

# Imperium Financial Group Limited 帝國金融集團有限公司

(formerly known as "Sun International Group Limited" 前稱"太陽國際集團有限公司") (Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 8029)

# AUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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# AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Imperium Financial Group Limited (the "Company") hereby announces the audited consolidated financial results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively refer to as the "Group") for the year ended 31 March 2022 together with the comparative figures for the previous year as follows.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 March 2022

|  | Notes | 2022<br>HK\$'000   | 2021<br>HK\$'000  |
|--|-------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue<br>Direct costs  | 3     | 53,691<br>(15,896) | 63,724<br>(6,392) |
| Gross profit   |       | 37,795             | 57,332            |
| Other operating income   | 5     | 1,771              | 3,605             |
| (Provision for)/reversal of allowance for expected credit loss, net  | 6     | (17,663)           | 25,130            |
| Other gains and losses   | 7     | (34,233)           | (28,616)          |
| Administrative expenses  |       | (72,741)           | (72,052)          |
| Finance costs  | 8     | (18,192)           | (20,527)          |
| Fair value change of biological assets, net  | _     | (1,991)            | (22,324)          |
| Loss before taxation   | 9     | (105,254)          | (57,452)          |
| Income tax expense   | 10    | (909)              | (4,476)           |
| Loss for the year  | _     | (106,163)          | (61,928)          |
| <b>Other comprehensive (loss)/income:</b><br><i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>  |       |                    |                   |
| <ul><li>Fair value adjustment upon transfer of previously self-<br/>occupied properties to investment properties</li><li>Tax effect relating to fair value adjustment upon transfer<br/>of previously self-occupied properties to investment</li></ul> |       | -                  | 9,973             |
| properties<br>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or<br>loss:   |       | _                  | (5,561)           |
| Exchange differences arising on translation of financial   |       |                    | 0.021             |
| statements of foreign operations   | _     | (263)              | 8,931             |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year   | =     | (263)              | 13,343            |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company  | =     | (106,426)          | (48,585)          |
| Loss per share (HK cents)<br>Basic and diluted   | 12    | (4.67)             | (2.85)            |
|  | _     |                    | (2.00)            |

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2022

|   | Notes | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
|   |       | ΠΚΦ 000          | ΠΚΦ 000          |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS                          |       |                  |                  |
| Intangible assets                           |       | 500              | 928              |
| Property, plant and equipment               |       | 59,813           | 6,096            |
| Right-of-use assets                         |       | 1,063            | 3,018            |
| Investment properties                       |       | 45,464           | 43,240           |
| Other assets                                |       | 275              | 230              |
| Biological assets                           |       | 2,388            | 4,454            |
| Loan receivables                            | -     |                  | 7,563            |
|   | _     | 109,503          | 65,529           |
| CURRENT ASSETS                              |       |                  |                  |
| Loan receivables                            |       | 4,559            | 21,221           |
| Cryptocurrency                              |       | 20,542           | _                |
| Trade receivables                           | 13    | 2,831            | 19,470           |
| Advances to customers in margin financing   |       | 59,428           | 55,024           |
| Prepayments, deposits and other receivables |       | 6,966            | 3,182            |
| Tax recoverable                             |       | 578              | 209              |
| Cash and cash equivalents                   |       | 85,535           | 106,926          |
| Cash held on behalf of customers            | -     | 53,633           | 119,326          |
|   | _     | 234,072          | 325,358          |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES                         |       |                  |                  |
| Trade payables                              | 14    | 58,887           | 127,053          |
| Accruals and other payables                 |       | 39,941           | 29,516           |
| Amounts due to related companies            |       | 994              | 1,065            |
| Lease liabilities                           |       | 1,117            | 2,137            |
| Income tax payable                          | _     | 167              |                  |
|   | _     | 101,106          | 159,771          |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS                          | -     | 132,966          | 165,587          |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES       | -     | 242,469          | 231,116          |

|                          | Notes | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br>HK\$'000 |
|--------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES  |       |                  |                  |
| Promissory notes         |       | 167,382          | 162,320          |
| Deferred tax liabilities |       | 6,281            | 5,561            |
| Lease liabilities        | _     | 139              | 1,256            |
|                          | _     | 173,802          | 169,137          |
| NET ASSETS               | -     | 68,667           | 61,979           |
| EQUITY                   |       |                  |                  |
| Share capital            |       | 91,370           | 86,869           |
| Reserves                 | -     | (22,703)         | (24,890)         |
| TOTAL EQUITY             | _     | 68,667           | 61,979           |

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2022

## 1. GENERAL AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 11 July 2000 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (Revised) of Cayman Islands. Its shares are listed on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). As at the reporting date, the ultimate and immediate holding company of the Company is Fresh Success Investments Limited ("Fresh Success"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, and is beneficially owned by Mr. Cheng Ting Kong ("Mr. Cheng") (2021: the ultimate and immediate holding company of the Company is First Cheer Holdings Limited ("First Cheer"), a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, and is beneficially owned as to 50% by Mr. Chau Cheok Wa ("Mr. Chau") and as to 50% by Mr. Cheng).

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") which is same as the functional currency of the Company and all amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand (HK\$'000) except otherwise indicated.

During the year ended 31 March 2022, the Group was principally engaged in money lending, securities and futures brokerage, assets management services, properties investment, investment in stallions and cryptocurrency mining.

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 Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("GEM Listing Rules") and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for biological assets and investment properties which have been measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period.

#### Going concern basis

The Group incurred a net loss of approximately HK\$106,163,000 (2021: HK\$61,928,000) during the year ended 31 March 2022. The Group has sustained losses for ten consecutive years. The cumulative losses incurred by the Group for the ten years ended 31 March 2022 amounted to approximately HK\$2,101,735,000 (2021: nine years ended 31 March 2021 was approximately HK\$1,995,572,000).

The directors of the Company had reviewed the Group's cash flow forecast for a period of not less than twelve months from the date of approval of the consolidated financial statements and considered that as at 31 March 2022, the Group had promissory notes of approximately HK\$167,382,000 due to related companies which are beneficially owned and controlled by Mr. Cheng, the substantial shareholder of the Company which would be matured in January 2024 while the Group recorded cash and cash equivalents of approximately HK\$85,535,000 as at 31 March 2022.

### 1. GENERAL AND BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

#### Going concern basis (Continued)

These conditions cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. In view of such circumstances, the directors have given careful consideration to future liquidity and performance of the Group and its available sources of financing in assessing whether the Group will be able to finance its future working capital and finance requirements. Certain measures have been and will be taken to manage its liquidity need and to improve its financial position which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) The Group will continuously adopt strict monitoring process on repayment status of loan receivables, trade receivables and advances to customers in margin financing in order to ensure timely collection and improve its operating cash flows and financial position;
- (b) The Group will continuously take measures to tighten cost control over various costs to attain profit and operating cash inflows;
- (c) The Group will obtain continuous financial support from its substantial shareholder to meet its liabilities and obligations as and when they fall due; and
- (d) The Group will continue negotiate with its creditors for extension of its debts when fall due.

The directors are of the opinion that, taking into account and assuming (i) the above-mentioned plans and measures on the Group's operations; (ii) successful negotiation with the Group's creditors to extend the repayment date; and (iii) the financial support from its substantial shareholder, the Group would have sufficient working capital to finance its operations and to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due. Accordingly, the directors are of the opinion that it is appropriate to prepare the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 on a going concern basis. However, the eventual outcome of these matters cannot be estimated with reasonable certainty, hence there exists material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the Group may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

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

#### Amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual periods beginning on or after 1 April 2021 for the preparation of the unaudited consolidated financial statements:

| Amendment to HKFRS 16       | Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions                     |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Amendment to HKFRS 16       | Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021 |
| Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS | Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2              |
| 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and    |   |
| HKFRS 16                    |   |
|                             |   |

# 2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (CONTINUED)

In addition, the Group applied the agenda decision of the IFRS Interpretations Committee of the International Accounting Standards Board issued in June 2021 which clarified the costs an entity should include as "estimated costs necessary to make the sale" when determining the net realisable value of inventories.

The application of the amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

#### New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

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

| HKFRS 17                              | Insurance Contracts and the related Amendments <sup>2</sup>   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Amendments to HKFRS 3                 | Reference to the Conceptual Framework <sup>1</sup>  |
| Amendments to HKFRS 10 and<br>HKAS 28 | Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture <sup>3</sup>                                  |
| Amendments to HKAS 1                  | Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related<br>amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020) <sup>2</sup> |
| Amendments to HKAS 1 and              | Disclosure of Accounting Policies <sup>2</sup>  |
| HKFRS Practice Statement 2            |   |
| Amendments to HKAS 8                  | Definition of Accounting Estimates <sup>2</sup>   |
| Amendments to HKAS 12                 | Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction <sup>2</sup>                                       |
| Amendments to HKAS 16                 | Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use <sup>1</sup>   |
| Amendments to HKAS 37                 | Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract <sup>1</sup>  |
| Amendments to HKFRSs                  | Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018-2020 <sup>1</sup>  |

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.

The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of all new and amendments to HKFRSs will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements in the foreseeable future.

|   | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Povonue within the same of UKEDS 15 (Note):   |                  |                  |
| <b>Revenue within the scope of HKFRS 15 (Note):</b><br><i>Revenue from financial services</i> |                  |                  |
| Fees and commission income:   |                  |                  |
| - Securities  | 12,748           | 16,825           |
| – Futures   | 293              | 2,676            |
| – Fund and bond   | 76               | 116              |
| - Asset management fee income   | 60               | 60               |
|   | 13,177           | 19,677           |
|   |                  |                  |
| Revenue from equine services<br>Biological assets handling services income                    |                  | 7,610            |
| Stallions service income  | -<br>8,580       | 14,389           |
|   |                  |                  |
|   | 8,580            | 21,999           |
| Revenue from cryptocurrency business  |                  |                  |
| Sales of cryptocurrency   | 12,854           |                  |
|   | 34,611           | 41,676           |
| Revenue outside the scope of HKFRS 15:  |                  |                  |
| Interest income from cash and margin clients  | 10,558           | 13,200           |
| Interest income from loan receivables   | 6,796            | 8,848            |
| Rental income   | 1,726            |                  |
|   | 19,080           | 22,048           |
|   | 53,691           | 63,724           |
| Note:   |                  |                  |
| Revenue within the scope of HKFRS 15:   |                  |                  |
|   | 2022             | 2021             |
|   | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000         |
| <b>.</b>  |                  |                  |
| Recognised at a point in time   | 34,551           | 34,006           |
| Recognised over time  | 60               | 7,670            |
|   | 34,611           | 41,676           |

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## 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group determines its operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker (the "CODM"), for the purpose of monitoring segment performance and allocating resources between segments and that are used to make strategic decisions.

The Group has four operating and reportable segments – cryptocurrency business, financial service operations, equine service operations and properties investment operations. The segmentations are based on the information about the operations of the Group that management uses to make decisions.

The Group's operating and reportable segments are strategic business units that operate different activities. They are managed separately because each business has different markets and requires different marketing strategies.

Particulars of the Group's operating and reportable segments are summarised as follows:

| Cryptocurrency business | _ | Mining and sales of cryptocurrency   |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Financial services      | _ | provision of securities and futures brokerage, provision of margin<br>financing, asset management services and custodian services to<br>customers and engaging in money lending business |
| Equine services         | _ | provision of stallion services and investment in stallions   |
| Properties investment   | _ | rental income from investment properties in Australia  |

No operating segments have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable segments of the Group. Segment revenue reported as follow represents revenue generated from external customers. There was no inter-segment revenue for both years.

Segment results represent (loss incurred)/profit earned by each segment without allocation of central administrative expenses including directors' emoluments, certain other operating income, certain other gains and losses, certain administrative expenses and certain finance costs. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

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

- all assets are allocated to operating segments other than certain right-of-use assets, certain property, plant and equipment, certain prepayments, deposits and other receivables, certain cash and cash equivalents and tax recoverable that are not attributable to individual segments. Assets used jointly by individual segments are allocated on the basis of the revenues earned by individual segments; and
- all liabilities are allocated to operating segments other than promissory notes, certain accruals and other payables, certain lease liabilities that are not attributable to individual segments. Liabilities for which segments are jointly liable are allocated in proportion to segment assets.

# For the year ended 31 March 2022

|   | Cryptocurrency<br>business<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Equine<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Financial<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Properties<br>investment<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i>    |
|---|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Segment revenue   | 12,854  | 8,580                          | 30,531                            | 1,726                                | 53,691                      |
| Segment results   | (46,777)                                      | 617                            | (28,363)                          | 3,575                                | (70,948)                    |
| Unallocated corporate income<br>Unallocated finance costs<br>Unallocated corporate expenses |   |                                |                                   | -                                    | 326<br>(18,133)<br>(16,499) |
| Loss before taxation  |   |                                |                                   | _                                    | (105,254)                   |

# For the year ended 31 March 2022

Amounts included in the measurement of segment profit or loss or segment assets are as follows:

|   | Cryptocurrency<br>business<br>HK\$'000 | Equine<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Financial<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Properties<br>investment<br>HK\$'000 | Unallocated<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Impairment losses recognised in respect of            |  |                                |                                   |                                      |                         |                          |
| - Cryptocurrency                                      | (6,850)                                | -                              | -                                 | -                                    | -                       | (6,850)                  |
| - Property, plant and equipment                       | (33,473)                               | -                              | -                                 | -                                    | -                       | (33,473)                 |
| - Intangible assets                                   | -                                      | (312)                          | -                                 | -                                    | -                       | (312)                    |
| Provision for allowance for expected credit loss, net |  |                                |                                   |                                      |                         |                          |
| - advances to customers in margin financing           | -                                      | -                              | (8,757)                           | -                                    | -                       | (8,757)                  |
| - trade receivables                                   | -                                      | (285)                          | -                                 | -                                    | -                       | (285)                    |
| - loan receivables                                    | -                                      | -                              | (8,621)                           | -                                    | -                       | (8,621)                  |
| Provision for litigation claims                       | -                                      | -                              | (14,533)                          | -                                    | -                       | (14,533)                 |
| Realised gain on derecognition of                     |  |                                |                                   |                                      |                         |                          |
| cryptocurrency  | 2,930                                  | -                              | -                                 | -                                    | -                       | 2,930                    |
| Depreciation of                                       |  |                                |                                   |                                      |                         |                          |
| - property, plant and equipment                       | -                                      | (199)                          | (764)                             | -                                    | (981)                   | (1,944)                  |
| - right-of-use assets                                 | -                                      | -                              | (225)                             | -                                    | (1,730)                 | (1,955)                  |
| Amortisation of intangible assets                     | -                                      | (104)                          | -                                 | -                                    | -                       | (104)                    |
| Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)                      | 42                                     | (6)                            | 66                                | -                                    | (10)                    | 92                       |
| Finance costs   | -                                      | -                              | (59)                              | -                                    | (18,133)                | (18,192)                 |
| Fair value change of biological assets                | -                                      | (1,991)                        | -                                 | -                                    | -                       | (1,991)                  |
| Fair value change of investment property              | -                                      | -                              | -                                 | 2,474                                | -                       | 2,474                    |
| Addition to property, plant and equipment             | 124,011                                |                                | 61                                |                                      |                         | 124,072                  |

# As at 31 March 2022

|                     | Cryptocurrency<br>business<br>HK\$'000 | Equine<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Financial<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Properties<br>investment<br>HK\$'000 | Unallocated<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Segment assets      | 83,003                                 | 19,299                         | 187,148                           | 46,103                               | 8,022                   | 343,575                  |
| Segment liabilities | 832                                    | 20,923                         | 77,064                            | 6,709                                | 169,380                 | 274,908                  |

# For the year ended 31 March 2021

|   | Cryptocurrency<br>business<br>HK\$'000 | Equine<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Financial<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Properties<br>investment<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br><i>HK\$`000</i>               |
|---|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Segment revenue   |  | 21,999                         | 41,725                            |                                      | 63,724                                 |
| Segment results   |  | (27,821)                       | 7,699                             |                                      | (20,122)                               |
| Unallocated corporate income<br>Unallocated finance costs<br>Unallocated corporate expenses<br>Unallocated loss on early<br>redemption for promissory notes |  |                                |                                   |                                      | 742<br>(20,476)<br>(7,415)<br>(10,181) |
| Loss before taxation  |  |                                |                                   |                                      | (57,452)                               |

|   | Cryptocurrency<br>business<br>HK\$'000 | Equine<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Financial<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Properties<br>investment<br>HK\$'000 | Unallocated<br>HK\$'000     | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Impairment losses recognised in respect of                      |  |                                |                                   |                                      |                             |                          |
| – goodwill  | -                                      | -                              | (18,429)                          | -                                    | _                           | (18,429)                 |
| <ul> <li>intangible assets</li> </ul>                           | -                                      | (264)                          | -                                 | -                                    | _                           | (264)                    |
| Reversal/(provision) of allowance for expected credit loss, net |  |                                |                                   |                                      |                             |                          |
| - advances to customers in margin                               |  |                                |                                   |                                      |                             |                          |
| financing   | -                                      | -                              | (685)                             | -                                    | _                           | (685)                    |
| - trade receivables   | -                                      | 2,251                          | -                                 | -                                    | _                           | 2,251                    |
| – loan receivables  | -                                      | -                              | 23,564                            | -                                    | _                           | 23,564                   |
| Depreciation of   |  |                                |                                   |                                      |                             |                          |
| - property, plant and equipment                                 | _                                      | (2,170)                        | (916)                             | -                                    | (931)                       | (4,017)                  |
| - right-of-use assets   | _                                      | -                              | (744)                             | -                                    | (1,731)                     | (2,475)                  |
| Amortisation of intangible assets                               | -                                      | (188)                          | -                                 | -                                    | _                           | (188)                    |
| Loss on written off of property, plant and                      |  |                                |                                   |                                      |                             |                          |
| equipment   | _                                      | (2,723)                        | (377)                             | -                                    | _                           | (3,100)                  |
| Net foreign exchange gain                                       | -                                      | 23                             | 5                                 | -                                    | 230                         | 258                      |
| Finance costs   | -                                      | (12)                           | (39)                              | -                                    | (20,476)                    | (20,527)                 |
| Fair value change of biological assets                          | -                                      | (22,324)                       | _                                 | -                                    | -                           | (22,324)                 |
| Loss on early redemption for promissory                         |  |                                |                                   |                                      | (10,101)                    | (10,101)                 |
| notes   | _                                      | -                              | -                                 | -                                    | (10,181)                    | (10,181)                 |
| Addition to property, plant and equipment                       | _                                      | 88                             | 933                               | -                                    | 3,776                       | 4,797                    |
| Addition to right-of-use assets                                 |  |                                | 673                               |                                      |                             | 673                      |
| As at 31 March 2021   |  |                                |                                   |                                      |                             |                          |
|   | Cryptocurrency                         | Equine                         | Financial                         | Properties                           |                             |                          |
|   | business<br><i>HK\$'000</i>            | services<br>HK\$'000           | services<br>HK\$'000              | investment<br>HK\$'000               | Unallocated <i>HK\$'000</i> | Total<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
| Segment assets  |  | 21,739                         | 314,893                           | 43,240                               | 11,015                      | 390,887                  |
| Segment assets  |  |                                | 514,075                           | +3,240                               | 11,015                      | 590,007                  |

Segment liabilities

Segment revenue reported above represents revenue generated from external customers. There was no inter-segment revenue in the year.

25,167

132,264

5,561

165,916

328,908

## Information about major customers

No revenues from transactions with external customers accounted for 10% or more of the Group's total revenue for the years ended 31 March 2022 and 2021.

#### **Geographical analysis**

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The geographical location of revenue is based on the location of the operations:

|                        | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br>HK\$'000 |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Hong Kong<br>Australia | 43,385<br>10,306 | 41,725 21,999    |
|                        | 53,691           | 63,724           |

The geographical location of non-current assets other than financial assets is based on the physical location of assets.

|   | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| Hong Kong                                 | 5,506            | 9,145                   |
| Australia                                 | 48,115           | 48,591                  |
| Kazakhstan                                | 44,587           | _                       |
| The PRC                                   | 11,020           |                         |
|   | 109,228          | 57,736                  |
| OTHER OPERATING INCOME                    |                  |                         |
|   | 2022             | 2021                    |
|   | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000                |
| Bank interest                             | 2                | 87                      |
| Prize money from race horses              | _                | 139                     |
| Sundry income                             | 1,639            | 598                     |
| Imputed interest income on rental deposit | 66               | 58                      |
| Government grant (Note)                   | -                | 2,691                   |
| Bad debt recovered                        | 64               | 32                      |

*Note:* During the year ended 31 March 2021, the Group recognised government grants of approximately HK\$2,691,000 in respect of COVID-19 related subsidies provided by Hong Kong government. There were no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies relating to these government grants.

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#### 6. (PROVISION FOR)/REVERSAL OF ALLOWANCE FOR EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS

|  | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br><i>HK\$</i> '000 |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|
| (Provision for)/reversal of allowance for expected credit losses, net: |                  |                          |
| - Advances to customers in margin financing                            | (8,757)          | (685)                    |
| – Trade receivables  | (285)            | 2,251                    |
| – Loan receivables   | (8,621)          | 23,564                   |
|  | (17,663)         | 25,130                   |
| OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES   |                  |                          |
|  | 2022             | 2021                     |
|  | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000                 |
| Impairment loss recognised in respect of:                              |                  |                          |
| – Goodwill   | -                | 18,429                   |
| – Cryptocurrency   | 6,850            | -                        |
| - Property, plant and equipment  | 33,473           | -                        |
| – Intangible assets  | 312              | 264                      |
| Loss on early redemption for promissory notes                          | -                | 10,181                   |
| Net foreign exchange gain  | (92)             | (258)                    |
| Reversal in respect of provision of reinstatement cost                 | (906)            | _                        |
| Realised gain on derecognition of cryptocurrency (Note)                | (2,930)          | _                        |
| Fair value change of investment property                               | (2,474)          |                          |
|  | 34,233           | 28,616                   |

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Note: During the year ended 31 March 2022, the Group entered into agreements with third parties (the "Service Providers"), which to the best of the Company's directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, the Service Providers are independent third parties, in relation to the acquisition of certain cryptocurrency mining equipment from and the provision of relocation service of the cryptocurrency miner operating equipment to Kazakhstan by and cryptocurrency mining services by the Service Providers. The cryptocurrency used to settle (i) certain of the deposit paid, tariff and transportation cost for relocating cryptocurrency mining equipment and cryptocurrency miner operating costs of approximately HK\$8,152,000; and (ii) the acquisition of certain cryptocurrency mining equipment amounted to approximately HK\$4,741,000. The realised gain on derecognition of cryptocurrency represented the difference between the Group's cost of the cryptocurrency and the market value of the cryptocurrency at the time of the settlement of the payables to the Service Providers.

# 8. FINANCE COSTS

|   | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Effective interest expense on medium-term bonds<br>Effective interest expense on promissory notes | -<br>17,914      | 1,227<br>18,806  |
| Interest on lease liabilities   | 278              | 494              |
|   | 18,192           | 20,527           |

# 9. LOSS BEFORE TAXATION

Loss before taxation is arrived at after (crediting)/charging:

|  | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| Direct costs:  |                  |                         |
| – Cost of stud farm  | 534              | 1,903                   |
| - Fee and charges of securities brokerage  | 3,248            | 4,489                   |
| - Cost of cryptocurrency sold  | 12,114           |                         |
| Sub-total  | 15,896           | 6,392                   |
| Employee benefit expenses (including directors' remuneration):                             |                  |                         |
| – Directors' emoluments  | 5,565            | 4,522                   |
| - Other staff's salaries and other benefits  | 14,075           | 23,580                  |
| - Other staff's retirement benefit scheme contributions                                    | 531              | 1,447                   |
| Sub-total  | 20,171           | 29,549                  |
| Auditors' remuneration for:  |                  |                         |
| – Audit services   | 950              | 1,100                   |
| - Non-audit services   | 320              | 100                     |
| Sub-total  | 1,270            | 1,200                   |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment  | 36,875           | 4,017                   |
| Less: Depreciation expense capitalised in<br>cryptocurrency and recognised in direct costs | (34,931)         |                         |
|  | 1,944            | 4,017                   |

## 9. LOSS BEFORE TAXATION (CONTINUED)

|  | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Amortisation of intangible asset                             | 104              | 188              |
| Provision for litigation claims                              | 14,533           | _                |
| Provision for reinstatement cost                             | -                | 3,863            |
| Tariff and transportation cost for relocating cryptocurrency |                  |                  |
| mining equipment (Note)                                      | 7,085            | _                |
| Insurance  | 3,766            | 3,093            |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets                          | 1,955            | 2,475            |
| Loss on written off of property, plant and equipment         |                  | 3,100            |
| Gross rental income from investment properties<br>Less:      | (1,726)          | _                |
| Direct operating expenses incurred for investment properties |                  |                  |
| that generated rental income during the year                 | 619              |                  |
| _  | (1,107)          |                  |

*Note:* Approximately HK\$6,971,000 of tariff and transportation cost for relocation of cryptocurrency mining equipment was settled by cryptocurrency (note 7) and remaining settled by cash.

### **10. INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

|   | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br><i>HK\$</i> '000 |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|
| Current tax:<br>– Hong Kong Profits Tax<br>– Other than Hong Kong | _<br>167         | 1,985                    |
| Under-provision in prior years:<br>– Hong Kong Profits Tax        | -                | 2,491                    |
| Deferred tax  | 742              |                          |
| Income tax expense  | 909              | 4,476                    |

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2,000,000 of profits of the qualifying group entity are taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2,000,000 are taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime are taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions in which the Group operates is calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the year at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

## **10. INCOME TAX EXPENSE** (*CONTINUED*)

The Group's cryptocurrency business is subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax for the year ended 31 March 2022, of which the Group recorded a tax loss of approximately HK\$17,621,000. Accordingly, no tax expense and provision was made for the cryptocurrency business for the year ended 31 March 2022. The tax loss is not yet agreed by the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department up to the date of approval of the consolidated financial statements.

Income tax expense for the year can be reconciled to the loss before taxation per the consolidated statement of profit or loss as follows:

|   | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Loss before taxation  | (105,254)        | (57,452)         |
| Tax credit at the Hong Kong Profits Tax rate of 16.5%                 | (17,367)         | (9,480)          |
| Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purposes                     | (730)            | (457)            |
| Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes                | 10,020           | 8,516            |
| Tax effect of different tax rates for subsidiaries operating in other |                  |                  |
| jurisdictions   | 1,100            | (2,539)          |
| Under-provision in prior years  | -                | 2,491            |
| Tax effect of tax losses not recognised                               | 8,210            | 8,513            |
| Utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised                   | (324)            | (2,393)          |
| One-off tax reduction of Hong Kong Profit Tax by Inland               |                  |                  |
| Revenue Department  | -                | (10)             |
| Tax relief on 8.25% on first HK\$2 million of assessable profits      |                  | (165)            |
| Income tax expense  | 909              | 4,476            |

#### 11. DIVIDEND

No dividend was paid, declared or proposed by the board of directors of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022 (2021: HK\$Nil).

## 12. LOSS PER SHARE

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

|  | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| Loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company for the<br>purposes of basic and diluted loss per share        | (106,163)        | (61,928)                |
|  | 2022<br>'000     | 2021<br>'000            |
| Number of shares<br>Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of<br>basic and diluted loss per share | 2,275,007        | 2,171,732               |

In calculating diluted loss per share, no adjustment was made in respect of the share options outstanding during the year ended 31 March 2021 as these share options were anti-dilutive during the year.

No diluted earnings per share for the year ended 31 March 2022 were presented as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue.

#### **13. TRADE RECEIVABLES**

|   | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Trade receivables   | 4,195            | 4,327            |
| Less: allowance for expected credit losses                    | (4,085)          | (3,821)          |
|   | 110              | 506              |
| Accounts receivables from brokers, dealers and clearing house | 2,721            | 18,964           |
|   | 2,831            | 19,470           |

Accounts receivables from brokers, dealers and clearing house are due and settled on two business days after the trade date and denominated in HK\$. Therefore, no aging analysis is disclosed.

## **13. TRADE RECEIVABLES** (CONTINUED)

The following is an aging analysis of trade receivables (excluding accounts receivables from brokers, dealers and clearing house) net of allowance for expected credit losses, presented based on invoice date, at the end of the reporting period:

|                | 2022     | 2021     |
|----------------|----------|----------|
|                | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Within 30 days | 110      | 385      |
| 31-60 days     |          | 121      |
|                | 110      | 506      |

The average credit period on the trade receivables is 30–90 days. The carrying amounts of the trade receivables are mainly denominated in HK\$ and AUD. The age of trade receivables which are overdue but not impaired was as follows:

|                        | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br>HK\$'000 |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Overdue within 30 days |                  | 121              |

These balances related to a number of customers that have good track record with the Group. Based on past experience, management believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of these balances as there has not been significant change in credit quality and the balances are still considered fully recoverable. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

The following table shows the movement in allowance for credit losses that has been recognised for trade receivables under the simplified approach:

|                                      | Lifetime ECL<br>(not credit-<br>impaired)<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Lifetime<br>ECL (credit-<br>impaired)<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br><i>HK\$`000</i> |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| As at 1 April 2020                   | 372  | 4,632   | 5,004                           |
| Movement during the year             | (174)  | (2,077)   | (2,251)                         |
| Foreign currency realignment         | 79   | 989   | 1,068                           |
| As at 31 March 2021 and 1 April 2021 | 277  | 3,544   | 3,821                           |
| Movement during the year             | (441)  | 726   | 285                             |
| Foreign currency realignment         | 252  | (273)   | (21)                            |
| As at 31 March 2022                  | 88   | 3,997   | 4,085                           |

## 14. TRADE PAYABLES

|   | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| Trade payables<br>Accounts payables to clients and clearing house | 1,072<br>57,815  | 432 126,621             |
|   | 58,887           | 127,053                 |

Majority of the accounts payables to clients are repayable on demand except where certain accounts payables to clients represent deposits received from clients for their securities trading activities under normal course of business. Only the excess amounts over the required margin deposits are repayable on demand.

Accounts payables to clients and clearing house include those payables placed in trust accounts with authorised institutions of approximately HK\$53,633,000 (2021: HK\$119,326,000) and placed in securities and futures dealers of approximately HK\$2,538,000 (2021: HK\$8,528,000). Amount due to clearing house of approximately HK\$10,832,000 (2021: HK\$28,535,000) has been offset against a corresponding amount due from the clearing house.

No aging analysis for accounts payables to clients and clearing house is disclosed as in the opinion of the directors of the Company, the aging analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of the business.

The Group has a practice to satisfy all the requests for payments immediately within the credit period.

Except for the accounts payables to clients which bear interest at 0.001% per annum as at 31 March 2022 (2021: 0.001%), all the trade payables are non-interest bearing.

The following is an aging analysis of trade payables (excluding accounts payables to clients and clearing house), presented based on invoice date, at the end of reporting period:

|                | 2022<br>HK\$'000 | 2021<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Within 30 days | 741              | 225                     |
| 31–90 days     | 311              | 154                     |
| 91–120 days    | 20               | 53                      |
|                | 1,072            | 432                     |

The average credit period on trade payables is 90 days (2021: 90 days). The Group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure all payables are settled within the credit period.

# MATERIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN UNAUDITED AND AUDITED ANNUAL RESULTS

Pursuant to the financial information contained in the unaudited annual results announcement of the Company dated 30 June 2022 (the "Unaudited Annual Results Announcement") was neither audited by nor agreed with the auditors of the Company as at the date of its publication and subsequent adjustments have been made to such information, shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to pay attention to certain differences between the financial information of the unaudited and audited annual results of the Group. Set forth below are details and reasons for the material differences in such financial information.

## **Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

|  | For the year ended 31 March 2022<br>Audited Unaudited Difference |           |          |       |
|--|--|-----------|----------|-------|
|  | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000 | Notes |
| (Provision for)/reversal of allowance for                            |  |           |          |       |
| expected credit loss, net  | (17,663)   | (12,808)  | (4,855)  | 1     |
| Loss before taxation   | (105,254)  | (100,399) | (4,855)  |       |
|  |  |           |          |       |
| Income tax expense   | (909)  | (742)     | (167)    | 2     |
| Loss for the year  | (106,163)  | (101,141) | (5,022)  |       |
| <b>Loss for the year attributable to:</b><br>– Owners of the Company | (106,163)  | (101,141) | (5,022)  |       |
| - Owners of the company  | (100,105)  | (101,141) | (3,022)  |       |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year attributable to:               |  |           |          |       |
| – Owners of the Company  | (106,426)  | (101,404) | (5,022)  |       |
| Loss per share (HK cents)  |  |           |          |       |
| Basic and diluted  | (4.67)   | (4.45)    | (0.22)   |       |

# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

|  | At 31 March 2022 |           |            |       |
|--|------------------|-----------|------------|-------|
|  | Audited          | Unaudited | Difference |       |
|  | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000   | Notes |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS                                 |                  |           |            |       |
| Loan receivables                                   | —                | 1,537     | (1,537)    | 1     |
| CURRENT ASSETS                                     |                  |           |            |       |
| Loan receivables                                   | 4,559            | 6,537     | (1,978)    | 1     |
| Advances to customers in margin financing          | 59,428           | 60,768    | (1,340)    | 1     |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES                                |                  |           |            |       |
| Income tax payable                                 | 167              | _         | 167        | 2     |
| <b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b><br>Promissory notes | 167,382          | 177,658   | 10,276     | 1     |
| EQUITY<br>Reserves                                 | (22,703)         | (27,957)  | 5,254      |       |

Notes:

1. The differences were due to finalisation of valuations. As a result of, there was

- a. an increase in provision for allowance for expected credit loss recognised and decrease in carrying amount of loan receivables and advances to customers in margin financing.
- b. a decrease in carrying amount of promissory notes and increase in capital contribution reserves included in the reserves.
- 2. The difference was mainly due to the recognition of income tax expenses. As a result of this adjustment, there was an increase in income tax expenses and carrying amount of income tax payables.

Save as disclosed in this announcement and corresponding adjustments related to the above differences, all other information contained in the Unaudited Annual Results Announcement remains materially unchanged.

# EXTRACT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The following is an extract from the independent auditors' report on the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022:

# **OPINION**

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 March 2022, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

# **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the "Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# MATERIAL UNCERTAINTIES RELATED TO GOING CONCERN

We draw attention to note 3(a) to the consolidated financial statements which indicates that the Group incurred a net loss of approximately HK\$106,163,000 for the year ended 31 March 2022. This condition, along with other matters as set forth in note 3(a) to the consolidated financial statements, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubts about the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# **Review of Financial Performance**

The Group recorded revenue of approximately HK\$53,691,000 for the year ended 31 March 2022 which was decreased 15.7% compared to revenue of approximately HK\$63,724,000 in the last financial year. The revenue was mainly generated from the subsidiaries engaging in money lending, securities, asset management services, investment in stallions and cryptocurrency business.

The direct costs were increased to approximately HK\$15,896,000 from approximately HK\$6,392,000 recorded during last year. Administrative expenses made an increase of 1.0% to approximately HK\$72,741,000 compared to HK\$72,052,000 in 2021.

The net loss of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022 was approximately HK\$106,163,000 as compared with the net loss of approximately HK\$61,928,000 of the last financial year. The main reason for such loss is the impairment of cryptocurrency mining machines and provision of allowance for expected credit loss.

# **Gearing Ratio**

The gearing ratio, is calculated as borrowings divided by total equity, was approximately 244% (2021: 267%).

## **Capital Structure**

As at 31 March 2022, the total number of issued ordinary shares of the Company was 2,284,254,768 shares (2021: 2,171,732,000 shares).

## **Employee Information**

The total number of employees was 43 as at 31 March 2022 (2021: 41), and the total remuneration for the year ended 31 March 2022 was approximately HK\$20,171,000 (2021: HK\$29,549,000). The Group's remuneration policy for senior executives is basically performance-linked. Staff benefits, including medical coverage and mandatory provident fund, are also provided to employees where appropriate. Discretionary bonus is linked to performance of the individual on case by case basis. The Group may offer share options to reward employees who make significant contributions, in order to retain key and crucial staff. The remuneration policy of the Group is reviewed and approved by the Remuneration Committee as well as by the Board.

# Foreign Exchange Exposure

The income and expenditure of the Group are denominated in Hong Kong Dollars, US Dollars, Renminbi, Kazakhstan Tenge and Australian Dollars. The Company has not entered into any foreign exchange hedging arrangement. The management is required to monitor the Group's foreign exchange exposure by closely monitoring the movement of foreign currency rates. The Group may use financial tools such as foreign exchange forward contracts, dual currency options etc. to manage the foreign exchange risks.

## Revenue

Revenue represents the net amounts in respect of equine services income, securities and future brokerage commission, asset management fee income, loan interest income, rental income from operating leases and disposal of cryptocurrency assets sales recognised by the Group during the year.

## Dividend

No final dividend was proposed by the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2022 (2021: HK\$Nil).

## **Business Review**

The Group has been operating in the equine business for years and the result is disappointing. As a result, the Board disposed one of the subsidiaries in the equine segment (completed in July 2019).

On 31 March 2021 there was further restructure of the Group's equine segment.

On 30 April 2021, the Group completed the purchase of the equipment for cryptocurrency mining and started its cryptocurrency business.

# **Equine services**

Following the disposal of Sun Kingdom Pty Ltd in July 2019, there was further restructure of the equine business. On 31 March 2021, the Group leased out certain land and farm in Australia, which was previously self-occupied and operated in the equine segment, to an independent third party. In addition, the independent third party will manage the Stallions held by the Group under certain profit share scheme. The Board believes after such restructure, both the performance and cash flow of the equine segment would be improved.

# **Financial services**

Following the US-China trade dispute, rising of protectionism, worldwide political uncertainties, outbreak and continuous of COVID-19, and fluctuation of capital and stock market. The board was prudent on the financial services segment, especially the money lending business, to avoid any potential risks to the Group. As a result, the revenue and profit from the financial services decreased as compared from the corresponding period in the previous fiscal year. The management of the Group would review and adjust business strategies on a regular basis with a prudent and balanced risk management approach so as to cope with the current unpredictable economic situation.

# **Cryptocurrency mining**

On 30 April 2021, Extra Blossom Holdings Limited ("Extra Blossom"), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, has completed acquiring certain amount of cryptocurrency mining machines. The consideration for the acquisition was satisfied by allotting and issuing 112,522,768 Consideration shares under General Mandate granted at the annual general meeting of the Group on 25 September 2020. By entering into the cryptocurrency/blockchain business, the Board believes it can provide a long term and stable income to the Group. In light of the statement made by the State Council's Financial Stability and Development Committee of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") on 21 May 2021 on Bitcoin mining and trading activities. In order to support and follow the direction of the PRC Government, on 24 May 2021 the Group instructed the relevant service provider to suspend the cryptocurrency miner operating service. The operation of the cryptocurrency business has relocated in Kazakhstan since July 2021. Given the electricity supply and political status in Kazakhstan is not stable since such relocation, the performance of cryptocurrency business was affected on certain level. The management of the Group would pay attention to the operation and seek for opportunity to maximize the performance of cryptocurrency business segment.

# **Financial Review**

# Liquidity, Financial Resources and Capital Structure

As at 31 March 2022, the Group had current assets of approximately HK\$234,072,000 (2021: HK\$325,358,000). The Group's current ratio, calculated on the basis of current assets over current liabilities of approximately HK\$101,106,000 (2021: HK\$159,771,000) was at level of approximately 2.32:1 (2021: 2.04:1). The bank balances as at 31 March 2022 was approximately HK\$85,535,000 as compared to the balance of approximately HK\$106,926,000 as at 31 March 2021.

With the amount of liquid assets on hand, the management is of the view that the Group has sufficient financial resources to meet its ongoing operational requirements.

# **Results** Analysis

During the financial year ended 31 March 2022, we continued our business on different categories such as development of financial services businesses including securities, assets management and money lending services, stallion breeding service, operating leases and cryptocurrency business.

# **Operation**

Stable revenue will be expected from equine services, financial services, operating leases and cryptocurrency sales for the coming year as the Group will continue to take every effort on expanding potential market shares for the existing businesses.

# The finance costs

The Group recorded finance costs of approximately HK\$18,192,000 (2021: HK\$20,527,000) for the year ended 31 March 2022, representing a decrease of 11.4% compared to that in the last financial year. The finance costs was mainly for effective interest expense on promissory notes.

# Loss attributable to owners of the Company

For the current financial year, the Group recorded a loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$106,163,000 (2021: HK\$61,928,000).

# Prospects

Following the US-China trade dispute and the outbreak of COVID-19, the global economy and consumer confidence have been adversely affected. These two incidents have occurred more than 2 years and have a impact on our 2022 financial results and our development plan. The management foresees that there is full of challenging in 2022. On the other hand, this presents both opportunities and challenges for the financial services segment. The continuous liberalization of the PRC financial market and its integration with the Hong Kong financial market would provide opportunities for the Group to offer more professional services to investors and small and medium sized enterprises in China. However, the results of the Group's financial services segment would be heavily influenced by the performance of the stock markets in China and Hong Kong.

The Group would continue to use its best endeavor to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the operation. Moreover, the Board would seek opportunities to establish strategic alliance to accelerate the growth of its businesses, to rebalance its business portfolio and to strengthen its financial position so as to create value for shareholders.

# **Risk Factors**

# Uncertainty on Market Trend of Sales

The market for sales of thoroughbred horses in Australia is mainly through regular seasonal auctions. Its selling price is uncertain and is highly affected by both the trend of global market as well as the reputation of the horses with different sire/dam and/or champion records.

# Continuous expansion requires long term capital financing

The development of equine related services requires additional capital to finance these activities. These projects are often mid to long term nature, probably over 1 year. Therefore, stable source of long term financing with low cost of borrowing is critical to our future capital investment in the equine services business.

There is no assurance that we can obtain the stable source of long term capital with low cost.

# **Country Risk**

The equine services business is mainly operated in Australia. Being one of the emerging markets, Australia's equine services definitely provide many potential opportunities to investors dedicating to equine industry. In the meantime, the uncertainties of their political, social and economic policies are considered to be relatively small. There is no assurance that the current favorable policies remain unchanged in the near future. The future changes at the country level probably may have adverse effect to our business.

The cryptocurrency business is currently operated in Kazakhstan. Given the cryptocurrency and energy market is changing rapidly, the board will closely monitor the cryptocurrency business operation in Kazakhstan.

# Uncertainty on Volatility of Stock Market

Global stock market is still faced with various uncertainties of different political and economic circumstances. The expected return on the services of the securities trading and assets management will be greatly influenced by the volatility of the stock market which tends to be highly unpredictable.

# Uncertainty on Volatility of cryptocurrency asset value

The group has entered the cryptocurrency business in this financial year. However, the volatility of cryptocurrency asset value is huge and dominant by the market.

# **OUTLOOK AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Board has always tried its best to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the operation so as to enhance the Group's value.

## **Business Development**

Following the acquisition of Imperium International Securities Limited (formerly known as "Sun International Securities Limited") and Imperium International Asset Management Limited (formerly known as "Sun International Asset Management Limited") in February 2016, the Group had successfully diversify the business segments into the financial services including provision of type 1 (dealing in securities), type 2 (dealing in future contracts), type 4 (advising on securities), type 5 (advising on future contracts) and type 9 (asset management) regulated activities under the SFO in Hong Kong. The Group has successfully secured several mandates for placement, services of several seasoned investment manager and other corporate finance activities. Furthermore, in November 2015, the Group had acquired a money lending business with principal activities in equity financing, equity mortgage and corporate finance.

In light of the above acquisitions, the Group is able to diversify its business segments by entering into the financial services segment so as to further enhance its revenue sources as well as to bring positive return to the Group.

On 31 January 2018, the Company had completed the acquisition of Imperium Financial Limited (formerly known as "Sun Finance Company Limited") which was a licensed money lender. The Board considered the proposed acquisition represents a good opportunity for the Group to strengthen the development of money lending business.

On 18 February 2021, the Group has published a memorandum of understanding announcement regarding the purchase of cryptocurrency machines (which was revised later, together with another purchase of cryptocurrency machines transaction completed on 30 April 2021). The Board believes that the entering into the cryptocurrency business can diversify the development of the group by investing in a new business.

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

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the year ended 31 March 2022.

# SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings ("Code of Conduct") set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, all directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standard of dealings and the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by directors adopted by the Company.

# **BOARD PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES**

The Company has complied with Rules 5.34 to 5.45 of the GEM Listing Rules concerning board practices and procedures throughout the year ended 31 March 2022.

# **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There is no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Articles of Association, or the laws of the Cayman Islands, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro-rata basis to existing shareholders.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Group is committed to promoting high standards of corporate governance. The Directors believe that sound and reasonable corporate governance practices are essential for the growth of the Group and for safeguarding the shareholders' interests and the Group's assets.

The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report (the "CG Code and Report") in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules. Throughout the year ended 31 March 2022 and up to the date of this report to the best knowledge of the Board, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company established an audit committee ("Audit Committee") on 29 November 2000 with written terms of reference in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules. During the year under review, the audit committee comprises three members, Mr. Tou Kin Chuen, Mr. Chan Tin Lup, Trevor and Mr. Jim Ka Shun. All of them are independent non-executive Directors of the Company and Mr. Tou Kin Chuen was appointed as the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process, risk management system and internal control systems of the Group so as to provide advice and comments thereon to the Board of Directors. 6 audit committee meetings were held during the year.

The Group's annual results for the year ended 31 March 2022 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee, which is of the opinion that the preparation of such consolidated financial statements complies with applicable accounting standards, the GEM Listing Rules, and that adequate disclosures have been made.

# **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The Company established a remuneration committee ("Remuneration Committee") on 18 March 2005. During the year under review, the Remuneration Committee comprised three members, Mr. Chan Tin Lup, Trevor, Mr. Tou Kin Chuen and Mr. Jim Ka Shun. All of them are independent non-executive Directors and Mr. Chan Tin Lup, Trevor was appointed as the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee.

The principal responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee include making recommendations to the Board on the Group's policy and structure in relation to the remuneration of the Directors and senior management and reviewing the specific remuneration packages of all executive Directors and senior management by reference to corporate goals and objectives resolved by the Board from time to time.

# **REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The auditing process for the annual results for the year ended 31 March 2022 has not been completed due to travel restrictions in force in parts of the PRC and quarantine measures imposed by the relevant authorities to combat the latest wave of COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak. The unaudited annual results contained herein have not been agreed with the Company's auditors. An announcement relating to the audited results will be made when the auditing process has been completed in accordance with the Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited annual results contained herein.

Following the completion of the auditing process, the Company will issue further announcement(s) in relation to the audited results for the year ended 31 March 2022 as agreed by the Company's auditors and the material differences (if any) as compared with the unaudited annual results contained herein. Based on the information currently available to the Company, the Company estimates that the audited annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022 will be published on or before 29 July 2022. In addition, the Company will issue further announcement(s) as and when necessary if there is other material development in the completion of the auditing process.

# PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

This audited annual results announcement is published on the websites of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company at www.8029.hk. The annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules is to be despatched to the Company's Shareholders and made available for review on the same websites in due course.

By Order of the Board Imperium Financial Group Limited Cheng Ting Kong Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 July 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises four executive Directors, namely, Mr. Cheng Ting Kong, Ms. Cheng Mei Ching, Mr. Lui Man Wah and Mr. Chim Tak Lai and three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Chan Tin Lup, Trevor, Mr. Tou Kin Chuen and Mr. Jim Ka Shun.