reduce their carbon footprint
- Improve energy and water efficiencies by adopting best practicable designs and technologies without compromising service
- Embrace green purchasing practices to conserve natural resources
- Adapt to climate change by embedding the physical and transition climate change risks into the Group's risk management process

A1. Emissions

The Group strives to conduct businesses in a responsible manner according to its Waste Management Policy and encourages sound environmental management practices to reduce the air emissions and greenhouse gases, waste disposal and generation of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes.

Air Emissions

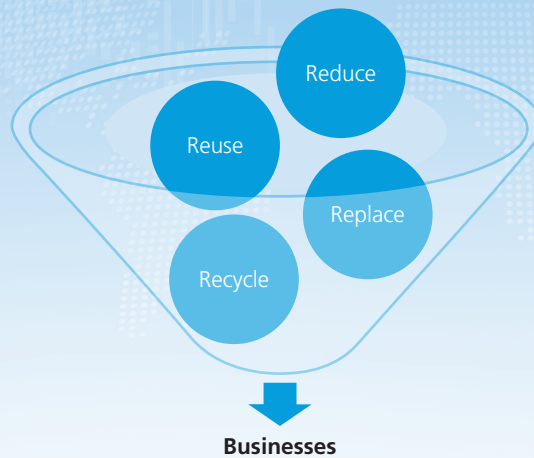
The Group supports the transition towards a low carbon future and targets to minimise unavoidable emissions. Although no significant air emissions were generated directly from the Group's operations during the Year since the construction activities of its development projects have been outsourced, the Group has put substantial efforts in minimising the negative impacts on environment which include:

- Required its contractors to adopt a series of air emission reduction measures, including but not limited to requiring the submission of monthly reports of their green performance
- Used low emitting materials for adhesives, sealants, paints and coatings in property projects
- Used non-chlorofluorocarbon ("CFC") based refrigerants in the air conditioning systems to avoid the depletion of the ozone layer

Waste Management

The Group upholds its Waste Management Policy in applying the "4Rs" (i.e. "reduce", "reuse", "recycle" and "replace") waste management principles on the proper handling and disposal of all wastes generated.

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The Group is making increasing efforts to avoid and reduce waste across its business activities. Initiatives are taken to align with best practices including reducing construction wastes. Although the construction wastes were not directly generated by the Group during the Year, the Group has shouldered its responsibility to monitor waste management practices of its contractors which include:

- Required the contractors to develop and implement construction waste management plans for proper handling and disposal of wastes
- Encouraged the contractors to recycle or salvage non-hazardous construction and demolition debris. In particular, recycling bins, paper recycling boxes and steel scraps recycling areas have been designated to facilitate better waste management
- Provided guidance on waste handling and reduction to site workers
- Requested staff to enhance the accuracy of materials budgeting to avoid wastage

Given the emerging trend in mandating waste separation and recycling, the Group has proactively implemented various waste handling and reduction measures across its operations to prepare for these changes which include:

- Established a waste classification system in its offices for recycling and reuse to alleviate burden on landfills. The general non-hazardous wastes, such as bottles, paper, etc. are properly handled in an environmentally responsible manner on a regular basis
- Adopted recycling practices in its operations, including minimising the use of packaged products through bulk purchase with refillable or reusable packages
- Encouraged electronic means of internal and corporate communications (including interim and annual reports) instead of paper form, and printed on double-side if inevitable for reducing paper usage
- Reused paper with no confidential information as well as sent shredded paper for recycling
- Preferred paper supply that was Forest Stewardship Council ("FSC") certified

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During the Year, paper consumption for work-related purposes was the major type of waste generated from the Group's direct-managed activities, amounting to 2.66 tonnes¹ (2023: 3.08 tonnes). The significant reduction was mainly resulted from the decline in procurement of papers and newspapers by both Hong Kong and the PRC offices as compared to prior year. In addition, the Group kept streamlining of paper reports and recycle majority of work-related waste during the Year which demonstrated the Group's efforts in waste reduction, reuse and recycling. There were no significant hazardous wastes produced directly from the operations of the Group.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The Group's major sources of the carbon emissions were from the consumption of electricity and water and the disposal of wastes. During the Year, there were 298.13 tonnes of the carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e)² generated from the Group's direct operations (2023: 390.2 tonnes), with an intensity of 0.003kg CO₂e (2023: 0.004 kg CO₂e) per Hong Kong dollar of revenue. Such a substantial improvement was mainly due to completion of the property at Greycoat Place with its practical certificate obtained in August 2023.

For the year ended 31 March	Unit	Property projects		Offices	
		Amount ²	Intensity (by gross floor area)	Amount ²	Intensity (by room night)
2024					
Scope 1 ³	Tonnes	–	–	–	–
Scope 2 ³	Tonnes	–	–	155.87	0.05
Scope 3 ³	Tonnes	41.91	0.07	100.35	0.03
2023					
Scope 1 ³	Tonnes	–	–	–	–
Scope 2 ³	Tonnes	–	–	154.55	0.05
Scope 3 ³	Tonnes	153.91	0.27	81.74	0.02

A2. Use of Resources

Aiming at achieving operational optimisation and enhancing the ESG performance, the Group has implemented its Environmental Policy to endeavour its efforts in lowering energy and water consumption (its two major types of resources during the Year) throughout life-cycle and carbon footprint in its business operations.

¹ The purchase quantity of the above item during the Year was considered as the amount disposed by the Group.

² Carbon emissions were calculated with reference to the Greenhouse Gas Protocol using carbon conversion factors published by the Environmental Protection Department and electricity providers.

³ The Greenhouse Gas Protocol defined emissions as Scope 1, 2 or 3. Scope 1 emissions were direct greenhouse gas emissions from sources that were owned or controlled by the Group. Scope 2 emissions were indirect greenhouse gas emissions from the generation of purchased or acquired electricity, steam, heating or cooling consumed by the Group. Scope 3 emissions were indirect emissions that occur along the Group's value chains including both upstream and downstream emissions.

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Energy Consumption

The Group's main types of energy consumption were summarised in the following table:

For the year ended 31 March	Unit	Property projects		Offices	
		Amount ⁴	Intensity (by gross floor area)	Amount ⁴	Intensity (by room night)
2024					
Electricity	kWh	14,924	26.34	254,197	91.71
Petrol	L	–	–	36,349	7.12
2023					
Electricity	kWh	40,965	72.31	239,176	77.71
Petrol	L	–	–	27,797	4.69

The decline in energy consumption for property projects was resulted from completion of the property at Greycoat Place in August 2023. Nevertheless, due to the operational needs by both Hong Kong and the PRC offices, utilisation of electricity and petrol simultaneously increased.

Climate change poses unprecedented challenges for business operations and human survival. The Group has goals and responsibilities to reduce its carbon footprint and therefore operating costs through energy efficiency improvements. The Group has implemented a series of reduction measures in its offices and property projects to save its energy consumption as follows:

- Used high energy efficiency fans, pumps and chiller with auto sequencing programme for machineries
- Regularly reported energy consumption and resources usage
- Procured energy saving electrical appliances, including those being accredited with Energy Star or The Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool ("EPEAT")

⁴ The amounts represented the energy directly consumed and controlled by the Group, as well as those used and reported by its contractors during the Year.

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In addition, the Group has promoted environmental protection among its employees through a diverse set of energy saving programmes as follows:

- Turned off electrical appliances and lights during lunch hours and for office spaces not in use
- Installed light emitting diode ("LED") lighting in office areas and business areas
- Used low-emissivity window film and controlled temperature setting for air conditioners with regular cleaning and maintenance
- Switched off office equipment and electrical appliances to energy-saving mode when not in use
- Used green signage and energy saving tips to promote best practices and increase staff awareness
- Adopted duplex printing and copying, recycled used paper and scrapped paper for notepads
- Conducted telephone conferencing meetings, instead of face-to-face meetings, for counterparties in different locations

Water Consumption

During the Year, the total amount of water consumed by the Group was 936 m³ (2023: 628 m³), with detailed consumption and intensity summarised in the following table:

For the year ended 31 March	Unit	Property projects		Offices	
		Amount ⁵	Intensity (by gross floor area)	Amount ⁵	Intensity (by room night)
2024	m ³	500	0.88	436	0.18
2023	m ³	342	0.6	286	0.09

Water consumption for property projects increased was resulted from the increment in usage of construction materials in Greycoat Place project which used more water during the construction process, such as concrete. Again, due to the operational needs by both Hong Kong and the PRC offices, water usage increased during the Year.

In order to consume water responsibly throughout its operations and align with best practices, the Group has formulated the following water conservation strategies across its offices and property projects:

- Conducted regular repair and maintenance of water pipes to prevent water leakage
- Reused water to maximise utilisation
- Regularly reported water consumption and saving measures
- Promoted water saving awareness and best practices through the use of signage

⁵ The amounts represented the water consumed and controlled by the Group in its offices and property projects, as well as those used and reported by its contractors during the Year.

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A3. The Environment and Natural Resources

The Group aims at constantly improving operational efficiencies and reducing adverse operational impacts on the environment through its Environment and Natural Resources Policy with various initiatives, including introduction of eco-friendly low-carbon measures to minimise wastage as well as promotion of resource-efficient and environmentally-responsible green building design.

Regular evaluation has been conducted to identify potential environmental risks and timely mitigating actions are implemented. During the Year, the Group has dedicated its efforts in improving the following environmental issues:

Emissions, Waste, Energy, Water and Materials

The Group is aware that construction work has a huge impact on the environment and natural resources. As such, it has taken initiatives in joining the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method ("BREEAM"), the world's leading science-based suite of validation and certification systems for sustainable built environment, for its project in the United Kingdom. BREEAM specifies and measures the sustainability performance of buildings, ensuring that projects meet sustainability goals and continue to perform optimally over time. Moreover, the Group strives to reduce the delivery distance of construction materials in order to minimise the environmental impacts resulting from transportation.

Indoor Air Quality

The Group has recognised the importance of indoor air quality to human health:

- Used ventilating systems with ventilation rate, which was 30% higher than the standard set by American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, in the Group's property projects
- Committed to use materials with minimal or no Volatile Organic Compound ("VOC") to maintain high air quality
- Engaged building managers to perform regular cleaning for dust filters, humidifiers and fans in offices
- Applied photocatalyst and air purifiers to control airborne allergens, viruses, bacteria and odours
- Prohibited smoking at workplace

Noise Management

Construction activities may generate significant level of noise and therefore the Group's contractors have been required to strictly follow the requirements of relevant regulations, in particular, the Noise Control Ordinance (Chapter 400 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

A4. Climate Change

Climate Change Management

Climate change remains a global challenge and could pose significant risks to the Group's operations and the community at large, in particular, those brought about by extreme weather conditions. The Group recognises the need to adopt preventive measures in order to mitigate and adapt to environmental impacts arising across its operations. The Board and management oversight on climate issues is integrated into the Group's governance and risk management system, and mitigating the Group's impacts on climate change is firmly embedded within the business strategies. The Group also sees climate resilience as an opportunity, for leadership, to help contribute solutions to the climate crisis, and to strengthen relationships with like-minded stakeholders and customers. The Group has developed a Climate Change Policy which outlines its commitment to manage climate change risks and opportunities, and provides formal guidance on mitigation, adaptation, and resilience strategies to address those risks in line with the market practices.

The Group has taken initiatives to meet net-zero emissions by 2050 in alignment with The Science Based Target initiative's Net-Zero Standard, the Stock Exchange's published Practical Net-Zero Guide for Business and Hong Kong government's Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050. As the Group's largest source of carbon emissions was Scope 2 emissions arising from purchased electricity, its management approaches to climate mitigation and energy saving were closely aligned. Moreover, to improve the energy efficiency, the Group has considered climate-related impacts and addressed issues in the building lifecycle, from design and build, financing, operation to building user engagement stages. The Group targeted to obtain BEAM Plus or BREEAM green building certifications for new buildings where possible, for example, Hyde Park has attained the BEAM Plus GOLD standard. Climate change considerations have also been actively integrated into the Group's procurement decisions, for example, local and regional construction materials with lower carbon footprint are preferred.

Acknowledging the increasing investors' awareness on the impact of climate-related risks and opportunities on businesses, the Group continues to make gradual progress in implementing the recommendations by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures⁶, aiming to build long-term resilience and support the transition towards a low-carbon economy. Environmental risk factors including climate change are assessed annually. Based on the insights from risk assessment, the Group will continuously capture the opportunities to incorporate climate-friendly building and service designs, engage tenants, customers and suppliers to take climate actions, promote innovative technologies to reduce the environmental impact and utilise appropriate resources to accelerate its efforts to combat climate change. More information on the climate-related risks and the mitigation actions taken by the Group is set out in the "Management Discussion and Analysis" section of this annual report.

⁶ Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures was established by the Financial Stability Board to improve and increase reporting of climate-related financial information.

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B. SOCIAL

Being a socially responsible corporate citizen, the Group aims at building a mutually beneficial relationship with its key stakeholders.

EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR PRACTICES

B1. Employment

Employment Practices and Relations

The Group values high-quality talent as an important asset. A comprehensive Employee Handbook has been developed covering various human resources aspects, including recruitment, compensation, promotion, working hours, rest period and equal opportunity as a guiding principle for reinforcing satisfaction, loyalty and commitment of its employees.

The following practices have been continuously adopted by the Group during the Year:

- Offered attractive and competitive remuneration packages to employees and reviewed at least annually with reference to individual performance, contribution, development, inflation and economic or market conditions
- Regularly reviewed annual leave policy with reference to the number of years of employment
- Offered other fringe benefits to staff, including preventive check-up scheme, comprehensive medical and life insurance coverage and retirement fund contribution
- Administrated the procedures to enable the Directors and employees to exercise the granted share options as a motivation and to build a direct correlation between their rewards and the Group's performance
- Presented long services awards as a token to appreciate dedication and contribution to the loyal staff members serving the Group
- Provided seasonal presents to staff members on special days and organised festive luncheons, such as during Chinese New Year
- Closed office early on festive occasions

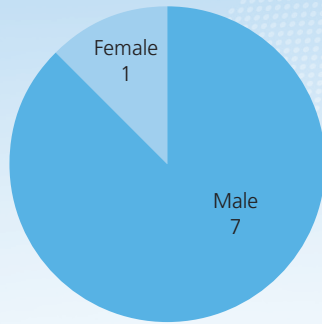
The Group is an equal opportunity employer and explicitly against any kind of discrimination on age, gender, marital status, race, nationality, religion, disability and family status. In addition, the Group's Board Diversity Policy highlights its commitment to increasing diversity in order to support the attainment of its strategic objectives and sustainable development. In particular, gender diversity targets are set at the Board level (including the potential successors to the Board) and across the workforce. The progress of targets achievement is closely monitored by the Board and management, who will take immediate remedial actions if the targets could not be reached.

The Group encourages its staff to maintain a well-balanced life and supports its staff to actively pursue their personal development by participating in different roles and activities in the community. Moreover, the Group devotes to strengthen a sense of belonging of its staff by demonstrating care and support in all aspects.

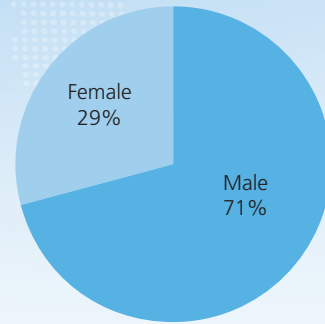
As at 31 March 2024, the total number of employees of the Group was 130 (2023: 145). During the Year, total employee turnover rate was 26% (2023: 32%). The relatively high turnover rate in the last financial year was resulted from employees of Rosedale Hotel Kowloon were terminated since disposal of the hotel in June 2022. Besides, the Group has achieved the target of having a mixed gender Board with at least 1 Director of a different gender on the Board and at least 20% of senior executives and total workforce of a different gender respectively.

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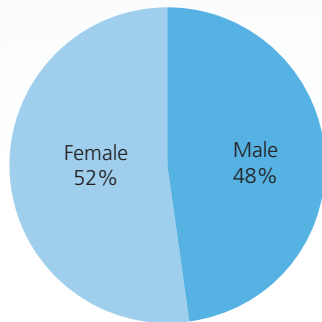
Number of Directors by Gender



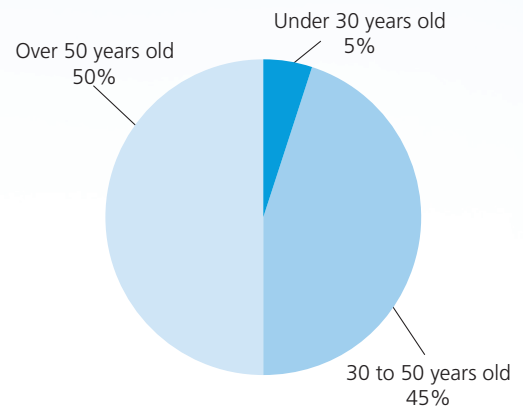
Total Senior Executives by Gender



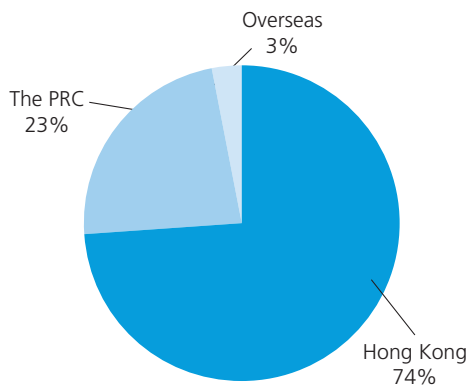
Total Workforce by Gender



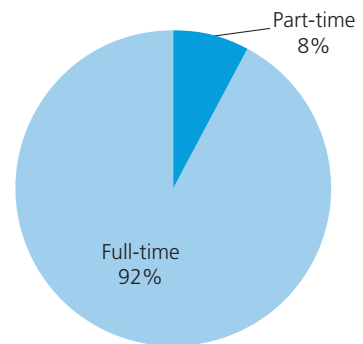
Total Workforce by Age Group



Total Workforce by Region

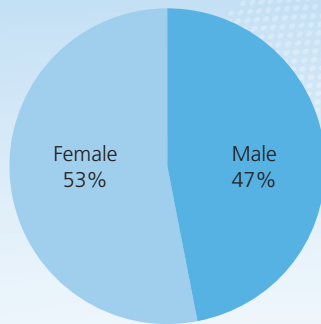


Total Workforce by Full-time and Part-time

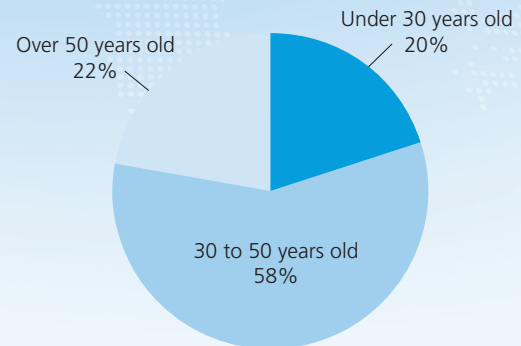


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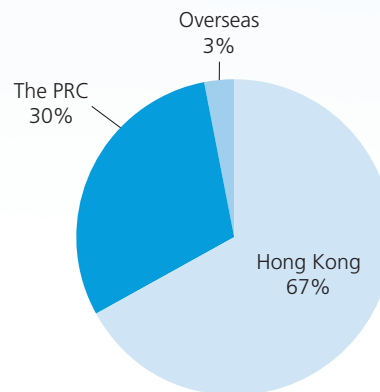
Turnover by Gender



Turnover by Age Group



Turnover by Region



B2. Health and Safety

Workplace Health and Safety

The Group promotes a high degree of awareness and accountability of health and safety at work through its Health and Safety Policy which consists of regular trainings, standard codes of practices and various health and safety measures so as to promote an injury-free culture.

The Group is committed to providing and maintaining a healthy and safe workplace for its staff and other persons likely to be affected by its business activities and operations through new or continuous implementation of the following measures:

- Offered adjustable sit-stand converters that allow the staff to work in flexible position, with reference to medical advice
- Applied photocatalyst and air purifiers, carried out periodic air-conditioning systems cleaning, floor care maintenance, pest control, carpet disinfection treatment, and engaged professional service provider to conduct periodic office residual sanitation coating service for killing of viruses and bacteria to ensure a hygienic working environment

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- Participated in the annual fire and evacuation drill organised by the respective building managers to familiarise with the fire evacuation route and strengthen awareness of fire precaution
- Conducted regular inspections of the facilities and safety measures at its workplace

The occupational safety and health related policies and practices are regularly reviewed by the Group so that preventive and corrective measures are implemented to minimise occupational health and safety hazards. During the Year, the Group achieved zero work-related fatalities (2022 and 2023: 0) and had 0 lost days due to work injury (2023: 0 days).

B3. Development and Training

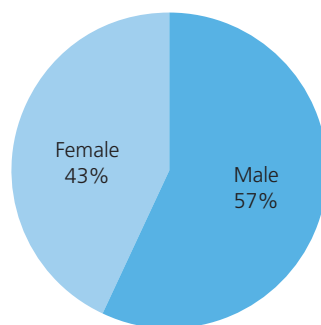
Talent Development

Employee development is an important human capital investment. The Group has established its Development and Training Policy to reinforce its manpower and develop its human capital by providing a wide spectrum of in-house and external training and development courses, seminars, workshops and conferences to equip its staff members with knowledge, skills and experience in performing their job duties effectively and efficiently.

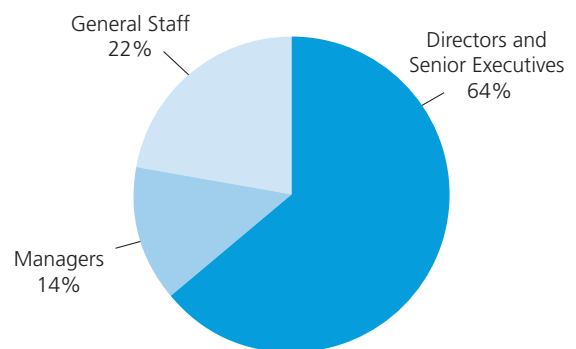
Corporate orientation programmes and briefings have been introduced to new staff to help them in familiarising with the corporate culture and practices. Continuous professional development training programmes and briefings have been provided to the Directors and management of the Group whereas regular internal and external technical training sessions have been offered to the staff to facilitate their work.

During the Year, the total number of Directors and employees attended training courses and webinars provided by the Group directly and indirectly was 14 (2023: 22), and the corresponding total number of training hours completed was 113 hours (2023: 153 hours).

Directors and Employees Trained by Gender

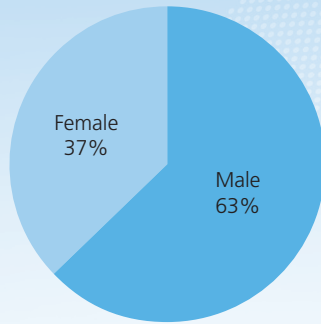


Directors and Employees Trained by Employment Category

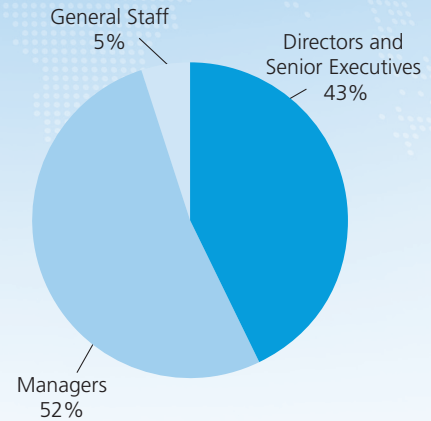


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Average Training Hours by Gender



Average Training Hours by Employment Category



B4. Labour Standards

No Child and Forced Labour

The Group respects human rights and strictly prohibits child and forced labour. A No Child and Forced Labour Policy has been established to ensure that no abuse, physical punishment and assignment of tasks with extremely high risks of all kinds are allowed in its workplace and business operations.

To ensure the Group is legally compliant with local laws and regulations, it has implemented effective controls in the recruitment process, for example, the applicant's identity is checked, including but not limited to his or her age and eligibility for employment. The Group also ensures that employees are given enough rest days and compensated for any overtime work, as required by local regulators. The Group was not aware of any operation or supplier having significant risk of child labour, young workers exposed to hazardous work, or forced or compulsory labour during the Year.

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OPERATING PRACTICES

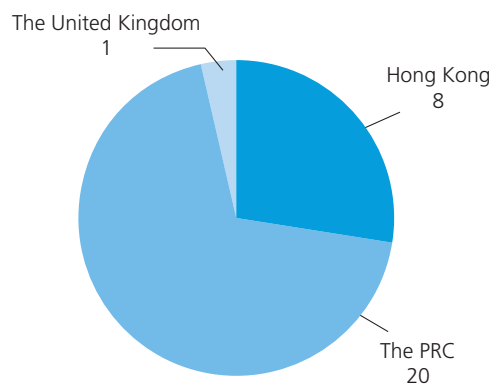
B5. Supply Chain Management

Fair and Green Procurement Practices

The Group believes it is important to work with suppliers who demonstrate sound and ethical business practices and work toward the same sustainability goals. Through its Supply Chain Management Policy, the Group continues to work closely with its supply chain partners in order to facilitate its effective governance of supply chain practices as well as to execute green procurement for maintaining a high quality for its property projects and customer services, and to enhance responsibilities with its supply chain management system.

With the goals of adopting sustainable purchasing best practices, promoting responsible sourcing, and managing environmental and social risks along the supply chain effectively, the Group has diversified its procurement through different suppliers, and has established stringent procedures and consistent criteria such as cost, quality and life cycle impacts for the selection of suppliers with regular monitoring and review as key assessments of sustainability performance of all the suppliers. Periodic site visits of various suppliers are arranged, and key contractors are required to submit site supervision plans, safety management and quality monitoring proposals for the Group's review of performance. The Group gives priority in the selection process to products and services certified by recognised authorities such as FSC. Moreover, in order to support the local economies where the Group operates and minimise the impacts of transportation on the environment, local suppliers are preferred when appropriate. It has further assured that the Group does not engage suppliers and contractors with known non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations, including child and forced labour, discrimination, bribery, corruption or other unethical practices and environmental pollution.

Number of Suppliers by Region



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B6. Product Responsibility

Products and Services Standards

The Group has established its Products and Services Responsibility Policy to offer socially responsible products and services to the public and utmost business ethics when serving the public through its businesses and operations. During the Year, the Group did not consider that recall procedures were material to its operations. It was also not aware of any recall concerning the provision and use of products and services for safety and health reasons that have a significant impact.

Customer Services

According to its Customer Services Policy, the Group strives to enhance customer experience by demonstrating professionalism, responsiveness and caring for its customers and stipulates the principle of delivering a high standard of customer services.

Adhering to its “Consistent, Comfort and Care” motto, the Group has placed customer satisfaction as priority by embellishing customer satisfaction through various communication channels. There were no substantiated complaints received relating to the provision and use of products and services that have a significant impact on the Group during the Year.

Data Privacy and Information Security

In view of high public concern over data privacy especially in recent years and according to its Data Privacy Policy, the Group strictly adheres to legal requirements relating to data privacy protection in order to fulfill its key stakeholders’ expectations on information security and confidentiality.

The Group has ensured a high standard of security and confidentiality of personal data throughout its businesses and operations. The importance of data protection is emphasised to all employees in the Employee Handbook. The Group requires its staff to fully comply with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Chapter 486 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and similar overseas regulations in handling information of its Shareholders, business partners, customers and employees in the collection, processing, use and keeping of their personal data. All personal data collected through marketing activities or online platforms is handled in an appropriate manner in accordance with local regulatory requirements and can only be accessed by authorised persons within the Group on a need-to-know and need-to-use basis. There were no substantial complaints concerning breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data during the Year.

Fair Marketing

The Group has strictly followed the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance (Chapter 621 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and similar overseas regulations which require provision of true and accurate information in marketing materials of properties, including sales brochures and leaflets, price lists, show flats, promotion advertisements and registers of sales transactions, etc.

Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

The Group observes and protects its intellectual property rights by prolonged use and registration of domain names and trademarks. It has applied and/or registered trademarks in various classes in Hong Kong, the PRC and other relevant jurisdictions. Such domain names and trademarks have been constantly reviewed and renewed upon their expiration. The Group has also maintained proper records of software applications and renewed the corresponding licenses before expiry during the Year. In addition, all employees must respect, not infringe, copyright work and comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stipulated in the Employee Handbook.

B7. Anti-corruption

Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption

In order to cultivate an ethical corporate culture and maintain a fair and equitable business environment, the Group has established its Code of Conduct, Anti-corruption Policy, and Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Policy to promote and support the anti-bribery and anti-corruption related laws and regulations in order to counter bribery, corruption, extortion, money-laundering, terrorist financing, competitive activities and other fraudulent activities. Under these policies, the Group is committed to preventing, detecting and reporting any actual or suspected case of fraud, irregularity, misconduct or malpractice, with zero tolerance for any case of corruption and related malpractice.

The Group has required its staff to possess high ethical standard and demonstrate professional conducts in its businesses and operations. Employees have been reminded not to have any form of corruption including but not limited to request or accept of benefits of material value from any parties having business transactions with the Group. All staff members are required to sign the Code of Conduct Declaration Form upon recruitment to demonstrate their full understanding and compliance with the Group's ethical standard. To further reinforce this message, the Group has provided relevant reference information including anti-fraud, anti-bribery, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering topics to the Directors and employees. Whistleblowing Policy and mechanism have been established to provide formal channels and guidance to the employees and other parties who deal with the Group on reporting about any possible impropriety, misconduct or malpractice. The Group respects that whistleblowers may wish to file their concerns in confidence and anonymity. It is committed to protecting individuals who make complaints in good faith from any unfair treatment. All whistleblowing cases will be sent to the Group's Compliance Department who will send the reported matters to the Audit Committee when and where appropriate. The Audit Committee will decide appropriate course of action in consequence of the investigation and further report to the Board. There were no cases of bribery or corruption reported, nor were any legal cases regarding corrupt practices brought against the Group or its employees during the Year.

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COMMUNITY

B8. Community Investment

Corporate Citizenship

As a long-standing supporter of a number of charity groups, the Group has established its Community Investment Policy which sets out its mission of leveraging its resources to improve the community in which it operates.

The Group is strongly committed to various charitable services, donations, fundraisings, sponsorships and volunteering services, for example, it participated in Dress Casual Day organised by The Community Chest where staff members voluntarily made donations of HK\$14,200.

C. GOVERNANCE

Referring to the keystones of its corporate philosophy, the Group consistently believes that ESG should be embedded in its core businesses and operations. Its sound and systematic corporate governance system and professional working team have enabled the Group to lay a solid foundation for its ESG initiatives so as to enhance accountability, integrity, transparency and honesty which drives the Group forward.

The Board has a strong commitment to maintaining high standard of corporate governance to create long-term benefits for the stakeholders and hence the sustainable development of the Group. It takes an overall responsibility to oversee the Group's risk management and internal control systems on an ongoing basis in order to safeguard the stakeholders' interests and enhance its sustainability performance. The ESG-related risks have been included in the periodic risk assessment which the related material risks are mitigated and monitored along with other business and operational risks. Progress and achievements on ESG initiatives, KPIs, targets and actions taken to solve the sustainability issues are reported to the Board on a regular basis to facilitate its strategy formulation, business decision making and ultimately contribute to sustainable growth of the Group. The governance practices, policies and procedures have been reviewed by the Board from time to time to ensure they remain in compliance with the legal and regulatory requirements. The Board has also performed annual review and assured the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the ESG performance and reporting functions. During the Year, no incidents of non-compliance were identified.

More information on the corporate governance is set out in the "Corporate Governance Report" section of this annual report.

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The Company has complied with all mandatory disclosure requirements, and comply or explain provisions on general disclosures ("GD") and environmental KPIs, in accordance with Rule 13.91 of the Listing Rules and the ESG Reporting Guide.

MANDATORY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS	LOCATION OF DISCLOSURE
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disclosure of the Board's oversight of ESG issues; 	Stakeholder Engagement and Materiality Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board's ESG management approach and strategy, including the process used to evaluate, prioritise and manage material ESG-related issues (including risks to the issuer's businesses); and 	Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How the Board reviews progress made against ESG-related goals and targets with an explanation of how they relate to the issuer's businesses 	Governance
REPORTING PRINCIPLES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materiality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The process to identify and the criteria for the selection of material ESG factors; and (ii) If a stakeholder engagement is conducted, a description of significant stakeholders identified, and the process and results of the issuer's stakeholder engagement 	Stakeholder Engagement and Materiality Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantitative: Information on the standards, methodologies, assumptions and/or calculation tools used, and source of conversion factors used, for the reporting of emissions/energy consumption (where applicable) should be disclosed 	Reporting Framework and Scope A1. Emissions A2. Use of Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistency: The issuer should disclose in the ESG report any changes to the methods or KPIs used, or any other relevant factors affecting a meaningful comparison 	Stakeholder Engagement and Materiality Assessment
REPORTING BOUNDARY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A narrative explaining the reporting boundaries of the ESG report and describing the process used to identify which entities or operations are included in the ESG report. If there is a change in the scope, the issuer should explain the difference and reason for the change 	Reporting Framework and Scope

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COMPLY OR EXPLAIN PROVISIONS	LOCATION OF DISCLOSURE
A. ENVIRONMENTAL	
A1 Emissions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD A1¹ Information on policies; and compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to air and greenhouse gas emissions, discharges into water and land, and generation of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes 	A1.Emissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI A1.1² Types of emissions and respective emissions data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Emissions Waste Management Greenhouse Gas Emissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI A1.2 Direct (Scope 1) and energy indirect (Scope 2) greenhouse gas emissions (in tonnes) and intensity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenhouse Gas Emissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI A1.3³ Total hazardous waste produced and intensity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI A1.4 Total non-hazardous waste produced and intensity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI A1.5 Description of emission target(s) set and steps taken to achieve them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Emissions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI A1.6 Description of how hazardous and non-hazardous wastes are handled, and a description of reduction target(s) set and steps taken to achieve them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste Management
A2 Use of Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD A2 Policies on efficient use of resources like energy, water and other raw materials 	A2.Use of Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI A2.1 Direct and/or indirect energy consumption by type in total and intensity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Consumption
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI A2.2 Water consumption in total and intensity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Consumption

¹ No confirmed non-compliance or grievance cases were identified during the Year.

² The Group did not directly generate significant air emissions during the Year.

³ The Group did not generate material amount of hazardous waste during the Year.

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COMPLY OR EXPLAIN PROVISIONS	LOCATION OF DISCLOSURE
A. ENVIRONMENTAL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI A2.3 Description of energy use efficiency target(s) set and steps taken to achieve them KPI A2.4 Description of whether there is any issue in sourcing water that is fit for purpose, water efficiency target(s) set and steps taken to achieve them KPI A2.5⁴ Total packaging material used for finished products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Consumption Water Consumption N/A
A3 The Environment and Natural Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD A3 Policies on minimising the issuer's significant impacts on the environment and natural resources KPI A3.1 Description of the significant impacts of activities on the environment and natural resources and actions taken to manage them 	<p>A3. The Environment and Natural Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions, Waste, Energy, Water and Materials Indoor Air Quality Noise Management
A4 Climate Change	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD A4 Policies on identification and mitigation of significant climate-related issues which have impacted, and those which may impact, the issuer KPI A4.1 Description of the significant climate-related issues which have impacted, and those which may impact, the issuer, and the actions taken to manage them 	<p>A4. Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change Management

⁴ The Group did not identify material packaging materials during the Year due to its business nature.

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COMPLY OR EXPLAIN PROVISIONS	LOCATION OF DISCLOSURE
B. SOCIAL	
B1 Employment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD B1¹ Information on policies; and compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to compensation and dismissal, recruitment and promotion, working hours, rest periods, equal opportunity, diversity, anti-discrimination, and other benefits and welfare 	B1. Employment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI B1.1 Total workforce by gender, employment type, age group and geographical region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment Practices and Relations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI B1.2 Employee turnover rate by gender, age group and geographical region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment Practices and Relations
B2 Health and Safety	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD B2¹ Information on policies; and compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to providing a safe working environment and protecting employees from occupational hazards 	B2. Health and Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI B2.1 Number and rate of work-related fatalities occurred in each of the past three years including the reporting year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplace Health and Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI B2.2 Lost days due to work injury 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplace Health and Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI B2.3 Description of occupational health and safety measures adopted, and how they are implemented and monitored 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplace Health and Safety
B3 Development and Training	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD B3 Policies on improving employees' knowledge and skills for discharging duties at work. Description of training activities 	B3. Development and Training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI B3.1 Percentage of employees trained by gender and employee category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talent Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI B3.2 Average training hours completed per employee by gender and employee category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talent Development

¹ No confirmed non-compliance or grievance cases were identified during the Year.

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COMPLY OR EXPLAIN PROVISIONS	LOCATION OF DISCLOSURE
B. SOCIAL	
B4 Labour Standards	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD B4¹ Information on policies; and compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to preventing child or forced labour KPI B4.1 Description of measures to review employment practices to avoid child and forced labour KPI B4.2 Description of steps taken to eliminate such practices when discovered 	<p>B4. Labour Standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Child and Forced Labour No Child and Forced Labour
B5 Supply Chain Management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD B5 Policies on managing environmental and social risks of the supply chain KPI B5.1 Number of suppliers by geographical region KPI B5.2 Description of practices relating to engaging suppliers, number of suppliers where the practices are being implemented, and how they are implemented and monitored KPI B5.3 Description of practices used to identify environmental and social risks along the supply chain, and how they are implemented and monitored KPI B5.4 Description of practices used to promote environmentally preferable products and services when selecting suppliers, and how they are implemented and monitored 	<p>B5. Supply Chain Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fair and Green Procurement Practices Fair and Green Procurement Practices Fair and Green Procurement Practices Fair and Green Procurement Practices
B6 Product Responsibility	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD B6¹ Information on policies and compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to health and safety, advertising, labelling and privacy matters relating to products and services provided and methods of redress KPI B6.1 Percentage of total products sold or shipped subject to recalls for safety and health reasons 	<p>B6. Product Responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Products and Services Standards

¹ No confirmed non-compliance or grievance cases were identified during the Year.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

COMPLY OR EXPLAIN PROVISIONS	LOCATION OF DISCLOSURE
B. SOCIAL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI B6.2 Number of products and service related complaints received and how they are dealt with KPI B6.3 Description of practices relating to observing and protecting intellectual property rights KPI B6.4 Description of quality assurance process and recall procedures KPI B6.5 Description of consumer data protection and privacy policies, and how they are implemented and monitored 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer Services Protection of Intellectual Property Rights Products and Services Standards Customer Services Fair Marketing Data Privacy and Information Security
B7 Anti-corruption	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD B7¹ Information on policies; and compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to bribery, extortion, fraud and money-laundering KPI B7.1 Number of concluded legal cases regarding corrupt practices brought against the issuer or its employees during the reporting period and the outcomes of the cases KPI B7.2 Description of preventive measures and whistleblowing procedures, and how they are implemented and monitored KPI B7.3 Description of anti-corruption training provided to directors and staff 	<p>B7. Anti-corruption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption
B8 Community Investment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD B8 Policies on community engagement to understand the community's needs where the issuer operates and to ensure its activities take into consideration the communities' interests KPI B8.1 Focus areas of contribution KPI B8.2 Resources contributed to the focus area 	<p>B8. Community Investment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Citizenship Corporate Citizenship

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TO THE MEMBERS OF ITC PROPERTIES GROUP LIMITED

德祥地產集團有限公司

(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

DISCLAIMER OF OPINION

We were engaged to audit the consolidated financial statements of ITC Properties Group Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") set out on pages 77 to 180, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

We do not express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements of the Group. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these consolidated financial statements.

BASIS FOR DISCLAIMER OF OPINION

Going concern

During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Group reported a loss of HK\$682,303,000 and had a net operating outflow of HK\$46,493,000. As at 31 March 2024, the Group's aggregate bank and other borrowings amounted to HK\$1,362,168,000, of which balances of HK\$1,037,910,000 were due for settlement within twelve months and were classified as current liabilities while the Group had cash and cash equivalents amounting to HK\$24,743,000.

These events and conditions, together with other matters disclosed in note 1 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group, exist that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as going concern.

The Group has undertaken a number of plans and measures to mitigate its liquidity position and to improve its financial position, including obtaining a new source of borrowings, disposal of properties, joint ventures or associates, seeking refinancing and control on administrative and operating costs, in which the details are set out in note 1 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group. The validity of the going concern assumptions on which the consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared depends on the outcome of these plans and measures, including: (i) successfully identifying buyer(s) for disposal of specific properties and investments; (ii) successfully completing the refinancing and (iii) successfully implementing costs control, to finance the Group's operations and to meet the Group's financial obligations as and when they fall due. The directors of the Company have taken into account the likelihood of success of the plans and measures being implemented and are of the opinion that sufficient financial resources will be available to finance the Group's operations and to meet the Group's financial obligations as and when they fall due at least twelve months from the date of approval of the consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a basis that the Group will be able to continue as a going concern.

BASIS FOR DISCLAIMER OF OPINION *(Continued)*

Going concern *(Continued)*

Given the execution of the plans and measures by the Group are in preliminary stage or in progress and no written contractual agreements or other documentary supporting evidence from the relevant banks or other lenders and potential buyers are available to the Group as at the date of approval for issuance of the consolidated financial statements of the Group for extending the going concern assessment, we are unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence we considered necessary to assess the likelihood of success of the plans and measures currently undertaken by the Group. There were no other satisfactory audit procedures that we could adopt to satisfy ourselves that the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and adequacy of the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

Should the Group fail to achieve the above-mentioned plans and measures, it might not be able to continue to operate as a going concern, and adjustments might have to be made to write down the carrying values of the Group's assets to their recoverable amounts, to reclassify non-current liabilities as current liabilities with consideration of the contractual terms or to recognise a liability for any contractual commitments that may have become onerous, where appropriate. The effects of these adjustments have not been reflected in the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

The possible effects on the consolidated financial statements of undetected misstatements, if any, could be both material and pervasive.

ADDITIONAL MATTER – QUALIFICATION ON INVESTMENT IN AN ASSOCIATE

As set out in note 19 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group, the Group holds a 20% equity interest in an associate, Rosedale Hotel Beijing Co., Ltd. ("Rosedale Beijing"), which was established in the People's Republic of China and is engaged in property holding in Beijing. During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Group was unable to obtain financial information of Rosedale Beijing to assess the financial performance of Rosedale Beijing during the year ended 31 March 2024 and financial position of Rosedale Beijing as at 31 March 2024. Therefore the Group did not account for any results of Rosedale Beijing shared by the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024. In addition, the Group considered the unfavourable situations as set out in note 19 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group and determined that a full impairment of HK\$136,223,000 should be recognised in relation to the Group's interest in Rosedale Beijing during the year ended 31 March 2024 with this resulting in the carrying amount of the interest in Rosedale Beijing being reduced to nil in the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024, and a full impairment loss of HK\$136,223,000 being recognised in profit or loss for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Since the Group was unable to obtain adequate supporting information and explanations with respect to the financial performance and financial position of Rosedale Beijing, our access to the underlying records of Rosedale Beijing and explanations sought were also denied. In view of the scope limitation, we were therefore unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence we considered necessary to assess the financial performance and financial position of Rosedale Beijing and assess impairment on interest in Rosedale Beijing. There were no other satisfactory audit procedures that we could adopt to satisfy ourselves that interest in Rosedale Beijing as at 31 March 2024, any share of the results of Rosedale Beijing and impairment loss of Rosedale Beijing for the year ended 31 March 2024 recorded in the consolidated financial statements of the Group are free from material misstatements. In addition, we were also unable to determine whether the disclosures in the consolidated financial statements of the Group related to interest in Rosedale Beijing, share of loss of Rosedale Beijing and impairment assessment of interest in Rosedale Beijing were sufficient and appropriate.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

ADDITIONAL MATTER – QUALIFICATION ON INVESTMENT IN AN ASSOCIATE *(Continued)*

It is not practicable for us to quantify the exact amount of impact to interests in associates, share of results of associates and impairment loss of interest in an associate on the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024 due to the scope limitation in relation to the above-mentioned matters. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to interest in associates, share of results of associates and impairment loss of interest in an associate were necessary. However, the possible effects on the consolidated financial statements of undetected misstatements, if any, could be material but not pervasive.

Even had there been no limitation of audit scope relating to going concern as described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report which precluded us from expressing an opinion on the consolidated financial statements, our opinion would have been qualified for the additional matter as described above.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements of the Group that give a true and fair view in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements of the Group 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 responsibility is to conduct an audit of the Group’s consolidated financial statements in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing (“HKSAs”) issued by the HKICPA and to issue an auditor’s report in accordance with Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. However, because of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these consolidated financial statements.

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.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in the independent auditor’s report is Wong Kuen.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong

28 June 2024

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Revenue	5 & 6	111,078	90,756
Hotel management income	6	–	503
Property income	6	100,081	76,986
		100,081	77,489
Direct cost for hotel management income and property income		(156,770)	(98,660)
Gross loss for hotel management income and property income		(56,689)	(21,171)
Interest revenue from loan financing	6	10,997	13,267
Net fair value loss on financial instruments	7	(21,776)	(47,940)
Other income, gains and losses	8	(50,841)	16,977
Impairment losses under expected credit loss model, net	33(b)	(1,409)	(7,800)
Loss on disposal of interest in an associate	19	(13,750)	–
Impairment loss of interest in an associate	19	(136,223)	–
Decrease in fair value of investment properties	16	(134,000)	(24,096)
Selling and marketing expenses		–	(227)
Administrative and general expenses		(229,187)	(221,176)
Finance costs	9	(85,489)	(47,025)
Share of results of associates		40,628	(77,203)
Share of results of joint ventures		(78,763)	263,974
Loss before taxation		(756,502)	(152,420)
Taxation	10	74,199	(144)
Loss for the year	11	(682,303)	(152,564)
Loss for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		(644,886)	(146,913)
Non-controlling interests		(37,417)	(5,651)
		(682,303)	(152,564)
Loss per share	14		
– Basic (HK dollar)		(0.71)	(0.16)
– Diluted (HK dollar)		(0.71)	(0.16)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Loss for the year	(682,303)	(152,564)
Other comprehensive (expense) income		
<i>Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</i>		
Loss on fair value changes of financial assets designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI")	–	(19,620)
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>		
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	(42,892)	(139,752)
Exchange differences arising on translation for associates and joint ventures	(1,843)	(2,712)
Reclassification of cumulative translation reserve upon disposal of interest in an associate	4,691	–
Other comprehensive expense for the year	(40,044)	(162,084)
Total comprehensive expense for the year	(722,347)	(314,648)
Total comprehensive expense for the year attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	(673,897)	(291,315)
Non-controlling interests	(48,450)	(23,333)
	(722,347)	(314,648)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	15	430,089	496,595
Investment properties	16	469,000	603,000
Equity and fund investments	17	34,942	56,800
Interests in joint ventures	18	366,534	470,785
Amounts due from joint ventures	18	890,350	891,463
Interests in associates	19	908,025	1,232,200
Amounts due from associates	19	36,802	2,833
Other loan receivables	20	–	47,441
Other non-current assets	21	58,334	125,326
		3,194,076	3,926,443
Current assets			
Deposits paid for acquisition of leasehold land	22	280,087	356,367
Stock of properties	23	1,001,426	1,022,752
Other loan receivables	20	120,977	156,494
Debtors, deposits and prepayments	24	68,573	113,563
Amount due from an associate	19	35,630	8,283
Equity and fund investments	17	24,385	30,797
Cash and cash equivalents	25	24,743	61,073
		1,555,821	1,749,329
Current liabilities			
Creditors, deposits and accrued charges	26	236,678	242,512
Amounts due to joint ventures	18	20,323	13,799
Tax payables		58,670	186,422
Lease liabilities	27	1,876	2,512
Bank and other borrowings	28	1,037,910	1,029,291
		1,355,457	1,474,536
Net current assets		200,364	274,793
Total assets less current liabilities		3,394,440	4,201,236

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	27	1,422	841
Bank and other borrowings	28	324,258	404,932
		325,680	405,773
		3,068,760	3,795,463
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	30	9,072	9,126
Reserves		2,921,034	3,599,233
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		2,930,106	3,608,359
Non-controlling interests		138,654	187,104
		3,068,760	3,795,463

The consolidated financial statements on pages 77 to 180 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 28 June 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

CHEUNG HON KIT
DIRECTOR

LAW HON WA, WILLIAM
DIRECTOR

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Attributable to owners of the Company												Total HK\$'000
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000 (note i)	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Share- based payment reserve HK\$'000	Investment revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000	Special reserve HK\$'000 (note ii)	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits (accumulated losses) HK\$'000	Sub-total HK\$'000	Non- controlling interests HK\$'000	
At 1 April 2022	9,602	3,373,997	113,020	9,369	4,425	(303,615)	3,348	(8,908)	48,560	744,534	3,994,332	210,437	4,204,769
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(146,913)	(146,913)	(5,651)	(152,564)
Loss on fair value changes of financial assets designated as at FVTOCI	-	-	-	-	-	(19,620)	-	-	-	-	(19,620)	-	(19,620)
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(122,070)	-	(122,070)	(17,682)	(139,752)
Exchange differences arising on translation for associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,712)	-	(2,712)	-	(2,712)
Total comprehensive expense for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(19,620)	-	-	(124,782)	(146,913)	(291,315)	(23,333)	(314,648)
Recognition of equity-settled share-based payments (Note 31)	-	-	-	-	695	-	-	-	-	-	695	-	695
Transfer on lapse of share options	-	-	-	-	(3,574)	-	-	-	-	3,574	-	-	-
Repurchase and cancellation of shares (Note 30)	(476)	(47,018)	-	476	-	-	-	-	-	(476)	(47,494)	-	(47,494)
Dividends recognised as distribution (Note 13)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(47,859)	(47,859)	-	(47,859)
At 31 March 2023	9,126	3,326,979	113,020	9,845	1,546	(323,235)	3,348	(8,908)	(76,222)	552,860	3,608,359	187,104	3,795,463
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(644,886)	(644,886)	(37,417)	(682,303)
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(31,859)	-	(31,859)	(11,033)	(42,892)
Exchange differences arising on translation for associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,843)	-	(1,843)	-	(1,843)
Reclassification of cumulative translation reserve upon disposal of interest in an associate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,691	-	4,691	-	4,691
Total comprehensive expense for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(29,011)	(644,886)	(673,897)	(48,450)	(722,347)
Recognition of equity-settled share-based payments (Note 31)	-	-	-	-	99	-	-	-	-	-	99	-	99
Transfer on lapse of share options	-	-	-	-	(99)	-	-	-	-	99	-	-	-
Repurchase and cancellation of shares (Note 30)	(54)	(4,401)	-	54	-	-	-	-	-	(54)	(4,455)	-	(4,455)
At 31 March 2024	9,072	3,322,578	113,020	9,899	1,546	(323,235)	3,348	(8,908)	(105,233)	(91,981)	2,930,106	138,654	3,068,760

Notes:

- The contributed surplus of ITC Properties Group Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") represents the credit arising from capital reduction pursuant to the capital reorganisation on 13 March 2010.
- Special reserve of the Group represents the difference between the nominal value of the share capital of the subsidiaries acquired and the nominal amount of the share capital of the Company issued as consideration under the group reorganisation in prior years.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Loss before taxation	(756,502)	(152,420)
Adjustments for:		
Net decrease in fair values of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	16,216	30,160
Decrease in fair value of investment properties	134,000	24,096
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	24,556	26,704
Finance costs	85,489	47,025
Interest income	(31,829)	(33,117)
Loss on disposal of interest in an associate	13,750	–
Loss on tax indemnity asset written off	66,744	–
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(36)	(160)
Decrease in fair value of an amount due from a joint venture	7,957	3,355
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss	(231)	1,204
Impairment losses of properties, plant and equipment	46,407	–
Impairment loss of interest in an associate	136,223	–
Impairment loss of deposits paid for acquisition of leasehold land	59,928	–
Impairment losses under expected credit loss model, net	1,409	7,800
Share-based payment expenses	99	695
Share of results of associates	(40,628)	77,203
Share of results of joint ventures	78,763	(263,974)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	(157,685)	(231,429)
Increase in deposits paid for acquisition of leasehold land	–	(2,210)
Decrease (increase) in stock of properties	33,634	(27,595)
Decrease (increase) in other loan receivables	29,547	(47,500)
Decrease in debtors, deposits and prepayments	40,307	30,582
Decrease in equity investments held for trading	6,412	9,371
Decrease in creditors, deposits and accrued charges	(14,053)	(12,409)
Cash used in operations	(61,838)	(281,190)
Interest received	12,615	–
Income tax refunded (paid)	2,730	(5,981)
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(46,493)	(287,171)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from disposal of an associate	19	49,841	–
Capital repatriation from a joint venture		29,005	–
Return of capital from an unlisted investment fund		4,357	–
Repayment from joint ventures		3,200	45,523
Dividend received from an associate		2,143	–
Interest received		1,257	1,130
Proceeds from redemption of an unlisted investment fund		1,147	6,889
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		117	160
Dividend received from a joint venture	18	–	220,000
Additions to investment properties		–	(2,096)
Additions to other non-current assets		–	(13,500)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(2,135)	(4,492)
Investments in joint ventures		(3,625)	(2,301)
Advances to joint ventures		(30,380)	(32,082)
Advances to associates		(34,026)	(2,761)
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		20,901	216,470
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of bank and other borrowings		(208,386)	(74,568)
Interest paid		(87,887)	(49,728)
Repurchase of shares		(4,455)	(47,494)
Repayment of lease liabilities, including related interests		(2,644)	(4,790)
Dividends paid		–	(47,859)
Advances from non-controlling interests		4,813	8,022
Advances from joint ventures		12,033	2,626
New bank and other borrowings raised		133,736	64,489
Advances from an associate		141,986	–
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(10,804)	(149,302)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(36,396)	(220,003)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		61,073	283,962
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES		66	(2,886)
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR, represented by bank balances and cash		24,743	61,073

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company was incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability and its issued shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) (Stock Code: 199). The ultimate controlling shareholders (as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”)) of the Company (the “Controlling Shareholders”) are Dr. Chan Kwok Keung, Charles (“Dr. Chan”) and his associates (as defined in the Listing Rules). The addresses of the registered office and the principal place of business in Hong Kong of the Company are disclosed in the “Corporate Information” section of the annual report.

The consolidated financial statements have been presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”), which is the functional currency of the Company.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) together with joint ventures and associates are principally engaged in development, selling of and investment in properties in Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC (as defined below) (“Macau”), Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC (“Hong Kong”), the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”), Canada and the United Kingdom, investment in and management of hotels and leisure business in the PRC, Hong Kong and Canada; securities investments and provision of loan financing services. The principal activities of the Company’s principal subsidiaries are set out in Note 42.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors of the Company (the “Directors”) have given careful consideration to the future liquidity, the financial position and the available sources of financing of the Group in assessing the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern. After taking into account the fact that the Group reported a loss of HK\$682,303,000 and had a net operating outflow of HK\$46,493,000 during the year ended 31 March 2024 and, as of that date, the Group’s aggregate bank and other borrowings amounted to HK\$1,362,168,000, of which balances of HK\$1,037,910,000 were due for settlement within twelve months and were classified as current liabilities while the Group had cash and cash equivalents amounting to HK\$24,743,000. As further set out in note 28 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group, as at 31 March 2024, the Group’s certain bank borrowings with carrying amounts of HK\$970,634,000 in aggregate had their maturity dates before the date of approval for issuance of the consolidated financial statements, subsequently of which HK\$396,000,000 has become overdue, HK\$360,701,000 in aggregate was repaid and HK\$213,933,000 was extended to 31 March 2025.

In view of the above circumstances, the Directors have given careful consideration in going concern. To mitigate the liquidity position of the Group and to improve the financial position of the Group, the Directors have taken certain plans and measures, including:

(i) *Obtaining a new source of borrowings*

In May 2024, the Group successfully obtained a new borrowing of HK\$200 million which carries interest at 15% per annum and is repayable in April 2026. Such new borrowing was secured by certain subsidiaries of the Company and guaranteed by a substantial shareholder of the Company.

(ii) *Disposal of properties/joint ventures/associates*

The Group will consider selling specific properties/joint ventures/associates as a strategic move in order to realise the tied-up capital and value. This strategy will allow the Group to efficiently manage its assets, potentially enhance its liquidity and provide additional resources.

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(Continued)*

(iii) Seeking refinancing

As mentioned above, the Group will actively seek for refinance of existing facilities before maturity. Also, up to the date of this annual report, the Group has not received any demand for immediate repayment of its borrowings of HK\$396 million which was overdue after year ended, and the Group has been and is still actively negotiating with the other lenders for refinancing such borrowings.

(iv) Control on administrative and operating costs

The Group will continue to take active measures to control administrative and operating costs through various channels.

The Directors are of the opinion that, taking into account the above-mentioned plans and measures, the liquidity needs of the Group will be managed and the financial position of the Group will be improved. Also, the Group will have sufficient working capital to finance its operations and meet its financial obligations if they fall due within twelve months from the date of approval of the consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, the Directors have, at the time of approving the consolidated financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs")

New and amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group has applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group's annual period beginning on 1 April 2023 for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements:

HKFRS 17 (including the October 2020 and February 2022 Amendments to HKFRS 17)	Insurance Contracts
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 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies

Except as described below, the application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's financial position and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

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2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”) (Continued)

New and amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year (Continued)

Impacts on application of Amendments to HKAS 8 “Definition of Accounting Estimates”

The Group has applied the amendments for the first time in the current year. The amendments define accounting estimates as “monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty”. An accounting policy may require items in financial statements to be measured in a way that involves measurement uncertainty. In such a case, an entity develops an accounting estimate to achieve the objective set out by the accounting policy. The amendments to HKAS 8 clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates, and changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors.

The application of the amendments in the current year had no material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Impacts on application of Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2 “Disclosure of Accounting Policies”

The Group has applied the amendments for the first time in the current year. HKAS 1 “Presentation of Financial Statements” is amended to replace all instances of the term “significant accounting policies” with “material accounting policy information”. Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in an entity’s financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements.

The amendments also clarify that accounting policy information may be material because of the nature of the related transactions, other events or conditions, even if the amounts are immaterial. However, not all accounting policy information relating to material transactions, other events or conditions is itself material. If an entity chooses to disclose immaterial accounting policy information, such information must not obscure material accounting policy information.

HKFRS Practice Statement 2 “Making Materiality Judgements” (the “Practice Statement”) is also amended to illustrate how an entity applies the “four-step materiality process” to accounting policy disclosures and to judge whether information about an accounting policy is material to its financial statements. Guidance and examples are added to the Practice Statement.

The application of the amendments has had no material impact on the Group’s financial position and performance but has affected the disclosure of the Group’s accounting policies set out in the consolidated financial statements.

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2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

Amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following amendments to HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ¹
Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback ²
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020) ²
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants ²
Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements ²
Amendments to HKAS 21	Lack of Exchangeability ³

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

³ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025.

Except for the amendments to HKFRSs mentioned below, the Directors anticipate that the application of all other amendments to HKFRSs will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements in the foreseeable future.

Amendments to HKFRS 16 "Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback"

The amendments add subsequent measurement requirements for sale and leaseback transactions that satisfy the requirements of HKFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" to be accounted for as a sale. The amendments require a seller-lessee to determine "lease payments" or "revised lease payments" such that the seller-lessee would not recognise a gain or loss that relates to the right of use retained by the seller-lessee. The amendments also clarify that applying the requirements does not prevent the seller-lessee from recognising in profit or loss any gain or loss relating to subsequent partial or full termination of a lease.

As part of the amendments, Illustrative Example 25 accompanying HKFRS 16 "Leases" ("HKFRS 16") is added to illustrate the application of the requirements in a sale and leaseback transaction with variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, with early application permitted. The application of the amendments is not expected to have significant impact on the financial position and performance of the Group.

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2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”) (Continued)

Amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective (Continued)

Amendments to HKAS 1 “Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020)” (the “2020 Amendments”) and Amendments to HKAS 1 “Non-current Liabilities with Covenants” (the “2022 Amendments”)

The 2020 Amendments provide clarification and additional guidance on the assessment of right to defer settlement for at least twelve months from reporting date for classification of liabilities as current or non-current, which:

- clarify that if a liability has terms that could, at the option of the counterparty, result in its settlement by the transfer of the entity's own equity instruments, these terms do not affect its classification as current or non-current only if the entity recognises the option separately as an equity instrument applying HKAS 32 “Financial Instruments: Presentation”.
- specify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current should be based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period. Specifically, the amendments clarify that the classification should not be affected by management intentions or expectations to settle the liability within twelve months.

For rights to defer settlement for at least twelve months from reporting date which are conditional on the compliance with covenants, the requirements introduced by the 2020 Amendments have been modified by the 2022 Amendments. The 2022 Amendments specify that only covenants with which an entity is required to comply with on or before the end of the reporting period affect the entity's right to defer settlement of a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date. Covenants which are required to comply with only after the reporting period do not affect whether that right exists at the end of the reporting period.

In addition, the 2022 Amendments specify the disclosure requirements about information that enables users of financial statements to understand the risk that the liabilities could become repayable within twelve months after the reporting period, if the entity classifies liabilities arising from loan arrangements as non-current when the entity's right to defer settlement of those liabilities is subject to the entity complying with covenants within twelve months after the reporting period.

The 2022 Amendments also defer the effective date of applying the 2020 Amendments to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024. The 2022 Amendments, together with the 2020 Amendments, are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, with early application permitted. If an entity applies the 2020 amendments for an earlier period after the issue of the 2022 Amendments, the entity should also apply the 2022 Amendments for that period.

Based on the Group's outstanding liabilities as at 31 March 2024, the application of the 2020 and 2022 Amendments will not result in reclassification of the Group's liabilities.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

Basis of preparation of consolidated financial statements

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA. For the purpose of preparation of the consolidated financial statements, information is considered material if such information is reasonably expected to influence decisions made by primary users. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Listing Rules and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties and certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of HKFRS 2 "*Share-based Payment*", leasing transactions that are accounted for in accordance with HKFRS 16, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in HKAS 2 "*Inventories*" ("HKAS 2") or value in use in HKAS 36 "*Impairment of Assets*" ("HKAS 36").

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

For financial instruments and investment properties which are transacted at fair value and a valuation technique that unobservable inputs are to be used to measure fair value in subsequent periods, the valuation technique is calibrated so that at initial recognition the results of the valuation technique equals the transaction price.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

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

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss from the date the Group gains control until the date when the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each item of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intragroup assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries are presented separately from the Group's equity therein, which represent present ownership interests entitling their holders to a proportionate share of net assets of the relevant subsidiaries upon liquidation.

Investments in associates and joint ventures

An associate is an entity over which the Group has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control over those policies.

A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint arrangement. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities that require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Investments in associates and joint ventures *(Continued)*

The results and assets and liabilities of associates and joint ventures are incorporated in these consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting. The financial statements of associates and joint ventures used for equity accounting purposes are prepared using uniform accounting policies as those of the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances. Under the equity method, an investment in an associate or a joint venture is initially recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the associate or joint venture. Changes in net assets of the associate/joint venture other than profit or loss and other comprehensive income are not accounted for unless such changes resulted in changes in ownership interest held by the Group. When the Group's share of losses of an associate or a joint venture exceeds the Group's interest in that associate or joint venture (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the associate or joint venture), the Group discontinues recognising its share of further losses. Additional losses are recognised only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate or joint venture.

An investment in an associate or a joint venture is accounted for using the equity method from the date on which the investee becomes an associate or a joint venture. On acquisition of the investment in an associate or a joint venture, any excess of the cost of the investment over the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the investee is recognised as goodwill, which is included within the carrying amount of the investment. Any excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities over the cost of the investment, after reassessment, is recognised immediately in profit or loss in the period in which the investment is acquired.

The Group assesses whether there is an objective evidence that the interest in an associate or a joint venture may be impaired. When any objective evidence exists, the entire carrying amount of the investment (including goodwill) is tested for impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 as a single asset by comparing its recoverable amount (higher of value in use and fair value less costs of disposal) with its carrying amount. Any impairment loss recognised is not allocated to any asset, including goodwill, that forms part of the carrying amount of the investment. Any reversal of that impairment loss is recognised in accordance with HKAS 36 to the extent that the recoverable amount of the investment subsequently increases.

When the Group ceases to have significant influence over an associate or joint control over a joint venture, it is accounted for as a disposal of the entire interest in the investee with a resulting gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss. In addition, the Group accounts for all amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that associate or joint venture on the same basis as would be required if that associate or joint venture had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. Therefore, if a gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income by that associate or joint venture would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities, the Group reclassifies the gain or loss from equity to profit or loss (as a reclassification adjustment) upon disposal/partial disposal of the relevant associate or joint venture.

When a group entity transacts with an associate or a joint venture of the Group, profits and losses resulting from the transactions with the associate or joint venture are recognised in the Group's consolidated financial statements only to the extent of interests in the associate or joint venture that are not related to the Group.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Revenue from contracts with customers

The Group recognises revenue when (or as) a performance obligation is satisfied, i.e. when “control” of the goods or services underlying the particular performance obligation is transferred to the customer.

A performance obligation represents a good or service (or a bundle of goods or services) that is distinct or a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same.

Details of accounting policy information for revenue recognition set out in Note 6(ii).

Leases

Definition of a lease

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.

The Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease based on the definition under HKFRS 16 at inception, modification date or acquisition date, as appropriate. Such contract will not be reassessed unless the terms and conditions of the contract are subsequently changed.

The Group as a lessor

Classification and measurement of leases

Leases for which the Group is a lessor are classified as finance or operating leases. Whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset to the lessee, the contract is classified as a finance lease. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rental income from operating leases is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset, and such costs are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term except for investment properties measured under fair value model.

Rental income which is derived from the Group’s ordinary course of business is presented as revenue.

Allocation of consideration to components of a contract

When a contract includes both leases and non-lease components, the Group applies HKFRS 15 “Revenue from Contracts with Customers” (“HKFRS 15”) to allocate consideration in a contract to lease and non-lease components. Non-lease components are separated from lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone selling prices.

Refundable rental deposits

Refundable rental deposits received are accounted for under “Financial Instruments” (“HKFRS 9”) and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments from lessees.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchanges prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of the reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. When a fair value gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in profit or loss, any exchange component of that gain or loss is also recognised in profit or loss. When a fair value gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in other comprehensive income, any exchange component of that gain or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

For the purposes of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations are translated into the presentation currency of the Group (i.e. HK\$) using exchange rates prevailing at the end of each reporting period. Income and expenses items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the date of transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the heading of translation reserve (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

On the disposal of a foreign operation (i.e. a disposal of the Group's entire interest in a foreign operation, or a disposal involving loss of control over a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation, or a partial disposal of an interest in a joint arrangement or an associate that includes a foreign operation of which the retained interest becomes a financial asset), all of the exchange differences accumulated in equity in respect of that operation attributable to the owners of the Company are reclassified to profit or loss.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

Any specific borrowing that remain outstanding after the related asset is ready for its intended use or sale is included in the general borrowing pool for calculation of capitalisation on rate on general borrowings. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Employee benefits

Retirement benefit costs

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans, state-managed retirement benefit schemes and the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme ("the MPF Scheme") are recognised as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

Termination benefits

A liability for a termination benefit is recognised at the earlier of when the Group entity can no longer withdraw the offer of the termination benefit and when it recognises any related restructuring costs.

Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are recognised at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid as and when employees rendered the services. All short-term employee benefits are recognised as an expense unless another HKFRS requires or permits the inclusion of the benefit in the cost of an asset.

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees (such as wages, salaries and annual leave) after deducting any amount already paid.

Share-based payment transactions

Equity-settled share-based payment transactions

Share options granted to employees

Equity-settled share-based payments to employees and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date.

The fair value of the equity-settled share-based payments determined at the grant date without taking into consideration all non-market vesting conditions is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest, with a corresponding increase in equity (share-based payment reserve). At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest based on assessment of all relevant non-market vesting conditions. The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognised in profit or loss such that the cumulative expense reflects the revised estimate, with a corresponding adjustment to the share-based payment reserve. For share options that vest immediately at the date of grant, the fair value of the share options granted is expensed immediately to profit or loss.

When share options are exercised, the amount previously recognised in share-based payment reserve will be transferred to share premium. When the share options are forfeited after the vesting date or are still not exercised at the expiry date, the amount previously recognised in share-based payments reserve will be transferred to retained profits (accumulated losses).

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of current deferred income tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from loss before taxation as reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss because of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit and at the time of the transaction does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences. In addition, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, interests in associates and interests in joint ventures, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments and interests are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset is realised, based on tax rate (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Taxation *(Continued)*

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax for investment properties that are measured using the fair value model, the carrying amounts of such properties are presumed to be recovered entirely through sale, unless the presumption is rebutted. The presumption is rebutted when the investment property is depreciable and is held within a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the investment property over time, rather than through sale, except for freehold land, which is always presumed to be recovered entirely through sale.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied to the same taxable entity by the same taxation authority.

Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss, except when they relate to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively. Where current tax or deferred tax arises from the initial accounting for a business combination, the tax effect is included in the accounting for the business combination.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment, including leasehold land and buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes, are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent impairment losses, if any.

When the Group makes payments for ownership interests of properties which includes both leasehold land and building elements, the entire consideration is allocated between the leasehold land and the building elements in proportion to the relative fair values at initial recognition. When the consideration cannot be allocated reliably between non-lease building element and undivided interest in the underlying leasehold land, the entire properties are classified as property, plant and equipment.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

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 the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation.

Investment properties are initially measured at cost, including any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measured at their fair values, adjusted to exclude any prepaid or accrued operating lease income.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment properties are included in profit or loss for the period in which they arise.

Construction costs incurred for investment properties under construction are capitalised as part of the carrying amount of the investment properties under construction.

An investment property is derecognised upon disposal or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from its disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the property (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the profit or loss in the period in which the property is derecognised.

Impairment losses on property, plant and equipment (including right-of-use assets) and intangible asset other than goodwill

At the end of the reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its property, plant and equipment to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the relevant asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss, if any. Intangible asset with indefinite useful life is tested for impairment at least annually, and whenever there is an indication that it may be impaired.

The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment are estimated individually.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. The carrying amount of an asset is not reduced below the highest of its fair value less costs of disposal (if measurable), its value in use (if determinable) and zero. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents presented on the consolidated statement of financial position include:

- (a) cash, which comprises of cash on hand and demand deposits, excluding bank balances that are subject to regulatory restrictions that result in such balances no longer meeting the definition of cash; and
- (b) cash equivalents, which comprises of short-term (generally with original maturity of three months or less), highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes.

For the purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

Stock of properties

Properties under development which are intended to be sold upon completion of development and properties for sale are classified as current assets. Except for the leasehold land element which is measured at cost model in accordance with the accounting policies of right-of-use assets, properties under development/properties for sale are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a specific identification basis including allocation of the related development expenditure incurred and where appropriate, borrowing costs capitalised. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for the properties less estimated cost to completion and costs necessary to make the sales. Costs necessary to make the sale include incremental costs directly attributable to the sale and non-incremental costs which the Group must incur to make the sale.

Properties under development for sale are transferred to properties for sale upon completion.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a settlement date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value except for trade receivables arising from contracts with customers which are initially measured in accordance with HKFRS 15. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Financial instruments (Continued)

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liabilities and of allocating interest income and interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts and payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss and is included in other income, gains and losses except for interest income on other loan receivables, which is derived from the Group's ordinary course of business are presented as interest revenue from loan financing.

Financial assets

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All other financial assets are subsequently measured at FVTPL, except that at initial recognition of a financial asset the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value of an equity investment in other comprehensive income if that equity investment is neither held for trading nor contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which HKFRS 3 "*Business Combinations*" applies.

A financial asset is held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is a part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

In addition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that are required to be measured at the amortised cost or FVTOCI as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Financial instruments *(Continued)*

Financial assets *(Continued)*

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets *(Continued)*

(i) Amortised cost and interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for financial assets measured subsequently at amortised cost. Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired (see below). For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset from the next reporting period. If the credit risk on the credit impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset from the beginning of the reporting period following the determination that the asset is no longer credit-impaired.

(ii) Equity instruments designated as at FVTOCI

Investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI are subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses arising from changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve; and are not subject to impairment assessment. The cumulative gain or loss will not be reclassified to profit or loss on disposal of the equity investments, and will be transferred to retained profits (accumulated losses).

Dividends from these investments in equity instruments are recognised in profit or loss when the Group's right to receive the dividends is established, unless the dividends clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the investment.

(iii) Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for being measured at amortised cost or FVTOCI are measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the net fair value loss on financial instruments line item in profit or loss.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Financial instruments *(Continued)*

Financial assets *(Continued)*

Impairment of financial assets and other items subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9

The Group performs impairment assessment under expected credit loss ("ECL") model on financial assets (including debtors and deposits, amounts due from joint ventures, amount due from an associate, other loan receivables and bank balances), and other items (undrawn loan commitments to joint ventures and financial guarantee contracts) which are subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition.

Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of the relevant instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL ("12m ECL") represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events that are possible within twelve months after the reporting date. Assessments are done based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current conditions at the reporting date as well as the forecast of future conditions.

The Group always recognises lifetime ECL for trade debtors. The ECL on the trade debtors are assessed collectively using a provision matrix with appropriate groupings.

For all other instruments, the Group measures the loss allowance equal to 12m ECL, unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, in which case the Group recognises lifetime ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognised is based on significant increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition.

(i) Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk 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 when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor; and
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Financial instruments *(Continued)*

Financial assets *(Continued)*

Impairment of financial assets and other items subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 *(Continued)*

(i) Significant increase in credit risk *(Continued)*

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

Despite the foregoing, the Group assumes that the credit risk on a debt instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A debt 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. The Group considers a debt instrument to have low credit risk when it has an internal or external credit rating of “investment grade” as per globally understood definitions.

For loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts, the date that the Group becomes a party to the irrevocable commitment is considered to be the date of initial recognition for the purposes of assessing impairment. In assessing whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since initial recognition of a loan commitment, the Group considers changes in the risk of a default occurring on the loan to which a loan commitment relates; for financial guarantee contracts, the Group considers the changes in the risk that the specified debtor will default on the contract.

The Group regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

(ii) Definition of default

For internal credit risk management, the Group considers an event of default occurs when 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).

Irrespective of the above, 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.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Financial instruments *(Continued)*

Financial assets *(Continued)*

Impairment of financial assets and other items subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Continued)

(iii) Credit-impaired financial assets

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 includes 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; or
- (c) it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

(iv) Write-off policy

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, for example, when the counterparty has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event. Any subsequent recoveries are recognised in profit or loss.

(v) Measurement and recognition of ECL

The measurement of ECL is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data and forward-looking information. Estimation of ECL reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined with the respective risks of default occurring as the weights. The Group uses a practical expedient in estimating ECL on trade receivables using a provision matrix taking into consideration historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

Generally, the ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate determined at initial recognition.

For a financial guarantee contract, the Group 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, the expected losses are the present value of the expected payments to reimburse the holder for a credit loss that it incurs less any amounts that the Group expects to receive from the holder, the debtor or any other party.

For undrawn loan commitments, the ECL is the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Group if the holder of the loan commitments draws down the loan, and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive if the loan is drawn down.

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Financial instruments *(Continued)*

Financial assets *(Continued)*

Impairment of financial assets and other items subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Continued)

(v) Measurement and recognition of ECL *(Continued)*

For ECL on financial guarantee contracts or on loan commitments for which the effective interest rate cannot be determined, the Group will apply a discount rate that reflects the current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks that are specific to the cash flows but only if, and to the extent that, the risks are taken into account by adjusting the discount rate instead of adjusting the cash shortfalls being discounted.

Lifetime ECL for trade receivables are considered on a collective basis taking into consideration past due information and relevant credit information such as forward looking macroeconomic information.

For collective assessment, the Group takes into consideration the following characteristics when formulating the grouping:

- Past-due status;
- Nature, size and industry of debtors; and
- External credit ratings where available.

The grouping is regularly reviewed by management to ensure the constituents of each group continue to share similar credit risk characteristics.

Except for loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts, the Group recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments by adjusting their carrying amount, with the exception of trade debtors, amount(s) due from joint ventures/associate and other loan receivables where the corresponding adjustment is recognised through a loss allowance account.

Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss.

On derecognition of an investment in equity instrument which the Group has elected on initial recognition to measure at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is not reclassified to profit or loss, but is transferred to retained profits (accumulated losses).

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3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Material accounting policy information *(Continued)*

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial liabilities and equity

Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Repurchase of the Company's own equity instruments is recognised and deducted directly in equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Company's own equity instruments.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities (including creditors and deposits, amounts due to a joint ventures, and bank and other borrowings) are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Financial guarantee contracts

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Financial guarantee contract liabilities are initially measured at their fair values. It is subsequently measured at the higher of:

- (i) the amount of loss allowance as determined in accordance with HKFRS 9; and
- (ii) the amount initially recognised less, where appropriate, cumulative amortisation recognised over the guarantee period.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligation are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in Note 3, the Directors are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements in applying accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (see below), that the Directors have made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

Deferred taxation on investment property

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax arising from investment properties that are measured using the fair value model, the Directors have reviewed the Group's investment property portfolios and concluded that the Group's investment property in Hong Kong are not held under a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the investment property over time. Therefore, in determining the deferred taxation on the Group's investment property in Hong Kong, the Directors have determined the presumption that the carrying amount of investment property measured using the fair value model are recovered entirely through sale is not rebutted. The Group has not recognised any deferred tax on changes in fair value of investment property in Hong Kong as the Group is not subject to any income taxes on the fair value changes of the investment property in Hong Kong on disposal.

Revenue from sales of properties through disposal of subsidiaries

When the Group sells properties through disposal of subsidiaries which contain stock of properties as the predominate assets, the Group considers several factors in determining whether the contracts fall into the scope of HKFRS 15 and recognise the consideration from such disposal as revenue of the Group. Factors considered include:

- the Group contracts with a customer for goods or services that are an output of the Group's ordinary activities in exchange for consideration;
- the subsidiary contains only inventory as defined in HKAS 2 "Inventories" and any related income tax asset or liability as defined in HKAS 12 "Income Taxes"; and
- the entity retains no interest in the inventory transferred to the customer.

The management of the Group considered that disposal of subsidiaries set out in Note 6 has met all characteristics and account for revenue from sales of properties.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (Continued)

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Impairment loss on other loan receivables

The Group recognises impairment loss on other loan receivables by applying the ECL model to individual exposures by considering the financial background of the debtors and measuring the impairment loss based on the probability of default and loss given default with reference to international credit-rating agencies' data adjusted for forward-looking factors. The measurement of ECL is a function of the exposure at default, probability of default and loss given default, which involves key estimates from the management. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data adjusted by forward-looking information.

The provision of ECL is sensitive to changes in estimates. Due to greater financial uncertainty in the macroeconomic environment, there is a higher degree of uncertainty in terms of estimation in term of how forward looking factors affect the probability of default. The information about the ECL on other loan receivables and the key estimation uncertainty are disclosed in Note 33.

As at 31 March 2024, the carrying amount of the Group's other loan receivables was HK\$120,977,000 (2023: HK\$203,935,000), net of credit loss allowance of HK\$356,284,000 (2023: HK\$355,943,000) and out of which, the carrying amount of nil (2023: nil), net of credit loss allowance of HK\$336,991,000 (2023: HK\$336,991,000) was credit-impaired.

Valuation of investment properties

As at 31 March 2024, the carrying amount of the Group's investment properties was HK\$469,000,000 (2023: HK\$603,000,000). The major non-current assets of a joint venture represented investment properties in the PRC amounting to Renminbi ("RMB") 770,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$833,333,000) (2023: RMB986,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$1,126,857,000)) as at 31 March 2024.

The valuation of investment properties was based on valuation of these properties conducted by an independent professional valuer using property valuation techniques which involve certain assumptions of market conditions as disclosed in Notes 16 and 18. Favourable or unfavourable changes to these assumptions would result in changes in the valuation of the Group's investment properties and corresponding adjustments to the fair value changes reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Impairment loss of interest in an associate

The Group relies on the financial information provided by the Major Shareholder of Rosedale Hotel Beijing Co., Ltd. ("Rosedale Beijing") to account for the Group's share of results and share of net assets of Rosedale Beijing and to assess the impairment of the interest in Rosedale Beijing. However, since the financial information of Rosedale Beijing has not been provided by the Major Shareholder to the Group, and therefore the Group as the minority shareholder was unable to obtain the financial information of Rosedale Beijing. Given the unfavorable situation as set out in Note 19, the management of the Group is of the view that an impairment loss of HK\$136,223,000 should be fully recognised in profit or loss for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The segment information reported externally was analysed on the basis of the goods and services delivered or provided by the Group's operating divisions and is consistent with the internal information that is regularly reviewed by the executive directors, the chief operating decision maker (the "CODM"), for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of performance. This is also the basis of organisation in the Group, whereby the management has chosen to organise the Group around differences in products and services.

The Group's reportable and operating segments are as follows:

Property	–	development of, selling of and investment in properties
Hotel and leisure	–	investment in and management of hotels and resorts
Securities investments	–	trading and investment of securities
Finance	–	provision of loan financing services

Information regarding these segments is reported below:

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Segment revenue HK\$'000 (note (a))	Operating (loss) profit HK\$'000	Loss on disposal of interest in an associate HK\$'000	Impairment loss of interest in an associate HK\$'000	Share of results of results of associates HK\$'000	Share of results of joint ventures HK\$'000	Finance costs HK\$'000	Segment results: (loss) profit before taxation HK\$'000 (note (b))
Property (note (c))	100,081	(321,693)	–	–	64,248	(90,309)	(57,896)	(405,650)
Hotel and leisure	–	(67,096)	(13,750)	(136,223)	(23,620)	9,928	(8)	(230,769)
Securities investments	–	(22,753)	–	–	–	–	–	(22,753)
Finance	10,997	9,426	–	–	–	–	–	9,426
SEGMENT TOTAL	111,078	(402,116)	(13,750)	(136,223)	40,628	(80,381)	(57,904)	(649,746)
Unallocated	–	(80,789)	–	–	–	1,618	(27,585)	(106,756)
GROUP TOTAL	111,078	(482,905)	(13,750)	(136,223)	40,628	(78,763)	(85,489)	(756,502)

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

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	Segment revenue HK\$'000 (note (a))	Operating (loss) profit HK\$'000	Share of results of associates HK\$'000	Share of results of joint ventures HK\$'000	Finance costs HK\$'000	Segment results: (loss) profit before taxation HK\$'000 (note (b))
Property (note (c))	76,986	(107,395)	8,057	(8,878)	(27,396)	(135,612)
Hotel and leisure (note (d))	503	(26,200)	(85,260)	286,841	(13)	175,368
Securities investments	–	(48,292)	–	–	–	(48,292)
Finance	13,267	4,973	–	–	–	4,973
SEGMENT TOTAL	90,756	(176,914)	(77,203)	277,963	(27,409)	(3,563)
Unallocated	–	(115,252)	–	(13,989)	(19,616)	(148,857)
GROUP TOTAL	90,756	(292,166)	(77,203)	263,974	(47,025)	(152,420)

Notes:

- (a) Segment revenue as set out above comprised income from leases, income from sales of properties, properties commission income, building management fee income, hotel management service income and loan financing income. All segment revenue is from external customers.
- (b) The aggregate of the segment results as set out above comprised the (loss) profit before taxation from each segment without allocation of certain other income, gains and losses, certain administrative and general expenses, share of results of certain joint ventures and certain finance costs.
- (c) The segment revenue of property segment included income from leases, income from sales of properties, properties commission income and building management fee income. During the year ended 31 March 2024, the segment result of property segment included decrease in fair value of investment properties of HK\$134,000,000, impairment losses of property, plant and equipment of HK\$46,407,000 and share of decrease in fair value of investment properties, net of tax, of RMB89,100,000 (equivalent to HK\$97,805,000) of a joint venture included in share of results of joint ventures (2023: decrease in fair value of investment properties of HK\$24,096,000).
- (d) During the year ended 31 March 2023, the segment result of hotel and leisure segment included share of gain on disposal of all equity interests in a subsidiary of a joint venture, which indirectly owned a hotel in Hong Kong, amounting to HK\$223,193,000, share of reversal of impairment loss of a property held by a joint venture amounting to HK\$61,062,000 and share of impairment loss of assets held by an associate amounting to HK\$47,811,000.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in Note 3. The CODM assesses the performance of the operating segments based on the (loss) profit before taxation of the group entities engaged in the respective segment activities which represents the segment results. Segment results are analysed before taxation whereas tax payable is allocated to operating segment liabilities. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment. Financial information provided to the CODM is measured in a manner consistent with the accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities

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

	Segment assets		Segment liabilities	
	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Property	4,145,040	4,239,891	1,211,936	1,251,026
Hotel and leisure	302,930	985,095	6,583	129,415
Securities investments	59,327	87,597	951	951
Finance	152,863	236,388	48	48
Segment total	4,660,160	5,548,971	1,219,518	1,381,440
Unallocated:				
Cash and cash equivalents	24,743	61,073	–	–
Bank and other borrowings	–	–	436,451	476,632
Others	64,994	65,728	25,168	22,237
Total	4,749,897	5,675,772	1,681,137	1,880,309

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

- all assets are allocated to operating segments other than certain property, plant and equipment, certain other non-current assets, certain debtors, deposits and prepayments of the corporate offices, interests in certain joint ventures, amounts due from certain joint ventures and cash and cash equivalents; and
- all liabilities, including tax payables, are allocated to operating segments other than certain lease liabilities, certain bank and other borrowings and certain creditors, deposits and accrued charges.

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Other segment information

	Additions to property, plant and equipment and investment properties		Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		Decrease in fair value of investment properties		Interest income	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Property	2,078	6,329	21,553	23,398	(134,000)	(24,096)	19,575	18,730
Hotel and leisure	–	–	101	348	–	–	–	–
Finance	–	–	–	–	–	–	10,997	13,267
	<u>2,078</u>	<u>6,329</u>	<u>21,654</u>	<u>23,746</u>	<u>(134,000)</u>	<u>(24,096)</u>	<u>30,572</u>	<u>31,997</u>
Unallocated	4,045	900	2,902	2,958	–	–	1,257	1,120
	<u>6,123</u>	<u>7,229</u>	<u>24,556</u>	<u>26,704</u>	<u>(134,000)</u>	<u>(24,096)</u>	<u>31,829</u>	<u>33,117</u>
Total	<u>6,123</u>	<u>7,229</u>	<u>24,556</u>	<u>26,704</u>	<u>(134,000)</u>	<u>(24,096)</u>	<u>31,829</u>	<u>33,117</u>

Geographical information

The Group's revenue from external customers based on location of properties and/or goods delivered or services delivered, and information about its non-current assets, excluding financial assets, by physical location of the assets are detailed as below:

	Revenue from external customers		Carrying amount of non-current assets	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong	63,033	80,514	1,172,374	1,368,516
Macau	–	–	707,857	814,614
PRC	45,215	4,741	13,182	382,914
Canada	2,830	5,501	299,303	320,461
Others	–	–	39,266	41,401
	<u>111,078</u>	<u>90,756</u>	<u>2,231,982</u>	<u>2,927,906</u>

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Information about major customers

During the year, the Group had two (2023: one) customer(s) with whom transactions have exceeded 10% of the Group's total revenue.

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Customer A – Property	45,000	–
Customer B – Property	45,000	–
Customer C – Property	–	41,760

6. REVENUE

(i) Disaggregation of revenue

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Revenue from contracts with customers:		
<i>Property</i>		
Revenue from building management fee income		
– recognised over time	544	500
Revenue from properties commission income		
– recognised at a point in time	3,725	3,296
Revenue from sale of properties		
– recognised at a point in time	90,000	62,257
<i>Hotel and leisure</i>		
Revenue from hotel management service		
– recognised over time	–	503
	94,269	66,556
Revenue from other sources:		
Fixed lease income	5,812	10,933
Interest revenue from loan financing	10,997	13,267
Total revenue	111,078	90,756

Revenue from contracts with customers of HK\$94,269,000 (2023: HK\$66,556,000) for the year ended 31 March 2024 includes property commission income of HK\$2,805,000 (2023: HK\$3,055,000) deriving from Canada, sales of properties of HK\$45,000,000 (2023: nil) deriving from the PRC and the remaining of HK\$46,464,000 (2023: HK\$63,501,000) was derived in Hong Kong.

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6. REVENUE (Continued)

(ii) Performance obligations for contracts with customers

Revenue from building management fee income

The Group provides building management services to customers. Such services are recognised as a performance obligation satisfied over time as the customers simultaneously receive and consume the benefits provided by the Group's performance as the Group performs.

The Group receives payment of building management fee at the beginning of each month according to contract terms.

Revenue from properties commission income

Revenue from properties commission income is recognised at a point in time and the Group has the right for receipt of payment when the related sale and purchase agreements are signed.

The Group applies the practical expedient of expensing all incremental costs to obtain a contract if these costs would otherwise have been fully amortised to profit or loss within one year.

Revenue from sales of properties

Revenue is recognised at a point in time when the control of the properties are transferred to the customers.

The Group sells properties directly to customers or through disposal of subsidiaries which contain stock of properties as the predominate assets.

The Group receives certain percentage of the contract value as deposits from customers when they sign the sale and purchase agreements for the sales of properties. Full payment of the remaining consideration is collected prior to the transfer of control of the properties to the customers.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Group disposed of the entire interests in certain subsidiaries which are principally engaged in development of properties held for sale. In these transactions, the Group was principally selling and the buyers were principally acquiring the properties held for sale which were the single predominant asset of the subsidiaries. Accordingly, the Group had accounted for the disposal of the entire interests in these subsidiaries as disposal of the underlying properties held for sale. The consideration from the disposal of the entire equity interests were recognised as revenue generated from sales of properties by the Group.

The revenue is recognised at a point in time when the shares of disposed subsidiaries are transferred to customers.

Revenue from hotel management service

Revenue from hotel management service is recognised as a performance obligation satisfied over time as the customers simultaneously receive and consume the benefits provided by the Group's performance as the Group performs.

The Group receives payment of hotel management fee every quarter according to contract terms.

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6. REVENUE (Continued)

(iii) Transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligation for contracts with customers

All the revenue from contracts with customers is for periods of one year or less. As permitted under HKFRS 15, the transaction price allocated to these unsatisfied contracts is not disclosed.

7. NET FAIR VALUE LOSS ON FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Net (decrease) increase in fair values of financial assets at FVTPL:		
– held at the end of the reporting period	(21,835)	(35,688)
– disposed of during the year	59	(12,252)
	(21,776)	(47,940)

8. OTHER INCOME, GAINS AND LOSSES

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Other income:		
Bank interest income	1,257	1,120
Interest income on amounts due from joint ventures (Note 39(i))	19,575	18,730
Others	2,383	2,985
	23,215	22,835
Other gains and losses:		
Loss on tax indemnity asset written off (Note 21(a))	(66,744)	–
Decrease in fair value of an amount due from a joint venture (note)	(7,957)	(3,355)
Net foreign exchange gain (loss)	645	(2,503)
	(74,056)	(5,858)
	(50,841)	16,977

Note: During the year ended 31 March 2024, a decrease in fair value of HK\$7,957,000 (2023: HK\$3,355,000) has been recognised on an amount due from a joint venture and the fair value of such amount has been measured with reference to a quoted price of the underlying asset held by the joint venture in a market that is not active.

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9. FINANCE COSTS

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Interest on bank and other borrowings	90,911	53,767
Interest on lease liabilities	235	203
Total borrowing costs	91,146	53,970
Less: amounts capitalised in qualifying assets	(5,657)	(6,945)
	85,489	47,025

10. TAXATION

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Hong Kong Profits Tax:		
Current tax	–	40
Overprovision in prior years	(26)	–
	(26)	40
Canadian Corporate Tax:		
Current tax	113	104
PRC Enterprise Income Tax:		
Overprovision in prior years	(74,286)	–
	(74,199)	144

Hong Kong Profits Tax of the qualified entity of the Group was calculated in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rates regime (i.e. the first HK\$2 million of profits of a qualifying group entity to be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million to be taxed at 16.5%), while the profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime continued to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions was calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

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10. TAXATION (Continued)

The tax credit/charge for the year can be reconciled to the loss before taxation per the consolidated statement of profit or loss as follows:

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Loss before taxation	(756,502)	(152,420)
Tax at the Hong Kong Profits Tax rate at 16.5%	(124,823)	(25,149)
Tax effect of share of results of joint ventures and associates	6,292	(30,817)
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purpose	57,866	30,438
Tax effect of deductible temporary difference not recognised	40,022	5,496
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purpose	(3,659)	(7,265)
Overprovision in prior years	(74,312)	–
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	25,877	40,115
Utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised	(165)	(11,358)
Effect of different tax rates of subsidiaries operating in other jurisdictions	(1,297)	(1,276)
Income tax at concessionary rate	–	(40)
Tax (credit) charge for the year	(74,199)	144

Details of deferred taxation are set out in Note 29.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, reversal of tax provisions of HK\$66,744,000 set out in Note 21(a) and HK\$7,542,000 were recognised as relevant accounting tax provisions were made in prior years that are beyond the statutory time bar period.

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11. LOSS FOR THE YEAR

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Loss for the year has been arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Auditors' remuneration		
– current year	4,664	4,852
– underprovision in previous years	8	–
	4,672	4,852
Directors' emoluments (Note 12(a))	13,744	35,983
Other staff costs:		
Salaries and other benefits (note)	54,985	55,454
Equity-settled share-based payment expense	57	348
Retirement benefits scheme contributions	2,544	2,632
Total staff costs	71,330	94,417
Gross rental income	(5,812)	(10,933)
Less: direct operating expenses that generated rental income during the year	3,882	3,701
	(1,930)	(7,232)
Cost of inventories recognised as an expense (including write-down/impairment loss of stock of properties and deposits paid for acquisition of leasehold land of HK\$59,928,000 (2023: HK\$33,312,000))	149,928	92,206
Impairment losses of property, plant and equipment (included in administrative and general expenses)	46,407	–
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	24,556	26,704
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(36)	(160)

Note: During the year ended 31 March 2023, government grants of HK\$1,910,000 (2024: nil) under the Employment Support Scheme launched by the Government of Hong Kong was received and offset against the related staff costs.

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12. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS AND HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

(a) Directors' and chief executive's emoluments

Details of the emoluments paid or payable to each of the nine (2023: eight) Directors including chief executive for their services rendered for the Group are as follows:

	Fees HK\$'000	Other emoluments			Total emoluments HK\$'000
		Salaries and other benefits HK\$'000	Equity-settled share-based payment expense HK\$'000	Retirement benefits scheme contributions HK\$'000	
2024					
Executive Directors					
Cheung Hon Kit	10	3,480	23	–	3,513
Dr. Chan	10	3,480	–	–	3,490
Chan Yiu Lun, Alan	10	2,640	9	18	2,677
Law Hon Wa, William (note i)	10	2,880	–	144	3,034
Non-executive Director					
Chau Mei Wah (note ii)	120	–	–	–	120
Independent Non-executive Directors					
Shek Lai Him, Abraham	300	–	4	–	304
Chan Pak Cheong Afonso (note iii)	139	–	3	–	142
Ip Hon Wah	300	–	3	–	303
Pang, Anthony Ming-tung (note iv)	161	–	–	–	161
	1,060	12,480	42	162	13,744

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12. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS AND HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS (Continued)

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

	Fees HK\$'000	Other emoluments			Total emoluments HK\$'000
		Salaries and other benefits HK\$'000	Equity-settled share-based payment expense HK\$'000	Retirement benefits scheme contributions HK\$'000	
2023					
Executive Directors					
Cheung Hon Kit	10	3,480	153	–	3,643
Dr. Chan	10	23,480	–	–	23,490
Chan Yiu Lun, Alan	10	2,640	59	18	2,727
Lam Sau Fung (note v)	10	2,358	70	18	2,456
Chau Mei Wah (note ii)	10	2,692	–	–	2,702
Independent Non-executive Directors					
Shek Lai Him, Abraham	300	–	29	–	329
Chan Pak Cheong Afonso	300	–	18	–	318
Ip Hon Wah	300	–	18	–	318
	<u>950</u>	<u>34,650</u>	<u>347</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>35,983</u>

Notes:

- (i) Mr. Law Hon Wa, William was appointed as an executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer both with effect from 1 April 2023. His emoluments disclosed above include those for services rendered by him as the Chief Financial Officer.
- (ii) Ms. Chau Mei Wah retired as an executive Director and was re-designated as a non-executive Director both with effect from 1 April 2023.
- (iii) Mr. Chan Pak Cheong Afonso resigned as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 18 September 2023.
- (iv) Mr. Pang, Anthony Ming-tung was appointed as an independent non-executive Director with effect from 18 September 2023.
- (v) Ms. Lam Sau Fung resigned as an executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer both with effect from 1 April 2023. Her emoluments disclosed above include those for services rendered by her as the Chief Financial Officer.

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12. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS AND HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS (Continued)

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

The executive Directors' emoluments shown above were for their services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and the Group.

The emoluments of the non-executive Director shown above were for her services as a director of the Company.

The emoluments of the independent non-executive Directors shown above were for their services as directors of the Company.

There was no arrangement under which a Director or the chief executive waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during both years.

(b) Employees' emoluments

The employees' emoluments are based on their qualifications and experience, job nature and performance, and under the pay scales aligned with market conditions.

The five highest paid individuals of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024 included four (2023: five) directors of the Company, whose emoluments are disclosed above, and the remaining one (2023: nil) is an employee of the Group, details of whose emolument is as follows:

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Employee:		
Salaries and other benefits	2,280	—
Retirement benefits scheme contribution	18	—
	<u>2,298</u>	<u>—</u>

The emoluments were within the following bands:

	Number of employees	
	2024	2023
HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$2,500,000	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>

During both years, no emoluments were paid by the Group to the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office.

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13. DISTRIBUTION

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Dividends recognised as distribution during the year:		
– Second interim dividend, paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 – HK5 cents per share	–	47,859
Dividends in form of:		
– Cash	–	47,859

The Board decided not to declare a dividend for year ended 31 March 2024.

14. LOSS PER SHARE

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

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Loss:		
Loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic and diluted loss per share	(644,886)	(146,913)
	2024	2023
Number of shares:		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic and diluted loss per share	908,951,459	936,517,402

The effect of the exercise of the Company's share options granted on 28 September 2021 (as disclosed in Note 31) was not taken into consideration for computing the diluted loss per share for the year ended 31 March 2024 as the exercise price of those share options was higher than the average market price for shares.

The effect of the exercise of the Company's share options granted on 4 April 2018 and 28 September 2021 (as disclosed in Note 31) was not taken into consideration for computing the diluted loss per share for the year ended 31 March 2023 as the exercise price of those share options was higher than the average market price for shares.

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15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Leasehold land and buildings <i>HK\$'000</i>	Leasehold improvements <i>HK\$'000</i>	Furniture, fixtures and equipment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Motor vehicles <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
COST					
At 1 April 2022	725,451	3,414	9,542	16,070	754,477
Exchange adjustments	(2,364)	(227)	(191)	(338)	(3,120)
Additions	4,874	–	259	–	5,133
Disposals/written off	(66,125)	(223)	(318)	(2,327)	(68,993)
At 31 March 2023	661,836	2,964	9,292	13,405	687,497
Exchange adjustments	(639)	(141)	(88)	(125)	(993)
Additions	6,066	–	57	–	6,123
Disposals/written off	(17,832)	–	(97)	(1,052)	(18,981)
At 31 March 2024	649,431	2,823	9,164	12,228	673,646
DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT					
At 1 April 2022	215,462	2,807	6,465	10,943	235,677
Exchange adjustments	(1,842)	(188)	(156)	(300)	(2,486)
Charge for the year	24,494	175	788	1,247	26,704
Eliminated on disposals/written off	(66,125)	(223)	(318)	(2,327)	(68,993)
At 31 March 2023	171,989	2,571	6,779	9,563	190,902
Exchange adjustments	(529)	(121)	(80)	(105)	(835)
Charge for the year	22,628	167	608	1,153	24,556
Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss	45,877	–	530	–	46,407
Eliminated on disposals/written off	(16,405)	–	(80)	(988)	(17,473)
At 31 March 2024	223,560	2,617	7,757	9,623	243,557
CARRYING VALUES					
At 31 March 2024	425,871	206	1,407	2,605	430,089
At 31 March 2023	489,847	393	2,513	3,842	496,595

The above items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis, taking into account their residual values, as follows:

Leasehold land and buildings	50 years or the remaining term of the relevant lease, if shorter
Leasehold improvements	3 years or the remaining term of the relevant lease, if shorter
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3 to 5 years
Motor vehicles	5 years

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15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT *(Continued)*

As at 31 March 2024, the Group has pledged leasehold land and buildings with carrying values of HK\$420,345,000 (2023: HK\$484,085,000) to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group.

As detailed in the Company's announcement dated 30 April 2024, the Group entered into an agreement to dispose of a leasehold land and building to an independent third party at the consideration of HK\$260 million. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the purchaser agrees to let, upon completion date, the leasehold land and building to the Group at the rent of HK\$650,000 per calendar month for an initial term of one year commencing from the completion date with an option for renewal for a further term of one year at the same rent. The Group as a seller-lessee will measure the right-of-use asset arising from the leaseback at the proportion of the previous carrying amount of the leasehold land and building of HK\$260,000,000 that relates to the right retained by the Group. The Group will recognise right-of-use asset and lease liability of approximately HK\$14,621,000 and HK\$14,621,000, respectively and result in no other gain or loss upon completion date.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Group recognised impairment losses of HK\$45,877,000 for two leasehold land and buildings by considering their recoverable amounts having regard to the change in the property market conditions in Hong Kong.

The recoverable amounts of two leasehold land and buildings are estimated individually.

The recoverable amounts of two leasehold land and buildings have been determined based on their fair values less costs of disposal and the valuations of leasehold land and buildings were performed by independent professional valuers. The independent professional valuer uses direct comparison to estimate the fair value less costs of disposal of the asset which is based on comparable market transactions of similar properties with adjustments to reflect the conditions and locations of the subject properties. The fair value measurement is categorised into Level 3 fair value hierarchy.

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15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

The Group as lessee

Right-of-use assets (included in the property, plant and equipment)

	Leasehold land and buildings HK\$'000	Furniture, fixtures and equipment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
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At 31 March 2024

Carrying amounts	3,191	–	3,191
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At 31 March 2023

Carrying amounts	3,213	–	3,213
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Depreciation charge	2,473	–	2,473
Expense relating to short-term leases	2,459	–	2,459
Exchange adjustments	(110)	–	(110)
Total cash outflow for leases	5,103	–	5,103
Addition to right-of-use assets	3,988	–	3,988
Adjustments arising from lease modification	(1,427)	–	(1,427)

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Depreciation charge	4,491	139	4,630
Expense relating to short-term leases	2,337	–	2,337
Exchange adjustments	(522)	–	(522)
Total cash outflow for leases	6,967	160	7,127
Addition to right-of-use assets	641	–	641

For both years, the Group leased various offices and equipment for its operations. Lease contracts were entered into for fixed term of 1 year to 3 years. Lease terms were negotiated on an individual basis and contained a wide range of different terms and conditions. In determining the lease term and assessing the length of the non-cancellable period, the Group applied the definition of a contract and determined the period for which the contract is enforceable.

The Group regularly enters into short-term leases for office premises. As at 31 March 2024 and 2023, the portfolio of short-term leases was similar to the portfolio of short-term leases to which the short-term lease expense is disclosed above.

In respect of the entire balance of right-of-use assets and the associated lease liabilities, the lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

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16. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

HK\$'000

FAIR VALUE

At 1 April 2022	625,000
Additions	2,096
Decrease in fair value recognised in profit or loss	(24,096)

At 31 March 2023	603,000
Decrease in fair value recognised in profit or loss	(134,000)

At 31 March 2024	469,000
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Notes:

- (a) The investment properties shown above are located in Hong Kong and held under long-term leases.
- The valuations of investment properties as at 31 March 2024 and 2023 were performed by Asset Appraisal Limited, an independent professional valuer.
- (b) As at 31 March 2024 and 2023, all of the Group's investment properties had been pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.
- (c) A decrease in fair value recognised in profit or loss for the year amounting to HK\$134,000,000 (2023: HK\$24,096,000) rose from the investment properties held at the end of the reporting period.

The Group leases out various commercial properties under operating leases with rentals payable monthly. The leases typically run for an initial period of 2 years.

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16. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

The key inputs used in valuing the investment properties as at 31 March 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

Category	Fair value hierarchy	Fair value as at		Valuation techniques	Key unobservable inputs	Range	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
		31.3.2024 HK\$'000	31.3.2023 HK\$'000				
Commercial properties in Hong Kong	Level 3	469,000	603,000	Direct Comparison Method based on comparable market transactions of similar properties with adjustments to reflect the conditions and locations of the subject properties	Adjusted price per square foot taking into account of conditions and locations of the subject properties	HK\$8,240 to HK\$14,884 (2023: HK\$10,662 to HK\$17,371)	The higher the adjusted price per square foot, the higher the fair value

In determining the fair value of the relevant properties, there was no change in valuation technique compared to that used in the prior year. The management has determined the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs for fair value measurements and based on the highest and best use of the properties is their current use.

There were no transfers into or out of Level 3 during the year.

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17. EQUITY AND FUND INVESTMENTS

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Listed equity securities in Hong Kong	24,385	30,797
Unlisted investment funds in overseas	34,942	56,800
	59,327	87,597
Analysed as:		
Current	24,385	30,797
Non-current	34,942	56,800
	59,327	87,597
Classified as:		
FVTOCI	–	–
FVTPL	59,327	87,597
	59,327	87,597

The fair values of the listed securities are determined based on the closing prices quoted in active markets in Hong Kong except for the delisted securities as disclosed in Note 33(c)(iii).

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18. INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES/AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) JOINT VENTURES

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Cost of unlisted investment in joint ventures	1,219,465	1,252,166
Share of post-acquisition results and other comprehensive expense, net of dividend	(852,931)	(781,381)
	366,534	470,785
Amounts due from joint ventures at amortised cost (note (a))	888,364	880,343
Less: Allowance for credit loss	(11,022)	(11,022)
Less: Share of post-acquisition losses that are in excess of cost of investment	(8,036)	(635)
	869,306	868,686
Amounts due from joint ventures measured at FVTPL	251,798	248,210
Less: Share of post-acquisition losses that are in excess of cost of investment	(230,754)	(225,433)
	21,044	22,777
	890,350	891,463
Amounts due to joint ventures (note (b))	(20,323)	(13,799)

Notes:

- (a) The amounts were non-trade in nature, unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand, except for an amount of Canadian dollars ("CAD") 32,384,000 (equivalent to HK\$186,436,000) (2023: CAD30,041,000 (equivalent to HK\$174,388,000)) which carried interest at fixed rate of 15% (2023: 15%) per annum, and would be repayable on 1 March 2026. The Directors are of the view that the Group will not demand for repayment within the next twelve months from the end of the current reporting period. Thus, the amount is classified as non-current.
- (b) The amounts were non-trade in nature, unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable on demand. During the year ended 31 March 2024, the amount due to a joint venture of HK\$5,509,000 (2023: nil) had been offset with the dividend distributed by a joint venture.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, a joint venture has paid CAD5,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$29,005,000) (2023: nil) to the Group as a return of capital.

All of the Group's joint ventures were accounted for using equity method in these consolidated financial statements.

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18. INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES/AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

Details of the Group's material joint ventures at the end of the reporting period are set out below:

Name of entity	Place of incorporation/ establishment	Class of shares/capital held	Value of issued and fully paid share capital	Proportion of ownership interest held by the Group		Proportion of voting power held		Principal activity
				2024 %	2023 %	2024 %	2023 %	
1488 Alberni Development Holdings Limited Partnership ("1488 Alberni LPDH")	Canada	N/A	N/A	28	28	28 (note (a))	28 (note (a))	Property development
1488 Alberni Investment Limited Partnership ("1488 Alberni LPI")	Canada	N/A	N/A	28	28	28 (note (a))	28 (note (a))	Property development
Bayshore Ventures JV Ltd. ("Bayshore")	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	CAD115,200,000	50	50	50	50	Investment holding (note (b))
Guangzhou Jiang Nan Property Co., Ltd. ("Jiang Nan Property") (notes (c))	PRC	Registered capital	RMB72,624,000	75	75	75	75	Property holding
More Star Limited ("More Star")	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	United States dollars ("\$US\$") 10	40	40	40	40	Investment holding (note (d))

Notes:

- (a) The Group is able to exercise joint control over the relevant activities of 1488 Alberni LPDH and 1488 Alberni LPI, being limited partnerships established in British Columbia, Canada, as the major decisions regarding the relevant activities of 1488 Alberni LPDH and 1488 Alberni LPI require unanimous consent of their respective shareholders according to the shareholders' agreements.
- (b) The principal activities of its subsidiaries are holding of a hotel property and hotel operation in Vancouver, Canada.
- (c) The principal activity of Jiang Nan Property is holding of investment properties in Guangzhou City, the PRC. According to the shareholder agreement of Jiang Nan Property dated 11 April 2012, the board of directors of Jiang Nan Property comprises four directors. Two of them were appointed by the wholly-owned subsidiary of More Cash Limited ("More Cash") and the other two were appointed by another joint venture partner and the major decisions regarding the relevant activities were decided by simple majority of directors' voting. Therefore, More Cash has no control over Jiang Nan Property but has joint control over Jiang Nan Property.

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18. INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES/AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(c) (Continued)

The major non-current assets of Jiang Nan Property represent investment properties in the PRC amounting to RMB770,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$833,333,000) (2023: RMB986,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$1,126,857,000)) as at 31 March 2024. The following table shows the valuation techniques and inputs used in the determination of fair values for investment properties of Jiang Nan Property as well as fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurement categorised (Levels 1 to 3) based on the degree to which significant inputs used in the fair value measurements is observable.

Category	Fair value hierarchy	Fair value as at		Valuation techniques	Key unobservable inputs	Range	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
		31.3.2024 HK\$'000	31.3.2023 HK\$'000				
Commercial properties in the PRC	Level 3	833,333	1,126,857	Direct Comparison Method based on comparable market transactions of similar properties with adjustments to reflect the conditions and locations of the subject properties	Adjusted price per square meter taking into account of conditions and locations of subject properties	Retail portion: RMB34,500 to RMB39,187 (2023: RMB40,637 to RMB60,106) Office portion: RMB16,576 to RMB17,587 (2023: RMB18,542 to RMB19,406) Hotel portion: RMB15,551 to RMB17,249 (2023: RMB15,469 to RMB17,552)	The higher the adjusted price per square meter, the higher the fair value

- (d) The principal activities of its subsidiaries are holding of a hotel property and hotel operation in Hong Kong. On 4 April 2022, More Star, a joint venture held as to 40% by the Group, entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with, amongst others, an independent third party in relation to the disposal of its entire interests in Fortress State International Limited (a then direct wholly-owned subsidiary of More Star), which owned Rosedale Hotel Kowloon, at an aggregate consideration of HK\$1,374,900,000. The disposal was completed on 2 June 2022, resulting in a share of gain on disposal attributable to the Group of HK\$223,193,000. During the year ended 31 March 2023, the Group received dividend of HK\$220,000,000 from More Star.

The financial year end date for Bayshore is 31 December. For the purpose of applying the equity method of accounting, the consolidated financial statements of Bayshore for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2023: 31 December 2022) have been used. Appropriate adjustments have been made for the effects of significant transactions between that date and 31 March 2024.

The above table lists the joint ventures of the Group which, in the opinion of the Directors, principally affected the results of the year or formed a substantial portion of the net assets of the Group. Disclosing the details of other joint ventures would, in the opinion of the Directors, result in particulars of excessive length.

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18. INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES/AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

The financial information in respect of each of the Group's material joint ventures is summarised as below. The summarised financial information below represents the amount shown in the joint ventures' financial statements prepared in accordance with HKFRSs.

	2024					2023				
	1488 Alberni LPDH HK\$'000	1488 Alberni LPI HK\$'000	Bayshore HK\$'000	Jiang Nan Property HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	1488 Alberni LPDH HK\$'000	1488 Alberni LPI HK\$'000	Bayshore HK\$'000	Jiang Nan Property HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Current assets	<u>1,717,127</u>	<u>90,375</u>	<u>80,416</u>	<u>16,640</u>	<u>1,904,558</u>	<u>1,588,535</u>	<u>83,607</u>	<u>161,417</u>	<u>13,877</u>	<u>1,847,436</u>
Non-current assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,589,844</u>	<u>833,333</u>	<u>2,423,177</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,610,244</u>	<u>1,126,857</u>	<u>2,737,101</u>
Current liabilities	<u>(471,063)</u>	<u>(24,899)</u>	<u>(96,940)</u>	<u>(475,165)</u>	<u>(1,068,067)</u>	<u>(476,128)</u>	<u>(25,166)</u>	<u>(89,935)</u>	<u>(511,207)</u>	<u>(1,102,436)</u>
Non-current liabilities	<u>(1,242,559)</u>	<u>(65,398)</u>	<u>(977,290)</u>	<u>(385,523)</u>	<u>(2,670,770)</u>	<u>(1,114,459)</u>	<u>(58,656)</u>	<u>(1,041,998)</u>	<u>(516,910)</u>	<u>(2,732,023)</u>
The above amounts of assets and liabilities include the following:										
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>34,680</u>	<u>1,825</u>	<u>61,928</u>	<u>11,498</u>	<u>109,931</u>	<u>30,109</u>	<u>1,585</u>	<u>137,078</u>	<u>11,853</u>	<u>180,625</u>
Current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)	<u>(469,891)</u>	<u>(24,731)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(448,313)</u>	<u>(942,935)</u>	<u>(473,809)</u>	<u>(24,937)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(480,177)</u>	<u>(978,923)</u>
Non-current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)	<u>(1,242,559)</u>	<u>(65,398)</u>	<u>(977,290)</u>	<u>(319,605)</u>	<u>(2,604,852)</u>	<u>(1,114,459)</u>	<u>(58,656)</u>	<u>(1,041,998)</u>	<u>(336,215)</u>	<u>(2,551,328)</u>

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18. INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES/AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

	2024					2023				
	1488	1488	Jiang Nan	Total		1488	1488	Jiang Nan	Total	
	Alberni	Alberni				Alberni	Alberni			
	LPDH	LPI				LPDH	LPI			
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	Bayshore HK\$'000	Property HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	Bayshore HK\$'000	Property HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	9,653	504	466,580	55,226	531,963	9,217	485	393,149	46,590	449,441
(Loss) profit for the year	(6,567)	(494)	19,309	(118,668)	(106,420)	(1,559)	(138)	133,926	(15,733)	116,496
Dividends received from a joint venture during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
The above loss for the year include the following:										
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	(30,715)	-	(30,715)	-	-	(33,301)	-	(33,301)
Interest income	35	2	2,222	-	2,259	12	1	1,802	-	1,815
Interest expenses	-	-	(79,764)	(21,755)	(101,519)	-	-	(53,624)	(23,983)	(77,607)
Income tax (expense) credit	-	-	(11)	106,696	106,685	-	-	(29)	11,961	11,932

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18. INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES/AMOUNTS DUE FROM (TO) JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

The reconciliation of the above summarised financial information to the carrying amount of the interests in the material joint ventures recognised in the consolidated financial statements is as below:

	2024					2023				
	1488 Alberni LPDH HK\$'000	1488 Alberni LPI HK\$'000	Bayshore HK\$'000	Jiang Nan Property HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	1488 Alberni LPDH HK\$'000	1488 Alberni LPI HK\$'000	Bayshore HK\$'000	Jiang Nan Property HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Net assets (liabilities) of the joint ventures attributable to the owners of the joint ventures	3,505	78	596,030	(10,715)	588,898	(2,052)	(215)	639,728	112,617	750,078
Proportion of the Group's ownership interests in the joint ventures	28%	28%	50%	75%	N/A	28%	28%	50%	75%	N/A
Net assets (liabilities) of interests in joint ventures attributable to the Group	981	22	298,015	(8,036)	290,982	(575)	(60)	319,864	84,463	403,692
Loss allocated in excess of investment costs	-	-	-	8,036	8,036	575	60	-	-	635
Carrying amount of the Group's interests in the joint ventures	981	22	298,015	-	299,018	-	-	319,864	84,463	404,327

Aggregate information of joint ventures that are not individually material:

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
The Group's share of profit	2,561	209,288
Aggregate carrying amount of the Group's interests in these joint ventures	67,516	66,458

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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/AMOUNTS DUE FROM ASSOCIATES

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Cost of unlisted investment in associates	780,129	932,826
Share of post-acquisition results and other comprehensive income, net of dividend or other return	264,119	299,374
Impairment loss (Note (a))	(136,223)	–
	908,025	1,232,200
Amounts due from associates (Note (b))	72,432	11,116

Notes:

- (a) While the other shareholder holding 80% interest in Rosedale Beijing (the “Major Shareholder”) had full access to the books and records of Rosedale Beijing, the financial information of Rosedale Beijing has not been provided by the Major Shareholder to the Group. The Group was unable to obtain financial information of Rosedale Beijing to assess the financial performance of Rosedale Beijing during the year ended 31 March 2024 and financial position of Rosedale Beijing as at 31 March 2024. Therefore the Group did not account for any results of Rosedale Beijing shared by the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024. In addition, as set out in section headed “Business Review” of the Management Discussion and Analysis of this annual report, given the current situations including (i) a prolonged property market slowdown together with the uncertainties surrounding the assets of Rosedale Beijing which may no longer be utilised efficiently or effectively and (ii) the ongoing material issues in relation to the Major Shareholder and management of Rosedale Beijing, with these negative events surrounding Rosedale Beijing, the Group determined that a full impairment of HK\$136,223,000 should be recognised in relation to the Group’s interest in Rosedale Beijing during the year ended 31 March 2024 with this resulting in the carrying amount of the interest in Rosedale Beijing being reduced to nil in the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024, and a full impairment loss of HK\$136,223,000 being recognised in profit or loss for the year ended 31 March 2024.
- (b) The amounts due from associates were non-trade in nature, unsecured and non-interest bearing. As at 31 March 2024, except for an amount of HK\$36,802,000 (2023: HK\$2,833,000) which was not expected to be received within twelve months from the end of the reporting period, the remaining balances of HK\$35,630,000 (2023: HK\$8,283,000) had no fixed repayment date.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, an associate of the Group distributed a dividend of HK\$169,333,000 (2023: HK\$611,100,000), of which an amount of HK\$141,986,000 (2023: HK\$602,848,000) was offset with the advance received from the associate during the year and the cumulative remaining balance which has not yet been received by the Group of HK\$35,630,000 (2023: HK\$8,283,000) has been recognised as amount due from an associate.

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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/AMOUNTS DUE FROM ASSOCIATES (Continued)

All of these associates were accounted for using the equity method in these consolidated financial statements. Details of the Group's material associates at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

Name of entity	Place of incorporation/ establishment	Class of shares/ capital held	Nominal value of issued and fully paid share capital	Proportion of ownership interest held by the Group		Proportion of voting power held		Principal activity
				2024	2023	2024	2023	
				%	%	%	%	
Orient Town Limited ("Orient Town")	Hong Kong	Ordinary	HK\$700	45	45	45	45	Investment holding (note (a))
Empresa de Fomento Industrial e Comercial Concordia, S.A. ("Concordia")	Macau	Quota capital (note (b))	Macau Patacas 100,000,000	8.7 (note (c))	8.7 (note (c))	8.7 (note (c))	8.7 (note (c))	Property development
Premier Maker Limited ("Premier Maker")	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	US\$100	–	49	–	49	Investment holding (note (d))
Rosedale Beijing	PRC	Registered capital	US\$86,000,000	20	20	20	20	Property holding in Beijing
True Fame Enterprises Limited ("True Fame")	British Virgin Islands	Ordinary	US\$1,000	20	20	20	20	Investment holding

Notes:

- (a) The principal activities of its subsidiaries are mainly property development and property management in Macau.
- (b) Quota capital represents the Portuguese equivalence of registered capital as Portuguese is the official language of Macau.
- (c) As at 31 March 2024 and 2023, Orient Town held 59.5% effective interests in Concordia and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company held 8.7% direct interests in Concordia, thereby leading to the Group holding an effective equity interest of 35.5% in Concordia.
- (d) The principal activity of its subsidiary is holding a 50% interests in a sino-foreign cooperative joint venture, which holds a hotel in Shanghai, the PRC. During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Group disposed of its entire interests in Premier Maker with aggregate carrying amount of HK\$63,750,000 to the major shareholder of Premier Maker at an aggregate consideration (including transaction cost of HK\$159,000) of HK\$50,000,000, resulting in a loss on disposal of interest in an associate of HK\$13,750,000. Upon completion of the disposal, the Group did not held any interest in Premier Maker. The consideration was fully settled in cash during the year ended 31 March 2024.

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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/AMOUNTS DUE FROM ASSOCIATES (Continued)

The above table lists the associates of the Group which, in the opinion of the Directors, principally affected the results for the year or form a substantial portion of the net assets of the Group. Disclosing the details of other associates would, in the opinion of the Directors, result in particulars of excessive length.

Summarised financial information in respect of each of the Group's material associates is set out below. The summarised financial information below represents the amount shown in the associates' financial statements prepared in accordance with HKFRSs.

	2024					2023					
	Orient Town HK\$'000	Concordia HK\$'000	Rosedale Beijing HK\$'000	True Fame HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Orient Town HK\$'000	Concordia HK\$'000	Premier Maker HK\$'000	Rosedale Beijing HK\$'000	True Fame HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Current assets	5,405,065	5,246,768	16,405	2,537,128	13,205,366	6,436,498	6,263,973	15	17,324	2,616,239	15,334,049
Non-current assets	395,445	395,418	870,511	6,877	1,668,251	408,301	408,267	173,134	860,738	-	1,850,440
Current liabilities	(933,816)	(925,423)	(205,802)	(1,509,403)	(3,574,444)	(1,384,552)	(1,630,744)	(49)	(217,327)	(1,593,274)	(4,825,946)
Non-current liabilities	(3,388,743)	(3,388,744)	-	-	(6,777,487)	(3,676,772)	(3,676,772)	-	-	-	(7,353,544)
Revenue	713,860	713,860	-	243,933	1,671,653	386,061	390,961	-	-	-	777,022
Profit (loss) for the year	168,014	176,888	-	11,636	356,538	42,834	47,716	(53,556)	(284,572)	(43,615)	(291,193)
Dividends received from associates during the year	150,750	18,583	-	-	169,333	585,000	26,100	-	-	-	611,100

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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/AMOUNTS DUE FROM ASSOCIATES (Continued)

The reconciliation of the above summarised financial information to the carrying amount of the interests in the material associates recognised in the consolidated financial statements is as below:

	2024					2023					
	Orient Town HK\$'000	Concordia HK\$'000	Rosedale Beijing HK\$'000	True Fame HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Orient Town HK\$'000	Concordia HK\$'000	Premier Maker HK\$'000	Rosedale Beijing HK\$'000	True Fame HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Net assets of the associates attributable to the owners of the associates	1,054,257	1,328,019	681,114	1,034,602	4,097,992	1,290,171	1,364,724	173,100	660,735	1,022,965	4,511,695
Proportion of the Group's direct ownership interests in the associates	45%	8.7%	20%	20%	N/A	45%	8.7%	49%	20%	20%	N/A
Net assets of interests in associates attributable to the Group	474,416	115,538	136,223	206,920	933,097	580,577	118,731	84,819	132,147	204,593	1,120,867
Goodwill	-	127,945	-	-	127,945	-	127,945	-	-	-	127,945
Capitalisation of imputed interest of non-interest bearing loans (note)	(15,684)	-	-	-	(15,684)	(17,640)	-	-	-	-	(17,640)
Impairment loss	-	-	(136,223)	-	(136,223)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	(1,210)	-	-	(1,210)	-	(1,208)	-	-	-	(1,208)
Carrying amount of the Group's interests in the associates	458,732	242,273	-	206,920	907,925	562,937	245,468	84,819	132,147	204,593	1,229,964

Note: On initial recognition, the fair value adjustment of the non-interest bearing loans was treated as a capital contribution to Orient Town and recognised as part of the investment cost. Subsequent to the initial recognition, the imputed interest expense of Orient Town was capitalised in its properties under development.

Aggregate information of associates that are not individually material:

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
The Group's share of loss	(23,632)	-
Aggregate carrying amount of the Group's interests in these associates	100	2,236

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20. OTHER LOAN RECEIVABLES

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Unsecured fixed-rate loan receivables (note (a))	405,084	405,084
Secured fixed-rate loan receivable (note (b))	38,929	47,500
Unsecured variable-rate loan receivables (note (c))	33,248	68,248
Secured variable-rate loan receivables (note (d))	–	39,046
	477,261	559,878
Less: Allowance for credit loss	(356,284)	(355,943)
	120,977	203,935
Analysed as:		
Current	120,977	156,494
Non-current	–	47,441
	120,977	203,935

A maturity profile of the loan receivables as at 31 March 2024 and 2023, based on the maturity date is as follows:

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
On demand and due within 1 year	120,977	156,494
2 to 5 years	–	47,441
	120,977	203,935

The Group principally engaged in provision of loan financing services. The provision of money lending service of the Group in Hong Kong is carried out by ITC Properties Finance Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, with money lenders licence governed by the Money Lenders Ordinance (Chapter 163 of the Laws of Hong Kong). The Group sources its customers, who are either individuals or private companies, were through ongoing business relationships with the Group or Directors.

Before granting any new loans and approving credit limits, the Group carries out a detailed review of the credit quality of the borrowers and approved by executive Directors of the Group. Under the risk assessment and approval process, the Group conducts an in-depth due diligence to (i) assess the borrowers' background by conducting background searches, (ii) understand the purposes of the loans by discussing with the borrowers about their businesses, operation and financial status, and (iii) assess their repayment ability by evaluating the sources of funds for repayment, the availability and value of collaterals, if any, and any other pertinent information. For loans that are secured with collaterals, the Group will further assess the pledged assets based on their market values and marketability, and the rights to repossess the assets. This assessment is essential for determining the terms of the loans.

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20. OTHER LOAN RECEIVABLES *(Continued)*

Exposure to credit risk is managed through regular analysis of the ability of borrowers to meet the loan principal and interest repayment obligations. The Group performs ongoing evaluation of collectability in assessing the ultimate realisation of other loan receivables. The dedicated team implements monitoring procedures, which allows the Group to evaluate the potential losses. If the other loan receivables and/or the related interest receivables become overdue, the Group initiates actions such as issuing reminder letters and legal demand letters to address the situation. The dedicated team ensures appropriate follow-up actions are undertaken to recover the overdue debts, thereby minimising the potential credit risk.

In addition, the Group performs ongoing evaluation of loss rates in assessing ECL, including the repayment history, financial conditions, current creditworthiness and underlying collaterals, if any, of each borrower and the forward-looking information.

The Group performs impairment assessment under ECL model by individual assessment. The Group recognises impairment loss on other loan receivables by applying the ECL model to individual exposures by considering the financial background of the debtors and measuring the impairment loss based on the probability of default and loss given default with reference to international credit-rating agencies' data, if applicable, adjusted for forward looking factors. The measurement of ECL is a function of the exposure at default, probability of default and loss given default, which involves key estimates from the management. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data adjusted by forward-looking information which has been incorporated into the determination of expected credit losses, including the use of macroeconomic information. The management has assessed the impact of economic environment on default rate by taking into consideration the gross domestic growth rate under different situations, including economic upturn and downturn.

The credit policy is dynamically reviewed and updated to reflect the current credit environment, business landscape and economic conditions, in order to minimise the credit risk of the Group.

Notes:

- (a) At 31 March 2024, one of the fixed-rate loan receivables was nil (2023: nil), net of credit loss allowance for ECL of HK\$320,000,000 (2023: HK\$320,000,000). It represented the unsecured and unlisted loan notes issued by a company incorporated in Bermuda prior to the delisting of its shares from the Stock Exchange, carried interest at the fixed rate of 9.5% per annum (2023: fixed rate of 9.5% per annum) and were due to repay on 27 November 2019. Such company was ordered to be wound up by the High Court of Hong Kong in June 2020 and its shares were delisted from the Stock Exchange with effect from 8 February 2021. The other fixed-rate loan receivables of HK\$64,327,000 (2023: HK\$64,324,000), net of credit loss allowance for ECL of HK\$20,757,000 (2023: HK\$20,760,000), were unsecured, carried interest at fixed rates ranging from 7% to 12% per annum (2023: fixed rates ranging from 7% to 12% per annum) and were repayable on demand.
- (b) At 31 March 2024, the secured fixed-rate loan receivable of HK\$36,775,000 (2023: HK\$47,441,000), net of credit loss allowance for ECL of HK\$2,154,000 (2023: HK\$59,000), was secured by two residential properties and two carparks in Hong Kong, carried interest at a fixed rate of 7% per annum (2023: fixed rate of 7% per annum) and was repayable on 13 September 2024.
- (c) At 31 March 2024, the Group's unsecured variable-rate loan receivables of HK\$19,875,000 (2023: HK\$53,124,000), net of credit loss allowance for ECL of HK\$13,373,000 (2023: HK\$15,124,000), were unsecured, carried interest at variable rates ranging from Hong Kong Prime Rate to Hong Kong Prime Rate plus 2% per annum (2023: variable rates ranging from Hong Kong Prime Rate to Hong Kong Prime Rate plus 2% per annum) and were repayable on demand.
- (d) At 31 March 2023, the Group's secured variable-rate loan receivables represented drawn loan facility of CAD6,730,000 (equivalent to HK\$39,046,000), net of credit loss allowance for ECL of nil, granted to Caufield Investments Limited, a shareholder of Bayshore. The loan receivables were secured by 16.67% equity interests in Bayshore, carried interest at CAD Prime Rate plus 1.25% per annum and were repayable on 31 May 2022. Its maturity date has been extended to 31 October 2022 and further extended to 31 October 2024. During the year ended 31 March 2024, the loan receivables were fully settled.

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20. OTHER LOAN RECEIVABLES (Continued)

The above loan receivables are accounted for as financial assets carried at amortised cost. At 31 March 2024, there were 5 borrowers (2023: 7 borrowers) and the effective interest rate of the variable-rate loan receivables was 7.53% per annum (2023: 6.15% per annum). The management of the Group has concluded that an additional impairment loss of HK\$341,000 (2023: HK\$5,769,000) under ECL model for other loan receivables was recognised during the year ended 31 March 2024. Details of ECL assessment of other loan receivables were set out in Note 33(b).

21. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Tax indemnity asset (note (a))	–	66,744
Deposits paid (note (b))	39,166	39,166
Others	19,168	19,416
	58,334	125,326

Notes:

- (a) Prior to the Group's acquisition of Makerston Limited ("Makerston") from Rosedale Hotel Group Limited ("RHGL") in 2014, DS Eastin Limited ("DS Eastin"), a subsidiary of Makerston, completed a deemed disposal of 80% equity interests in Rosedale Beijing. As such, there was a potential tax liability for the capital gain on the deemed disposal of Rosedale Beijing to be borne by DS Eastin or Rosedale Beijing. Accordingly, a tax provision amounting to HK\$66,744,000 was recognised.

Pursuant to the sale and purchase agreement, RHGL undertook to Silver Infinite Limited ("Silver Infinite"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Makerston and DS Eastin (collectively known as the "Makerston Group") and Rosedale Beijing that RHGL will fully indemnify Silver Infinite, the Makerston Group and Rosedale Beijing against any taxation under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law arising from the deemed disposal, when the same is payable by the Makerston Group and/or Rosedale Beijing, and all demands, claims, proceedings, actions, liabilities, costs and expenses. Accordingly, a tax indemnity asset of HK\$66,744,000 was recognised upon the completion of the acquisition of Makerston.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, reversal of HK\$66,744,000 was recognised as the relevant accounting tax provision was made in prior years that is beyond the statutory time bar period. Therefore, respective tax indemnity asset had been derecognised as the Group lost the right to collect it.

- (b) The amount mainly represented a deposit of HK\$39,166,000 (2023: HK\$39,166,000) paid to an independent third party for setting up a joint venture in Vietnam which was proposed to hold and develop a parcel of land in Vietnam.

22. DEPOSITS PAID FOR ACQUISITION OF LEASEHOLD LAND

The amount represented deposits paid for acquisition of leasehold land for a property development project situated in the PRC. During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Group recognised an impairment loss of HK\$59,928,000 by considering the recoverable amounts having regard to the change in the property market conditions in the PRC.

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22. DEPOSITS PAID FOR ACQUISITION OF LEASEHOLD LAND *(Continued)*

The recoverable amounts of the deposits paid for acquisition of leasehold land have been determined based on their fair value less costs of disposal and impairment assessment was performed by independent professional valuer. The independent professional valuer uses benchmark land price coefficient correction method to estimate the fair value less costs of disposal of the leasehold land which is based on benchmark land price with adjustments to reflect the conditions, locations, timing and size of the subject leasehold land. The fair value measurement is categorised into Level 3 fair value hierarchy.

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the Group has obtained a new borrowing by secured these deposits paid and details are set out in Note 28.

23. STOCK OF PROPERTIES

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Properties under development for sale	935,021	866,347
Completed properties held for sale	66,405	156,405
	1,001,426	1,022,752

As at 31 March 2024, stock of properties included an amount of approximately HK\$428,640,000 (2023: HK\$427,677,000) which is expected to be realised after more than twelve months from the end of the reporting period.

24. DEBTORS, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Trade debtors	1,811	1,695
Refundable earnest money (note i)	23,028	23,220
Other debtors, deposits and prepayments (note ii)	43,734	88,648
	68,573	113,563

As at 1 April 2022, trade debtors from contracts with customers amounting to HK\$2,260,000.

Notes:

- (i) This represented the amount paid by the Group for the possible acquisition of interests in properties located in Canada.
- (ii) The other debtors, deposits and prepayments mainly represented interest receivables generated from other loan receivables and customers' deposits under escrow accounts.

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24. DEBTORS, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

The Group's credit terms are negotiated at terms determined and agreed with its trade customers. The Group allows an average credit period of 60 days (2023: 60 days) to its trade customers. The following is an aged analysis of trade debtors, net of loss allowance, presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Trade debtors aged:		
0 – 60 days	1,811	1,446
61 – 90 days	–	249
	1,811	1,695

Details of ECL assessment of trade debtors and other debtors and deposits are set out in Note 33(b).

25. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include short term deposits for the purpose of meeting the Group's short term cash commitments, which carry interest at market rates range from 0.01% to 4.60% (2023: 0.01% to 2.35%).

Details of impairment assessment of bank balances are set out in Note 33(b).

26. CREDITORS, DEPOSITS AND ACCRUED CHARGES

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Creditors, deposits and accrued charges	236,678	242,512

As at 31 March 2024, other creditors, deposits and accrued charges include advances from non-controlling interests of HK\$193,423,000 (2023: HK\$189,176,000) which were non-trade in nature, unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

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27. LEASE LIABILITIES

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Lease liabilities payable:		
Within one year	1,876	2,512
Within a period of more than one year but not more than two years	1,422	591
Within a period of more than two years but not more than five years	–	250
	3,298	3,353
Less: Amount due for settlement within 12 months shown under current liabilities	(1,876)	(2,512)
Amount due for settlement after 12 months shown under non-current liabilities	1,422	841

The weighted average incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities is 5.82% (2023: 4.25%) per annum.

28. BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Bank and other borrowings		
Secured	1,298,835	1,434,165
Unsecured	63,333	58
	1,362,168	1,434,223
Carrying amount of bank borrowings repayable:		
Within one year	262,793	233,471
More than one year but not exceeding two years	324,258	81,260
More than two years but not exceeding five years	–	323,672
Carrying amount of bank borrowings that contain a repayment on demand clause:		
On demand or within one year (note)	711,784	484,170
More than one year, but not exceeding two years	–	311,650
	1,298,835	1,434,223
Carrying amount of other borrowings repayable:		
Within one year	63,333	–
	1,362,168	1,434,223
Less: Amounts due within one year shown under current liabilities	(1,037,910)	(1,029,291)
Amounts shown under non-current liabilities	324,258	404,932

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28. BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS (Continued)

Note: As at 31 March 2024, certain of the Group's bank borrowings with carrying amounts of HK\$970,634,000 in aggregate had maturity dates before the date of approval for issuance of the consolidated financial statements, subsequently of which HK\$396,000,000 has become overdue, HK\$360,701,000 in aggregate was repaid in May and June 2024, and HK\$213,933,000 was extended to 31 March 2025.

Bank borrowings comprise	Carrying amount	
	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Variable-rate borrowings:		
Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate ("HIBOR") plus 1.5% to 2.0% (2023: HIBOR plus 1.45% to 2.0%) per annum for HK\$ bank loan	1,080,959	1,268,496
Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") plus 1.61% for US\$ bank loan	3,943	3,956
Sterling Overnight Index Average ("SONIA") plus 2.85% for GBP bank loan	213,933	161,713
	<u>1,298,835</u>	<u>1,434,165</u>

Other borrowings comprise	Carrying amount	
	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Fixed-rate borrowings:		
5% to 7% per annum for HK\$ borrowings	46,761	—

As at 31 March 2024, an amount of HK\$16,572,000 (2023: HK\$58,000) bank and other borrowings were interest-free.

As at 31 March 2024, the range of effective interest rate of bank borrowings was 6.50% to 8.06% (2023: 4.33% to 6.71%).

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the Group obtained a new borrowing of HK\$200,000,000 which carries interest at 15% per annum and is repayable in April 2026. The new borrowing was secured by equity interests in certain subsidiaries of the Company, including deposits paid for acquisition of leasehold land, and guarantee by a substantial shareholder of the Company.

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29. DEFERRED TAXATION

The followings are the major deferred tax liabilities (assets) recognised and movements thereon during the current and prior years:

	Accelerated tax depreciation <i>HK\$'000</i>	Tax losses recognised <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 April 2022	19,815	(19,815)	–
Charged (credited) to profit or loss	1,557	(1,557)	–
At 31 March 2023	21,372	(21,372)	–
Charged (credited) to profit or loss	1,506	(1,506)	–
At 31 March 2024	22,878	(22,878)	–

As at 31 March 2024, the Group has unused tax losses of HK\$2,996,834,000 (2023: HK\$2,890,142,000) available for offset against future profits. A deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of HK\$138,664,000 (2023: HK\$129,535,000) of such losses. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of the remaining unused tax losses of HK\$2,858,170,000 (2023: HK\$2,760,607,000) due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. Included in unused tax losses are tax losses of HK\$2,757,753,000 (2023: HK\$2,666,006,000) which may be carried forward indefinitely under current tax regulation in Hong Kong and the remaining tax losses of HK\$239,081,000 (2023: HK\$224,136,000) will expire from 2025 to 2029 (2023: 2024 to 2028).

As at 31 March 2024, the Group has deductible temporary differences of HK\$275,868,000 (2023: HK\$33,310,000). No deferred tax asset has been recognised in relation to such deductible temporary difference as it is not probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

There was no other material unrecognised deferred taxation for the year or at the end of the reporting period.

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30. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Amount HK\$'000
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		
Authorised:		
At 1 April 2022, 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2024	40,000,000,000	400,000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 1 April 2022	960,175,410	9,602
Shares repurchased and cancelled (note (a))	(47,541,000)	(476)
At 31 March 2023	912,634,410	9,126
Shares repurchased and cancelled (note (b))	(5,436,000)	(54)
At 31 March 2024	907,198,410	9,072

Notes:

- (a) During the year ended 31 March 2023, the Company repurchased its ordinary shares on the Stock Exchange as follows:

Month of repurchase	No. of ordinary shares repurchased	Purchase price per share		Aggregate consideration paid HK\$'000
		Highest HK\$	Lowest HK\$	
April 2022	3,000,000	1.04	1.03	3,104
July 2022	7,000,000	1.05	1.00	7,156
August 2022	4,809,000	1.03	1.00	4,909
September 2022	17,066,000	1.03	0.96	17,036
October 2022	2,784,000	0.96	0.95	2,666
November 2022	3,000,000	1.00	0.96	2,907
December 2022	9,882,000	1.00	0.96	9,579
	47,541,000			47,357

The above ordinary shares were cancelled upon repurchase. The aggregate consideration incurred in the repurchases, including direct expenses, was HK\$47,494,000.

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30. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(b) During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Company repurchased its ordinary shares on the Stock Exchange as follows:

Month of repurchase	No. of ordinary shares repurchased	Purchase price per share		Aggregate consideration paid HK\$'000
		Highest HK\$	Lowest HK\$	
July 2023	4,956,000	0.85	0.76	4,086
August 2023	480,000	0.80	0.71	356
	<u>5,436,000</u>			<u>4,442</u>

The above ordinary shares were cancelled upon repurchase. The aggregate consideration incurred in the repurchases, including direct expenses, was HK\$4,455,000.

31. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

A share option scheme was adopted on 17 August 2012 pursuant to a resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") on the same date, for the primary purpose of providing incentives to eligible persons (the "2012 Share Option Scheme").

Under the 2012 Share Option Scheme, the Directors may grant share options to the following eligible persons to subscribe for shares in the Company:

- (i) any employee or proposed employee (whether full-time or part-time) or executives, including executive director, of any member of the Group, the Controlling Shareholders, any entity in which any member of the Group holds any direct or indirect equity interests (the "Invested Entity") and/or their respective subsidiaries; or
- (ii) any non-executive director (including independent non-executive directors) of any member of the Group, the Controlling Shareholder or any Invested Entity; or
- (iii) any consultant, adviser or agent (legal, financial or professional) engaged by any member of the Group or any Invested Entity; or
- (iv) any vendor, supplier of goods or services or customer of or to any member of the Group or any Invested Entity.

On 10 September 2021, the new share option scheme of the Company was approved and adopted by the Shareholders pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed at the annual general meeting for the primary purpose of providing incentives to eligible persons (the "New Share Option Scheme"). The New Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing from 10 September 2021 to 9 September 2031. Upon the adoption of the New Share Option Scheme, the 2012 Share Option Scheme was terminated and ceased to have any further effect with effect from 10 September 2021 save and except that the 2012 Share Option Scheme remained in force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of the share options granted thereunder prior to the termination thereof. On 4 April 2022, all the outstanding share options granted under the 2012 Share Option Scheme lapsed.

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31. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS *(Continued)*

Under the New Share Option Scheme, the Directors may grant share options to the following eligible persons to subscribe for the Shares:

- (i) any employee or proposed employee (whether full-time or part-time) or executive, including executive director, of any member of the Group; or
- (ii) any non-executive director (including independent non-executive director) of any member of the Group; or
- (iii) any consultant, adviser or agent (legal, financial or professional) engaged by any member of the Group, who, under the terms of the relevant engagement with the Group, is eligible to participate in a share option scheme of the Company; or
- (iv) any executive, including executive director, of any entity in which any member of the Group, directly or indirectly, holds 30% or more equity interests.

Under the 2012 Share Option Scheme and the New Share Option Scheme (collectively, the “Share Option Schemes”), share options granted should be accepted within 21 days after the date of grant, upon payment of HK\$1 per each grant of the share options. The exercise price shall be determined by the Board and shall be at least the highest of (i) the closing price of the shares on the date of grant of the share options; or (ii) the average closing price of shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant; or (iii) the nominal value of a share on the date of grant.

There is no specific requirement that an option must be held for any minimum period before it can be exercised but the Board is empowered to impose at its discretion any such minimum period at the time of grant of any particular option. The period during which an option may be exercised is determined by the Board at its absolute discretion, save that no option may be exercised more than 10 years from the date of grant.

The total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all the share options to be granted under the Share Option Schemes and any other share option schemes of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the total number of shares in issue as at the adoption date (the “Scheme Limit”). The Scheme Limit may be refreshed by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting provided that the Scheme Limit so refreshed shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares in issue as at the date of such Shareholders’ approval. Furthermore, the maximum aggregate number of shares which may be issued upon the exercise of all outstanding share options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Schemes and any other share option schemes of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 30% of the total number of shares in issue from time to time.

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31. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS *(Continued)*

The maximum number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the share options granted under the Share Option Schemes and any other share option schemes of the Company (including options exercised, cancelled or outstanding) to each eligible person in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the total number of shares in issue unless approval of the Shareholders is obtained. Any grant of share options to a Director, the chief executive of the Company, a substantial shareholder of the Company, or a Controlling Shareholder or any of their respective associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) is subject to approval by the independent non-executive Directors (excluding independent non-executive Director who is the grantee of the share options). In addition, where the Board proposes to grant any share options to a substantial shareholder of the Company or an independent non-executive Director or any of their respective associates, and such share options, if exercised in full, would result in the total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all the share options already granted and to be granted (including options exercised, cancelled and outstanding) to such person in the past 12-month period up to and including the date of grant in excess of 0.1% of the total number of shares in issue on the date of grant and with an aggregate value (based on the closing price of the shares on the date of grant) in excess of HK\$5,000,000, such grant of share options is subject to the Shareholders' approval in general meeting.

On 4 April 2018, the Company granted a total of 27,020,000 share options to the eligible participants to subscribe for the shares of the Company under the 2012 Share Option Scheme, with vesting period ranging from 1 year to 2 years. No share option expense was recognised for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The fair values of the share options granted to Directors, employees and other participants on 4 April 2018 were HK\$2,592,000, HK\$1,122,000 and HK\$520,000 respectively. The fair values were determined at the grant date on the basis of a valuation carried out by an independent professional valuer using Binomial Model and the following data and assumptions were used to calculate the fair values of the share options as at the grant date:

Closing price of the shares on the date of grant	HK\$2.57
Exercise price	HK\$2.57
Expected volatility	18.44%
Expected option life	4 years
Risk-free rate	1.743%
Expected dividend yield	8.56%

The expected volatility measured at the standard deviation is based on the historical data of the daily share price movement of the Company.

The value of an option varies with different variables of certain subjective assumptions.

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31. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

The following table sets out the details of the Company's share options held by Directors, employees and other participants under the 2012 Share Option Scheme, and movements in such holdings during the prior years:

Date of grant	Vesting proportion	Vesting period	Exercise period	Exercise price per share (subject to adjustment) HK\$	Number of share options under the 2012 Share Option Scheme			
					Outstanding at 1.4.2022	Exercised during the year	Cancelled/lapsed during the year	Outstanding at 31.3.2023
Directors:								
4.4.2018	50%	4.4.2018 – 3.4.2019	4.4.2019 – 3.4.2022	2.57	5,400,000	–	(5,400,000)	N/A
	50%	4.4.2018 – 3.4.2020	4.4.2020 – 3.4.2022	2.57	5,400,000	–	(5,400,000)	N/A
Employees:								
4.4.2018	50%	4.4.2018 – 3.4.2019	4.4.2019 – 3.4.2022	2.57	2,340,000	–	(2,340,000)	N/A
	50%	4.4.2018 – 3.4.2020	4.4.2020 – 3.4.2022	2.57	2,340,000	–	(2,340,000)	N/A
Other participants:								
4.4.2018	50%	4.4.2018 – 3.4.2019	4.4.2019 – 3.4.2022	2.57	2,650,000 (note)	–	(2,650,000)	N/A
	50%	4.4.2018 – 3.4.2020	4.4.2020 – 3.4.2022	2.57	2,650,000 (note)	–	(2,650,000)	N/A
					20,780,000	–	(20,780,000)	N/A
Exercisable at the end of the year					20,780,000			N/A
Weighted average exercise price per share (HK\$)					2.57	N/A	2.57	N/A

Note:

The other participants are:

- (i) consultants of the Group, who held an aggregate of 1,800,000 outstanding share options under the 2012 Share Option Scheme;
- (ii) Mr. Cheung Chi Kit, a former Director, who resigned with effect from 1 January 2022 and as at 31 March 2022 still held 2,000,000 outstanding share options pursuant to the 2012 Share Options Scheme; and
- (iii) Mr. Wong Lai Shun, Benny, a former Director (resigned with effect from 1 January 2022) and a former consultant (hotel division) of the Group (from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022), who as at 31 March 2022 held 1,500,000 outstanding share option under the 2012 Share Options Scheme.

Upon the expiry of exercised period ending on 3 April 2022, all the above outstanding share options granted under the 2012 Share Option Scheme lapsed on 4 April 2022.

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31. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS *(Continued)*

On 28 September 2021, the Company granted a total of 16,660,000 share options to the eligible participants to subscribe for the shares of the Company under the New Share Option Scheme with vesting period ranging from 0.5 year to 2 years. A total of 16,320,000 share options were duly accepted by the grantees. During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Group recognised the total expense of HK\$99,000 (2023: HK\$695,000) in relation to the share options granted by the Company on 28 September 2021.

The fair values of the share options granted to Directors, employees and other participants on 28 September 2021 were HK\$1,175,000, HK\$990,000 and HK\$152,000, respectively. The fair values were determined at the grant date on the basis of a valuation carried out by an independent professional valuer using Binomial Model and the following data and assumptions were used to calculate the fair values of the share options as at the grant date:

Closing price of the shares on the date of grant	HK\$1.01
Exercise price	HK\$1.03
Expected volatility	26.85%
Expected option life	4 years
Risk-free rate	0.66%
Expected dividend yield	3.96%

The expected volatility measured at the standard deviation is based on the historical data of the daily share price movement of the Company.

The value of a share option varies with different variables of certain subjective assumptions.

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31. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

The following table sets out the details of the Company's share options held by Directors, employees and other participants under the New Share Option Scheme, and movements in such holdings during the current year and prior years:

					Number of share options under the New Share Option Scheme						
					Outstanding at 1.4.2022	Exercised during the year	Cancelled/ lapsed during the year	Outstanding at 31.3.2023	Exercised during the year	Cancelled/ lapsed during the year	Outstanding at 31.3.2024
Date of grant	Vesting proportion	Vesting period	Exercisable period	Exercise price per share (Subject to adjustment) HK\$							
Directors:											
28.9.2021	25%	28.9.2021 – 31.3.2022	1.4.2022 – 30.9.2025	1.03	1,475,000	–	–	1,475,000	–	–	1,100,000 (note 1 and 2(v))
	25%	28.9.2021 – 30.9.2022	1.10.2022 – 30.9.2025	1.03	1,475,000	–	–	1,475,000	–	–	1,100,000 (note 1 and 2(v))
	25%	28.9.2021 – 31.3.2023	1.4.2023 – 30.9.2025	1.03	1,475,000	–	–	1,475,000	–	–	1,100,000 (note 1 and 2(v))
	25%	28.9.2021 – 30.9.2023	1.10.2023 – 30.9.2025	1.03	1,475,000	–	–	1,475,000	–	–	1,100,000 (note 1 and 2(v))
Employees (note 1):											
28.9.2021	25%	28.9.2021 – 31.3.2022	1.4.2022 – 30.9.2025	1.03	1,705,000	–	(485,000)	1,220,000	–	(115,000)	1,405,000 (note 1)
	25%	28.9.2021 – 30.9.2022	1.10.2022 – 30.9.2025	1.03	1,705,000	–	(485,000)	1,220,000	–	(115,000)	1,405,000 (note 1)
	25%	28.9.2021 – 31.3.2023	1.4.2023 – 30.9.2025	1.03	1,705,000	–	(485,000)	1,220,000	–	(115,000)	1,405,000 (note 1)
	25%	28.9.2021 – 30.9.2023	1.10.2023 – 30.9.2025	1.03	1,705,000	–	(485,000)	1,220,000	–	(115,000)	1,405,000 (note 1)
Other participants:											
28.9.2021	25%	28.9.2021 – 31.3.2022	1.4.2022 – 30.9.2025	1.03	900,000 (note 2(i) to (iv))	–	(625,000) (note 2(iii) and (iv))	275,000 (note 2(i) and (ii))	–	(75,000) (note 2(v))	275,000 (note 2(i) and (ii))
	25%	28.9.2021 – 30.9.2022	1.10.2022 – 30.9.2025	1.03	900,000 (note 2(i) to (iv))	–	(625,000) (note 2(iii) and (iv))	275,000 (note 2(i) and (ii))	–	(75,000) (note 2(v))	275,000 (note 2(i) and (ii))
	25%	28.9.2021 – 31.3.2023	1.4.2023 – 30.9.2025	1.03	900,000 (note 2(i) to (iv))	–	(625,000) (note 2(iii) and (iv))	275,000 (note 2(i) and (ii))	–	(75,000) (note 2(v))	275,000 (note 2(i) and (ii))
	25%	28.9.2021 – 30.9.2023	1.10.2023 – 30.9.2025	1.03	900,000 (note 2(i) to (iv))	–	(625,000) (note 2(iii) and (iv))	275,000 (note 2(i) and (ii))	–	(75,000) (note 2(v))	275,000 (note 2(i) and (ii))
					16,320,000	–	(4,440,000)	11,880,000	–	(760,000)	11,120,000
Exercisable at the end of year					–			5,940,000			11,120,000
Weighted average exercise price per share (HK\$)					1.03	N/A	1.03	1.03	N/A	1.03	1.03

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31. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS *(Continued)*

Notes:

1. The employees include existing employees and former employees including a former Director who resigned from the position with effect from 1 April 2023 and remained as an employee until 30 September 2023.
2. The other participants are:
 - (i) a consultant of the Group, who held 800,000 outstanding share options under the New Share Option Scheme;
 - (ii) a senior executive of a principal associate of the Company, who held 300,000 outstanding share options under the New Share Option Scheme. He is also a director of certain associates;
 - (iii) Mr. Cheung Chi Kit, a former Director, who resigned with effect from 1 January 2022 and as at 31 March 2022 still held 1,500,000 outstanding share options pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme. The outstanding share options were reallocated to other participants and eventually lapsed during the year ended 31 March 2023;
 - (iv) Mr. Wong Lai Shun, Benny, a former Director (resigned with effect from 1 January 2022) and a former consultant (hotel division) of the Group (from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022), who as at 31 March 2022 still held 1,000,000 outstanding share options pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme. The outstanding share options were reallocated to other participants and eventually lapsed during the year ended 31 March 2023; and
 - (v) Mr. Chan Pak Cheong Afonso, a former Director, who resigned with effect from 18 September 2023 and still held 300,000 outstanding share options after his resignation pursuant to the New Share Option Scheme. The outstanding share options were reallocated to other participants and eventually lapsed during the year ended 31 March 2024.

32. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from prior year.

The capital structure of the Group consists of amounts due to joint ventures, advances from non-controlling interests, lease liabilities and bank and other borrowings disclosed in Notes 18, 26, 27 and 28, respectively, net of cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued share capital and reserves.

The Directors review the capital structure on a semi-annual basis. As part of this review, the Directors consider the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. Based on recommendations of the Directors, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends, new share issues and share buy-backs as well as the issue of new debt or the redemption of existing debt.

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Categories of financial instruments

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Financial assets		
FVTPL	80,371	110,374
Amortised cost (including cash and cash equivalents)	1,152,557	1,225,331
Financial liabilities		
Amortised cost	1,599,671	1,665,495

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments include equity and fund investments, debtors and deposits, other loan receivables, amounts due from joint ventures, amounts due from associates, cash and cash equivalents, creditors and deposits, amounts due to joint ventures and bank and other borrowings. Details of the financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk (currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management of the Group manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

Market risk

The carrying amounts of the Group entities' foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the reporting date are as follows:

(i) Currency risk

Several subsidiaries of the Company have certain foreign currency bank balances and refundable earnest money, which expose the Group to foreign currency risk. Management has closely monitored foreign exchange exposure and will undertake procedures necessary to mitigate the currency risk.

	Monetary assets	
	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
US\$	18	410
EURO ("EUR")	20	48
GBP	2	589
RMB	6	31
CAD	23,033	27,725

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risk (Continued)

(i) Currency risk (Continued)

Sensitivity analysis

The Group is mainly exposed to effects of fluctuation in US\$, EUR, GBP, RMB and CAD.

The functional currency of the respective group entities is HK\$. The Group's exposure to the currency risk of US\$ is limited because HK\$ is pegged to US\$. The Group's exposure to the currency risk of RMB, EUR and GBP is not material.

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% (2023: 5%) increase or decrease in HK\$ against CAD. 5% (2023: 5%) is the sensitivity rate used and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates.

	Impact of CAD	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
5% appreciation of the functional currency:		
Increase in post-tax loss for the year	(962)	(1,158)
5% depreciation of the functional currency:		
Decrease in post-tax loss for the year	962	1,158

(ii) Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to fair value interest rate risk in relation to the fixed-rate amounts due from joint ventures, fixed-rate other loan receivables, fixed-rate lease liabilities and fixed-rate other borrowings as set out in Notes 18, 20, 27 and 28, respectively.

The Group is also exposed to cash flow interest rate risk in relation to bank balances, variable-rate other loan receivables and variable-rate bank borrowings as set out in Notes 25, 20 and 28, respectively. It is the Group's policy to keep its bank borrowings at floating rate of interests so as to minimise the fair value interest rate risk.

The Group's cash flow interest rate risk is mainly concentrated on the fluctuation of HIBOR, Hong Kong Prime Rate, SOFR and SONIA.

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risk (Continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk (Continued)

Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for non-derivative instruments at the end of the reporting period which carried floating market interest rate. The analysis is prepared assuming the amount of asset and liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year. Bank balances are excluded from the analysis as the management considers the change in interest rate is not significant. A 100 basis points (2023: 100 basis points) increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents the management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 100 basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's post-tax loss for the year ended 31 March 2024, excluding the capitalised borrowing costs of nil (2023: HK\$1,357,000), would increase/decrease by HK\$10,852,000 (2023: increase/decrease by HK\$10,278,000). This is mainly attributable to the Group's exposure to interest rates on its variable-rate other loan receivables and bank borrowings.

(iii) Other price risk

The Group is exposed to equity price risk solely arising from equity and fund investments. Management manages this exposure by maintaining a portfolio of investments with different risks. The Group's other price risk is concentrated on listed equity and fund investments. In addition, the Group has appointed a special team to monitor the price risk and will consider hedging the risk exposure should the need arise.

Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis below includes equity investments that are carried at fair values and has been determined based on the exposure to equity price risk at the end of the reporting period.

If the prices of the respective listed equity instruments had been 10% (2023: 10%) higher/lower, post-tax loss for the year ended 31 March 2024 would decrease/increase by HK\$2,036,000 (2023: HK\$2,572,000) as a result of the changes in fair value of listed equity investments measured at FVTPL.

Credit risk and impairment assessment

Credit risk refers to the risk that the Group's counterparties default on their contractual obligations resulting in financial losses to the Group. The Group's credit risk exposures are primarily attributable to trade debtors, other debtors and deposits, other loan receivables, amounts due from joint ventures, amounts due from associates, bank balances, undrawn loan commitments to joint ventures and financial guarantee contracts.

The Group performed impairment assessment for financial assets and other items under ECL model. Information about the Group's credit risk management, maximum credit risk exposures and the related impairment assessment, if applicable, are summarised as below:

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

Trade debtors arising from contracts with customers

The management of the Group considers the balance of trade debtors under lifetime ECL as at 31 March 2024 and 2023 was insignificant and accordingly no allowance for credit losses is provided.

Other debtors and deposits

In order to minimise the credit risk, the management of the Group has delegated a team responsible for determination of credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. The Group performs impairment assessment under ECL model on other debtors and deposits by individual assessment on 12m ECL basis where there had been no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. Therefore, the 12m ECL on other debtors and deposits is considered to be insignificant and no loss allowance was recognised.

Other loan receivables and related interest receivables

Exposure to credit risk is managed through regular analysis of the ability of borrowers to meet principal and interest repayment obligations. For a loan receivable and its related interest receivables amounting to HK\$37,092,000 (2023: HK\$49,252,000) are secured by two residential properties and carparks situated in Hong Kong. As at 31 March 2023, for a loan receivable and its related interest receivables amounting to CAD7,092,000 (equivalent to HK\$41,173,000) (2024: nil), secured by 16.67% (2024: nil) equity interests in Bayshore. The exposure to credit risk is mitigated through realisation of the collaterals in event of their default. There were no loan receivables and interest receivables in respect of which a loss allowance has not been recognised because of the collaterals. As at 31 March 2024, no loan receivables and interest receivables with collaterals held as security are credit-impaired. The Group performs impairment assessment under ECL model by individual assessment. Key sources of estimation uncertainty include forward-looking factors. Forward-looking information has been incorporated into the determination of expected credit losses, including the use of macroeconomic information. The management has assessed the impact of economic environment on default rate by taking into consideration of gross domestic growth rate under different situations, including economic upturn and downturn. For other loan receivables and interest receivables with no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the ECL is assessed on 12m ECL basis. For certain other loan receivables and interest receivables the ECL is assessed on lifetime ECL basis because the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition.

For certain other loan and associated interest receivables measured at lifetime ECL, which are considered to be credit-impaired as the amounts have been overdue for over 90 days and there was significant financial difficulties of the borrowers, management updated their inputs into ECL measurement with respect to probability of default and loss given default. The Group has performed an internal assessment of ECL provision taking into account the financial position, related negative facts and circumstances for the borrowers.

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(Continued)*

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies *(Continued)*

Credit risk and impairment assessment *(Continued)*

Bank balances

The credit risks on bank balances are limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. Therefore, the 12m ECL on bank balances is considered to be insignificant and no loss allowance was recognised.

Amounts due from joint ventures and associates and undrawn loan commitments to joint ventures and financial guarantees to joint ventures and an associate

The Directors monitor that the credit risk in relation to amounts due from joint ventures and associates on a revolving basis. The Group performs impairment assessment under ECL model by individual assessment on 12m ECL basis where there had been no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and for an amount due from a joint venture assessing on lifetime ECL basis for the balance in which credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition.

For amounts due from joint ventures and associates assessed on 12m ECL basis, the management of the Group considers the credit risk in these balances to be low after considering the financial performance and future cash flow generated from respective joint ventures and associates. The ECL of these balances are considered insignificant and no loss allowance has been recognised. For amount due from a joint venture assessed under lifetime ECL, the management of the Group considers the amount is credit-impaired due to the significant financial difficulties of the joint venture.

For undrawn loan commitments to joint ventures, the ECL is assessed on 12m basis as the Directors consider there is no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition after considering the risk of default occurring on the loan to which the loan commitments relates is low. With the expected profitability of the future sales of properties, the Directors believe the present value of expected cash inflows from the sales of properties will be greater than the cash flows due under the expected loan amounts drawn down and the loss allowance under ECL is not expected to be material.

For financial guarantee contracts, the aggregate amount of outstanding financial guarantees issued to banks in respect of bank facilities granted to joint ventures and an associate that the Group could be required to pay amounted to HK\$1,096,997,000 (2023: HK\$1,118,073,000) as at 31 March 2024. HK\$911,121,000 (2023: HK\$1,010,541,000) of the outstanding financial guarantees has been utilised by joint ventures and an associate. The fair value of these financial guarantees, as at dates of initial recognition, were considered insignificant. At the end of the reporting period, the management has performed impairment assessment, and concluded that there has been no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition of the financial guarantee contracts. Accordingly, the loss allowance for financial guarantee contracts issued by the Group is measured at an amount equal to 12m ECL. In view that the borrowings of the joint ventures and an associate are secured by respective underlying assets and the realisable values of underlying assets could fully cover the borrowings, no charge for expected credit losses recognised in profit or loss and no loss allowance in the statement of financial position.

The Group's concentration of credit risk in trade debtors by geographical locations is mainly in Canada (2023: Canada), which accounted for 73% (2023: 71%) of the trade debtors as at 31 March 2024.

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The Group has concentration of credit risk in other loan receivables as disclosed in Note 20, as three borrowers (not credit-impaired) accounted for 100% (2023: four borrowers accounted for 90%) of the total other loan receivables as at 31 March 2024. At 31 March 2024 and 2023, the majority of borrowers of the loan receivables are private companies or individuals.

The Group does not have any other significant concentration of credit risk, other than concentration of credit risk on liquid funds which are deposited with several banks with high credit ratings, amounts due from associates as set in Note 19, other loan receivables as set out in Note 20, debtors as disclosed above and refundable earnest money as set out in Note 24. The Group assesses the credit risk by reviewing and monitoring the financial performance of the counterparties and the management considers the default risk is not significant.

The Group's internal credit risk grading assessment comprises the following categories:

Internal credit rating	Description	Trade debtors	Other financial assets and other items
Low risk	The counterparty has a low risk of default	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired	12m ECL
Watch list	Debtor frequently repays in full amount after due dates but usually settles after due date	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired	12m ECL
Doubtful	There have been significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition through information developed internally or external resources	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired
Loss	There is evidence indicating the asset is credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the Group has no realistic prospect of recovery	Amount is written off	Amount is written off

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The tables below detail the credit risk exposures of the Group's trade debtors, other debtors and deposits, other loan receivables, amounts due from joint ventures, amounts due from associates, bank balances, undrawn loan commitments to joint ventures and financial guarantee contracts which are subject to ECL assessment:

		External credit rating	Internal credit rating	12m or lifetime ECL	Gross carrying amount	
	Notes				2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Financial assets at amortised costs						
Amounts due from joint ventures (note (a))	18	N/A N/A	Low risk Loss	12m ECL Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired	877,342 11,022	869,321 11,022
					888,364	880,343
Amounts due from associates (note (a))	19	N/A	Low risk	12m ECL	72,432	11,116
Other loan receivables	20	N/A N/A N/A	Low risk Doubtful Loss	12m ECL Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired	107,022 33,248 336,991	189,639 33,248 336,991
					477,261	559,878
Trade debtors (note (c))	24	N/A	Low risk	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired	1,811	1,695
Other debtors and deposits	24	N/A N/A N/A	Low risk Doubtful Loss	12m ECL Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired	59,309 9,238 50,087	76,387 6,630 51,299
					118,634	134,316
Bank balances	25	Baa2 – Aaa	Low risk	12m ECL	24,639	60,834
Other items						
Undrawn loan commitments to joint ventures (note (b))	35	N/A	Low risk	12m ECL	10,817	24,509
Financial guarantee contracts (note (b))	40	N/A	Low risk	12m ECL	1,096,997	1,118,073

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

Notes:

- (a) For the amounts due from joint ventures and associates, the Directors consider the ECL are insignificant with reference to the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows and underlying asset values of respective joint ventures and an associate, except for an amount due from a joint venture which is credit-impaired.
- (b) For undrawn loan commitments to joint ventures and financial guarantee contracts, the gross carrying amount represents the maximum amount the Group guaranteed under the respective contracts. The Directors consider no significant increase in credit risks since initial recognition of undrawn loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts. The 12m ECL on undrawn loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts is considered to be insignificant and no loss allowance was recognised.
- (c) For trade debtors, the Group has applied the simplified approach in HKFRS 9 to measure the loss allowance at lifetime ECL. The ECL on the trade debtors are assessed collectively using a provision matrix, grouped by shared credit risk characteristics and the loss allowance is not material.

The following table shows the movements in ECL that have been recognised for other loan receivables, other debtors and deposits and amount due from a joint venture:

	Other loan receivables				Other debtors and deposits (note)				Amount due from a joint venture	Total
	Lifetime ECL	Lifetime ECL			Lifetime ECL	Lifetime ECL			Lifetime ECL	
	12m ECL	(not credit-impaired)	(credit-impaired)	Sub-total	12m ECL	(not credit-impaired)	(credit-impaired)	Sub-total	(credit-impaired)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2022	5,956	7,227	336,991	350,174	1,243	917	53,103	55,263	11,022	416,459
Changes due to financial instruments recognised as at 1 April:										
– Impairment losses recognised	–	5,960	–	5,960	–	–	–	–	–	5,960
– Impairment losses reversed	(250)	–	–	(250)	–	–	–	–	–	(250)
– Exchange adjustments	–	–	–	–	–	–	(1,804)	(1,804)	–	(1,804)
Financial assets newly originated	59	–	–	59	319	1,712	–	2,031	–	2,090
At 31 March 2023	5,765	13,187	336,991	355,943	1,562	2,629	51,299	55,490	11,022	422,455
Changes due to financial instruments recognised as at 1 April:										
– Impairment losses recognised	2,095	186	–	2,281	–	37	–	37	–	2,318
– Impairment losses reversed	(1,940)	–	–	(1,940)	(300)	–	–	(300)	–	(2,240)
– Exchange adjustments	–	–	–	–	–	–	(1,212)	(1,212)	–	(1,212)
Financial assets newly originated	–	–	–	–	281	1,050	–	1,331	–	1,331
At 31 March 2024	5,920	13,373	336,991	356,284	1,543	3,716	50,087	55,346	11,022	422,652

Note: Other debtors and deposits with ECL provided mainly included interest receivables generated from other loan receivables and refundable earnest money.

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

Changes in the ECL provision of other loan receivables are mainly due to:

	Increase (decrease) in ECL					
	2024			2023		
		Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired)	Lifetime ECL (credit-impaired)		Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired)	Lifetime ECL (credit-impaired)
	12m ECL HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	12m ECL HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Settlement of other loan receivables with a gross carrying amount of HK\$35,000,000 (2023: nil)	(1,937)	–	–	–	–	–
Further impairment loss recognised of other loan receivables with a gross carrying amount of HK\$72,177,000 (2023: HK\$33,248,000)	2,095	186	–	–	5,960	–
New other loan receivables with a gross carrying amount of HK\$47,500,000	–	–	–	59	–	–

Changes in the ECL provision of other debtors and deposits are mainly due to:

	Increase (decrease) in ECL					
	2024			2023		
		Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired)	Lifetime ECL (credit-impaired)		Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired)	Lifetime ECL (credit-impaired)
	12m ECL HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	12m ECL HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
New other loan interest receivables with a gross carrying amount of HK\$8,032,000 (2023: HK\$10,860,000)	281	–	–	319	–	–
New other loan interest receivables with a gross carrying amount of HK\$2,608,000 (2023: HK\$2,407,000)	–	1,050	–	–	1,712	–
Settlement of other loan interest receivables with a gross carrying amount of HK\$5,406,000 (2023: nil)	(300)	–	–	–	–	–

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(Continued)*

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies *(Continued)*

Liquidity risk

In the management of the liquidity risk, the Group monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by the management to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. The management monitors the utilisation of bank borrowings and ensures compliance with loan covenants.

In view of the circumstances as detailed in Note 1, the Directors have given careful consideration to future liquidity and financial position of the Group and its available sources of financing in assessing whether the Group will have sufficient financial resources to continue as a going concern. Certain plans and measures have been taken by the Directors to mitigate the liquidity position of the Group.

The Directors are taking active steps to improve the future liquidity position of the Group by obtaining a new source of borrowings, potential disposal of properties/joint ventures/associates, seeking refinancing of existing facilities and controlling administrative and operating costs. Details of these plans and measures are set out in Note 1.

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities based on the agreed repayment terms and has been drawn up according to the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay. Specifically, bank loans with a repayment on demand clause are included in the earliest time band regardless of the probability of the banks choosing to exercise their rights. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows. To the extent that interest flows are at floating rate, the undiscounted amount is derived from interest rate at the end of the reporting period.

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk (Continued)

Liquidity tables

	Weighted average interest rate %	On demand or less than 3 months HK\$'000	3 months to 1 year HK\$'000	1 year to 5 years HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Carrying amount at 31.3.2024 HK\$'000
2024						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Creditors and deposits	-	(217,180)	-	-	(217,180)	(217,180)
Amounts due to joint ventures	-	(20,323)	-	-	(20,323)	(20,323)
Lease liabilities (Note 27)	5.82	(657)	(1,501)	(1,503)	(3,661)	(3,298)
Bank borrowings						
– variable rate	6.82	(983,166)	(16,299)	(332,284)	(1,331,749)	(1,298,835)
Other borrowings						
– fixed rate	5.26	(41,226)	(6,146)	-	(47,372)	(46,761)
– interest free	-	(15,000)	(1,572)	-	(16,572)	(16,572)
		<u>(1,277,552)</u>	<u>(25,518)</u>	<u>(333,787)</u>	<u>(1,636,857)</u>	<u>(1,602,969)</u>
Financial guarantee contracts (Note 40)		<u>1,096,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,096,997</u>	<u>-</u>
Undrawn loan commitments to joint ventures (Note 35)		<u>10,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,817</u>	<u>-</u>

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk (Continued)

Liquidity tables

	Weighted average interest rate %	On demand or less than 3 months HK\$'000	3 months to 1 year HK\$'000	1 year to 5 years HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Carrying amount at 31.3.2023 HK\$'000
2023						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Creditors and deposits	–	(217,473)	–	–	(217,473)	(217,473)
Amounts due to joint ventures	–	(13,799)	–	–	(13,799)	(13,799)
Lease liabilities (Note 27)	4.25	(1,021)	(1,575)	(875)	(3,471)	(3,353)
Bank borrowings						
– variable rate	5.06	(876,548)	(182,026)	(430,497)	(1,489,071)	(1,434,165)
– interest free	–	–	(58)	–	(58)	(58)
		<u>(1,108,841)</u>	<u>(183,659)</u>	<u>(431,372)</u>	<u>(1,723,872)</u>	<u>(1,668,848)</u>
Financial guarantee contracts (Note 40)		<u>1,118,073</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,118,073</u>	<u>–</u>
Undrawn loan commitments to joint ventures (Note 35)		<u>24,509</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>24,509</u>	<u>–</u>

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk (Continued)

Bank loans with a repayment on demand clause are included in the “on demand or less than 3 months” time band in the above maturity analysis. As at 31 March 2024, the carrying amounts of these bank loans amounted to HK\$711,784,000 (2023: HK\$795,820,000). The Directors do not believe that it is probable that the banks will exercise their discretionary rights to demand immediate repayment. The Directors believe that the undiscounted principal and interest of such bank loans will be repaid in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements as below.

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Less than 3 months	712,667	24,186
3 months to 1 year	–	485,224
1 year to 5 years	–	313,053
	712,667	822,463

The amounts included above for financial guarantee contracts are the maximum amounts the Group could be required to settle under the arrangement for the full guaranteed amount if that amount is claimed by the counterparty to the guarantee. Based on expectations at the end of the reporting period, the Group considers that it is more likely than not that no amount will be payable under the arrangement. However, this estimate is subject to change depending on the probability of the counterparty claiming under the guarantee which is a function of the likelihood that the financial receivables held by the counterparty which are guaranteed suffer credit losses.

The amounts included above for undrawn loan commitments to joint ventures are the maximum amounts the Group committed to grant loans to the joint ventures. There is no maturity for the drawdown of commitments by the joint ventures.

The amount included above for variable interest rate instrument for non-derivative financial liabilities is subject to change if variable interest rate differs from those estimates of interest rates determined at the end of the reporting period based on spot rates.

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(c) Fair value measurements of financial instruments

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

Some of the Group's financial assets are measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period. The following table gives information about how the fair values of these financial assets are determined (in particular, the valuation technique(s) and inputs used), as well as the level of the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurements are categorised (Levels 1 to 3 as set out in Note 3) based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements is observable.

Set out below is the information about how the fair values of the Group's financial instruments that are measured at fair value are determined, including the valuation techniques and inputs used:

Financial assets	Fair value as at		Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique and key inputs	Significant unobservable inputs	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
	31.3.2024	31.3.2023				
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000				
Financial assets at FVTPL						
Listed equity securities in Hong Kong	24,385	30,797	Level 1	Quoted closing prices in an active market	N/A	N/A
Listed equity securities in Hong Kong (note (iii))	–	–	Level 3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unlisted investment funds in overseas (note (i))	34,942	56,800	Level 3	note (ii)	Net asset value (note (ii))	An increase in the net asset value would result in an increase in fair value, and vice versa
Financial assets at FVTOCI						
Listed equity securities in Hong Kong (note (iii))	–	–	Level 3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unlisted equity securities in overseas (note (i))	–	–	Level 3	Market approach which uses relevant information generated by certain companies with comparable businesses	Minority and marketability discount	A significant increase in the minority and marketability discount would result in a significant decrease in fair value, and vice versa

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(c) Fair value measurements of financial instruments (Continued)

Fair value of the Group's financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (Continued)

Notes:

- (i) Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurement of financial assets is as follows:

	Financial assets at FVTPL	Financial assets at FVTOCI	
	Unlisted investment funds	Unlisted equity securities	Total
	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000
At 1 April 2022	93,803	19,620	113,423
Total losses, recognised in:			
– profit or loss	(30,114)	–	(30,114)
– other comprehensive expense	–	(19,620)	(19,620)
Redemption	(6,889)	–	(6,889)
At 31 March 2023	56,800	–	56,800
Total losses, recognised in:			
– profit or loss	(16,354)	–	(16,354)
Redemption	(1,147)	–	(1,147)
Return of capital	(4,357)	–	(4,357)
At 31 March 2024	34,942	–	34,942
Unrealised gain, recognised in profit or loss or other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2023	(30,912)	(19,620)	(50,532)
Unrealised losses, recognised in profit or loss or other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2024	(15,975)	–	(15,975)

- (ii) The fair values of the unlisted investment funds in overseas as at 31 March 2024 and 2023 are determined with reference to the net asset value of the unlisted equity and partnership investments which are the deemed resale price of the investments provided by the external counter-parties. The Directors have determined that the reported net asset values represent fair values of these investments. A 5% increase/decrease in the net asset value per share holding all other variables constant would increase/decrease the carrying amounts of the unlisted investment funds in overseas by HK\$1,747,000 (2023: HK\$2,840,000).
- (iii) During the years ended 31 March 2024 and 2023, as a result of the winding up and delisting of the related equity securities, the management considered the fair values of such unlisted equity securities to be zero as at 31 March 2024 and 2023.

There was no other transfer amongst Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 for both years.

The fair values of other financial assets and financial liabilities are determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on a discounted cash flow analysis.

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

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34. RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from financing activities are those for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Group's consolidated statement of cash flows as cash flows from financing activities.

	Amount due to an associate HK\$'000	Amounts due to joint ventures HK\$'000	Amounts due to non- controlling interests (included in creditors, deposits and accrued charges) HK\$'000	Dividend payable HK\$'000	Lease liabilities HK\$'000	Bank and other borrowings HK\$'000	Interest payables (included in creditors, deposits and accrued charges) HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2022	602,848	11,173	183,413	–	7,813	1,448,045	2,954	2,256,246
Financing cash flows	–	2,626	8,022	(47,859)	(4,790)	(10,079)	(49,728)	(101,808)
Dividends distribution offset (Note 19)	(602,848)	–	–	–	–	–	–	(602,848)
Dividends recognised as distribution	–	–	–	47,859	–	–	–	47,859
New lease entered into	–	–	–	–	641	–	–	641
Finance costs	–	–	–	–	203	–	53,767	53,970
Exchange adjustments	–	–	(2,259)	–	(514)	(3,743)	–	(6,516)
At 31 March 2023	–	13,799	189,176	–	3,353	1,434,223	6,993	1,647,544
Financing cash flows	141,986	12,033	4,813	–	(2,644)	(74,650)	(87,887)	(6,349)
Dividends distribution offset (Notes 18 and 19)	(141,986)	(5,509)	–	–	–	–	–	(147,495)
New lease entered into	–	–	–	–	3,988	–	–	3,988
Termination of lease	–	–	–	–	(1,519)	–	–	(1,519)
Finance costs	–	–	–	–	235	–	90,911	91,146
Exchange adjustments	–	–	(566)	–	(115)	2,595	–	1,914
At 31 March 2024	–	20,323	193,423	–	3,298	1,362,168	10,017	1,589,229

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35. CAPITAL AND OTHER COMMITMENTS

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the consolidated financial statements in respect of:		
– construction of property, plant and equipment	642	1,721
– equity and fund investments	34,321	34,436
	34,963	36,157
Other commitments:		
– stock of properties	11,753	20,882
– investment in a joint venture	2,884	6,536
– loans to joint ventures	10,817	24,509
– formation of a joint venture for a proposed land development in Vietnam	69,838	84,985
	95,292	136,912
	130,255	173,069

36. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

The Group as lessor

During the year ended 31 March 2024, property rental income earned represented fixed monthly rental income which was HK\$5,812,000 (2023: HK\$10,933,000). The properties which were leased out as at 31 March 2024 had rental yield of approximately 1% (2023: 1%) and with committed tenants with the longest tenure for two (2023: two) years.

Minimum lease payment receivables on leases were as follows:

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Within one year	2,211	1,111
In the second year	265	70
	2,476	1,181

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37. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At the end of the reporting period, the Group's bank borrowings and credit facilities were secured by the following:

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Property, plant and equipment	420,345	484,085
Investment properties	469,000	603,000
Stock of properties	506,381	438,670
Interests in associates	736,635	816,688
	2,132,361	2,342,443

38. RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEMES

The Group operates a defined contribution retirement benefits scheme which is registered under the Occupational Retirement Scheme Ordinance (the "ORSO Scheme") for eligible employees. The assets of the scheme are separately held in funds under the control of trustees.

With effect from 1 December 2000, the Group has also joined the MPF Scheme for employees in Hong Kong. The MPF Scheme is registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority under the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Ordinance. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of an independent trustee.

Under the rule of the MPF Scheme, the employer and its employees are each required to make contributions to the scheme at rate specified in the rules. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the MPF Scheme is to make the required contributions under the scheme.

The Group contributes 5% to 10% on the employee's monthly salary to the ORSO Scheme and either (i) 5% on the lower of the employee's monthly salary or HK\$30,000 or (ii) 5% on the employee's monthly salary to the MPF Scheme. Where there are employees who leave the ORSO Scheme prior to vesting fully in the contributions, the contributions payable by the Group are reduced by the amount of forfeited contributions.

The employees of the subsidiaries in the PRC are members of state-managed retirement benefits schemes operated by the PRC government. The subsidiaries are required to contribute a certain percentage of their payroll to the retirement benefits schemes to fund the benefits. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the retirement benefits schemes is to make the required contributions under the schemes.

The total costs charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss of HK\$2,706,000 (2023: HK\$2,668,000) represented contributions paid or payable to the schemes by the Group during the year.

The Group had no forfeited contributions under the ORSO Scheme, the MPF Scheme and its retirement benefits schemes in the PRC which may be used to reduce the existing level of contributions during the year ended 31 March 2024 and at the end of the reporting period (2023: nil).

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39. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

Related party transactions

(i) During the year, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Related party	Notes	Nature of transaction	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Joint ventures:				
1488 Alberni LPDH (as defined in Note 18)		Interest income	18,596	17,794
1488 Alberni LPI (as defined in Note 18)		Interest income	979	936
City Synergy Limited		Management fee income	30	30
Whiterfield Peak Limited		Management fee income	90	90
Pro Gain Limited		Hotel management fee income	–	40
Associates:				
Macau Properties Holdings Limited		Rental income	1,173	1,173
Concordia (as defined in Note 19)		Management fee income	–	120
		Consultancy fee expenses	20,000	–
Other related companies:				
Hi Park Limited ("Hi Park")	(a)	Licence fee income	600	600
		Rental income and management fee income	1,089	1,173
		Short-term lease expense	23	23
Vectr Venture Limited ("Vectr")	(b)	Rental income and management fee income	59	570

Notes:

(a) Mr. Cheung Hon Kit, an executive Director, is a shareholder of Hi Park.

(b) Vectr is controlled by Mr. Chan Yiu Lun, Alan, an executive Director.

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39. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (Continued)

Related party transactions (Continued)

(ii) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel, representing the Directors, during the year was as follows:

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Short-term benefits	13,540	35,600
Equity-settled share-based payment expense	42	347
Post-employment benefits	162	36
	13,744	35,983

The remuneration of Directors is determined by the remuneration committee, with reference to the prevailing market conditions, their duties and responsibilities and time spent on the affairs of the Group as well as their performance.

Related party balances

Details of the outstanding balances with related parties are set out in the consolidated statement of financial position and Notes 18, 19 and 26.

Other related party transactions

The Company provided corporate guarantees for loan facilities granted to certain joint ventures and an associate. Details of the guarantees are set out in Note 40.

40. FINANCIAL GUARANTEE CONTRACTS

At the end of the reporting period, the Group has entered into financial guarantee contracts by provision of corporate guarantees in respect of the credit facilities granted by the banks to its joint ventures and an associate, with the respective granted amounts as follows:

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
a 20% owned associate	242,491	312,800
a 50% owned joint venture	91,142	35,642
a 28% owned joint venture in Canada	225,674	227,556
a 50% owned joint venture in Canada	537,690	542,075
	1,096,997	1,118,073

The amounts disclosed above represent the aggregate amounts that could be required to be paid if the guarantees were called upon in entirety as at 31 March 2024, of which HK\$911,121,000 (2023: HK\$1,010,541,000) has been utilised by the joint ventures/associate.

The ECL for outstanding financial guarantees are assessed to be immaterial as at 31 March 2024 and 2023.

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41. SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

	2024 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000
Non-current assets		
Investments in subsidiaries	1,290,350	1,290,317
Amounts due from subsidiaries	2,204,214	3,176,178
Other non-current assets	13,500	13,500
	<u>3,508,064</u>	<u>4,479,995</u>
Current assets		
Debtors, deposits and prepayments	5,925	5,937
Cash and cash equivalents	305	6,229
	<u>6,230</u>	<u>12,166</u>
Current liabilities		
Creditors, deposits and accrued charges	6,518	5,486
Bank borrowings	52,803	75,656
	<u>59,321</u>	<u>81,142</u>
Net current liabilities	<u>(53,091)</u>	<u>(68,976)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>3,454,973</u>	<u>4,411,019</u>
Non-current liability		
Bank borrowings	324,258	404,932
	<u>3,130,715</u>	<u>4,006,087</u>
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	9,072	9,126
Reserves (note)	3,121,643	3,996,961
	<u>3,130,715</u>	<u>4,006,087</u>

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41. SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

Note:

Reserves

	Share premium HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000 (note)	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Share- based payment reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits (accumulated losses) HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2022	3,373,997	113,020	9,369	4,425	1,545,710	5,046,521
Loss and total comprehensive expenses for the year	–	–	–	–	(951,929)	(951,929)
Repurchase of shares	(47,018)	–	476	–	(476)	(47,018)
Recognition of equity-settled share- based payments (Note 31)	–	–	–	695	–	695
Transfer on lapse of share options	–	–	–	(3,574)	125	(3,449)
Dividends recognised as distribution (Note 13)	–	–	–	–	(47,859)	(47,859)
At 31 March 2023	3,326,979	113,020	9,845	1,546	545,571	3,996,961
Loss and total comprehensive expenses for the year	–	–	–	–	(870,956)	(870,956)
Repurchase of shares	(4,401)	–	54	–	(54)	(4,401)
Recognition of equity-settled share- based payments (Note 31)	–	–	–	99	–	99
Transfer on lapse of share options	–	–	–	(99)	39	(60)
At 31 March 2024	3,322,578	113,020	9,899	1,546	(325,400)	3,121,643

note: The contributed surplus of the Company represented the credit arising from capital reduction pursuant to the capital reorganisation on 13 March 2010.

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42. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries as at 31 March 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ registration/ establishment/ operation	Issued and fully paid share capital/ registered capital	Total attributable equity interest held by the Company		Principal activity
			2024 %	2023 %	
Advance Tech Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Securities investment
Anyone Holdings Limited (note (b))	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$1 ordinary share	–	100	Property development
Assets Island Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Property development and property sales
Beam Castle Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
Business Action Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1,000 ordinary shares	100	100	Investment holding
CWB Land Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$209 ordinary shares	100	100	Property development
Diverse Century Limited (note (b))	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	–	100	Investment holding
DS Eastin	Hong Kong	HK\$20 ordinary shares	100	100	Investment holding
Eagle Spirit Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
Global Intelligence Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
Great Intelligence Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 ordinary shares	100	100	Property investment
ITC Properties (China) Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
ITC Properties Finance Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 ordinary shares	100	100	Money lending
ITC Properties Holdings Group Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
ITC Properties (Hong Kong) Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
ITC Properties Investment (China) Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
ITC Properties (Macau) Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
ITC Properties Management Group Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding

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42. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ registration/ establishment/ operation	Issued and fully paid share capital/ registered capital	Total attributable equity interest held by the Company		Principal activity
			2024 %	2023 %	
ITC Properties Management Limited	Hong Kong	(i) HK\$2,000 ordinary shares (ii) HK\$500,000 non-voting deferred shares (note (a))	100	100	Securities investment and provision of management services
ITC Properties (Overseas) Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$100 ordinary shares	100	100	Investment holding
ITC Properties Secretarial Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 ordinary shares	100	100	Provision of corporate secretarial services
ITC Properties (Townsend House) Company Limited	United Kingdom	GBP1 ordinary share	90.1	90.1	Property investment and development
ITC Properties (Vietnam) Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
ITCP Alberni Holdings Limited	Canada	(i) CAD4,760,100 common shares (ii) CAD3,875,788 preferred shares (2023: (i) CAD4,760,100 common shares (ii) CAD3,250,948 preferred shares)	100	100	Investment holding
Lion Speed Developments Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Securities and fund investments
Million Orient Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
More Cash	British Virgin Islands	US\$100 ordinary shares	60	60	Investment holding
New Realm Holdings Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	Singapore dollar 1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
Prime Paramount Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
Rank Ace Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Property investment

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42. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ registration/ establishment/ operation	Issued and fully paid share capital/ registered capital	Total attributable equity interest held by the Company		Principal activity
			2024 %	2023 %	
Rosedale Group Management Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 ordinary shares	100	100	Provision of management services
Rosedale Hotel Corporation Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Hotel management
Rosedale Hotel Kowloon Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Hotel management
Silver Infinite	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
Smart Eagle Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
Solid Riches Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
Success Well Investment Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 ordinary shares	100	100	Property investment
Top Century International Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1 ordinary share	100	100	Investment holding
Unique Way Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$2 ordinary shares	100	100	Investment holding
Utmost Sound Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$1,000 ordinary shares	72	72	Investment holding
三亞創新產業開發有限公司 (note (c))	PRC	RMB277,494,441	100	100	Property development

Notes:

- (a) The non-voting deferred shares, which are not held by the Group, carry no rights to (i) dividends, (ii) receive notice of or attend or vote at any general meeting of the company, and (iii) participate in any distribution on winding up practically.
- (b) This subsidiary was disposed of during the year ended 31 March 2024.
- (c) This subsidiary is a wholly foreign-owned enterprise established in the PRC.
- (d) Except ITC Properties Holdings Group Limited, ITC Properties Management Group Limited and Silver Infinite, all the above principal subsidiaries are indirectly held by the Company.

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42. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

None of the subsidiaries had any debt securities outstanding at the end of the reporting period or at any time during the year.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Company which, in the opinion of the Directors, principally affected the results or assets of the Group. Disclosing the details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the Directors, result in particulars of excessive length.

At the end of the reporting period, the Company has other subsidiaries that are not material to the Group. A majority of these subsidiaries operate in Hong Kong. The compositions and the principal activities of these subsidiaries are summarised as follows:

Principal activity	Country/place of incorporation/ establishment	Number of subsidiaries	
		2024	2023
Property holding and property redevelopment	Hong Kong/PRC/Canada/others	28	29
Hotel and leisure	Hong Kong/others	6	9
Securities investments	Others	1	1
Others	Hong Kong/PRC/Macau/others	74	79
		109	118

Details of non-wholly owned subsidiary that has material non-controlling interests

The table below shows details of non-wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company that have material non-controlling interests:

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ establishment/ operations	Proportion of ownership interests and voting rights held by non-controlling interests		Loss allocated to non-controlling interests		Accumulated non-controlling interests	
		31.3.2024	31.3.2023	2024	2023	31.3.2024	31.3.2023
		%	%	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
More Cash	British Virgin Islands	40	40	(35,616)	(4,734)	143,800	190,580
Individually immaterial subsidiaries with non-controlling interests				(1,801)	(917)	(5,146)	(3,476)
				(37,417)	(5,651)	138,654	187,104

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42. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Details of non-wholly owned subsidiary that has material non-controlling interests (Continued)

Summarised financial information in respect of each of the Group's subsidiaries that has material non-controlling interests is set out below. The summarised financial information below represents amounts before intragroup eliminations.

More Cash

	31.3.2024 HK\$'000	31.3.2023 HK\$'000
Current assets	14	15
Non-current assets	427,901	544,814
Current liabilities	(68,416)	(68,378)
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	215,699	285,871
Non-controlling interests	143,800	190,580
Revenue	–	–
Loss for the year	(89,041)	(11,835)
Loss attributable to owners of the Company	(53,425)	(7,101)
Loss attributable to the non-controlling interests	(35,616)	(4,734)
Loss for the year	(89,041)	(11,835)
Other comprehensive expense attributable to owners of the Company	(16,747)	(26,381)
Other comprehensive expense attributable to the non-controlling interests	(11,164)	(17,588)
Other comprehensive expense for the year	(27,911)	(43,969)
Total comprehensive expense attributable to owners of the Company	(70,172)	(33,482)
Total comprehensive expense attributable to the non-controlling interests	(46,780)	(22,322)
Total comprehensive expense for the year	(116,952)	(55,804)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	–	1
Net cash inflow from financing activities	–	–
Net cash inflow	–	1

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	For the year ended 31 March				
	2020 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Revenue	175,360	258,437	332,187	90,756	111,078
(Loss) profit before taxation	(972,033)	(692,246)	541,639	(152,420)	(756,502)
Taxation	29	28,216	(8,449)	(144)	74,199
(Loss) profit for the year	(972,004)	(664,030)	533,190	(152,564)	(682,303)
(Loss) profit attributable to:					
Owners of the Company	(971,000)	(662,160)	566,164	(146,913)	(644,886)
Non-controlling interests	(1,004)	(1,870)	(32,974)	(5,651)	(37,417)
	(972,004)	(664,030)	533,190	(152,564)	(682,303)

	As at 31 March				
	2020 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2023 HK\$'000	2024 HK\$'000
Total assets	7,891,649	6,599,447	6,710,096	5,675,772	4,749,897
Total liabilities	(3,829,785)	(3,106,996)	(2,505,327)	(1,880,309)	(1,681,137)
	4,061,864	3,492,451	4,204,769	3,795,463	3,068,760
Equity attributable to:					
Owners of the Company	4,060,285	3,491,146	3,994,332	3,608,359	2,930,106
Non-controlling interests	1,579	1,305	210,437	187,104	138,654
	4,061,864	3,492,451	4,204,769	3,795,463	3,068,760

SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES

Location	Approximate gross floor area (sq. ft.)	Lease term	Use	Stage of completion	Group's ownership
PROPERTIES HELD FOR SELF USE AND INVESTMENT					
250 Hennessy, No. 250 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong	55,600	Long	Office/Car parks	Completed	100%
The Westin Bayshore, 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	449,000	Freehold	Hotel/Conference/ Ancillary uses	Completed	50%
Portions of Dabiao International Centre, No. 362 Jiangnan Avenue South and No. 238 Changgang Zhong Road, Haizhu District, Guangzhou City, PRC	628,000	Medium	Commercial/Office/ Hotel/Car parks	Completed	45%
STOCK OF PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT					
18, 19 and 20 Greycoat Place, London, United Kingdom	43,239 (Gross site area approximately 6,098 sq. ft.)	Freehold	Residential/ Commercial	Completed	90.1%
Nos. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 31 Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan, Hong Kong	81,900 (note 1) (Gross site area approximately 9,100 sq. ft.)	Long	Residential/ Commercial	Demolition work completed	72%
Lote 2 to Lote 12 of One Oasis, Sky Oasis and Grand Oasis, Estrada de Seac Pai Van, Coloane, Macau	985,000 (note 2) (Gross site area approximately 302,000 sq. ft.)	Medium	Residential/ Commercial	Completed	35.5%
1444 Alberni Street, 711 Broughton Street and 740 Nicola Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	Proposed: 612,000 (Gross site area approximately 43,230 sq. ft.)	Freehold	Residential/ Commercial	Rezoning approved	28%
High Peak, No. 23 Po Shan Road, Mid-levels, Hong Kong	76,300 (note 2) (Gross site area approximately 15,000 sq. ft.)	Long	Residential	Completed	20%

Notes:

- (1) The gross floor area represents the area under the provisional basic terms for land exchange to residential and commercial land.
- (2) The gross floor area represents the remaining area of the project.

In this annual report, the following expressions have the following meanings unless otherwise specified:

Annual General Meeting	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 15/F., 250 Hennessy, 250 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Friday, 6 September 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
Board	the board of Directors
Bye-Laws	the bye-laws of the Company as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
CG Code	the corporate governance code set out in Part 2 of Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules
Company	ITC Properties Group Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 199)
Director(s)	the director(s) of the Company
Group	collectively, the Company and its subsidiaries
HK\$	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
Listing Rules	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
Macau	Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC
Model Code	the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules
PRC	the People's Republic of China, and for the purpose of this annual report, excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan
RMB	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
SFO	Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
Share(s)	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.01 each in the issued share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares of the Company, if any)
Shareholder(s)	holder(s) of the Share(s)
Share Option Scheme	the share option scheme of the Company adopted on 10 September 2021

DEFINITIONS

sq. ft.	square feet
Stock Exchange	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
substantial shareholder	has the same meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Rules
Year	the financial year ended 31 March 2024
%	per cent.

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