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LAI SUN GARMENT

Lai Sun Garment (International) Limited
(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 191)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

RESULTS

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of Lai Sun Garment (International) Limited (the "**Company**") announces the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "**Group**") for the six months ended 31 January 2021 together with the comparative figures of the last corresponding period as follows:

Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

For the six months ended 31 January 2021

		Six months ended 31 January	
	Notes	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
TURNOVER	4	2,794,119	2,811,143
Cost of sales		<u>(2,136,568)</u>	<u>(1,685,234)</u>
Gross profit		657,551	1,125,909
Other revenue and gains		434,257	197,255
Selling and marketing expenses		(93,380)	(107,672)
Administrative expenses		(487,313)	(521,551)
Other operating expenses		(623,674)	(745,642)
Write-down of properties under development to net realisable value		(135,838)	(229,470)
Fair value losses on investment properties, net		<u>(475,890)</u>	<u>(971,268)</u>
LOSS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	5	(724,287)	(1,252,439)
Finance costs	6	(381,418)	(356,675)
Share of profits and losses of associates		(11,088)	(2,213)
Share of profits and losses of joint ventures		<u>(328,933)</u>	<u>(96,658)</u>
LOSS BEFORE TAX		(1,445,726)	(1,707,985)
Tax	7	<u>(197,986)</u>	<u>(75,639)</u>
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD		<u>(1,643,712)</u>	<u>(1,783,624)</u>
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		(797,153)	(753,092)
Non-controlling interests		<u>(846,559)</u>	<u>(1,030,532)</u>
		<u>(1,643,712)</u>	<u>(1,783,624)</u>
LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY	8		
Basic		<u>(HK\$2.030)</u>	<u>(HK\$1.947)</u>
Diluted		<u>(HK\$2.030)</u>	<u>(HK\$1.947)</u>

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the six months ended 31 January 2021

	Six months ended	
	31 January	
	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	<u>(1,643,712)</u>	<u>(1,783,624)</u>
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(EXPENSE)		
<i>Other comprehensive income/(expense) that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>		
Changes in fair values of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,302	96
Exchange realignments	2,003,098	(294,798)
Share of other comprehensive income/(expense) of associates	3,295	(1,232)
Share of other comprehensive (expense)/income of joint ventures	(2,582)	452
Release of exchange reserve upon dissolution of subsidiaries	974	-
	<u>2,006,087</u>	<u>(295,482)</u>
<i>Other comprehensive expense that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>		
Changes in fair values of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	(16,218)	(6,620)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(EXPENSE) FOR THE PERIOD	<u>1,989,869</u>	<u>(302,102)</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(EXPENSE) FOR THE PERIOD	<u>346,157</u>	<u>(2,085,726)</u>
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	(142,152)	(765,943)
Non-controlling interests	488,309	(1,319,783)
	<u>346,157</u>	<u>(2,085,726)</u>

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 January 2021

	<i>Notes</i>	31 January 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 July 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		8,113,171	7,922,772
Right-of-use assets		5,277,660	5,281,458
Investment properties		39,471,231	38,699,089
Film rights		4,256	7,055
Film and TV program products		65,241	65,121
Music catalogs		8,659	25,047
Goodwill		279,177	271,958
Other intangible assets		153,896	151,228
Investments in associates		496,585	402,972
Investments in joint ventures		6,402,291	6,763,682
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		1,825,745	1,840,594
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		1,100,255	989,193
Derivative financial instruments		-	20,231
Debtors	9	322,119	-
Deposits, prepayments, other receivables and other assets		398,026	336,968
Deferred tax assets		4,157	4,259
Pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits		82,283	88,393
Total non-current assets		<u>64,004,752</u>	<u>62,870,020</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Properties under development		4,006,549	3,824,360
Completed properties for sale		6,272,013	5,983,249
Films and TV programs under production and film investments		409,584	313,384
Inventories		56,801	56,547
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		185,863	153,251
Debtors	9	320,978	311,688
Deposits, prepayments, other receivables and other assets		1,022,091	910,519
Prepaid tax		36,004	42,231
Pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits		2,538,598	1,906,399
Cash and cash equivalents		4,903,731	4,187,778
		<u>19,752,212</u>	<u>17,689,406</u>
Assets classified as held for sale		5,368	48,067
Total current assets		<u>19,757,580</u>	<u>17,737,473</u>

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (continued)*As at 31 January 2021*

	<i>Notes</i>	31 January 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 July 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors, other payables and accruals	<i>10</i>	3,328,919	3,462,177
Deposits received, deferred income and contract liabilities		1,675,253	1,106,385
Derivative financial instruments		5,973	5,852
Lease liabilities		246,039	279,984
Tax payable		476,103	446,370
Bank borrowings		4,630,786	8,441,293
Other borrowings		41,067	41,050
Total current liabilities		<u>10,404,140</u>	<u>13,783,111</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>9,353,440</u>	<u>3,954,362</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>73,358,192</u>	<u>66,824,382</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities		1,003,258	1,093,350
Bank borrowings		12,807,875	8,101,635
Other borrowings		698,922	685,943
Guaranteed notes		5,738,039	5,717,879
Derivative financial instruments		9,586	-
Deferred tax liabilities		5,473,614	5,078,720
Other payables	<i>10</i>	993,031	-
Long-term deposits received		218,170	206,328
Total non-current liabilities		<u>26,942,495</u>	<u>20,883,855</u>
		<u>46,415,697</u>	<u>45,940,527</u>
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital		1,297,237	1,297,237
Reserves		20,403,741	20,574,363
		21,700,978	21,871,600
Non-controlling interests		24,714,719	24,068,927
		<u>46,415,697</u>	<u>45,940,527</u>

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 31 January 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") and with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("**HKAS**") 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The financial information relating to the year ended 31 July 2020 that is included in the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 31 January 2021 as comparative information does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that year but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to those statutory financial statements required to be disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance is as follows:

The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The Company's auditor has reported on those financial statements. The auditor's report was unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its report; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have not been audited by the Company's auditor but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies and basis of presentation used in the preparation of these interim financial statements are the same as those used in the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020.

The Group has adopted the *Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018* (the "**Conceptual Framework**") and the revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("**HKFRSs**", which also include HKASs and Interpretations) which are applicable to the Group and are effective in the current period. The adoption of the Conceptual Framework and the revised HKFRSs has had no significant impact on the financial performance or financial position of the Group.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segment revenue and results

The following table presents revenue and results for the Group's reportable segments:

During the period ended 31 January 2021, segment information of theme park previously included in the "property investment" segment has been reclassified to the "theme park operation" segment. Accordingly, the comparative segment information has been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

	Six months ended 31 January (Unaudited)																			
	Property development and sales		Property investment		Hotel operation		Restaurant operation		Media and entertainment		Film and TV program		Cinema operation		Theme park operation		Others		Consolidated	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Segment revenue:																				
Sales to external customers	1,219,993	744,841	711,121	729,948	289,317	478,532	172,069	233,355	163,534	202,827	57,235	111,354	61,074	194,566	14,197	13,949	105,579	101,771	2,794,119	2,811,143
Intersegment sales	-	-	21,332	22,280	400	676	47	56	-	86	3,019	5,252	146	686	-	-	14,643	18,272	39,587	47,308
Other revenue and gains	3,789	54,107	10,608	10,963	17,122	736	27,900	884	13,189	4,605	34,298	1,671	57,562	18,700	2,277	-	32,706	13,602	199,451	105,268
Total	1,223,782	798,948	743,061	763,191	306,839	479,944	200,016	234,295	176,723	207,518	94,552	118,277	118,782	213,952	16,474	13,949	152,928	133,645	3,033,157	2,963,719
Elimination of intersegment sales																			(39,587)	(47,308)
Total																			2,993,570	2,916,411
Segment results	(129,837)	110,307	440,088	500,877	(193,157)	(107,307)	(25,823)	(42,423)	8,448	8,156	13,133	(17,849)	(64,556)	(153,957)	(117,807)	(150,902)	6,070	(61,131)	(63,441)	85,771
Unallocated other revenue and gains																			234,806	91,987
Write-down of properties under development to net realisable value	(135,838)	(229,470)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(135,838)	(229,470)
Fair value losses on investment properties, net	-	-	(475,890)	(971,268)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(475,890)	(971,268)
Unallocated expenses																			(283,924)	(229,459)
Loss from operating activities																			(724,287)	(1,252,439)
Finance costs																			(381,418)	(356,675)
Share of profits and losses of associates	47	53	(1,548)	(1,934)	(189)	(221)	(186)	(260)	-	(30)	-	27	-	-	-	-	153	282	(1,723)	(2,083)
Share of profits and losses of associates - unallocated																			(9,365)	(130)
Share of profits and losses of joint ventures	21,117	61,848	(353,408)	(158,597)	974	-	-	-	2,805	869	(463)	(778)	42	-	-	-	-	-	(328,933)	(96,658)
Loss before tax																			(1,445,726)	(1,707,985)
Tax																			(197,986)	(75,639)
Loss for the period																			(1,643,712)	(1,783,624)

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

Segment assets and liabilities

The following table presents the total assets and liabilities for the Group's reportable segments:

	Property development and sales		Property investment		Hotel operation		Restaurant operation		Media and entertainment		Film and TV program		Cinema operation		Theme park operation		Others		Consolidated	
	31 January 2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 July 2020 HK\$'000 (Audited)	31 January 2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 July 2020 HK\$'000 (Audited)	31 January 2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 July 2020 HK\$'000 (Audited)	31 January 2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 July 2020 HK\$'000 (Audited)	31 January 2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 July 2020 HK\$'000 (Audited)	31 January 2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 July 2020 HK\$'000 (Audited)	31 January 2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 July 2020 HK\$'000 (Audited)	31 January 2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 July 2020 HK\$'000 (Audited)	31 January 2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 July 2020 HK\$'000 (Audited)	31 January 2021 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 July 2020 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Segment assets	10,904,968	10,017,192	40,266,536	39,449,263	9,684,948	9,692,806	545,195	615,008	334,033	352,992	886,678	763,534	1,137,074	1,169,897	1,870,348	1,712,839	1,018,184	1,003,077	66,647,964	64,776,608
Investments in associates	159,647	2,099	72,843	74,553	186,414	178,033	(10,105)	(10,105)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,519	3,156	412,318	247,736
Investments in associates — unallocated																			84,267	155,236
Investments in joint ventures	1,114,975	1,133,702	5,185,709	5,523,518	91,225	92,916	-	-	8,855	11,599	1,484	1,947	43	-	-	-	-	-	6,402,291	6,763,682
Unallocated assets																			10,210,124	8,616,164
Assets classified as held for sale	5,368	14,952	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,115	5,368	48,067
Total assets																			83,762,332	80,607,493
Segment liabilities	2,075,961	905,354	771,055	1,471,041	710,984	751,426	177,399	211,133	93,301	117,541	499,151	381,929	1,068,500	1,144,518	171,684	157,577	232,550	328,132	5,800,585	5,468,651
Bank borrowings																			17,438,661	16,542,928
Guaranteed notes																			5,738,039	5,717,879
Other borrowings																			739,989	726,993
Unallocated liabilities																			7,629,361	6,210,515
Total liabilities																			37,346,635	34,666,966

4. TURNOVER

An analysis of turnover is as follows:

	Six months ended 31 January	
	2021 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	2020 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
<u>Turnover from contracts with customers:</u>		
Sale of properties	940,761	744,841
Building management fee income	105,460	105,152
Income from hotel operation	289,317	478,532
Income from restaurant operation	172,069	233,355
Distribution commission income from, licence fee income from and sales of film and TV program products and film rights	57,118	109,944
Box-office takings, concessionary income and related income from cinemas	61,074	194,566
Entertainment event income	489	66,886
Sale of game products	111,606	84,681
Album sales, licence income and distribution commission income from music publishing and licensing	45,202	43,847
Artiste management fee income	6,237	7,413
Advertising income	117	1,410
Income from theme park operation	14,197	13,949
Others	105,579	101,771
	<u>1,909,226</u>	<u>2,186,347</u>
<u>Turnover from other sources:</u>		
Rental income from investment properties	605,661	624,796
Income from properties under finance lease	279,232	-
	<u>2,794,119</u>	<u>2,811,143</u>
<u>Timing of recognition of turnover from contracts with customers:</u>		
At a point in time	1,604,305	1,856,103
Over time	304,921	330,244
	<u>1,909,226</u>	<u>2,186,347</u>

5. LOSS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

The Group's loss from operating activities is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Six months ended	
	31 January	
	2021	2020
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment [^]	263,082	244,101
Depreciation of right-of-use assets [^]	196,114	217,355
Foreign exchange differences, net [@]	(79,169)	(30,222)
Amortisation of film rights [#]	3,849	1,826
Amortisation of film products [#]	26,208	39,631
Amortisation of music catalogs [#]	16,388	16,013
Amortisation of other intangible assets [*]	1,019	199
Impairment of property, plant and equipment [*]	-	97,050
Loss on disposal of assets classified as held for sale [*]	2,946	5,204
Fair value (gains)/losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(106,904)[@]	17,905 [*]
Fair value losses/(gains) on cross currency swaps	29,817[*]	(4,984) [@]
Fair value losses on foreign currency forward contract [*]	121	3,660
Foreseeable loss on finance lease contract [*]	26,183	-
Service fee for operation of a club in hotel operation in Vietnam [*]	12,702	26,828

[^] Depreciation charge of approximately HK\$438,125,000 (Six months ended 31 January 2020: HK\$418,426,000) is included in "other operating expenses" on the face of the unaudited condensed consolidated income statement.

[@] These items are included in "other revenue and gains" on the face of the unaudited condensed consolidated income statement.

[#] These items are included in "cost of sales" on the face of the unaudited condensed consolidated income statement.

^{*} These items are included in "other operating expenses" on the face of the unaudited condensed consolidated income statement.

6. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 31 January	
	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Interest on bank borrowings	253,471	296,343
Interest on guaranteed notes	160,038	158,914
Interest on other borrowings	8,542	8,665
Interest on lease liabilities	26,043	29,807
Interest on put option liabilities	1,974	-
Bank financing charges	36,436	30,654
Interest expenses arising from revenue contracts	-	7,191
	<u>486,504</u>	<u>531,574</u>
Less: Amount capitalised in construction in progress	(3,537)	(17,680)
Amount capitalised in properties under development	(46,648)	(64,776)
Amount capitalised in investment properties under construction	<u>(54,901)</u>	<u>(92,443)</u>
	<u><u>381,418</u></u>	<u><u>356,675</u></u>

7. TAX

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (Six months ended 31 January 2020: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the period, except for one subsidiary of the Group which is a qualifying entity under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The first HK\$2,000,000 (2020: HK\$2,000,000) of assessable profits of this subsidiary is taxed at 8.25% and the remaining assessable profits are taxed at 16.5%.

Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the places in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

	Six months ended 31 January	
	2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2020 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Current tax		
Hong Kong	22,986	23,935
Mainland China	163,872	99,027
Overseas	7,779	12,555
	<u>194,637</u>	<u>135,517</u>
Deferred tax	6,979	(61,211)
Prior periods' (overprovision)/underprovision		
Hong Kong	(29)	(99)
Mainland China	(20)	(150)
Overseas	<u>(3,581)</u>	<u>1,582</u>
	<u>(3,630)</u>	<u>1,333</u>
Tax charge for the period	<u><u>197,986</u></u>	<u><u>75,639</u></u>

8. LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY

The calculation of basic loss per share amount was based on the loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$797,153,000 (Six months ended 31 January 2020: HK\$753,092,000), and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 392,611,000 (Six months ended 31 January 2020: 386,880,000) in issue during the period.

No adjustment has been made to the basic loss per share amounts presented for the periods ended 31 January 2021 and 2020 in respect of a dilution as the impact of the share options of the Company, Lai Sun Development Company Limited ("**LSD**") and Lai Fung Holdings Limited ("**Lai Fung**") had an anti-dilutive effect on the basic loss per share amounts presented.

9. DEBTORS

The Group (other than eSun Holdings Limited ("**eSun**") and its subsidiaries ("**eSun Group**") maintains various credit policies for different business operations in accordance with business practices and market conditions in which the respective subsidiaries operate. Sales proceeds receivable from the sale of properties are settled in accordance with the terms of the respective contracts. Rent and related charges in respect of the leasing of properties are receivable from tenants, and are normally payable in advance with rental deposits received in accordance with the terms of the tenancy agreements. Hotel and restaurant charges are mainly settled by customers on a cash basis except for those corporate clients who maintain credit accounts with the respective subsidiaries, the settlement of which is in accordance with the respective agreements. The Group's trade receivables related to a large number of diversified customers and there is no significant concentration of credit risk. Trade receivables of the Group are non-interest bearing.

The trading terms of eSun Group with its customers are mainly on credit. Invoices are normally payable within 30 to 90 days of issuance, except for certain well-established customers, where the terms are extended to 120 days. Each customer has a maximum credit limit. eSun Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control policy to minimise its credit risk. Overdue balances are regularly reviewed by senior management. Since eSun Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy third parties, there is no requirement for collateral. Concentrations of credit risk are managed by customer/counterparty, by geographical region and by industry sector. There are no significant concentrations of credit risk within eSun Group as the customer bases of eSun Group's trade receivables are widely dispersed in different sectors and industries. The eSun Group's trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

Other than rental deposits received, the Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over these balances.

An ageing analysis of the debtors, net of loss allowance, based on the payment due date, as at the end of the reporting period, is as follows:

	31 January 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 July 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000
Current portion		
Trade receivables:		
Not yet due or less than 30 days past due	249,990	247,864
31 - 60 days past due	21,809	20,095
61 - 90 days past due	8,102	8,816
Over 90 days past due	41,077	34,913
	320,978	311,688
Non-current portion		
Finance lease receivables not yet due	322,119	-
	643,097	311,688

10. CREDITORS, OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

An ageing analysis of the creditors, based on the date of receipt of the goods and services purchased/payment due date, as at the end of the reporting period, is as follows:

	31 January 2021 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 July 2020 (Audited) HK\$'000
Creditors:		
Not yet due or less than 30 days past due	376,831	361,088
31 - 60 days past due	235,018	34,855
61 - 90 days past due	14,189	1,411
Over 90 days past due	10,442	19,512
	636,480	416,866
Other payables and accruals	2,415,239	2,768,225
Put option liabilities (Note)	1,270,231	277,086
	4,321,950	3,462,177
Less: Portion classified as current	(3,328,919)	(3,462,177)
Non-current portion	993,031	-

Note: On 19 January 2020, Winfield Concept Limited ("**Winfield**"), a subsidiary owned by Lai Fung and LSD as to 80% and 20%, respectively, together with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Zhuhai Hengqin Laisun Creative Culture City Co., Ltd. ("**Laisun Creative Culture**"), entered into an agreement (the "**Agreement**") with an independent third-party, Zhuhai Da Hengqin Real Estate Co., Ltd. ("**Da Hengqin**"). Pursuant to the Agreement, among others, Da Hengqin has agreed to make a total capital contribution of approximately RMB948,448,000 in Laisun Creative Culture (the "**Transaction**"). The Transaction was completed on 6 August 2020 and Da Hengqin became a holder of 16.68% equity interest in Laisun Creative Culture.

According to the Agreement, Da Hengqin has been granted a put option pursuant to which Da Hengqin has the right (but not an obligation) to require Laisun Creative Culture and/or Winfield to acquire all equity interest held by Da Hengqin in Laisun Creative Culture upon occurrence of certain events. Accordingly, financial liabilities of approximately RMB825,606,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$993,031,000), equal to the amount of capital contribution made by Da Hengqin in cash to Laisun Creative Culture, are recorded as put option liabilities under long-term "other payables" of the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at the end of the reporting period.

Further details of the Transaction are set out in a circular of Lai Fung dated 30 April 2020.

11. EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 25 January 2021, eSun Group and U A Cinema Circuit Limited ("**UA**") entered into an asset sale and purchase agreement that eSun Group has conditionally agreed to purchase the cinema related assets at a consideration of HK\$56,000,000. On the same date, eSun Group, UA and Hong Kong Island Development Limited entered into a novation and amendment agreement that eSun Group has conditionally agreed to take all of the estate, rights, title, benefits and interest of the tenancy agreement for L4 and L5 of K11 MUSEA, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. As at 31 January 2021, initial deposit of HK\$5,600,000 was paid. The completion of the transactions took place in early March 2021. Details are set out in a joint announcement of the Company, LSD and eSun dated 25 January 2021.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board of the Company has resolved not to declare the payment of an interim dividend for the financial year ending 31 July 2021. No interim dividend was declared in respect of the last corresponding period.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has led to severe disruptions to the global economy triggering the largest global recession since the Great Depression. While we are starting to see rollouts of COVID-19 mass vaccination programs in different countries around the world, and stimulus packages continued to be implemented by governments, it remains uncertain as to when the state of the global economy will be fully restored to pre-pandemic levels. During the period under review, the Group continued to operate with caution to minimise the impacts caused by such pandemic-induced disruptions, and stepped up its efforts in identifying and pursuing opportunities to prepare itself to be in a position to benefit from the post-pandemic recovery.

Hong Kong and Overseas Property Market

Prolonged social distancing measures and travel restrictions continued to cripple many businesses during the six months ended 31 January 2021. Nevertheless, the Group's Hong Kong investment properties contributed a relatively steady recurrent income stream of approximately HK\$315.8 million in turnover, as compared to HK\$345.8 million for the same period last year. Particularly in unprecedented challenging times like now, the Group worked even more closely with its stakeholders, including its tenants, to progress through the darkest hours. During the period under review, the Group provided rental relief arrangements in the form of rental deferrals or rental concessions with certain tenants on a case-by-case basis. The Group is of the view that Hong Kong, as a sophisticated financial hub strategically located at the heart of Asia with no capital control, will continue to attract quality multinational corporations and experienced talent. The growing trend of companies seeking their initial public offerings or secondary-listings in Hong Kong should provide ample demand for office space in the city. In London, despite the pandemic challenges and the complexity of the UK-EU relations, which may be the near-term uncertainties around the UK economy, the Group is of the view that the City of London's positioning as a major financial and business centre should remain unchanged. Lai Sun Development Company Limited ("**LSD**") and its subsidiaries (together, "**LSD Group**") will continue to monitor the market conditions in London for the potential redevelopment of the three properties on Leadenhall Street, comprising 100, 106 and 107 Leadenhall Street (together, "**Leadenhall Properties**").

Despite the uncertain economic outlook brought by the prolonged pandemic, the residential property market in Hong Kong has demonstrated resilience and robustness primarily due to limited supply, solid pent-up demand driven by local end-users and the prevailing low interest rate environment. During the period under review, the Group continued to source and evaluate suitable land acquisition opportunities to grow the pipeline. In January 2021, the consortium formed by LSD Group together with New World Development Company Limited, Empire Development Hong Kong (BVI) Limited and CSI Properties Limited successfully won the tender for the Wong Chuk Hang Station Package Five Property Development. This residential development project sitting on top of the Wong Chuk Hang MTR station in the prominent Southern district of Hong Kong covers a site area of approximately 95,600 square feet, with a gross floor area ("**GFA**") of approximately 636,200 square feet and is expected to deliver two residential towers, offering around 1,050 residential units.

Construction works for the sites located at No. 18 Hang On Street, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong and No. 266 Tai Kei Leng, Lot No. 5382 in Demarcation District No. 116, Tai Kei Leng, Yuen Long, Hong Kong are on track. Upon completion, these two residential projects are expected to add a total GFA of approximately 64,000 square feet and 42,200 square feet, respectively, to the development portfolio of LSD Group.

Up to 14 March 2021, 603 units in Alto Residences have been sold, achieving an average selling price of approximately HK\$18,000 per square foot. LSD Group has released in total 86 car-parking spaces of Alto Residences for sale since March 2019. Up to 14 March 2021, 73 car-parking spaces have been sold and the total sales proceeds amounted to approximately HK\$190.1 million.

The sale and handover of all 209 residential units and 7 commercial units of 93 Pau Chung Street have been completed. Car-parking spaces of 93 Pau Chung Street were launched for sale in July 2019. Up to 14 March 2021, 7 out of 20 car-parking spaces and 4 out of 5 motor-parking spaces have been sold and the total sales proceeds amounted to approximately HK\$10.2 million.

The sale and handover of all 138 residential units of Novi, the Ki Lung Street project in Sham Shui Po, Kowloon, Hong Kong have been completed. As at the date of this results announcement, 4 commercial units of Novi remained unsold.

Construction of Monti, the Sai Wan Ho Street project has been completed. Up to 14 March 2021, 121 out of 144 units in Monti has been sold with saleable area of approximately 37,984 square feet and the average selling price amounted to approximately HK\$21,100 per square foot. Handover of the sold residential units has been substantially completed.

The Group will continue its prudent and flexible approach and be prepared to capture the development opportunities as soon as the economy is on track for a recovery.

Mainland China Property Market

Based on data released by the National Bureau of Statistics of the People's Republic of China ("**China**"), the Chinese economy has seen a recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic more quickly compared to the rest of world, concluding the year of 2020 with a strong gross domestic product growth in the final quarter primarily fueled by manufacturing and export activities. With the Chinese government's proactive approach towards testing and tracing and its effective implementation of containment measures from time to time, we believe the probability of a resurgence of the COVID-19 will be relatively remote. Yet, in the near term, the Chinese economy is expected to continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 hit, as travel and consumption activities have yet to restore to pre-pandemic levels. 2021 is expected to be a monumental year for China as it marks the start of the country's 14th Five-Year Plan and celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China. The Group remains optimistic about the long term prospects and sustainability of the business environment in China in light of the dual circulation development model by the Chinese government, which emphasises on the rebalancing of domestic and overseas demand.

The regional focus and rental-led strategy of Lai Fung Holdings Limited ("**Lai Fung**") and its subsidiaries (together, "**Lai Fung Group**") has demonstrated resilience in recent years. The rental portfolio of approximately 4.5 million square feet in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Hengqin, being Tier 1 cities in China and cities within the Greater Bay Area delivered steady performance in rental income for the period under review. Top tier cities and the Greater Bay Area will remain as the primary drivers for Lai Fung Group's rental growth in the coming years. Upon completion of the construction works of the existing projects on hand, which include the combined redevelopment of Shanghai Northgate Plaza I, Northgate Plaza II and the Hui Gong Building, the development of Guangzhou Haizhu Plaza and Phase II ("**Novotown Phase II**") of the Novotown project in Hengqin ("**Novotown**"), Lai Fung Group will have a rental portfolio of approximately 6.8 million square feet.

Leasing of the commercial area of Phase I of Novotown ("**Novotown Phase I**") is underway with approximately 66% of the leasable area having been leased and key tenants include two themed indoor experience centres, namely "Lionsgate Entertainment World[®]" and "National Geographic Ultimate Explorer Hengqin", Pokiddo Trampoline Park, Adidas Outlet, Decathlon, Paulaner Wirtshaus Hengqin, Oyster King, Starbucks and McDonald's. In February 2021, a new interactive attraction - "Wonders of Kung Fu" - was launched in the outdoor garden space of Novotown Phase I, which includes light shows providing immersive experience and interactive games with Chinese Kungfu and cuisine being the key underlying theme. This attraction in the 5,000 square meters outdoor garden offers more than 10 interactive points, aiming not only to bring new experiences to visitors in terms of advanced visual/media technologies and cultural enlightenment, but also with an objective to boost the night economy at Novotown.

Construction of Novotown Phase II is in progress. This mixed-used development project is expected to complete in phases by 2024, providing commercial and experiential entertainment facilities, office and serviced apartment spaces of 387,700 square feet, 1,599,300 square feet and 586,800 square feet, respectively. Real Madrid World and Ducati Experience Centre are expected to be the key experiential entertainment facilities in Novotown Phase II. Part of office and serviced apartment spaces have been designated as for-sale properties. Properties in Novotown Phase II occupied by Harrow Innovation Leadership Academy Hengqin ("**Harrow ILA Hengqin**") were sold to the school operator during the period under review, which enabled Lai Fung Group to crystallise the value of its investment in Novotown Phase II and gradually recoup funding to improve the project's working capital position. Lai Fung Group remains confident that the growing commitment from corporations amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau in the development of the Greater Bay Area will make Novotown a new contributor to Lai Fung Group's results in the long run.

Construction of Shanghai Wuli Bridge Project, the high-end luxury residential project located by the Huangpu River in Huangpu District has been completed. The project providing 28 residential units and 43 car-parking spaces was launched for sale in September 2020 and has received an enthusiastic response from the market. Sales of 15 residential units and 15 car-parking spaces have been completed during the period under review, contributing a total turnover of approximately HK\$529.5 million and the contracted sales for 8 residential units and 7 car-parking spaces of this development as at 31 January 2021 amounted to approximately HK\$300.9 million. Up to 28 February 2021, the remaining 5 residential units with 6 car-parking spaces have been sold subject to contract, contributing RMB162.0 million in total, which are expected to be turned into contracted property sales in coming months. Construction of Phase III of Zhongshan Palm Spring was completed in November 2020 and handover of pre-sold units is in progress. Development of Phase IV of Zhongshan Palm Spring is on track and expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2021. The residential units in Shanghai Wuli Bridge Project, serviced apartment units and residential units in Zhongshan Palm Spring as well as the cultural studios, cultural workshops and office of Hengqin Novotown Phase I are expected to contribute to the income of Lai Fung Group in the coming financial years.

Lai Fung Group will consider replenishing its landbank as and when opportunities arise, and will take into account, amongst other factors, overall macroeconomic conditions, Lai Fung Group's existing presence in the relevant cities and allocation of risks etc.

Cinema Operation/Media and Entertainment/Film Production and Distribution

2020 has been one of the toughest years in the history of the entertainment industry marked by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Although vaccination programs have been launched on massive scales by various governments, mass immunisation will take time. Therefore, it is anticipated that the COVID-19 containment measures will continue in the near term.

The disruption of cinema operation of eSun Holdings Limited ("**eSun**") and its subsidiaries (together, ("**eSun Group**") continued during the six months ended 31 January 2021. eSun Group's cinemas in Hong Kong have been requested to close three times for over 160 days since the outbreak of COVID-19 in early 2020. The latest mandatory closure when the fourth wave of COVID-19 emerged from 2 December 2020 to 17 February 2021 throughout the holiday seasons has inevitably impacted eSun Group's box office performance for the period under review. Cinemas in Mainland China re-opened in late July 2020 after being closed for over 5 months and the box office has shown a signal of recovery. However, business performance of cinema operation in Hong Kong and Mainland China are still suffering from the delay in releases of blockbuster movies and the social distancing measures such as restrictions on the seating capacity and food and beverages consumption within the cinema houses. Despite the challenging operating environment under the COVID-19 pandemic, eSun Group remains cautiously optimistic about the fundamental demand for entertainment in long run and continues to evaluate opportunities to maintain and enhance its market positioning as a leading multiplex cinema operator in Hong Kong. In March 2021, eSun Group took over the site in K11 MUSEA in Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon that was previously operated by U A Cinema Circuit Limited and the cinema named K11 Art House started the business on 6 March 2021. The K11 Art House with 12 houses and a total of 1,708 seats is the first cinema in Hong Kong that uses IMAX laser, equipped with all the latest audiovisual technology, such as IMAX 12-channel IMMERSIVE Sound system and 4K RGB Laser for an extraordinary theatrical effect. eSun Group also secured the cinema site at The ONE, 100 Nathan Road in Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon and the operation is expected to commence in April 2023. eSun Group is closely monitoring the market conditions in Hong Kong and Mainland China and will continue to improve its overall operating efficiency and take a prudent approach in evaluating opportunities for further expansion of its footprint.

The outbreak of novel COVID-19 also posted unprecedented challenges to the media and entertainment industry, with entertainment spending affected severely by the accompanying economic recession and social distancing measures. In light of the unstable business environment in the near term, Media Asia Group Holdings Limited ("**MAGHL**", a non-wholly-owned subsidiary of eSun, together with its subsidiaries, "**MAGHL Group**"), being the media and entertainment arm of eSun Group, is focusing on producing high quality projects with proven track record as well as commercial viability and tightening the cost control procedures. As the consumption of online content has substantially increased in areas of streaming platforms and e-commerce as a result of pandemic lockdown measures and social distancing policies, it is believed that there are opportunities in online e-commerce and influencer market which MAGHL Group has been directing its resources towards development of related businesses.

MAGHL Group continues to invest in original production of quality films with Chinese themes. The current production pipeline include "*Septet: the Story of Hong Kong*", an omnibus film produced by seven Hong Kong film masters including Johnnie To, Tsui Hark, Ann Hui, Patrick Tam, Sammo Hung, Yuen Woo-Ping and the memorable Ringo Lam, and "*Tales from the Occult*", a psychological thriller made up of three short stories produced by John Chong and Mathew Tang, and directed by Wesley Hoi, Fung Chih Chiang and Fruit Chan. A 52 episode romance drama series "*New Horizon*" starring Zheng Kai and Chen Chiao-en, is in the post-production stage. Projects under production include "*Modern Dynasty*", a 30 episode modern-day drama series tailor-made for Alibaba's Youku platforms. MAGHL Group is in discussion with various Chinese portals and video web sites for new project development in TV drama production.

The exclusive distribution licence of MAGHL Group's music products with Tencent Music Entertainment (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd and Warner Music continues to provide it with stable income contribution. During the period under review, MAGHL Group set up a joint venture namely "Cool Style Talent Management Limited" with One Cool Group to expand its artiste management business. Other shareholders of Cool Style Talent Management Limited include model and actress Angelababy Yeung Wing and film director Stephen Fung Tak Lun. MAGHL Group will keep looking for new talent in Greater China and further cooperation with Asian artistes with an aim to build up a strong artiste roster for MAGHL Group. Several concerts of MAGHL Group have been postponed due to the public health concerns. MAGHL Group will continue to work with prominent local and Asian artistes for concert promotion and upcoming events including concerts of Eman Lam.

It is believed that MAGHL Group's integrated media platform comprising movies, TV programs, music, new media, artiste management and live entertainment put it in a strong position to capture the opportunities of China entertainment market with a balanced and synergistic approach. eSun Group is monitoring market conditions closely and will take a prudent approach to explore strategic alliances as well as investment opportunities to enrich its portfolio and broaden its income stream.

Other Business Updates

As at 31 January 2021, the Group's consolidated cash and bank deposits amounted to HK\$7,524.6 million (HK\$89.6 million excluding LSD Group) with undrawn facilities of HK\$5,977.2 million (HK\$580.0 million excluding LSD Group). The net debt to equity ratio as at 31 January 2021 amounted to 76% (31 July 2020: 77%). The Group's gearing excluding the net debt of LSD Group was approximately 4%. On 10 December 2020, the Group managed to sign a 5-year secured term loan and revolving credit facility with 5 financial institutions to refinance the outstanding loan balance under the existing loan facility secured by Por Yen Building and G/F to 9/F of Crocodile Center and finance the general corporate requirements of the Group. The Group will continue its prudent and flexible approach in growing the landbank and managing its financial position.

OVERVIEW OF INTERIM RESULTS

For the six months ended 31 January 2021, the Group recorded turnover of HK\$2,794.1 million (2020: HK\$2,811.1 million) and a gross profit of HK\$657.6 million (2020: HK\$1,125.9 million). The increase in turnover from sale of properties primarily driven by the sales performance of Lai Fung Group's development projects in Mainland China during the period under review was offset by the decrease in revenue from hotel and restaurant operations of the Group, as well as cinema operation and media and entertainment businesses of eSun Group amid the prolonged global COVID-19 pandemic since January 2020.

Set out below is the turnover by segment:

	Six months ended 31 January		Difference (HK\$ million)	% change
	2021 (HK\$ million)	2020 (HK\$ million)		
Property investment	711.1	729.9	-18.8	-2.6
Property development and sales	1,220.0	744.8	+475.2	+63.8
Restaurant operation	172.1	233.4	-61.3	-26.3
Hotel operation	289.3	478.5	-189.2	-39.5
Media and entertainment	163.5	202.8	-39.3	-19.4
Film and TV program	57.2	111.4	-54.2	-48.7
Cinema operation	61.1	194.6	-133.5	-68.6
Theme park operation	14.2	13.9	+0.3	+2.2
Others	105.6	101.8	+3.8	+3.7
Total	2,794.1	2,811.1	-17.0	-0.6

For the six months ended 31 January 2021, net loss attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$797.2 million (2020: HK\$753.1 million). Net loss per share was HK\$2.030 (2020: HK\$1.947).

Excluding the effect of property revaluations during the period under review, net loss attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$229.5 million (2020: HK\$210.4 million). Net loss per share excluding the effect of property revaluations was HK\$0.585 (2020: HK\$0.544).

	Six months ended 31 January	
	2021 HK\$ million	2020 HK\$ million
Loss attributable to owners of the Company		
Reported	(797.2)	(753.1)
Less: Adjustments in respect of revaluation of investment properties held by		
- the Company and subsidiaries	337.8	455.6
- associates and joint ventures	223.1	119.4
Deferred tax on investment properties	6.8	(21.0)
Non-controlling interests' share of revaluation movements less deferred tax	-	(11.3)
Net loss after tax excluding revaluation of investment properties	(229.5)	(210.4)

Equity attributable to owners of the Company as at 31 January 2021 amounted to HK\$21,701.0 million, as compared to HK\$21,871.6 million as at 31 July 2020. Net asset value per share attributable to owners of the Company decreased slightly to HK\$55.274 per share as at 31 January 2021 from HK\$55.708 per share as at 31 July 2020.

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

The Group maintained a property portfolio with attributable GFA of approximately 5.5 million square feet as at 31 January 2021. All major properties of the Group in Mainland China are held through Lai Fung Group, except Novotown Phase I which is 80% owned by Lai Fung Group and 20% owned by LSD Group, and all major properties in Hong Kong and overseas are held by LSD Group excluding eSun Group and Lai Fung Group.

Approximate attributable GFA (in '000 square feet) of the Group's major properties and number of car-parking spaces as at 31 January 2021 are set out as follows:

	Commercial/ Retail	Office	Hotel and serviced apartments	Residential	Industrial	Total (excluding car-parking spaces & ancillary facilities)	No. of car-parking spaces
GFA of major properties and number of car-parking spaces of Lai Fung Group (on attributable basis¹)							
Completed Properties Held for Rental ²	747	327	-	-	-	1,074	697
Completed Hotel Properties and Serviced Apartments ²	-	-	299	-	-	299	-
Properties under Development ³	208	923	180	454	-	1,765	1,022
Completed Properties Held for Sale	21	129	92	231	-	473	777
Subtotal	976	1,379	571	685	-	3,611	2,496
GFA of major properties and number of car-parking spaces of LSD Group (excluding Lai Fung Group) (on attributable basis¹)							
Completed Properties Held for Rental ²	411	578	-	-	36	1,025	806
Completed Hotel Properties and Serviced Apartments ²	-	-	405	-	-	405	52
Properties under Development ³	4	-	-	59	-	63	7
Completed Properties Held for Sale	19	59	42	54	-	174	36
Subtotal	434	637	447	113	36	1,667	901
GFA of major properties and number of car-parking spaces of the Group (excluding LSD Group) (on attributable basis¹)							
Completed Properties Held for Rental ²	91	-	-	-	159	250	38
Subtotal	91	-	-	-	159	250	38
Total GFA attributable to the Group	1,501	2,016	1,018	798	195	5,528	3,435

Notes:

1. As at 31 January 2021, Lai Fung is a 54.56%-owned subsidiary of LSD and LSD is a 56.13%-owned subsidiary of the Company.
2. Completed and rental generating properties.
3. All properties under construction.

PROPERTY INVESTMENT

Rental Income

During the period under review, the Group's rental operations recorded a turnover of HK\$711.1 million (2020: HK\$729.9 million) comprising turnover of HK\$315.8 million, HK\$55.9 million and HK\$339.4 million from rental properties in Hong Kong, London and Mainland China, respectively.

Breakdown of rental turnover by major investment properties of the Group is as follows:

	Six months ended 31 January		% Change	Period end occupancy (%)
	2021 HK\$ million	2020 HK\$ million		
Hong Kong				
Cheung Sha Wan Plaza	154.9	168.0	-7.8	93.3
Causeway Bay Plaza 2	86.6	91.6	-5.5	91.9
Lai Sun Commercial Centre	21.7	22.9	-5.2	98.4
Crocodile Center (commercial podium)	40.7	50.7	-19.7	100.0
Por Yen Building	7.7	7.9	-2.5	88.5
Others	4.2	4.7	-10.6	
Subtotal:	315.8	345.8	-8.7	
London, United Kingdom				
107 Leadenhall Street	23.0	24.6	-6.5	97.4
100 Leadenhall Street	29.7	28.7	+3.5	100.0
106 Leadenhall Street	3.2	3.2	0.0	100.0
Subtotal:	55.9	56.5	-1.1	
Mainland China				
<u>Shanghai</u>				
Shanghai Hong Kong Plaza	144.8	151.9	-4.7	Retail: 91.8 Office: 83.4
Shanghai May Flower Plaza	20.5	19.2	+6.8	Retail: 99.2
Shanghai Regents Park	11.6	11.7	-0.9	100.0
<u>Guangzhou</u>				
Guangzhou May Flower Plaza	58.4	60.7	-3.8	98.8
Guangzhou West Point	13.4	12.7	+5.5	96.0
Guangzhou Lai Fung Tower	73.8	61.5	+20.0	Retail: 95.9 Office: 98.3 ¹
<u>Zhongshan</u>				
Zhongshan Palm Spring	2.6	2.2	+18.2	Retail: 74.5 ¹
<u>Hengqin</u>				
Hengqin Novotown Phase I	4.3	0.1	+4200.0	Retail: 66.2 ²
Others	10.0	7.6	+31.6	
Subtotal:	339.4	327.6	+3.6	
Total:	711.1	729.9	-2.6	
Rental proceeds from joint venture projects				
Hong Kong				
CCB Tower ³ (50% basis)	68.6	70.0	-2.0	100.0
Alto Residences ⁴ (50% basis)	10.9	7.1	+53.5	68.9
Total:	79.5	77.1	+3.1	

Notes:

1. Excluding self-use area.
2. Including cultural attraction spaces occupied by Lionsgate Entertainment World[®] and National Geographic Ultimate Explorer Hengqin.
3. CCB Tower is a joint venture project with China Construction Bank Corporation ("CCB") in which each of LSD Group and CCB has an effective 50% interest. For the six months ended 31 January 2021, the joint venture recorded rental proceeds of approximately HK\$137.1 million (2020: HK\$140.0 million).
4. Alto Residences is a joint venture project with Empire Group Holdings Limited ("Empire Group") in which each of LSD Group and Empire Group has an effective 50% interest. For the six months ended 31 January 2021, the joint venture recorded rental proceeds of approximately HK\$21.8 million (2020: HK\$14.2 million).

Set out below is the breakdown of turnover by usage of the Group's major rental properties:

	Six months ended 31 January 2021			Six months ended 31 January 2020		
	Attributable interest to the Group	Turnover (HK\$ million)	Total GFA (square feet)	Attributable interest to the Group	Turnover (HK\$ million)	Total GFA (square feet)
Hong Kong						
Cheung Sha Wan Plaza	56.13%			56.07%		
Commercial		78.0	233,807		86.1	233,807
Office		69.3	409,896		73.2	409,896
Car-parking spaces		7.6	N/A		8.7	N/A
Subtotal:		154.9	643,703		168.0	643,703
Causeway Bay Plaza 2	56.13%			56.07%		
Commercial		60.2	109,770		61.6	109,770
Office		24.2	96,268		28.3	96,268
Car-parking spaces		2.2	N/A		1.7	N/A
Subtotal:		86.6	206,038		91.6	206,038
Lai Sun Commercial Centre	56.13%			56.07%		
Commercial		11.2	95,063		11.8	95,063
Office		2.3	74,181		2.0	74,181
Car-parking spaces		8.2	N/A		9.1	N/A
Subtotal:		21.7	169,244		22.9	169,244
Crocodile Centre	100%			100%		
Commercial		40.7	91,201		50.7	91,201
Por Yen Building	100%			100%		
Industrial		7.6	109,010		7.8	109,010
Car-parking spaces		0.1	N/A		0.1	N/A
Subtotal:		7.7	109,010		7.9	109,010
Others		4.2	108,810 [/]		4.7	108,810 [/]
Subtotal:		315.8	1,328,006 [/]		345.8	1,328,006 [/]
London, United Kingdom						
107 Leadenhall Street	56.13%			56.07%		
Commercial		2.3	48,182		2.0	48,182
Office		20.7	98,424		22.6	98,424
Subtotal:		23.0	146,606		24.6	146,606
100 Leadenhall Street	56.13%			56.07%		
Office		29.7	177,700		28.7	177,700
106 Leadenhall Street	56.13%			56.07%		
Commercial		0.6	3,540		0.6	3,540
Office		2.6	16,384		2.6	16,384
Subtotal:		3.2	19,924		3.2	19,924
Subtotal:		55.9	344,230		56.5	344,230
Mainland China						
Shanghai						
Shanghai Hong Kong Plaza	30.62%			21.14%		
Retail		90.8	468,434		97.4	468,434
Office		50.2	362,096		51.5	362,096
Car-parking spaces		3.8	N/A		3.0	N/A
Subtotal:		144.8	830,530		151.9	830,530
Shanghai May Flower Plaza	30.62%			21.14%		
Retail		18.6	320,314		17.3	320,314
Car-parking spaces		1.9	N/A		1.9	N/A
Subtotal:		20.5	320,314		19.2	320,314
Shanghai Regents Park	29.09%			20.08%		
Retail		10.5	82,062		10.6	82,062
Car-parking spaces		1.1	N/A		1.1	N/A
Subtotal:		11.6	82,062		11.7	82,062

	Six months ended 31 January 2021			Six months ended 31 January 2020		
	Attributable interest to the Group	Turnover (HK\$ million)	Total GFA (square feet)	Attributable interest to the Group	Turnover (HK\$ million)	Total GFA (square feet)
Guangzhou						
Guangzhou May Flower Plaza	30.62%			21.14%		
Retail		49.9	357,424		52.8	357,424
Office		6.9	79,431		6.5	79,431
Car-parking spaces		1.6	N/A		1.4	N/A
Subtotal:		58.4	436,855		60.7	436,855
Guangzhou West Point	30.62%			21.14%		
Retail		13.4	171,968		12.7	171,968
Guangzhou Lai Fung Tower	30.62%			21.14%		
Retail		9.0	112,292		7.5	112,292
Office		61.5	625,821		51.1	625,821
Car-parking spaces		3.3	N/A		2.9	N/A
Subtotal:		73.8	738,113		61.5	738,113
Zhongshan						
Zhongshan Palm Spring	30.62%			21.14%		
Retail		2.6	149,433		2.2	147,408
Hengqin						
Novotown Phase I	35.73%			28.13%		
Retail ²		4.3	682,073 ²		0.1	682,076 ²
Others	N/A	10.0	N/A	N/A	7.6	N/A
Subtotal:		339.4	3,411,348		327.6	3,409,326
Total:		711.1	5,083,584		729.9	5,081,562
Joint Venture Projects						
Hong Kong						
CCB Tower ³ (50% basis)	28.07%			28.04%		
Office		68.3	114,603 ⁴		69.7	114,603 ⁴
Car-parking spaces		0.3	N/A		0.3	N/A
Subtotal:		68.6	114,603⁴		70.0	114,603⁴
Alto Residences ⁵ (50% basis)	28.07%			28.04%		
Commercial		2.7	47,067 ⁶		1.6	47,067 ⁶
Residential units ⁷		7.0	19,768 ⁸		5.4	19,452 ⁸
Car-parking spaces		1.2	N/A		0.1	N/A
Subtotal:		10.9	66,835		7.1	66,519
Total:		79.5	181,438		77.1	181,122

Notes:

1. Excluding 10% interest in AIA Central.
2. Excluding the cultural attraction spaces occupied by Lionsgate Entertainment World[®] and National Geographic Ultimate Explorer Hengqin.
3. CCB Tower is a joint venture project with CCB in which each of LSD Group and CCB has an effective 50% interest. For the six months ended 31 January 2021, the joint venture recorded rental proceeds of approximately HK\$137.1 million (2020: HK\$140.0 million).
4. GFA attributable to LSD Group. The total GFA of CCB Tower is 229,206 square feet.
5. Alto Residences is a joint venture project with Empire Group in which each of LSD Group and Empire Group has an effective 50% interest. For the six months ended 31 January 2021, the joint venture recorded rental proceeds of approximately HK\$21.8 million (2020: HK\$14.2 million).
6. GFA attributable to LSD Group. Total GFA is 94,133 square feet.
7. Referring to those sold residential units offering early occupation benefit which allows the purchasers to move in earlier before completion of the sale.
8. Saleable area attributable to LSD Group. The total saleable area is 39,536 (2020: 38,903) square feet.

The average Sterling exchange rate for the period under review appreciated by approximately 3.7% compared with the same period last year. Excluding the effect of currency translation, the Sterling denominated turnover from London properties decreased slightly by 4.5% during the period under review. Breakdown of rental turnover of London portfolio for the six months ended 31 January 2021 is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	% Change	2021 GBP'000	2020 GBP'000	% Change
107 Leadenhall Street	22,963	24,626	-6.8	2,232	2,482	-10.1
100 Leadenhall Street	29,713	28,644	+3.7	2,888	2,888	0.0
106 Leadenhall Street	3,260	3,214	+1.4	317	324	-2.2
Total:	55,936	56,484	-1.0	5,437	5,694	-4.5

Review of major investment properties

Hong Kong Properties

Cheung Sha Wan Plaza

The asset comprises an 8-storey and a 7-storey office towers erected on top of a retail podium which was completed in 1989. It is located on top of the Lai Chi Kok MTR station with a total GFA of 643,703 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces). The arcade is positioned to serve the local communities nearby with major banks and recognised restaurants chains as the key tenants.

Causeway Bay Plaza 2

The asset comprises a 28-storey commercial/office building with car-parking facilities at basement levels which was completed in 1992. It is located at the heart of Causeway Bay with a total GFA of 206,038 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces). Key tenants include a HSBC branch and commercial offices and major restaurants.

Lai Sun Commercial Centre

The asset comprises a 13-storey commercial/carpark complex completed in 1987. It is located near the Lai Chi Kok MTR station with a total GFA of 169,244 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces).

Por Yen Building

Por Yen Building, being a 14-storey industrial building with total GFA of 109,010 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces), is located at the hub of Cheung Sha Wan Business Area and is near to the Lai Chi Kok MTR station.

Crocodile Center

Crocodile Center is a 25-storey commercial/office building which was completed in 2009 and located near the Kwun Tong MTR station. The Group owns the commercial podium which has a total GFA of 91,201 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces). Tenants dominated by local restaurant groups.

CCB Tower

This is a 50:50 joint venture between LSD Group and CCB involving the redevelopment of the former Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Central. This 27-storey office tower is a landmark property in Central featuring underground access to the Central MTR station. The property has a total GFA of 229,206 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces). 20 floors of the office floors and 2 banking hall floors of CCB Tower are leased to CCB for its Hong Kong operations.

AIA Central

LSD Group has 10% interest in AIA Central which is situated in the central business district of Hong Kong and commands spectacular views over Victoria Harbour, to Kowloon Peninsula to the north, and across Charter Garden and The Peak to the south. This 38-storey office tower provides prime office space with a total GFA of approximately 428,962 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces).

Overseas Properties

107 Leadenhall Street, London EC3, United Kingdom

In April 2014, LSD Group acquired a property located at the core of the insurance district in the City of London, surrounded by 30 St Mary Axe (commonly known as the Gherkin), Lloyd's of London and the Willis Building at 51 Lime Street. It is a freehold commercial property housing commercial, offices and retail space. The building comprises 146,606 square feet gross internal area of office accommodation extending over basement, ground, mezzanine and seven upper floors. The occupancy rate at the end of January 2021 was approximately 97.4%.

100 Leadenhall Street, London EC3, United Kingdom

Following the acquisition of 107 Leadenhall Street in April 2014, LSD Group completed the acquisition of 100 Leadenhall Street in January 2015. This property comprises a basement, a lower ground floor, ground floor and nine upper floors and provides 177,700 square feet gross internal area of offices and ancillary accommodation. The property is currently fully let to Chubb Market Company Limited.

106 Leadenhall Street, London EC3, United Kingdom

In December 2015, LSD Group acquired the property located adjacent to 100 and 107 Leadenhall Street, namely 106 Leadenhall Street, which is a multi-tenanted asset with approximately 19,924 square feet gross internal area of commercial and offices including ancillary space. The property is currently fully leased out.

The City of London's Planning and Transportation Committee has approved a resolution to grant Planning Consent to LSD Group to redevelop the Leadenhall Properties. The Leadenhall Properties currently have a combined GFA of approximately 344,230 square feet. The Planning Consent would allow LSD Group to redevelop the Leadenhall Properties into a 56 storey tower with i) approximately 1,068,510 square feet gross internal area of office space as well as new retail space of approximately 8,730 square feet; ii) a free, public viewing gallery of approximately 19,967 square feet at levels 55 and 56 of the building which offers 360 degree views across London; and iii) new pedestrian routes between Leadenhall Street, Bury Street and St Mary Axe, and new public spaces around the base of the building. Including ancillary facilities of approximately 178,435 square feet, the total gross internal area of the proposed tower is expected to be approximately 1,275,642 square feet upon completion. All leases of the Leadenhall Properties have been aligned to expire in 2023. LSD Group will continue to monitor the market conditions in London closely.

Mainland China Properties

Except for LSD Group's 20% interest in Novotown Phase I in Hengqin, all major rental properties of the Group in Mainland China are held through Lai Fung Group.

Shanghai Hong Kong Plaza

Being Lai Fung Group's wholly-owned flagship investment property project in Shanghai, Shanghai Hong Kong Plaza is strategically located in the prime district of the city, directly above the Huangpi South Road Metro Station at Huaihaizhong Road in Huangpu District, which is highly accessible by car and well connected to public transportation networks, as well as walking distance from Shanghai Xintiandi.

Connected by an indoor footbridge, the property comprises a 32-storey office building, a 32-storey serviced apartment (managed by the Ascott Group), a shopping mall and carpark. The property's total GFA is approximately 1,187,100 square feet excluding 350 car-parking spaces, comprising approximately 362,100 square feet for office, approximately 356,600 square feet for serviced apartment, and approximately 468,400 square feet for shopping mall. Anchor tenants, as of the date of this results announcement, include The Apple Store, Tiffany, Genesis Motor, Tasaki, etc.

Lai Fung Group owns 100% of this property.

Shanghai May Flower Plaza

Shanghai May Flower Plaza is a mixed-use project located at the junction of Da Tong Road and Zhi Jiang Xi Road in Su Jia Xiang in the Jing'an District in Shanghai. This project is situated near the Zhongshan Road North Metro Station.

Lai Fung Group owns 100% in the retail podium which has a total GFA of approximately 320,300 square feet including the basement commercial area. The asset is positioned as a community retail facility.

Shanghai Regents Park

Shanghai Regents Park is a large-scale residential/commercial composite development located in the Zhongshan Park Commercial Area at the Changning District, Shanghai. It is situated within walking distance of the Zhongshan Park Metro Station. Lai Fung Group retains a 95%-interest in the commercial portion which has a total GFA of approximately 82,000 square feet (GFA attributable to Lai Fung Group is approximately 77,900 square feet).

Guangzhou May Flower Plaza

Guangzhou May Flower Plaza is a prime property situated at Zhongshanwu Road, Yuexiu District directly above the Gongyuanqian Metro Station in Guangzhou, the interchange station of Guangzhou Subway Lines No. 1 and 2. This 13-storey complex has a total GFA of approximately 436,900 square feet excluding 136 car-parking spaces.

The building comprises of retail spaces, restaurants, office units and car-parking spaces. The property is almost fully leased to tenants comprising well-known corporations, consumer brands and restaurants.

Lai Fung Group owns 100% of this property.

Guangzhou West Point

Guangzhou West Point is located on Zhongshan Qi Road and is within walking distance from the Ximenkou Subway Station. This is a mixed-use property where Lai Fung Group has sold all the residential and office units and retained 100% interest in the commercial podium with GFA of approximately 172,000 square feet. Tenants of the retail podium include renowned restaurants and local retail brands.

Lai Fung Group owns 100% of this property.

Guangzhou Lai Fung Tower

Guangzhou Lai Fung Tower is the office block of Phase V of Guangzhou Eastern Place, which is a multi-phase project located on Dongfeng East Road, Yuexiu District, Guangzhou. This 38-storey office building was completed in June 2016. This property has a total GFA of approximately 738,100 square feet excluding car-parking spaces.

Lai Fung Group owns 100% of this property.

Zhongshan Palm Spring Rainbow Mall

Zhongshan Palm Spring Rainbow Mall is the commercial portion of Zhongshan Palm Spring, a multi-phases project located in Caihong Planning Area, Western District of Zhongshan. It is positioned as a community retail facility with a total GFA of approximately 181,100 square feet. The anchor tenant is Zhongshan May Flower Cinema, managed and operated by eSun.

Hengqin Novotown Phase I

Novotown Phase I is an integrated tourism and entertainment project located in the heart of Hengqin, being one of the core cities in Guangdong province within the Greater Bay Area of China, with close proximity to Macau and Hong Kong. Novotown Phase I comprises a 493-room Hyatt Regency hotel, offices, cultural workshops, cultural studios, shopping and leisure facilities with a total GFA of approximately 2.7 million square feet, as well as 1,844 car-parking spaces and ancillary facilities.

Lionsgate Entertainment World® featuring attractions, retail, and dining experiences themed around Lionsgate's most captivating global film franchises, including The Hunger Games, The Twilight Saga, The Divergent Series, Now You See Me, Gods of Egypt and Escape Plan commenced operation on 31 July 2019. The family edutainment center, National Geographic Ultimate Explorer Hengqin, containing 18 individual attractions including rides, F&B facilities, retail premises, virtual reality and/or 4-D interactive experiences, and other types of entertainment and educational attractions officially commenced operations on 9 September 2019. In February 2021, a new interactive attraction "Wonders of Kung Fu" was launched in the outdoor garden space of Novotown Phase I, which includes light shows providing immersive experience and interactive games with Chinese Kungfu and cuisine being the key underlying theme. This attraction in the 5,000 square meters outdoor garden offers more than 10 interactive points, aiming not only to bring new experiences to visitors in terms of advanced visual/media technologies and cultural enlightenment, but also with an objective to boost night economy at Novotown. Leasing of the commercial area of Novotown Phase I is underway with approximately 66% of the leasable area let. Except for the two themed indoor experience centres, key tenants include Pokiddo Trampoline Park, Adidas Outlet, Decathlon, Paulaner Wirtshaus Hengqin, Oyster King, Starbucks and McDonald's.

Novotown Phase I is 80% owned by Lai Fung Group and 20% owned by LSD Group.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Recognised Sales

For the six months ended 31 January 2021, recognised turnover from sales of properties was HK\$1,220.0 million (2020: HK\$744.8 million). Set out below is a breakdown of turnover for the six months ended 31 January 2021 from sales of properties:

Hong Kong				
Recognised basis	No. of Units	Approximate Saleable Area (Square feet)	Average Selling Price¹ (HK\$/square foot)	Turnover (HK\$ million)
Monti Residential Units	17	5,662	21,926	124.2
Subtotal				124.2
Mainland China				
Recognised basis	No. of Units	Approximate GFA (Square feet)	Average Selling Price² (HK\$/square foot)	Turnover³ (HK\$ million)
Shanghai Wuli Bridge Project Residential Units	15	37,976	14,922	519.9
Hengqin Novotown Phase I Cultural Studios	3	13,990	5,026	67.0
Hengqin Novotown Phase I Cultural Workshop Unit	1	655	3,435	2.1
Hengqin Novotown Phase II Harrow ILA Hengqin Building ⁴	N/A	271,381	1,029	279.2
Zhongshan Palm Spring Residential High-rise Units	81	102,910	1,647	158.0
Zhongshan Palm Spring Residential House Units	9	20,200	2,932	56.4
Shanghai Wuli Bridge Project Car-parking Spaces	15	N/A	N/A	9.6
Shanghai Regents Park Car-parking Spaces	4	N/A	N/A	2.6
Guangzhou Eastern Place Car-parking Space	1	N/A	N/A	1.0
Subtotal				1,095.8
Total				1,220.0
Recognised sales from joint venture project				
Hong Kong				
Recognised basis	No. of Units	Approximate Saleable Area (Square feet)	Average Selling Price¹ (HK\$/square foot)	Turnover (HK\$ million)
Alto Residences (50% basis) Residential Units	2	2,319	23,588	54.7

Notes:

1. Excluding the financing component for sale of completed properties in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers".
2. Value-added tax inclusive.
3. Value-added tax exclusive.
4. Classified as income from properties under finance lease.

Contracted Sales

As at 31 January 2021, the Group's property development operation has contracted but not yet recognised sales of HK\$2,141.8 million. Including the joint venture project of the Group, the total contracted but not yet recognised sales of the Group as at 31 January 2021 amounted to HK\$3,057.7 million. Breakdown of contracted but not yet recognised sales as at 31 January 2021 is as follows:

Hong Kong				
Contracted basis	No. of Units	Approximate Saleable Area (Square feet)	Average Selling Price (HK\$/square foot)	Turnover (HK\$ million)
Monti Residential Units	7	2,143	23,122	49.6
Subtotal				49.6
Mainland China				
Contracted basis	No. of Units	Approximate GFA (Square feet)	Average Selling Price¹ (HK\$/square foot)	Turnover¹ (HK\$ million)
Zhongshan Palm Spring Residential High-rise Units	563	660,791	1,713	1,131.9
Residential House Units	16	33,473	3,200	107.1
Serviced Apartment Units ²	2	2,120	1,462	3.1
Shanghai Wuli Bridge Project Residential Units	8	19,633	15,061	295.7
Hengqin Novotown Phase I Cultural Studios	2	11,106	5,276	58.6
Serviced Apartment Units	2	1,597	3,632	5.8
Hengqin Novotown Phase II Harrow ILA Hengqin Building ³	N/A	293,729	1,641	481.9
Shanghai Wuli Bridge Project Car-parking Spaces	7	N/A	N/A	5.2
Shanghai Regents Park Car-parking Spaces	3	N/A	N/A	2.1
Guangzhou King's Park Car-parking Space	1	N/A	N/A	0.8
Subtotal				2,092.2
Total				2,141.8
Contracted sales from joint venture project				
Hong Kong				
Contracted basis	No. of Units	Approximate Saleable GFA (Square feet)	Average Selling Price (HK\$/square foot)	Turnover (HK\$ million)
Alto Residences (50% basis) Residential Units	21	36,669	24,691	905.4 ⁴
Car-parking Spaces	9	N/A	N/A	19.5

Notes:

1. Value-added tax inclusive.
2. Will be recorded as disposal of assets classified as held for sale and the sales proceeds net of cost will be included in "other operating expenses" in the consolidated income statement of the Group when the sale is completed.
3. Will be recognised as income from finance lease under turnover.
4. Representing property sales proceeds of HK\$829.2 million and rental proceeds of HK\$76.2 million in relation to certain residential units offering early occupation benefit which allows the purchasers to move in earlier before completion of the sale.

Review of major projects for sale and under development

Hong Kong Properties

Alto Residences

In November 2012, LSD Group successfully tendered for and secured a site located at Area 68A2, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories, through a 50% joint venture vehicle. The lot has an area of 229,338 square feet with a total GFA of 573,268 square feet split into 458,874 square feet for residential use and 114,394 square feet for commercial use. Construction has been completed with the Occupation Permit issued by the Buildings Department in May 2018. The Certificate of Compliance was issued by the Lands Department in September 2018.

This project providing 605 flats, including 23 detached houses was named "Alto Residences" and was launched for pre-sale in October 2016. Up to 14 March 2021, LSD Group has sold 603 units in Alto Residences with saleable area of approximately 403,761 square feet at an average selling price of approximately HK\$18,000 per square foot. LSD Group released in total 86 car-parking spaces of Alto Residences for sale since March 2019. Up to 14 March 2021, 73 car-parking spaces have been sold and the total sales proceeds amounted to approximately HK\$190.1 million.

93 Pau Chung Street

In April 2014, LSD Group was successful in its bid for the development right to the San Shan Road/Pau Chung Street project from the Urban Renewal Authority in Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The lot has an area of 12,599 square feet with a total GFA of 111,354 square feet split into 94,486 square feet for residential use and 16,868 square feet for commercial use. The construction was completed with the Occupation Permit issued by the Buildings Department in July 2018 and the Certificate of Compliance issued by the Lands Department in November 2018.

This project was named "93 Pau Chung Street" and launched for pre-sale in September 2016. The sale and handover of all 209 residential units and 7 commercial units have been completed, achieving an average selling price of approximately HK\$16,400 per square foot and HK\$23,500 per square foot, respectively. Up to 14 March 2021, 7 out of 20 car-parking spaces and 4 out of 5 motor-parking spaces have been sold and the total sales proceeds amounted to approximately HK\$10.2 million.

Novi

On 16 May 2016, LSD Group completed the purchase of the remaining unit for the proposed development on Ki Lung Street in Sham Shui Po, Kowloon. The site comprises numbers 48-56 on Ki Lung Street and has a combined site area of 5,054 square feet. The construction works of this commercial/residential development have been completed with the Occupation Permit issued by the Buildings Department in July 2019.

This project was named "Novi" and the sale and handover of all 138 flats, including studios, one and two-bedroom units with total saleable area of approximately 28,800 square feet have been completed. As at the date of this results announcements, 4 commercial units of Novi remain unsold.

Monti

LSD Group was successful in its bid for the development rights to the Sai Wan Ho Street project in September 2015 from the Urban Renewal Authority in Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong. The project covers a site area of 7,642 square feet and provide 144 residential units with a total saleable area of approximately 45,822 square feet. Construction work has been completed. The Occupation Permit was issued by the Buildings Department in October 2019 and the Certificate of Compliance was issued by the Lands Department in March 2020.

This project was named "Monti" and launched for pre-sale in August 2018. Up to 14 March 2021, LSD Group has sold 121 units in Monti with saleable area of approximately 37,984 square feet at an average selling price of approximately HK\$21,100 per square foot. Handover of the sold residential units has been substantially completed.

Tai Kei Leng project

In March 2019, LSD Group successfully tendered for and secured a site located at No. 266 Tai Kei Leng, Lot No. 5382 in Demarcation District No. 116, Tai Kei Leng, Yuen Long, Hong Kong. This site is designated for private residential purposes adding a total GFA of approximately 42,200 square feet to the development portfolio of LSD Group. Construction work is in progress and is expected to be completed in 2024.

Hang On Street project

In April 2019, LSD Group successfully secured the Urban Renewal Authority project covering a site area of approximately 8,500 square feet at No. 18 Hang On Street, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong which will be developed into a total GFA of approximately 64,000 square feet of residential spaces. Construction work is in progress and is expected to be completed in 2023.

Wong Chuk Hang project

In January 2021, the consortium formed by LSD Group together with New World Development Company Limited, Empire Development Hong Kong (BVI) Limited and CSI Properties Limited successfully won the tender for the Wong Chuk Hang Station Package Five Property Development. This residential development project sitting on top of the Wong Chuk Hang MTR station in the prominent Southern district of Hong Kong covers a site area of approximately 95,600 square feet, with a total GFA of approximately 636,200 square feet and is expected to deliver two residential towers, offering around 1,050 residential units.

Mainland China Properties

All major properties in Mainland China for sale and under development of the Group are held through Lai Fung Group except Hengqin Novotown Phase I which is 80% owned by Lai Fung Group and 20% owned by LSD Group.

Shanghai Northgate Plaza Redevelopment Project

Shanghai Northgate Plaza I is located on Tian Mu Road West in the Jing'an District of Shanghai near the Shanghai Railway Terminal and comprises office units, a retail podium and car-parking spaces. Shanghai Northgate Plaza II is a vacant site adjacent to Northgate Plaza I. In September 2016, Lai Fung Group completed the acquisition of the 6th to 11th floors of Hui Gong Building which is physically connected to Northgate Plaza I, together with the right to use 20 car-parking spaces in the basement. Redevelopment of Shanghai Northgate Plaza I, Northgate Plaza II and the Hui Gong Building together under a comprehensive redevelopment plan which includes an office tower, a shopping mall and an underground car-parking structure is in progress and is expected to add a total GFA of approximately 727,200 square feet excluding car-parking spaces to the rental portfolio of Lai Fung Group. Construction work is on track and this project is expected to complete in the second half of 2022.

Shanghai Wuli Bridge Project

Shanghai Wuli Bridge Project is a high-end luxury residential project located by Huangpu River in Huangpu District in Shanghai with a site area of approximately 74,100 square feet. Construction work has been completed in August 2019. This project providing 28 residential units with an attributable GFA of approximately 77,900 square feet and 28 car-parking spaces was launched for sale in September 2020 and has received enthusiastic response from the market. During the period under review, sales of 15 residential units with a total GFA of 37,976 square feet were recognised at an average selling price of HK\$14,922 per square foot, which contributed a total of HK\$519.9 million to Lai Fung Group's turnover and the sale of 15 car-parking spaces contributed HK\$9.6 million to Lai Fung Group's turnover. As at 31 January 2021, 13 residential units and 28 car-parking spaces of this development remained unsold.

Shanghai May Flower Plaza

Shanghai May Flower Plaza is a completed mixed-use project located at the junction of Da Tong Road and Zhi Jiang Xi Road in Su Jia Xiang in the Jing'an District in Shanghai and situated near the Zhongshan Road North Metro Station. As at 31 January 2021, 458 car-parking spaces of this development remained unsold.

Shanghai Regents Park

Shanghai Regents Park is a large-scale residential/commercial composite development located in the Zhongshan Park Commercial Area at the Changning District, Shanghai. It is situated within walking distance of the Zhongshan Park Metro Station. As at 31 January 2021, a total of 240 car-parking spaces of this development remained unsold.

Guangzhou King's Park

This is a high-end residential development located on Donghua Dong Road in Yuexiu District. The attributable GFA is approximately 98,300 square feet excluding 57 car-parking spaces and ancillary facilities. As at 31 January 2021, a total of 9 car-parking spaces of this development remained unsold.

Guangzhou Haizhu Plaza

Guangzhou Haizhu Plaza is located on Chang Di Main Road in Yuexiu District, Guangzhou along the Pearl River. Lai Fung Group owns the entire project. The proposed development has a total project GFA of approximately 580,800 square feet and is intended to be developed for rental purposes. The construction commenced in the first half of 2019 and the completion is expected to be in the first half of 2023.

Zhongshan Palm Spring

The project is located in Caihong Planning Area, Western District of Zhongshan. The overall development has a total planned GFA of approximately 6.075 million square feet. The project comprises of high-rise residential towers, townhouses and commercial blocks totaling 4.466 million square feet.

During the period under review, 102,910 square feet of high-rise residential units and 20,200 square feet of house units were recognised at average selling prices of HK\$1,647 and HK\$2,932 per square foot, respectively, which contributed a total of HK\$214.4 million to the sales turnover.

STARR Resort Residence Zhongshan comprising two 16-storey blocks in the Palm Lifestyle complex was closed. The serviced apartment units were launched for sale in May 2019 and have been re-classified from "Property, plant and equipment" to "Assets classified as held for sale" in the consolidated statement of financial position of the Group. During the period under review, 7 serviced apartment units have been sold for a total sales proceed of approximately HK\$9.6 million. The sale of these serviced apartment units is recorded as disposal of assets classified as held for sale and the sales proceeds net of cost are included in "other operating expenses" in the consolidated income statement of the Group.

As at 31 January 2021, completed units held for sale in this development, including residential units, serviced apartment units and commercial units, amounted to approximately 611,973 square feet and 1,621 car-parking spaces remained unsold. The remaining GFA of Phase IV of Palm Spring under development was approximately 1,576,100 square feet excluding car-parking spaces and ancillary facilities. Construction work is on track and expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2021.

Hengqin Novotown

Phase I

Sales of the cultural studios and cultural workshop units of Hengqin Novotown Phase I are in progress. During the period under review, sales of 13,990 square feet of cultural studios and 655 square feet of cultural workshop units were recognised at an average selling price of HK\$5,026 and HK\$3,435 per square foot, respectively, which contributed a total of HK\$69.1 million to the Group's turnover. As at 31 January 2021, completed properties held for sale in Novotown Phase I, including cultural studios, cultural workshops units and office units, amounted to approximately 1,074,000 square feet.

Novotown Phase I is 80% owned by Lai Fung Group and 20% owned by LSD Group.

Phase II

Novotown Phase II is situated adjacent to Novotown Phase I with a total site area of approximately 143,800 square meters and a maximum plot ratio of 2 times. Lai Fung Group succeeded in bidding for the land use rights of the land offered for sale by The Land and Resources Bureau of Zhuhai through the listing-for-sale process in December 2018.

Lai Fung Group entered into a licence agreement with Real Madrid Club de Fútbol in June 2017 in relation to the development and operation of the location based entertainment centre, namely Real Madrid World in Novotown. Real Madrid World is expected to contain over 20 attractions and will be made up of several signature experiences including the Flying Theatre and the Stuntpit, an array of interactive training games, a walkthrough of Real Madrid history, plus dining and retail outlets. Lai Fung Group also entered into a license agreement in December 2018 with Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. for the development and operation of the Ducati Experience Centre in Novotown. The Ducati Experience Centre expects to cover an area of no less than 4,500 square meters and will offer experiential attractions including immersive racing experiences, exclusive Ducati exhibits and retail concessions.

Construction works are on track and the completion is expected to be in phases by 2024. This mixed-used development project is expected to provide commercial and experiential entertainment facilities, office space and serviced apartment space of 387,700 square feet, 1,599,300 square feet and 586,800 square feet, respectively. Real Madrid World and Ducati Experience Centre are expected to be the key experiential entertainment facilities in Novotown Phase II. Real Madrid World is currently under construction and Lai Fung Group is in the process of finalising the development plan for Ducati Experience Centre, as well as other facilities in Novotown Phase II.

Properties in Novotown Phase II occupied by Harrow ILA Hengqin has been sold to the school operator during the period under review, which enabled Lai Fung Group to crystallise the value in its investment in Novotown Phase II and recycle the capital to improve its working capital position. Harrow ILA Hengqin opened in February 2021.

Lai Fung Group remains confident that the growing commitment from cooperation amongst Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau in the development of the Greater Bay Area will make Novotown a new contributor to Lai Fung Group's results in the long run.

RESTAURANT OPERATIONS

The extension of containment measures in Hong Kong for catering businesses continued to weigh on the performance of the Group's restaurants, which are owned and operated by LSD Group. Revenue of this segment of the Group has been inevitably affected by compulsory social distancing and seat restrictions, as well as restrictions on reduced dining time. For the six months ended 31 January 2021, restaurant operations contributed HK\$172.1 million to the Group's turnover (2020: HK\$233.4 million). Up to the date of this results announcement, restaurant operations include LSD Group's interests in 23 restaurants in Hong Kong and Mainland China and 2 restaurants in Hong Kong and Macau under management. Details of each existing restaurant of LSD Group are as follows:

Cuisine	Restaurant	Location	Attributable interest to LSD Group	Award
Owned restaurants				
Western/ International Cuisine	8½ Otto e Mezzo BOMBANA Hong Kong	Hong Kong	37%	Three Michelin stars (2012-2021)
	8½ Otto e Mezzo BOMBANA Shanghai	Shanghai	13%	Two Michelin stars (2017-2021)
	Opera BOMBANA	Beijing	20%	
	CIAK - In The Kitchen	Hong Kong	62%	One Michelin star (2015-2017)
	CIAK - All Day Italian	Hong Kong	67%	Michelin Bib Gourmand (2017-2021)
	Beefbar	Hong Kong	62%	One Michelin star (2017-2021)
	Takumi by Daisuke Mori	Hong Kong	63%	One Michelin star (2018-2021)
	Prohibition <i>(Note)</i>	Hong Kong	100%	
	Zest by Konishi	Hong Kong	67%	One Michelin star (2020-2021)
Asian Cuisine	China Tang Landmark	Hong Kong	50%	The Plate Michelin (2019-2021)
	China Tang Harbour City	Hong Kong	60%	The Plate Michelin (2019-2021)
	China Tang Beijing	Beijing	67%	
	Howard's Gourmet	Hong Kong	50%	
	Chiu Tang Central	Hong Kong	67%	
	Old Bazaar Kitchen	Hong Kong	63%	
	Sun's Bazaar Pacific Place	Hong Kong	67%	
	Sun's Bazaar KiKi Tea Telford Plaza	Hong Kong	69%	
	Canton Bistro <i>(Note)</i>	Hong Kong	100%	
	KiKi Noodle Bar IFC	Hong Kong	67%	
	KiKi Noodle Bar K11 MUSEA	Hong Kong	67%	
	KiKi Noodle Bar Shanghai Hong Kong Plaza	Shanghai	67%	
	KiKi Noodle Bar Shanghai One ITC	Shanghai	67%	
Japanese Cuisine	Masa Hong Kong	Hong Kong	67%	
Managed restaurants				
Western Cuisine	8½ Otto e Mezzo BOMBANA Macau	Macau	N/A	One Michelin star (2016-2021)
	Cipriani	Hong Kong	N/A	

Note: Performance of these two restaurants in Ocean Park Marriott Hotel has been included in the hotel operation segment for segment reporting purposes.

HOTEL AND SERVICED APARTMENT OPERATIONS

The hotel and serviced apartment operation segment of the Group includes LSD Group's operation of the Ocean Park Marriott Hotel in Hong Kong and the Caravelle Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, as well as Lai Fung Group's hotel and serviced apartment operation in Shanghai, Mainland China. In December 2019, LSD Group had further expanded its hotel portfolio with the acquisition of a 50% interest in Fairmont St. Andrews resort in Fife, Scotland, United Kingdom. This 211-bedroom five-star hotel, sitting on 520 acres of land with two private Manor Homes of four bedrooms each enjoys spectacular cliff-top views and boasts two championship golf courses in addition to a 10-treatment room spa, five restaurants and bars, as well as 3,000 square meters of conference and event space. Performance of the 50:50 joint venture of Fairmont St. Andrews resort is recognised as "Share of profits and losses of joint ventures" in the consolidated income statement of the Group. The hotel project in Phuket, Thailand that LSD Group invested in June 2017 is still at the planning stage. LSD Group is closely monitoring the tourism market in Thailand and will provide updates on this project as and when there is material progress.

COVID-19 pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges to global tourism and hospitality industry. Since early 2020, a number of social distancing measures and travel restrictions have been implementing by countries around the world to prevent the spread of the virus and the tourist economy has experienced a record contraction. LSD Group's hotel and serviced apartment portfolio was inevitably affected by the epidemic with its occupancy and revenue per available room having dropped significantly. For the six months ended 31 January 2021, the hotel and serviced apartment operations contributed HK\$289.3 million to the Group's turnover (2020: HK\$478.5 million).

Breakdown of turnover for the six months ended 31 January 2021 from hotel and serviced apartment operations is as follows:

	Location	Attributable interest to LSD Group	No. of Rooms ^{Note1}	Total GFA (square feet)	Turnover (HK\$ million)	Period end occupancy rate (%)
Hotel and serviced apartment						
Ocean Park Marriott Hotel	Hong Kong	100%	471	365,974	81.8	23.8
Ascott Huaihai Road Shanghai	Shanghai	54.56%	309	356,638	49.1	83.6
STARR Hotel Shanghai	Shanghai	54.56%	239	143,846	11.4	46.5
Hyatt Regency Hengqin	Hengqin	63.65%	493	594,763	42.6	26.7
Caravelle Hotel	Ho Chi Minh City	26.01%	335	378,225	104.2	7.0
Subtotal:			1,847	1,839,446	289.1	
Hotel management fee					0.2	
Total:					289.3	
Joint Venture Project						
Fairmont St. Andrews (50% basis)	Scotland	50%	211	274,682	13.3	<i>Note 2</i>

Notes:

1. On 100% basis
2. The resort has been required to close temporarily since 24 October 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic in the United Kingdom

Ocean Park Marriott Hotel officially commenced its operations on 19 February 2019, adding a total of 471 rooms and approximately 365,974 square feet of attributable rental space to the rental portfolio of LSD Group.

Caravelle Hotel is a leading international 5-star hotel in the centre of the business, shopping and entertainment district in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. It is an elegant 24-storey tower with a mixture of French colonial and traditional Vietnamese style and has 335 superbly appointed rooms, suites, exclusive Signature Floors, Signature Lounge and a specially equipped room for the disabled. Total GFA of Caravelle Hotel is approximately 378,225 square feet.

The hotel operation team of LSD Group has extensive experience in providing consultancy and management services to hotels in Mainland China, Hong Kong and other Asian countries. The division's key strategy going forward will continue to focus on providing management services, particularly to capture opportunities arising from the developments of Lai Fung Group in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Hengqin. The hotel division of LSD Group manages Lai Fung's serviced apartments in Shanghai under the "STARR" brand.

STARR Hotel Shanghai is a 17-storey hotel located in the Mayflower Lifestyle complex in Jing'an District, within walking distance to Lines 1, 3 and 4 of the Shanghai Metro Station with easy access to major motorways. There are 239 fully furnished and equipped hotel units with stylish separate living room, bedroom, fully-equipped kitchenette and luxurious bathroom amenities for short or extended stays to meet the needs of the business travelers from around the world and the total GFA is approximately 143,800 square feet.

Lai Fung Group also owns 100% interest in the Ascott Huaihai Road in Shanghai Hong Kong Plaza which is managed by the Ascott Group and it is one of a premier collection of the Ascott Limited's serviced residences in over 70 cities in Asia Pacific, Europe and the Gulf region. The residence with total GFA of approximately 358,400 square feet and approximately 356,600 square feet attributable to Lai Fung Group has 309 contemporary apartments of various sizes: studios (640-750 square feet), one-bedroom apartments (915-1,180 square feet), two-bedroom apartments (1,720 square feet), three-bedroom apartments (2,370 square feet) and two luxurious penthouses on the highest two floors (4,520 square feet).

Hyatt Regency Hengqin soft opened on 31 December 2019 is located in Novotown Phase I in Hengqin, Zhuhai, the heart of the Greater Bay Area and is within easy reach of the bridge linking Zhuhai with Hong Kong and Macau. Hyatt Regency Hengqin with total GFA of approximately 594,800 square feet has 493 guest rooms including 55 suites ranging in size from 430 square feet to 2,580 square feet, a wide range of dining options, as well as banqueting and conference facilities of over 40,000 square feet.

CINEMA OPERATION

The cinema operation is managed by eSun Group. For the six months ended 31 January 2021, this segment recorded a turnover of HK\$61.1 million (2020: HK\$194.6 million) and segment results of a loss of HK\$64.6 million (2020: a loss of HK\$154.0 million). The box office performance of eSun Group has been severely affected by cinema closures and the delay in major blockbuster movies amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic. As at the date of this results announcement, eSun Group operates twelve cinemas in Hong Kong and three cinemas in Mainland China and details on the number of screens and seats of each existing cinema are as follows:

Cinema	Attributable interest to eSun Group (%)	No. of screens <i>(Note)</i>	No. of Seats <i>(Note)</i>
Mainland China			
Suzhou Grand Cinema City	100	10	1,440
Guangzhou May Flower Cinema City	100	7	606
Zhongshan May Flower Cinema City	100	5	905
Subtotal		22	2,951
Hong Kong			
K11 Art House	100	12	1,708
Movie Town (including MX4D theatre)	100	7	1,702
MCL Cyberport Cinema	100	4	818
Festival Grand Cinema	95	8	1,196
MCL Metro City Cinema	95	6	690
MCL Telford Cinema (including MX4D theatre)	95	6	789
STAR Cinema	95	6	622
Grand Kornhill Cinema (including MX4D theatre)	95	5	706
MCL Cheung Sha Wan Cinema	95	4	418
MCL South Horizons Cinema	95	3	555
MCL Green Code Cinema	95	3	285
Grand Windsor Cinema	95	3	246
Subtotal		67	9,735
Total		89	12,686

Note: On 100% basis

MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT

The media and entertainment businesses are operated by eSun Group. For the six months ended 31 January 2021, this segment recorded a turnover of HK\$163.5 million (2020: HK\$202.8 million) and segment results of a profit of HK\$8.4 million (2020: HK\$8.2 million).

Live Entertainment

During the period under review, eSun Group organised and invested in 1 (2020: 39) show(s).

Music Production, Distribution and Publishing

For the six months ended 31 January 2021, eSun Group released 9 (2020: 12) albums, including titles by Sammi Cheng, Andy Leung, Chan Kin On, Jay Fung and Nowhere Boys. eSun Group is expected to continue to increase its music licensing revenue from the exploitation of the music library through new media distribution.

Artiste Management

eSun Group has a strong artiste management team and a sizeable number of talents and will continue to expand its profile and in tandem with our growing television drama production and film production business.

FILM AND TV PROGRAMME PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

The film and TV programme production and distribution businesses are operated by eSun Group. For the six months ended 31 January 2021, this segment recorded a turnover of HK\$57.2 million (2020: HK\$111.4 million) and segment results of a profit of HK\$13.1 million (2020: a loss of HK\$17.8 million).

During the period under review, a total of 2 films produced/invested by eSun Group were theatrically released, namely "*I'm Livin' It*" and "*The Calling Of A Bus Driver*". eSun Group also distributed 10 (2020: 17) films and 107 (2020: 179) videos with high profile titles including "*Doraemon: Nobita's New Dinosaur*", "*Onward*", "*Greenland*" and "*Trolls World Tour*".

INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES

During the period ended 31 January 2021, losses from joint ventures amounted to HK\$328.9 million, as compared to losses of HK\$96.7 million for the same period in 2020. This is primarily due to the decrease in fair value of CCB Tower and lower profit contribution from property sale of Alto Residences during the period under review.

	Six months ended 31 January	
	2021 (HK\$ million)	2020 (HK\$ million)
Revaluation losses	(394.5)	(208.9)
Operating profits	65.6	112.2
Losses from joint ventures	(328.9)	(96.7)

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 31 January 2021, cash and bank balances and undrawn facilities held by the Group amounted to HK\$7,524.6 million and HK\$5,977.2 million, respectively. Cash and bank balances held by the Group of which about 37% was denominated in Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars, and about 59% was denominated in Renminbi. Cash and bank balances and undrawn facilities held by the Group excluding LSD Group as at 31 January 2021 were HK\$89.6 million and HK\$580.0 million, respectively.

The Group's sources of funding comprise mainly internal funds generated from the Group's business operations, loan facilities provided by banks and guaranteed notes issued to investors.

As at 31 January 2021, the Group had bank borrowings of approximately HK\$17,438.7 million, guaranteed notes of approximately HK\$5,738.0 million, other borrowings of approximately HK\$740.0 million and other payable of approximately HK\$61.1 million. As at 31 January 2021, the maturity profile of the bank borrowings of HK\$17,438.7 million is spread with HK\$4,630.8 million repayable within 1 year, HK\$1,132.9 million repayable in the second year and HK\$10,103.4 million repayable in the third to fifth years, and HK\$1,571.6 million repayable beyond the fifth year.

The Group issued guaranteed notes in an aggregate principal amount of US\$750 million. The guaranteed notes have terms of five years and bear a fixed interest rate of 4.6% and 5.65% per annum with interest payable semi-annually in arrears. The guaranteed notes are listed on the Stock Exchange and were issued for refinancing the previous notes and for general corporate purposes. The Group entered into cross currency swap agreements with financial institutions for the purpose of hedging the foreign currency risk.

Approximately 73% and 24% of the Group's total borrowings carried interest on a floating rate basis and fixed rate basis, respectively, and the remaining 3% of Group's borrowings were interest-free.

The gearing ratio, expressed as a percentage of the total outstanding net debt (being the total borrowings less cash and bank balances) to consolidated net assets attributable to owners of the Company, was approximately 76%. Excluding the net debt of the LSD Group, the Group's gearing ratio was approximately 4%.

As at 31 January 2021, certain investment properties with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$34,261.8 million, certain property, plant and equipment with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$3,166.8 million, certain right-of-use assets of approximately HK\$3,019.4 million, certain completed properties of approximately HK\$53.1 million, certain properties under development of approximately HK\$3,089.3 million, certain serviced apartments and related leasehold improvements of approximately HK\$383.3 million, certain construction in progress of approximately HK\$122.8 million, and certain bank balances and time deposits with banks of approximately HK\$1,519.5 million were pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group. In addition, shares in certain subsidiaries held by the Group were also pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group. Shares in certain joint ventures and an associate held by the Group were pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to certain joint ventures and an associate of the Group. The Group's secured bank borrowings were also secured by floating charges over certain assets held by the Group.

The Group's major assets and liabilities and transactions were denominated in Hong Kong dollars, United States dollars, Pounds Sterling and Renminbi. Considering that Hong Kong dollars are pegged against United States dollars, the Group believes that the corresponding exposure to exchange rate risk arising from United States dollars is nominal. The Group has investments in United Kingdom with the assets and liabilities denominated in Pounds Sterling. These investments were primarily financed by bank borrowings denominated in Pounds Sterling in order to minimise the net foreign exchange exposure. Lai Fung Group has a net exchange exposure to Renminbi as their assets are principally located in Mainland China and the revenues are predominantly in Renminbi. Other than the abovementioned, the remaining monetary assets and liabilities of the Group were denominated in Euro, Malaysian Ringgit and Vietnamese Dong which were also insignificant as compared with the Group's total assets and liabilities. The Group manages its foreign currency risk by closely reviewing the movement of the foreign currency rate and considers hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the additional need arise.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There has been no material change in contingent liabilities of the Group since 31 July 2020.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

During the six months ended 31 January 2021, the Company did not redeem any of its shares listed and traded on the Stock Exchange nor did the Company or any of its subsidiaries purchase or sell any of such shares.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to achieving and maintaining high standards of corporate governance and has established policies and procedures for compliance with the principles and code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code ("**CG Code**") contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange from time to time.

The Company has complied with all the code provisions set out in the CG Code throughout the six months ended 31 January 2021 save for the deviations from code provisions A.4.1, A.5.1 and E.1.2.

Under code provision A.4.1, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term and subject to re-election.

None of the existing non-executive directors ("**NEDs**", including the independent non-executive directors ("**INEDs**")) of the Company is appointed for a specific term. However, all directors of the Company ("**Directors**") are subject to the retirement provisions of the articles of association of the Company ("**Articles of Association**"), which require that the Directors for the time being shall retire from office by rotation once every three years since their last election by shareholders of the Company ("**Shareholders**") and the retiring Directors are eligible for re-election. In addition, any person appointed by the board of directors ("**Board**") as an additional Director (including a NED) will hold office only until the next annual general meeting of the Company ("**AGM**") and will then be eligible for re-election. Further, in line with the relevant code provision of the CG Code, each of the Directors appointed to fill a casual vacancy would/will be subject to election by the Shareholders at the first general meeting after his/her appointment. In view of these, the Board considers that such requirements are sufficient to meet the underlying objective of the said code provision A.4.1 and, therefore, does not intend to take any remedial steps in this regard.

Under code provision A.5.1, a nomination committee comprising a majority of independent non-executive directors should be established and chaired by the chairman of the board or an independent non-executive director.

The Company has not established a nomination committee whose functions are assumed by the full Board. The Company has achieved and maintained diversity of the Board including professional qualifications and experience, cultural and educational background, race and ethnicity, gender, age and length of service which meet the Company's business model and specific needs. Potential new Directors will be recruited based on their knowledge, skills, experience and expertise and the requirements of the Company at the relevant time and candidates for the INEDs must meet the independence criterion. The process of identifying and selecting appropriate candidates for consideration and approval by the Board has been, and will continue to be, carried out by the executive Directors ("EDs"). In January 2019, the Company adopted the Nomination Policy which set out the criteria, process and procedures by which the Company will select candidates for possible inclusion in the Board. As the Nomination Policy has already been in place and the other duties of the nomination committee as set out in the CG Code have long been performed by the full Board effectively, the Board does not consider it necessary to establish a nomination committee at the current stage.

Under code provision E.1.2, the chairman of the board should attend the annual general meeting.

Due to other pre-arranged business commitments which must be attended to by the late Dr. Lam Kin Ming, the Chairman, he was not present at the AGM held on 18 December 2020. However, Mr. Chew Fook Aun, the Deputy Chairman and an ED present at that AGM took the chair of that AGM pursuant to Article 71 of the Articles of Association to ensure an effective communication with the Shareholders thereat.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As at 31 January 2021, the Group employed a total of approximately 4,500 employees. The Group recognises the importance of maintaining a stable staff force in its continued success. Under the Group's existing policies, employee pay rates are maintained at competitive levels whilst promotion and salary increments are assessed on a performance-related basis. Discretionary bonuses are granted to employees based on their merit and in accordance with industry practice. Other benefits including share option scheme, mandatory provident fund scheme, free hospitalisation insurance plan, subsidised medical care and sponsorship for external education and training programmes are offered to eligible employees.

INVESTOR RELATIONS

To ensure our investors have a better understanding of the Company, our management engages in a proactive investor relations programme. Our Executive Directors and Investor Relations Department communicate with research analysts and institutional investors on an on-going basis and meet with research analysts and the press after our results announcements, attend major investors' conferences and participate in international non-deal roadshows to communicate the Company's financial performance and global business strategy.

During the period under review, certain investor relations activities have been postponed or cancelled due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Group maintains proactive interactions with the investment community via conference calls and virtual events and provides them with updates on the Group's operations, financial performance and outlook. The Company is keen on promoting investor relations and enhancing communication with the Shareholders and potential investors. It welcomes suggestions from investors, stakeholders and the public who may contact the Investor Relations Department by phone on (852) 2853 6116, by fax at (852) 2853 6651 or by e-mail at ir@laisun.com.

REVIEW OF INTERIM RESULTS

The audit committee of the Company ("**Audit Committee**") currently comprises three INEDs, namely Messrs. Leung Shu Yin, William, Lam Bing Kwan and Chow Bing Chiu. The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited interim results (including the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements) of the Company for the six months ended 31 January 2021.

By Order of the Board
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter
Chairman

Hong Kong, 26 March 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises five executive directors, namely Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (Chairman), Mr. Chew Fook Aun (Deputy Chairman), Madam U Po Chu, Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew and Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester (also alternate to Madam U Po Chu); and three independent non-executive directors, namely Messrs. Leung Shu Yin, William, Lam Bing Kwan and Chow Bing Chiu.