

I am pleased to present to shareholders of Allied Group Limited ("Company") the annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the year 2006. The Group expanded in terms of operations and its shareholders' equity as a result of Quality HealthCare Asia Limited ("QHA") becoming a subsidiary during the year. The Groups' reorganisation in terms of the acquisition of United Asia Finance Limited ("UAF") by Sun Hung Kai & Co. Limited ("Sun Hung Kai") has provided a framework for the financial services divisions to achieve benefits from synergies. The healthcare division has brought an additional profit stream into the Group while the finance divisions and the property rental business continued to deliver increased profits in 2006.

### FINANCIAL RESULTS

For the year ended 31st December, 2006, the Group's revenue was HK\$2,810.6 million, an increase of 54.5% compared with HK\$1,818.8 million for the year 2005. Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company increased from HK\$901.5 million in 2005 to HK\$1,029.8 million, representing an increase of 14.12%. Earnings per share amounted to HK\$4.12 compared to HK\$3.48 in 2005.

### DIVIDEND

The board of directors of the Company ("Board") has proposed a final dividend of HK40 cents per share (2005: HK15 cents) payable to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Wednesday, 13th June, 2007, making a total dividend for the year 2006 of HK50 cents per share (2005: HK20 cents). It should also be noted that the Company continued to repurchase its shares during the year at an aggregate consideration of approximately HK\$122.2 million. Accordingly, earnings per share for 2006 rose by 18.4% over 2005, compared to a corresponding increase of 14.2% in profit attributable to equity holders of the Company. The Company will, when it considers appropriate, continue to use surplus cash to repurchase its shares for cancellation.

### CLOSURE OF REGISTER

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 7th June, 2007 to Wednesday, 13th June, 2007, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the final dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited of Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th June, 2007. Subject to approval by the shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting ("AGM") of the Company, dividend warrants are expected to be despatched on Wednesday, 11th July, 2007. The AGM will be held on Wednesday, 13th June, 2007.

### FUTURE PROSPECTS

The "Review of Operations" by the Chief Executive, which immediately follows this statement incorporates the Group's outlook for the future.

本人向聯合集團有限公司(「本公司」)股東欣然提呈本公司及其附屬公司(統稱「本集團」)二零零六年年度業績。隨著卓健亞洲有限公司(「卓健」)於年內成為附屬公司,本集團的業務及股東權益得以擴大。本集團透過新鴻基有限公司(「新鴻基」)收購亞洲聯合財務有限公司(「亞洲聯合財務」)進行重組為金融服務部達致更大協同效益提供了框架。於二零零六年,保健分部為本集團帶來額外溢利流,同時金融分部及物業租賃業務之溢利持續增長。

### 財務業績

截至二零零六年十二月三十一日止年度,本集團之收益額為2,810,600,000港元,較二零零五年之1,818,800,000港元增加54.5%。本公司之股東應佔溢利為1,029,800,000港元,較二零零五年之901,500,000港元增加14.12%。每股盈利為4.12港元,而二零零五年則為3.48港元。

### 股息

本公司董事會(「董事會」)已建議派發末期股息每股40港仙(二零零五年:15港仙)予二零零七年六月十三日(星期三)名列本公司股東名冊內之股東,使二零零六年之股息總額達每股50港仙(二零零五年:20港仙)。務請注意,本公司於年內持續購回其本身股份,總代價約為122,200,000港元。因此,二零零六年每股盈利較二零零五年上升18.4%,而同期之本公司股東應佔溢利則上升14.2%。本公司將在其認為合適時繼續動用盈餘現金購回其股份以供註銷。

### 暫停辦理股份過戶登記

本公司將於二零零七年六月七日(星期四)至二零零七年六月十三日(星期三)(包括首尾兩天)暫停辦理股份過戶登記手續,在此期間股份不能過戶。為符合獲享末期股息資格,所有轉讓文件連同相關股票須於二零零七年六月六日(星期三)下午四時正前送交本公司之股份過戶登記處香港中央證券登記有限公司(地址為香港灣仔皇后大道東183號合和中心17樓1712-1716室)辦理股份過戶登記手續。待股東於本公司即將舉行之股東週年大會上批准後,股息單預期將於二零零七年七月十一日(星期三)寄發。股東週年大會將於二零零七年六月十三日(星期三)舉行。

### 業務前景

緊隨本報告為由行政總裁發表之「業務回顧」,以說明本集團對日後前景之展望。

**APPRECIATION**

We have enjoyed a successful year. This success has been a collective result secured through the dedication, loyalty, professionalism of our staff. I would like to express the Group's appreciation for their efforts in 2006. I look forward to their continued support.

I would also like to thank my fellow Directors, our professional advisors and finally our shareholders for their support during the year.



**Arthur George Dew**  
*Chairman*  
Hong Kong, 16th April, 2007

**致謝**

今年取得斐然成績，這全憑我們全體員工的專注、忠誠和專業精神。本人謹此代表本集團為他們於二零零六年作出的努力致謝。本人期望各員工對本集團繼續支持。

本人謹此衷心感謝各董事、各專業顧問以及各位股東對本集團一年以來的支持。



**主席**  
**狄亞法**  
香港，二零零七年四月十六日