

## NANYANG HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

Interim Report 2003

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 ${f T}$ he Board of Directors of Nanyang Holdings Limited is pleased to announce that the unaudited Group results for the six months ended 30th June 2003 showed a profit of HK\$21.4 million (2002 : loss of HK\$12.2 million as restated). The current period's profit was due to contribution from portfolio investments. Earnings per share was HK\$0.46 (2002 : loss per share HK\$0.26 as restated).

## **Business Review**

### **Textile Operations**

Profits at the Company's 64.7% joint venture in Shanghai, Shanghai Sung Nan Textile Company Limited, declined substantially in the first six months of this year due to increase in the price of cotton and the very soft market in the U.S.A.

Southern Textile Company Limited, the Company's 45% joint venture in Shenzhen, performed satisfactorily and should continue to contribute. The occupancy at the company's main asset, a factory building, was affected briefly by SARS and now has recovered.

### **Real Estate**

During the first half of 2003, the outbreak of SARS and the weak local economy affected the office rental market. At the moment, of the 290,000 sq.ft. of industrial/office space the Company holds at Nanyang Plaza, 89.8% is leased. Occupancy and rental rates at the building declined and are expected to continue to be pressured in the second half due to competition from the other prime office buildings in the area.

### **Trading Investments**

World equity markets which were down slightly during the first quarter of this year have since rebounded with impressive gains. We made certain adjustments to our investment strategy by increasing equities, reducing bond holdings and shortening the maturity of the bonds we are holding. For the six months ended June 2003, the Company's investment portfolios increased by 4.8%. In July and August, the performance of the portfolios continued to improve. Presently, we are still maintaining a relatively conservative posture for our investment portfolios. As at the end of August 2003, approximately 39% of the funds were invested in equities of which 59% was in the U.S. market, 17% in alternative strategies, 20% in bonds and the balance of 24% in cash and money market instruments.

#### **Financial Position**

As at 30th June 2003, the Company had net current assets of HK\$364 million with no external borrowings (31/12/2002: HK\$353 million).

## **Chairman and New Director**

At the Board meeting held earlier today, it was resolved that Mr. Rudolf Bischof who has been a Director of the Company since 1998, be appointed as the Chairman of the Company. It was also resolved that Ms. Jennie Chen, the Company's Financial Controller, be appointed as a new Director.

## Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Shares

During the period, the Company has purchased a total of 141,500 shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, all of which have been subsequently cancelled. The Directors consider that the repurchase of shares will benefit the shareholders by enhancing the net assets per share. Such repurchases were as follows:

	Number of shares	Price paid	per share	Amount paid before
Month of repurchase	purchased	Highest HK\$	Lowest HK\$	expenses HK\$
2003				
January	20,000	4.80	4.65	94,500
February	20,000	4.65	_	93,000
March	10,000	4.65	_	46,500
April	7,000	4.70	4.50	31,900
May	30,500	5.70	5.10	159,950
June	54,000	5.70	5.40	304,500
	141,500			730,350

Saved as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any shares of the Company during the period.

## **Directors' Interests**

As at 30th June 2003, the interests of the Directors and Chief Executive in the share capital of the Company as recorded in the Register of Directors'/Chief Executive's Interests and Short Positions maintained under Section 352 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance were as follows:-

#### Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each of the Company

Name	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Other interests	Total	% of the issued share capital
Y. C. Wang	3,625,446	-	_	_	3,625,446	7.855
H. C. Yung	10,701,944	30,000	5,500,000 (Note)	_	16,231,944	35.170
Lincoln C. K. Yung	2,240,000	10,000	-	-	2,250,000	4.875
Sir Sidney Gordon (resigned as a Director with effect from Ist August, 2003)	11,000	_	_	_	11,000	0.024
Rudolf Bischof	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	0.217

*Note:* As stated below, Mr. H. C. Yung is taken to be interested in the same 5,500,000 shares owned by a substantial shareholder, Tankard Shipping Co. Inc. pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

During the period, the Company has not granted to any Directors, Chief Executive or their respective spouses and children under 18 years of age any rights to subscribe for shares of the Company.

At no time during the period was the Company or its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors or Chief Executive or any of their spouses or children under 18 years of age to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

## **Substantial Shareholders**

As at 30th June 2003, the Register of Substantial Shareholders' Interests and Short Positions maintained under Section 336 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance shows that the following party, other than those of the Directors as disclosed above, was interested in five per cent. or more of the issued share capital of the Company:-

		% of the issued
	Number of shares	share capital
Tankard Shipping Co. Inc.	5,500,000 (Note)	11.917

*Note:* Mr. H. C. Yung is taken to be interested in the same 5,500,000 shares owned by Tankard Shipping Co. Inc. pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

## **Corporate Governance**

None of the Directors of the Company is aware of any information that would reasonably indicate that the Company is not, or was not for any part of the six months ended 30th June 2003, in compliance with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Listing Rules"), except that the non-executive directors have not been appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company.

## **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal controls and financial reporting matters including a review of the unaudited condensed interim accounts for the six months ended 30th June 2003 with the directors.

## **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT** FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2003

	Note	Una Six months en 2003 HK\$'000	udited ded 30th June As restated 2002 HK\$'000
Turnover	2	42,256	2,995
Direct costs		(6,682)	(5,883)
Gross profit/(loss)		35,574	(2,888)
Administrative expenses		(17,446)	(15,853)
Other operating expenses		(1,663)	(2,400)
Operating profit/(loss)	3	16,465	(21,141)
Finance costs		(162)	(128)
Share of profits of jointly controlled entities		6,262	10,254
Profit/(loss) before taxation		22,565	(11,015)
Taxation	4	(1,206)	(1,193)
Profit/(loss) for the period		21,359	(12,208)
Earnings/(loss) per share	6	HK\$0.46	(HK\$0.26)

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2003

	Note	Unaudited 30th June 2003 HK\$'000	As restated Audited 31st December 2002 HK\$'000
Non-current assets Fixed assets	7	291,419	291,818
Investments in jointly controlled entities	7	101,223	95,088
Non-trading investments		36,414	35,174
Deferred tax assets		131	114
		429,187	422,194
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	8	31,851	6,508
Trading investments Tax recoverable		350,578 557	329,783 556
Bank balances and cash		32,920	71,802
		415,906	408,649
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	50,944	34,772
Tax payable Short term bank loans, secured		754	642 20,000
Short term bank loans, secured			
		51,698	55,414
Net current assets		364,208	353,235
		793,395	775,429
Financed by:			
Share capital	10	4,614	4,628
Reserves	11	781,656	759,645
Proposed dividend			4,628
Shareholders' funds		786,270	768,901
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities		7,125	6,528
		793,395	775,429

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2003

	Una Six months en 2003 HK\$'000	udited ded 30th June As restated 2002 HK\$'000
Opening balance - Total equity, as previously reported	775,315	856,062
Effect of adopting SSAP 12 (revised) (Note 1)	(6,414)	(5,542)
Opening balance - Total equity, as restated	768,901	850,520
Investments revaluation surplus	1,363	39
Exchange translation differences	_	(54)
Net profit/(loss) not recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account	1,363	(15)
Profit/(loss) for the period	21,359	(12,208)
Dividends	(4,622)	(4,650)
Shares repurchased and cancelled	(731)	(854)
Closing balance - Total equity	786,270	832,793

## **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT** FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2003

	Unau Six months end <b>2003</b> <b>HK\$'000</b>	ndited ded 30th June 2002 HK\$'000
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(16,235)	(24,022)
Net cash inflow from investing activities	2,705	3,575
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities	(25,352)	4,496
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	-	(24)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(38,882)	(15,975)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January	71,802	95,708
Cash and cash equivalents at 30th June	32,920	79,733

Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents:

Bank balances and cash	32,920	79,733

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM ACCOUNTS

#### **1** Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The unaudited consolidated condensed interim accounts ("interim accounts") are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 25 "Interim Financial Reporting", issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants ("HKSA").

The condensed interim accounts should be read in conjunction with the 2002 annual financial accounts.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these condensed interim accounts are consistent with those used in the annual accounts for the year ended 31st December 2002 except that the Group has adopted SSAP 12 (revised) "Income taxes" issued by the HKSA which is effective for accounting periods commencing on or after 1st January 2003.

The change to the Group's accounting policy and the effect of adopting the new policy is set out below:

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the accounts. Taxation rates enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date are used to determine deferred taxation.

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

Deferred taxation is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

In prior periods, deferred taxation was accounted for at the current taxation rate in respect of timing differences between profit as computed for taxation purposes and profit as stated in the accounts to the extent that a liability or an asset was expected to be payable or recoverable in the foreseeable future. The adoption of the revised SSAP 12 represents a change in accounting policy, which has been applied retrospectively so that the comparatives presented have been restated to conform to the changed policy.

As detailed in note 11 to the interim accounts, opening retained profits at 1st January 2002 and 2003 have been reduced by HK\$5,542,000 and HK\$6,414,000 respectively, which represent the unprovided net deferred tax liabilities as at such dates. This change has resulted in an increase in deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities at 31st December 2002 by HK\$114,000 and HK\$6,528,000 respectively, and a decrease in profit for the six months ended 30th June 2003 of HK\$580,000 (six months ended 30th June 2002: decrease in loss for the period of HK\$19,000).

## 2 Turnover and segment information

The Group is principally engaged in property investment, investment holding and trading, and textile trading. Turnover recognised during the period comprises the following:

	Six months ended 30th Jur	
	2003	2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Gross rental income from investment properties	16,437	17,407
Net realised and unrealised profits/(losses) on trading investments	16,101	(24,492)
Dividend income from listed investments	510	932
Dividend income from unlisted investments	580	918
Interest income	2,184	991
Management fee income from investment properties	4,006	4,097
Commission income (Note 13)	2,438	3,142
	42,256	2,995

An analysis of the Group's turnover and contribution to profit/(loss) before taxation by principal activities and markets is as follows:

Turnover Six months ended 30th June		Profit/(loss) before taxation Six months ended 30th June	
2003 HK\$'000	2002 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2002 HK\$'000
2,438	3,142	653 5,472	1,130 9,201
20,443	21,504	(982) 790	1,842 1,053
<u>19,375</u> 42,256	(21,651)	<u>    16,632</u> 22,565	(24,241)
	Six months er 2003 HK\$'000 2,438 - 20,443 - 19,375	Six months ended 30th June   2003 2002   HK\$'000 HK\$'000   2,438 3,142   - -   20,443 21,504   - -   19,375 (21,651)	Six months ended 30th June Six months ended 2002   2003 2002   HK\$'000 HK\$'000   2,438 3,142   - -   20,443 21,504   - -   19,375 (21,651)

	Turnover Six months ended 30th June		Profit/(loss) before taxat Six months ended 30th J	
	2003 HK\$'000	2002 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2002 HK\$'000
Principal markets:				
People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong)				
- Group	23,750	25,443	(460)	2,976
- jointly controlled entities	-	_	6,262	10,254
United States of America - Group	14,461	(25,220)	13,096	(27,066)
Europe - Group	1,935	(847)	1,779	(921)
Australia and New Zealand				
- Group	253	(51)	217	(45)
Others - Group	1,857	3,670	1,671	3,787
_	42,256	2,995	22,565	(11,015)

## **3** Operating profit/loss

Operating profit/loss is stated after charging the following:

Six months	ix months ended 30th June	
2003	2002	
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Depreciation 399	492	

### 4 Taxation

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Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 17.5% (2002: 16%) on the estimated assessable profit for the period. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

The amount of taxation charged/(credited) to the consolidated profit and loss account represents:

	Six months ended 30th June 2003 2002	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Company and subsidiaries:		
Hong Kong profits tax	111	217
Deferred taxation	580	(19)
	691	198
Share of overseas taxation attributable to jointly		
controlled entities	515	995
	1,206	1,193
Dividends		
	Six months en	ded 30th June
	2003	2002

	2003 HK\$'000	2002 HK\$'000
2002 final dividend, paid, of 10 HK cents (2001 final paid of 10 HK cents) per share	4,622	4,650

The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30th June 2003 (2002: Nil).

#### 6 Earnings/loss per share

The calculation of earnings/loss per share is based on the profit for the six months ended 30th June 2003 of HK\$21,359,000 (2002: loss of HK\$12,208,000 as restated) and the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period of 46,231,117 (2002: 46,447,860).

## 7 Fixed assets

	Investment properties HK\$'000	Other properties HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Six months ended 30th June 20	003			
Opening net book amount	287,000	4,464	354	291,818
Depreciation	_	(185)	(214)	(399)
Closing net book amount	287,000	4,279	140	291,419

#### 8 Trade and other receivables

Included in trade and other receivables are trade receivables of HK\$25,239,000 (31.12.2002: HK\$368,000). The Group does not grant any credit to its customers. As at 30th June 2003 and 31st December 2002, all trade receivables are aged within 30 days.

#### 9 Trade and other payables

Included in trade and other payables are trade payables of HK\$19,208,000 (31.12.2002: HK\$3,057,000) and the ageing analysis is as follows:

	30th June 2003 HK\$'000	31st December 2002 HK\$'000
Within 30 days	18,175	2,024
31 - 60 days	693	693
61 - 90 days	340	340
	19,208	3,057

## **10 Share capital**

	30th June 2003 HK\$'000	31st December 2002 HK\$'000
Authorised:		
60,000,000 shares of HK\$0.10 each	6,000	6,000
Issued and fully paid:		
46,139,299 shares (31.12.2002: 46,280,799 shares) of HK\$0.10 each	4,614	4,628

During the period, the Company repurchased a total number of 141,500 (year ended 31.12.2002: 215,000) of its own shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, all of which were then cancelled. The aggregate price of HK\$730,350 (year ended 31.12.2002: HK\$1,117,000) paid was charged against retained profits and the nominal value of the shares repurchased of HK\$14,000 (year ended 31.12.2002: HK\$22,000) was transferred to the capital redemption reserve.

## **11 Reserves**

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	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Investment properties revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Investments revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Capital reserve on consolidation HK\$'000	General reserve HK\$'000	Statutory reserves HK\$'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January 2003,										
as previously reported	20,000	25,730	7,588	1,000	76,000	8,625	2,895	372	628,477	770,687
Effect of adopting SSAP 12 (revised) (Note 1)									(6,414)	(6,414)
At 1st January 2003, as restated	20,000	25,730	7,588	1,000	76,000	8,625	2,895	372	622,063	764,273
Profit for the period	_	—	_	—	_	_	_	_	21,359	21,359
Shares repurchased and cancelled	_	—	—	—	_	_	_	14	(731)	(717)
Investments revaluation surplus	—	—	1,363	—	—	_	_	—	—	1,363
Dividend									(4,622)	(4,622)
At 30th June 2003	20,000	25,730	8,951	1,000	76,000	8,625	2,895	386	638,069	781,656
	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Investment properties revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Investments revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Capital reserve on consolidation HK\$'000	General reserve HK\$'000	Statutory reserves HK\$'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January 2002, as previously reported	surplus	properties revaluation reserve	revaluation reserve	reserve on consolidation	reserve	reserves	fluctuation reserve	redemption reserve	profits	
	surplus HK\$'000	properties revaluation reserve HK\$`000	revaluation reserve HK\$'000	reserve on consolidation HK\$'000	reserve HK\$'000	reserves HK\$'000	fluctuation reserve HK\$'000	redemption reserve HK\$'000	profits HK\$'000	HK\$'000
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#### 12 Commitment under operating leases

At 30th June 2003, the Group had total future aggregate minimum lease payments under a non-cancellable operating lease for office premises as follows:

	30th June	31st December
	2003	2002
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	1,178	1,884
In the second to fifth year inclusive		236
	1,178	2,120

#### 13 Significant related party transactions

During the period, agency commission income of HK\$2,438,000 (2002: HK\$3,142,000) was received by a subsidiary from a jointly controlled entity for handling sales of textile products for the jointly controlled entity. These transactions were entered into in the normal course of business of the Group and the commission income has been calculated at certain fixed percentages of the value of sales handled by the subsidiary.

On behalf of the Board

**Rudolf Bischof** Chairman

Hong Kong, 4th September 2003