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遠洋地產寶財IV有限公司

(Incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability)
(the “**Issuer**”)

US\$400,000,000 3.25% GUARANTEED GREEN NOTES DUE 2026
(**Stock Code: 40670**)
(the “**Notes**”)

unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by



SINO-OCEAN GROUP HOLDING LIMITED

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(**Stock Code: 03377**)
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By order of the Board
Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited
CHUNG Kai Cheong
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 6 May 2021

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遠洋地產寶財IV有限公司

(incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability)

U.S.\$400,000,000 3.25 per cent. Guaranteed Green Notes due 2026
unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by



SINO-OCEAN GROUP HOLDING LIMITED
遠洋集團控股有限公司
(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 03377)

Issue Price: 99.161 per cent.

Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited 遠洋地產寶財IV有限公司 (the "Issuer") proposes to issue U.S.\$400,000,000 in principal amount of guaranteed green notes due 2026 (the "Notes"). The Notes will be direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed (the "Guarantee") by Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited (the "Company" or the "Guarantor").

The Notes will bear interest from and including 5 May 2021 at the rate of 3.25 per cent. per annum. Interest on the Notes will be payable semi-annually in arrear in equal instalments of U.S.\$16.25 per Calculation Amount (as defined in the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes")) on 5 May and 5 November in each year, commencing on 5 November 2021. All payments on the Notes will be made free from any restriction or condition and be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of the British Virgin Islands or Hong Kong or, in either case, any authority thereof or therein having power to tax to the extent described under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Taxation".

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, the Notes will be redeemed at their principal amount on 5 May 2026 (the "Maturity Date"). The Notes will be subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, at their principal amount together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption (the "Tax Redemption Date") and unpaid at the option of the Issuer upon the occurrence of certain tax events. See "Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Redemption, Purchase and Cancellation – Redemption for Taxation Reasons".

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer, in whole but not in part, (i) at any time prior to 5 February 2026, at a Make Whole Price (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes as of, together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding), the Option Redemption Date (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) specified in the Option Redemption Notice (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) and unpaid; and (ii) at any time from or after 5 February 2026, at 100 per cent. of their principal amount, together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding), the Option Redemption Date specified in the Option Redemption Notice and unpaid. See "Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Redemption, Purchase and Cancellation – Redemption at the Option of the Issuer".

The Notes may also be redeemed at the option of the holders of the Notes ("Holders", and each, a "Holder") on the Put Event Redemption Date (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) at 101 per cent. of their principal amount, together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding) such Put Event Redemption Date and unpaid, following the occurrence of a Put Event (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes). See "Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Redemption, Purchase and Cancellation – Redemption for Put Event".

We are concurrently conducting a tender offer for cash of our outstanding floating rate guaranteed notes due 2021 (the "Floating Rate Notes") (ISIN: XS1839375539, Common Code: 183937553) (the "Tender Offer") up to an aggregate principal amount of the Floating Rate Notes equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be issued pursuant to this Offering Circular although we reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to accept significantly more or significantly less than such amount (or no Floating Rate Notes at all) for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer. We intend to finance the Tender Offer from internal funding and proceeds from this offering.

Completion of the Tender Offer will be conditional upon the Company being satisfied that it will receive on or before the settlement date of the Tender Offer an amount from any means of financing (including from the issue of the Notes), which is at least equal to the amount of the total consideration payable in respect of Floating Rate Notes accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer (the "New Financing Condition"), unless the Company (in its sole and absolute discretion) elects to waive the New Financing Condition.

With reference to the Notice on Promoting the Reform of the Filing and Registration System for Issuance of Foreign Debt by Corporates (國家發展改革委關於推進企業發行外債備案登記制管理改革的通知) promulgated by the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China (the "NDRC") on 14 September 2015 which came into effect immediately, the issuance of the Notes has been registered with the NDRC and a pre-issuance registration certificate from the NDRC dated 30 September 2020 has been obtained from the NDRC evidencing such registration. Pursuant to the pre-issuance registration certificate, the Guarantor will file or cause to be filed the requisite information and documents in respect of the issuance of the Notes with the NDRC within 10 PRC Business Days (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) after the issue date of the Notes.

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The Notes are expected to be rated "Baa3" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and its affiliates ("Moody's"), "BBB-" by Fitch Ratings and its affiliates ("Fitch") and "BBB₊" by China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited and its affiliates ("CCXAP"). The credit ratings accorded to the Notes are not a recommendation to purchase, hold or sell the Notes in as much as such ratings do not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor. There can be no assurance that the ratings will remain in effect for a given period or that the ratings will not be revised by the rating agencies in the future. The Company is rated "BBB-" by Fitch and "Baa3" by Moody's.

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Singapore SFA Product Classification: In connection with Section 309B of the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289) of Singapore (the “SFA”) and the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 of Singapore (the “CMP Regulations 2018”), the Issuer has determined the classification of the Notes as prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the CMP Regulations 2018) and Excluded Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products).

PRIIPs REGULATION/PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area (the “EEA”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, “MiFID II”); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU)2016/97 (the “Insurance Distribution Directive”), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended or superseded, the “PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

UK PRIIPs REGULATION/PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (the “UK”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the “EUWA”); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “FSMA”) and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently no key information document required by the PRIIPs Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the “UK PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF THE NOTES, ANY OF THE JOINT LEAD MANAGERS AS STABILISATION MANAGER (SUCH PARTY, A “STABILISATION MANAGER”) (OR PERSONS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE STABILISATION MANAGER) MAY, PROVIDED THAT CHINA CITIC BANK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED SHALL NOT BE APPOINTED AND ACTING AS THE STABILISATION MANAGER, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAWS AND DIRECTIVES, OVER-ALLOT THE NOTES OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WITH A VIEW TO SUPPORTING THE MARKET PRICE OF THE NOTES AT A LEVEL HIGHER THAN THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL FOR A LIMITED PERIOD AFTER THE CLOSING DATE. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO OBLIGATION ON THE STABILISATION MANAGER (OR PERSONS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE STABILISATION MANAGER) TO DO THIS. ANY STABILISATION ACTION MAY BEGIN ON OR AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH ADEQUATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE TERMS OF OFFER OF THE NOTES IS MADE AND SUCH STABILISING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME BUT IT MUST END NO LATER THAN THE EARLIER OF 30 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUE DATE OF THE NOTES AND 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ALLOTMENT OF THE NOTES. ANY STABILISATION ACTION OR ALLOTMENT SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND RULES.

CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS AND CONVENTIONS

In this Offering Circular, references to:

- **“Notes”** are to the U.S.\$400,000,000 3.25 per cent. Guaranteed Green Notes due 2026 to be issued by the Issuer;
- **“ABS”** are to the RMB3,203,000,000 asset-backed securities with a term of not more than five years issued by our wholly-owned subsidiary, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited (遠洋控股集團(中國)有限公司) (the **“ABS Issuer”**), which includes a principal amount of RMB1,601,500,000 with a fixed coupon rate of 5.5% being senior class A1 securities, and a principal amount of RMB1,281,200,000 with a fixed coupon rate of 6.0% (subject to an increment of 0.3% should the credit rating of the securities and the ABS Issuer fall to or below certain rating threshold) being senior class A2 securities and a principal amount of RMB320,300,000 being subordinated class securities;
- **“2021 Notes”** are to the U.S.\$700,000,000 Floating Rate Guaranteed Notes due 2021 issued by the Issuer;
- **“2022 Notes”** are to the U.S.\$500,000,000 5.25 per cent. Guaranteed Notes due 2022 issued by the Issuer;
- **“2024 Notes”** are to the U.S.\$700,000,000 6.000 per cent. Guaranteed Notes due 2024 issued by Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance I Limited;
- **“2027 Notes”** are to the U.S.\$500,000,000 5.95 per cent. Guaranteed Notes due 2027 issued by Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance II Limited;
- **“2029 Notes”** are to the U.S.\$600,000,000 4.75 per cent. Guaranteed Notes due 2029 issued by the Issuer;
- **“2030 Notes”** are to the U.S.\$400,000,000 4.75 per cent. Guaranteed Notes due 2030 issued by the Issuer;
- **“we”, “our”, “us”, the “Company” and the “Guarantor”** are to Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited (遠洋集團控股有限公司) and, as the context requires, its consolidated subsidiaries;
- the **“Issuer”** are to Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited (遠洋地產寶財IV有限公司), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company;
- the **“PRC”, “Mainland China” or “China”** are to the People’s Republic of China, excluding the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China and Taiwan;
- **“Beijing Region”** include Beijing, Langfang, Qinhuangdao, Shijiazhuang, Taiyuan and Zhangjiakou;
- **“Bohai Rim Region”** include Tianjin, Dalian, Jinan, Qingdao, Shenyang and Yantai;
- **“BVI”** are to the British Virgin Islands;
- **“Central Region”** include Wuhan, Zhengzhou, Changsha, Hefei, Nanchang;
- **“China Life”** are to China Life Insurance Company Limited (中國人壽保險股份有限公司);
- **“Dajia Life Insurance”** are to Dajia Life Insurance Co., Ltd.* (大家人壽保險股份有限公司) (formerly known as Anbang Life Insurance Co., Ltd.* (安邦人壽保險股份有限公司));
- **“CBRC”** are to the China Banking Regulatory Commission which has been incorporated into the newly-established China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission;
- **“Eastern Region”** include Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuxi, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Jiaxing, Wenzhou, Huzhou, Yangzhou, Chuzhou, Ningbo, Changzhou and Shaoxing;

* For identification purposes only

- “**HK\$**”, “**HK dollars**” and “**Hong Kong dollars**” are to Hong Kong dollars, the official currency of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China;
- “**MOFCOM**” are to the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC;
- “**MLR**” are to the Ministry of Land and Resources of the PRC;
- “**NDRC**” are to the National Development and Reform Commission;
- “**Other Region**” include Indonesia and Singapore;
- “**PBOC**” are to the People’s Bank of China;
- “**RMB**” and “**Renminbi**” are to Renminbi, the official currency of the PRC;
- “**SAFE**” are to the State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the PRC;
- “**SAIC**” are to the State Administration for Industry and Commerce which has been reorganised as the State Administration for Market Regulation;
- “**SASAC**” are to the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the PRC;
- “**Sino-Ocean Service**” are to Sino-Ocean Service Holding Limited (遠洋服務控股有限公司), a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the SEHK;
- “**Southern Region**” include Shenzhen, Zhongshan, Zhanjiang, Guangzhou, Fuzhou, Jiangmen, Maoming, Zhangzhou, Longyan, Foshan, Sanya, Hong Kong and Xiamen;
- “**Swire Properties**” are to Swire Properties Limited (太古地產有限公司), a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the SEHK;
- “**U.S.\$**”, “**USD**” and “**U.S. dollars**” are to United States dollars, the official currency of the United States of America; and
- “**Western Region**” include Chengdu, Xi’an, Chongqing, Kunming and Guiyang.

Unless otherwise indicated, all references in this Offering Circular to “**Terms and Conditions of the Notes**” are to the terms and conditions governing the Notes as set out in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”.

A property is considered sold after we have executed the purchase contract with a customer and have delivered the property to the customer. All site area and GFA information presented in this Offering Circular represents the site area and GFA of the entire project, including those attributable to the minority shareholders of non-wholly owned project companies included in our consolidated financial statements.

GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS

The following are definitions of certain terms in this Offering Circular that are commonly used in connection with our business. The terms and their meanings may not correspond to standard industry meanings or usages of those terms.

“aggregate GFA”	the total of saleable/rentable GFA and non-saleable/rentable GFA
“CAGR”	compound annual growth rate
“certificate of completion”	the construction project planning inspection and clearance certificate (建設工程竣工驗收備案) issued by various local bureaus in China including the fire protection department, planning department, environmental protection department and air defense department with respect to the completion of property projects subsequent to their onsite examination and inspection
“commodity properties”	residential properties, commercial properties and other buildings that are developed by real estate developers for the purposes of sale or lease after their completion
“construction land planning permit”	the construction land planning permit (建設用地規劃許可證) issued by a local urban zoning and planning bureau or some other relevant government authority
“construction permit”	the construction works commencement permit (建設工程施工許可證) issued by a local governmental construction committee or some other relevant government authority
“construction works planning permit”	the construction works planning permit (建設工程規劃許可證) issued by a local urban zoning and planning bureau or some other relevant government authority
“GFA”	gross floor area
“land bank”	the total amount of GFA from all of the following: (i) projects for which the relevant governmental authorities have granted us land use rights certificates; and (ii) projects for which we have entered into land grant contracts or successfully tendered but have not yet obtained land use rights certificates. Land bank is calculated based on the amount of “remaining GFA”. “Remaining GFA” is not equivalent to “remaining saleable GFA” as it includes both saleable and non-saleable remaining GFA
“land grant contract”	an agreement between a property developer and a PRC land authority in respect of the grant of the state-owned land use rights of a parcel of land to such property developer
“land use right certificate”	a certificate issued by a local property and land resources bureau in the PRC with respect to land use rights
“land use right transfer agreement”	an agreement in respect of the transfer of the land use right of a parcel of land by the previous grantee of the land use right in the secondary market

“LAT”	land appreciation tax
“non-saleable/rentable GFA”	the amount of GFA that is not for sale or for rent, which typically includes communal facilities and service areas
“pre-sale”	sales of properties prior to the completion of their construction after the satisfaction of certain conditions under PRC laws and regulations
“pre-sale permit”	the commodity property pre-sale permit (商品房預售許可證) issued by a local land and resources and/or housing administration bureau or some other relevant government authority
“primary land development”	a type of development whereby we are appointed by a government department to carry out certain planning, removal, resettlement and foundational infrastructure work ahead of the tender, bid, or auction process of a given plot of land to a property developer
“property ownership certificate”	the property ownership certificate (房地產權證) issued by a local land and resources and/or housing administration bureau or some other relevant government authority
“saleable/rentable GFA”	the amount of GFA that a property developer intends to sell or rent and that does not exceed the multiple of the site area and the maximum permissible plot ratio
“sq.m.”	square meter
“urbanisation rate”	the percentage of a given population of a defined area that lives in an urban area

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA

FINANCIAL DATA

Our consolidated financial statements as at and for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“**HKFRS**”). The Group has adopted HKFRS 16 retrospectively from 1 January 2019, but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific transitional provisions in the standard. The reclassifications and the adjustments arising from the new leasing rules are therefore recognised in the opening balance sheet on 1 January 2019. The impact of the adoption is disclosed in Notes 3 and 4 of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. Potential investors should consult their own professional advisers for an understanding of the differences between HKFRS and the accounting principles in certain other jurisdictions. Unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, all financial information in this Offering Circular is presented on a consolidated basis. Unless otherwise indicated, the historical financial information included in this Offering Circular has been derived from the Guarantor’s audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 audited by the auditor of the Guarantor in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “**HKICPA**”).

EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

Solely for your convenience, this Offering Circular contains translations of certain Hong Kong dollar amounts into U.S. dollar amounts, Renminbi amounts into Hong Kong dollar amounts, and Renminbi amounts into U.S. dollar amounts at specified rates. Unless indicated otherwise, the translation of Renminbi amounts into U.S. dollar amounts has been made at the rate of RMB6.5250 to U.S.\$1.00, the exchange rate set forth in the H.10 weekly statistical release of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States (the “**Federal Reserve Board**”) on 31 December 2020. Further information on exchange rates is set forth in “Exchange Rate Information”. You should not construe these translations as representations that the Renminbi amounts could actually be converted into any U.S. dollar or Hong Kong dollar amounts, as the case may be, or any Hong Kong dollar amounts could be converted into any U.S. dollar amounts, at the rates indicated or at all.

ROUNDING

Certain amounts and percentages included in this Offering Circular have been rounded. Accordingly, in certain instances, the sum of the numbers in a column may not exactly equal the total figure for that column.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

We have included certain financial measures in this Offering Circular that are not defined under HKFRS or the accounting principles generally accepted in certain other jurisdictions, including EBITDA, EBITDA margin, core net profit and core net profit margin. For purposes of this Offering Circular, we have defined (i) EBITDA as revenue plus depreciation, amortisation and capitalised interest recognised in cost of sales minus cost of sales, selling and marketing expenses and administrative expenses; (ii) EBITDA margin as EBITDA divided by our revenue for the period; (iii) core net profit as the profit attributable to owners of the Company excluding one-off or non-recurring gains or losses and tax-adjusted fair value gains on investment properties; and (iv) core net profit margin as core net profit divided by revenue for the period. EBITDA, EBITDA margin, core net profit and core net profit margin are not standard measurements under HKFRSs. EBITDA is a widely used financial indicator of a company's ability to service and incur debt. EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or construed as an alternative to cash flows, net income or any other measure of financial performance or as an indicator of our operating performance, liquidity, profitability or cash flows generated by operating, investing or financing activities. EBITDA does not account for taxes, interest expense, capitalised interest or other non-operating items. In evaluating EBITDA, we believe that investors should consider, among other things, the components of EBITDA such as sales and operating expenses and the amount by which EBITDA exceeds capital expenditures and other charges. We have included EBITDA because we believe it is a useful supplement to cash flow data as a measure of our performance and our ability to generate cash flow from operations to cover debt service and taxes. EBITDA presented herein may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies. Investors should not compare our EBITDA to EBITDA presented by other companies because not all companies use the same definition.

Potential investors should be cautious and not place undue reliance on certain financial information contained in this Offering Circular that is not audited and/or reviewed.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Offering Circular contains forward-looking statements that are, by their nature, subject to significant risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements include statements relating to:

- our business and operating strategies;
- the regulatory environment of our industry in general;
- the performance and future developments of the property market in China or any region in China in which we may engage in property development;
- our capital expenditure and property development plans;
- the amount and nature of, and potential for, future development of our business;
- our operations and business prospects;
- various business opportunities that we may pursue;
- the interpretation and implementation of the existing rules and regulations relating to land appreciation tax and its future changes in enactment, interpretation or enforcement;
- changes in political, economic, legal and social conditions in China, including the specific policies of the PRC central and local governments affecting the region where we operate, which affect land supply, availability and cost of financing, and pre-sale, pricing and volume of our property development projects;
- the prospective financial information regarding our businesses;
- availability and costs of bank loans and other forms of financing;
- our dividend policy;
- projects under development or held for future development;
- our ability to obtain the various permits, proper legal titles or approvals for our properties under development or held for future development;
- timely repayments by our customers of mortgage loans guaranteed by us;
- changes in competitive conditions and our ability to compete under these conditions;
- the performance of the obligations and undertakings of the third-party contractors under various construction, building, interior decoration, material and equipment supply and installation contracts;
- changes in currency exchange rates; and
- other factors beyond our control.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by such terminology as “may”, “will”, “should”, “could”, “would”, “expect”, “intend”, “plan”, “anticipate”, “going forward”, “ought to”, “seek”, “project”, “forecast”, “believe”, “estimate”, “predict”, “potential” or “continue” or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Such statements reflect the current views of our management with respect to future events, operations, results, liquidity and capital resources and are not guarantee of future performance and some of which may not materialise or may change. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that those expectations will prove to be correct, and you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements. In addition, unanticipated events may adversely affect the actual results we achieve. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations are disclosed under the section entitled “Risk Factors” in this Offering Circular. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements contained in this Offering Circular, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise after the date of this Offering Circular. All forward-looking statements contained in this Offering Circular are qualified by reference to the cautionary statements set forth in this section.

SUMMARY

The summary below is only intended to provide a limited overview of information described in more detail elsewhere in this Offering Circular. As it is a summary, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should therefore read this Offering Circular in its entirety.

Terms defined elsewhere in this Offering Circular shall have the same meanings when used in this summary.

OVERVIEW

We are a leading large-scale national property developer with developments in key economic regions in the PRC, including the Beijing Region, the Bohai Rim Region, the Eastern Region, the Southern Region, the Central Region and the Western Region. Our core businesses include development of residential property, investment property development and operation, customer service and product construction, while non-core businesses cover real estate financing, logistics property, internet data center and senior living service. We aim to build upon our proven track records in real estate development and grow into a leading group that excels in sector investments. Attributable to our focus on quality products and professional services, we have built “Sino-Ocean” (“遠洋”) into a strong national brand.

We had more than 210 projects in different stages of development as of 31 December 2020 in rapidly growing Chinese cities and metropolitan regions, such as Beijing, Langfang, Qinhuangdao and Shijiazhuang in the Beijing Region; Tianjin, Dalian, Jinan and Qingdao in the Bohai Rim Region; Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuxi and Nanjing in the Eastern Region; Shenzhen, Zhongshan, Zhanjiang and Guangzhou in the Southern Region; Wuhan, Zhengzhou, Changsha and Hefei in the Central Region; Chengdu, Xi’an, Chongqing and Kunming in the Western Region, and Indonesia and Singapore in the Other Region. As of 31 December 2020, we had a land reserve of over 38 million sq.m. We have developed a balanced property portfolio, with residential, office and retail properties typically situated in either prime or central city locations with convenient transportation access. Most of our residential properties target the emerging or affluent urban middle class in the PRC, especially first-time home buyers and upgraders. We sell most of the properties we developed while selectively retaining portions as investment properties. This allows us to achieve strong sales while generating growing recurring income with capital appreciation potential. As at 31 December 2020, we held more than 18 operating investment properties for rental. Our investment properties are mainly A-grade office premises, shopping malls and commercial complexes at good location. With the completion of certain logistics projects in 2020, the total leasable area of our investment properties was approximately 2,146,000 sq.m. as of 31 December 2020. During 2020, revenue from property investment decreased by 27% to RMB494 million as compared to RMB678 million in 2019, which was mainly due to the adverse impact caused by the novel coronavirus epidemic.

China Life is our single largest shareholder and held approximately 29.59% of our shares as of 31 December 2020. Dajia Life Insurance is our second largest shareholder and held approximately 29.58% of our shares as of the same date. China Life and Dajia Life Insurance each have two directors on our Board of Directors. As at the date of this Offering Circular, China Life appoints two non-executive directors, while Dajia Life Insurance appoints two non-executive directors. We have received strong support from China Life. From an operational perspective, we have cooperated with China Life in numerous projects. From a financial perspective, China Life, together with China Guangfa Bank, in which China Life has a controlling stake, actively supported the Company’s bond issuances. They have subscribed over RMB7 billion in our past issuances, including a domestic corporate bond, USD notes and “panda” medium-term notes. Please refer to the section headed “Relationship with Principal Shareholders” for more details.

For the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, our contracted sales amounted to RMB109,510 million, RMB130,030 million and RMB131,040 million, respectively. For those same periods, our revenue was RMB41,422 million, RMB50,926 million and RMB56,511 million, respectively, and revenue from property development accounted for approximately 86%, 85% and 88% of our revenue, respectively. Profit for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 was RMB4,666 million, RMB4,166 million and RMB4,683 million, respectively.

OUR STRENGTHS

We believe that our success and future prospects are supported by the following strengths:

- Leading national property developer with strong sales growth
- Reaping improvement in profitability from strategic positioning
- Optimised land banking oriented with fast turnover and shift in geographical focus
- Growing investment properties to strengthen earnings and diversity
- Solid balance sheet and strong financing capabilities
- State-owned enterprise status with strong support from major shareholders

OUR STRATEGIES

Our vision is to become the premier diversified property developer in China. Our strategies to achieve this vision are to:

- Continue to optimise profitability and improve operational efficiency
- Create more value and achieve additional synergies across the value chain of our business operations
- Continue to further strengthen our business foundation and improve our development capabilities

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Investment in Phase II Extension of Indigo, Beijing

On 18 December 2020, we and our joint venture partner, Swire Properties, were notified of our successful joint bidding at a listing-for-sale to acquire 99.79% of the equity interest in a project company through capital increase. The project company holds two parcels of lands of 34,000 square meters and 44,298.68 square meters respectively located at Tuofangying Village, Jiangtai Township, Chaoyang Prefecture, Beijing (北京朝陽區將台鄉駝房營村). Neighboring the current INDIGO complex (a joint venture project between our Group and Swire Properties), the two land parcels will be developed as a mixed-use extension of the INDIGO project with office buildings as the mainstay. The extension will have a total gross floor area (above ground) of no more than 400,500 sq.m., out of which approximately 380,500 sq.m. shall be owned by the project company and 20,000 sq.m. will be retained and owned by the existing shareholder of the project company, which is indirectly and wholly owned by the Jiangtai Township Government (將台鄉政府), in the Chaoyang Prefecture (朝陽區) of Beijing. The extension will house a shopping mall, several office towers and a hotel. Our Group and Swire Properties will hold 64.79% and 35% of equity interest in the new development, respectively.

The spin-off and separate listing of Sino-Ocean Service Holding Limited on the Main Board of the SEHK

The listing of Sino-Ocean Service on the Main Board of the SEHK took place on 17 December 2020 and dealings in the Sino-Ocean Service shares on the Main Board of the SEHK commenced at 9:00 a.m. on 17 December 2020. Upon the completion of the offering, we, through our wholly owned subsidiary, indirectly control in aggregate approximately 67.57% of the total issued share capital of Sino-Ocean Service. The spin-off group is principally engaged in property management services, value-added services to non-property owners and community value-added services.

Contracted Sales

From January 2021 to March 2021, the accumulated contracted sales of the Company, together with its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates amounted to approximately RMB11.02 billion; accumulated contracted sales GFA amounted to approximately 608,300 sq.m.; accumulated contracted average selling price was approximately RMB18,100 per sq.m..

Potential investors should be cautious and not place undue reliance on the contracted sales information which is not audited and/or reviewed.

The COVID-19 Outbreak

The COVID-19 pandemic which began at the end of 2019 has affected millions of individuals and adversely impacted national economies worldwide, including China. Several cities in China where we have land bank and operations had imposed travel restrictions in an effort to curb the spread of the highly infectious COVID-19. The COVID-19 outbreak has affected our business operation and financial condition. However, the PRC central and local governments have taken various measures to manage cases and reduce potential spread and impact of infection, and further introduced various policies to boost the economy and stimulate the local property markets. Since March 2020, China and some other countries gradually lifted stay-at-home orders and began to resume work and school at varying levels and scopes. The outbreak is however far from over, and in different countries, is showing signs of resurgence and further waves of infections are recorded everyday. Given the uncertainties as to the development of the outbreak at the moment, it is difficult to predict how long these conditions will persist and to what extent to which we may be affected. We cannot assure you that our business, financial condition and results of operations will not be materially and adversely affected. For details, please see “Risk Factors – The national and regional economies in the PRC and our prospects may be adversely affected by natural disasters, acts of God, occurrence of epidemics, acts of war and other disasters, which in turn affect our prospects.”.

Tender Offer

We are currently conducting the Tender Offer.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following tables set forth our summary consolidated financial information for the periods indicated.

The summary consolidated financial information for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 set forth below has been derived from our published audited consolidated financial statements for such respective years or periods. Our audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 are included elsewhere in this Offering Circular.

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with HKFRS, which differs in certain material respects from generally accepted accounting principles in other jurisdictions. The Group has also adopted HKFRS 16 retrospectively from 1 January 2019, but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific transitional provisions in the standard. The reclassifications and the adjustments arising from the new leasing rules are therefore recognised in the opening balance sheet on 1 January 2019. The impact of the adoption is disclosed in Notes 3 and 4 of the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. You should read the summary financial information below in conjunction with the section headed “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the audited consolidated financial statements included in this Offering Circular. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of future results.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT INFORMATION

	For the years ended 31 December		
	2018	2019	2020
		(RMB in millions)	
Revenue	41,422	50,926	56,511
Cost of sales	(33,136)	(40,704)	(46,053)
Gross profit	8,287	10,222	10,457
Interest and other income	2,543	2,771	2,394
Other gains – net	1,340	699	1,335
Fair value (losses)/gains on investment properties	2,361	373	(156)
Selling and marketing expenses	(1,206)	(1,270)	(1,293)
Administrative expenses	(1,730)	(1,919)	(1,816)
Operating profit	11,594	10,875	10,921
Finance costs	(1,775)	(2,394)	(2,111)
Share of results of joint ventures	1,103	1,519	983
Share of results of associates	52	415	258
Profit before income tax	10,975	10,416	10,050
Income tax expense	(6,309)	(6,250)	(5,367)
Profit for the year	4,666	4,166	4,683

	For the years ended 31 December		
	2018	2019	2020
	(RMB in millions)		
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company.....	3,574	2,656	2,866
Non-controlling interests	1,092	1,510	1,817
	4,666	4,166	4,683
Other financial data⁽¹⁾:			
Core net profit	2,619	2,084	2,227
Core net profit margin	6.3%	4.1%	3.9%
EBITDA	10,038	12,291	11,918
EBITDA margin.....	24.2%	24.1%	21.1%

(1) For purposes of this Offering Circular, we have defined (i) EBITDA as revenue plus depreciation, amortisation and capitalised interest recognised in cost of sales minus cost of sales, selling and marketing expenses and administrative expenses; (ii) EBITDA margin as EBITDA divided by revenue for the period; (iii) core net profit as the profit attributable to owners of the Company excluding one-off or non-recurring gains or losses and tax-adjusted fair value gains on investment properties; and (iv) core net profit margin as core net profit divided by revenue for the period. EBITDA, EBITDA margin, core net profit and core net profit margin are not standard measurements under HKFRS. EBITDA is a widely used financial indicator of a company's ability to service and incur debt. EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or construed as an alternative to cash flows, net income or any other measure of financial performance or as an indicator of our operating performance, liquidity, profitability or cash flows generated by operating, investing or financing activities. EBITDA does not account for taxes, interest expense or other non-operating items. In evaluating EBITDA, we believe that investors should consider, among other things, the components of EBITDA such as sales and operating expenses and the amount by which EBITDA exceeds capital expenditures and other charges. We have included EBITDA because we believe it is a useful supplement to cash flow data as a measure of our performance and our ability to generate cash flow from operations to cover debt service and taxes. EBITDA presented herein may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies. Accordingly, investors should not compare our EBITDA to EBITDA presented by other companies because not all companies use the same definition.

SELECTED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

	As at 31 December		
	2018	2019	2020
	(RMB in millions)		
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment.....	2,412	1,775	2,476
Right-of-use assets	–	191	140
Land use rights	236	181	177
Intangible assets	453	30	109
Investment properties.....	16,205	13,328	12,056
Goodwill.....	514	196	147
Investments in joint ventures	20,331	17,355	21,218
Investments in associates	7,177	6,846	6,697
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	680	2,716	6,752
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3,962	6,446	5,064
Trade and other receivables	15,521	12,841	12,289
Deferred income tax assets	1,145	1,439	1,773
Total non-current assets	68,636	63,344	68,898

	As at 31 December		
	2018	2019	2020
	(RMB in millions)		
Current assets			
Prepayments for land use rights	2,161	2,229	–
Properties under development... ..	54,656	60,378	74,719
Inventories, at cost.....	92	457	668
Land development cost recoverable	1,120	1,234	1,269
Completed properties held for sale	20,083	18,353	18,075
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	183	266	11
Trade and other receivables	57,455	61,163	51,197
Contract assets	2,406	2,708	924
Restricted bank deposits.....	3,363	2,512	4,800
Cash and cash equivalents	39,208	31,054	39,129
Total current assets	180,726	180,355	190,791
Total assets	249,362	243,699	259,689
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Capital.....	27,329	27,329	27,329
Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme..	(178)	(167)	(180)
Reserves	(1,314)	(1,133)	401
Retained earnings	22,548	23,878	26,099
	48,385	49,907	53,649
Non-controlling interests	14,754	15,704	16,256
Total equity	63,139	65,611	69,905
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	73,150	74,612	56,270
Trade and other payables	168	19	18
Lease liabilities.....	–	130	97
Deferred income tax liabilities	2,681	2,947	3,313
Total non-current liabilities	75,999	77,707	59,699
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	15,425	9,295	25,934
Trade and other payables	59,198	55,011	57,527
Contract liabilities	26,790	25,458	34,318
Lease liabilities.....	–	64	51
Income tax payable	8,665	10,501	12,066
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	147	51	190
Total current liabilities	110,225	100,381	130,085
Total liabilities	186,224	178,088	189,784
Total equity and liabilities	249,362	243,699	259,689

SUMMARY OF THE OFFERING

The following is a brief summary of some of the terms and conditions of the Notes. For a more complete description of the Notes, see “Terms and Conditions of the Notes” in this Offering Circular. Phrases used in this summary and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given to them in “Terms and Conditions of the Notes”.

Issuer	Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited 遠洋地產寶財IV有限公司.
Guarantor	Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited 遠洋集團控股有限公司.
Status of the Guarantee	The Guarantor will unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the due payment of all sums expressed to be payable by the Issuer under the Trust Deed and the Notes.
Issue	U.S.\$400,000,000 3.25 per cent. guaranteed green notes due 2026.
Issue Price	99.161 per cent.
Issue Date	5 May 2021.
Status of the Notes	The Notes will constitute (subject to Condition 4(A) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and shall at all times rank <i>pari passu</i> and without any preference among themselves. The payment obligations of the Issuer under the Notes will, save for such exceptions as may be provided by applicable legislation and subject to Condition 4(A) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, at all times rank at least equally with all its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.
Maturity Date	5 May 2026.
Taxation	All payments made by the Issuer or the Guarantor under or in respect of the Notes, the Trust Deed, the Guarantee or the Agency Agreement will be made free from any restriction or condition and be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of the British Virgin Islands or Hong Kong or, in either case, any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, unless deduction or withholding of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges is compelled by law, to the extent described in Condition 8 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.
Interest and Interest Payment Dates	The Notes will bear interest at a rate of 3.25 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually in arrear on 5 May and 5 November in each year, commencing on 5 November 2021.

Negative Pledge

So long as any Notes remain outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed), neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor will, and the Guarantor will ensure that none of its Principal Subsidiaries (other than the Listed Principal Subsidiaries) will, create, or have outstanding, any mortgage, charge, lien, pledge or other security interest, upon the whole or any part of its present or future undertaking, assets or revenues (including any uncalled capital) to secure any Relevant Indebtedness, or to secure any guarantee or indemnity in respect of any Relevant Indebtedness, without at the same time or prior thereto according to the Notes the same security as is created or subsisting to secure any such Relevant Indebtedness, guarantee or indemnity or such other security, as further described in Condition 4(A) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

Events of Default

The Notes will contain certain events of default provisions as further described in Condition 9 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

Redemption for Taxation Reasons

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at their principal amount together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption and unpaid, in the event of certain changes affecting taxes of the British Virgin Islands or Hong Kong, as further described in Condition 7(B) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

Redemption for Put Event

At any time following the occurrence of a Put Event, the Holder of any Note will have the right, at such Holder's option, to require the Issuer to redeem all, and not some only, of that Holder's Notes on the Put Event Redemption Date at 101 per cent. of their principal amount, together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding) such Put Event Redemption Date and unpaid.

Redemption at the Option of the Issuer

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer, in whole but not in part: (i) at any time prior to 5 February 2026, at a Make Whole Price as of, together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding), the Option Redemption Date specified in the Option Redemption Notice and unpaid; and (ii) at any time from or after 5 February 2026, at 100 per cent. of their principal amount, together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding), the Option Redemption Date specified in the Option Redemption Notice and unpaid.

Form and Denomination

The Notes will be issued in registered form in the denomination of U.S.\$200,000 and higher integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof.

Clearing System

The Notes will be represented initially by the Global Certificate registered in the name of, and deposited with, a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream. Beneficial interests in the Global Certificate will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by Euroclear and Clearstream.

Governing Law

English law.

Jurisdiction	Exclusive jurisdiction of the Hong Kong courts.
Ratings	The Notes are expected to be rated “Baa3” by Moody’s, “BBB-” by Fitch and “BBB _g +” by CCXAP. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time by the relevant rating organisation. Prospective investors should evaluate each rating independently of any other rating of the Notes or other securities of the Issuer.
Trustee	The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch.
Principal Agent	The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch.
Registrar and Transfer Agent	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch.
Listing	Application will be made to the SEHK for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Notes by way of debt issues to Professional Investors only.
Use of Proceeds	To repay existing medium and long-term external indebtedness of the Guarantor and/or its subsidiaries due within one year and in accordance with our Green Finance Framework, which may include the Tender Offer.
LEI	213800EAGXDYG9QWS896
ISIN/Common Code	XS2293578832/229357883

RISK FACTORS

Prior to making any investment decision, you should consider carefully all of the information in this Offering Circular, including the risk factors and uncertainties described below. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these considerations and uncertainties. Additional considerations and uncertainties not presently known to us, or which we currently deem immaterial, may also have an adverse effect on an investment in the Notes.

RISKS RELATING TO OUR BUSINESS

We are dependent on the performance of the PRC property sector.

Demand for private residential properties in the PRC has fluctuated significantly in recent years, coupled with volatility in market conditions and fluctuations in property prices. In addition, demand for properties has been affected and will continue to be affected by the macro economic control measures implemented by the PRC government from time to time. Previously, the PRC government has announced a series of measures designed to stabilise the rapid growth of the PRC economy and the growth of specific sectors, including the property market, to a more sustainable level. Since late 2009, the PRC government has adjusted some policies in order to enhance the regulation of the property market, restrain property purchases for investment or speculation purposes and keep property prices from rising too quickly in certain regions and cities. In 2010 and 2011, the PRC government adopted certain new policies to cool down the real estate market. Policies restricting property purchases were adopted in nearly 50 cities in 2011, as compared to fewer than 25 cities in 2010. In 2012, the PRC government continued to implement selected policies aimed at further cooling the real estate property market, though at the same time, the PRC government implemented selected measures to support the growth of the Chinese economy, such as lowering banks' reserve requirement ratio and reducing benchmark lending rates. On 26 February 2013, the PRC government released five new policies to regulate the real estate market, including new initiatives to control speculative property investments, increase housing and land supply and step up construction of affordable housing. In addition, the State Council issued six property tightening measures, which included an income tax levy on homeowners of as high as 20% on the profit made from selling their homes. The State Council also stated that local branches of the central bank in certain cities could increase their down payment rate and mortgage loan interest rate for home buyers purchasing a second unit. Furthermore, the new measures stipulated that non-residential families without a certain number of years of tax payment certificates or social insurance payments would be banned from buying homes in the cities in which they currently reside. Regulations were also promulgated at various levels to promote affordable housing.

Since 2016, the local governments in various cities in the PRC have announced a series of measures designed to stabilise the growth of the property market to a more sustainable level, such as, for example, limiting the number of residential home that households with local resident registration are able to purchase; raising the down-payment ratio requirement (or even disallowing mortgages), depending on how many residential houses the buyers already own; limiting the purchase of residential homes by households without local resident registration and in some cases meeting eligibility criteria will be required (such as proving they have paid income tax or made social security contributions up to the requirement); stricter pre-sale management enhancements (such as not allowing developers to sell the projects before getting the pre-sale permit, and ensuring developers closely follow the rules during the pre-sale process); and tighter requirements for land bidding deposits.

As a result of changes in the PRC's economic environment and the PRC government's tightening monetary policies, the growth of the PRC real estate market has slowed down with sales volumes or average selling prices decreasing in many major cities in 2014 as compared with the corresponding period in 2013 but this has partially recovered in 2015 and 2016.

The PRC government may introduce further initiatives which may affect our access to capital and the means in which we may finance our property development. In particular, reports about a developer running into difficulties on repayment and operations could prompt the PRC government to further tighten restrictions on PRC property developers, which could have a

material adverse impact on our business and operations. On 1 January 2015, Shenzhen-based property developer Kaisa Group Holdings Ltd. (“**Kaisa**”) announced it had defaulted on a HK\$400 million term loan. The default on the loan and a bond default in January 2015 triggered cross-defaults on Kaisa’s obligations to other lenders and led to court proceedings being filed against Kaisa by domestic and overseas lenders and bondholders. See “Risk Factors – Risks Relating to Property Development in the PRC – We are subject to regulations implemented by the PRC government, which may adopt further measures intended to curtail the overheating of the property market in China or adopt further measures to tighten restrictions on PRC property developers”.

In addition, the future demand for different types of properties is uncertain. If we do not respond to changes in market conditions or customer preferences in a timely manner, our results of operation will be adversely affected. There can be no assurance that our property development and investment activities will continue at past levels or that we will be able to benefit from the future growth, if any, of the property markets in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region, or other parts of the PRC.

Increasing competition in the PRC, particularly in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region, may adversely affect our business and financial condition.

In recent years, a large number of property developers have undertaken property development and investment projects in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region and elsewhere in the PRC. Our major competitors include large national and regional property developers and overseas developers (including a number of leading Hong Kong property developers), some of which may have better track records and greater financial and other resources than we do. In addition, we also compete with small local homebuilders.

The intensity of the competition among property developers in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region and elsewhere in the PRC for land, financing, raw materials and skilled management and labour resources may result in increased costs for land acquisition and construction, an oversupply of properties in certain parts of the PRC, including Beijing, a decrease in property prices and delays in the government approval process. An oversupply of properties available for sale could also depress the prices of the commodity properties we sell. Any of the above may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, the property markets in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region and elsewhere in the PRC have been rapidly changing. If we cannot respond to changes in market conditions in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region or elsewhere or changes in customer preferences more swiftly or effectively than our competitors, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

We cannot assure you that we will be successful when expanding into other cities in the PRC.

We are currently developing projects outside Beijing and are rapidly expanding our operations in other areas of the PRC. Our active penetration into other areas in the PRC may place a strain on our managerial, operational and financial resources and will further contribute to an increase in our financing requirements. Our experience as primarily a residential property developer in Beijing may not be applicable in other regions. We cannot assure you that we will be able to replicate our successful business models and leverage such experience to expand into other parts of the PRC or outside the PRC. When we enter new markets, we may face intense competition from developers with experience or an established presence in the geographical areas or segments that we plan to expand into and from other developers with similar expansion plans. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in expanding into other areas in China and that our revenue from those projects in other areas in China will grow at the rate we anticipate or at all. For example, we could face considerable reputational and financial risks if our development projects outside Beijing are mismanaged or do not meet the expectations of customers.

We may not be able to successfully manage our growth.

We have been rapidly expanding our operations in recent years, including by expanding into new cities and regions. As we continue to grow, we must continue to improve our managerial, technical and operational knowledge and allocation of resources, and to implement an effective management information system. To effectively manage our expanded operations, we need to continue to recruit and train managerial, accounting, internal audit, engineering, technical, sales and other staff to satisfy our development requirements. In order to fund our ongoing operations and our future growth, we need to have sufficient internal sources of liquidity or access to additional financing from external sources. Further, we will be required to manage relationships with a greater number of customers, suppliers, contractors, service providers, lenders and other third parties. Accordingly, we will need to further strengthen our internal control and compliance functions to ensure that we are able to comply with our legal and contractual obligations and reduce our operational and compliance risks. We cannot assure you that we will not experience issues such as capital constraints, construction delays, operational difficulties at new operational locations or difficulties in expanding our existing business and operations and training an increasing number of personnel to manage and operate the expanded business. Neither can we assure you that our expansion plans will not adversely affect our existing operations and thereby have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and future prospects.

Our business depends on the availability of an adequate supply of sites.

The growth and success of our business depend on our ability to continue to acquire suitable sites in desirable locations. Our ability to identify and acquire suitable sites is subject to a number of factors that are beyond our control. Our business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected if we are unable to obtain substitute land sites for development in the future at prices that allow us to achieve reasonable returns upon sale to our customers.

The PRC government controls substantially all of the land supply in the PRC. As a result, the policies of the PRC government towards land supply will affect our ability to acquire land use rights for the sites we have identified for future developments and our land acquisition costs. In the PRC, land use rights for residential or commercial property developments from the PRC government must be sold by public bidding, auction or listing-for-sale. In addition, the PRC government may limit the supply of land available for development in the cities in which we have or intend to have development projects. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in tendering or bidding for sites. In addition, we have acquired and in the future intend to acquire land by acquiring other property development companies and we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain applicable government approvals for companies so acquired.

If changes in government policy lead to a reduction in land supply, our business, future financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

Our business may be adversely affected by increases in interest rates.

We cannot assure you that we will have adequate cash flow to service our financing obligations. We have substantial interest obligations for our borrowings, and, for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, our interest expenses on total borrowings (including the capitalised portion) was RMB4,210 million, RMB5,236 million and RMB4,832 million, respectively. A substantial portion of our borrowings are linked to benchmark lending rates published by the PBOC, and the PBOC has from time to time adjusted the benchmark lending rates. Starting from August 2019, the PBOC has introduced the one-year loan prime rate (the “**LPR**”) and commercial banks has since then adopted the LPR as the pricing benchmark in floating rate loan contracts. As of the date of this Offering Circular, the LPR is 3.85%. The PBOC may raise the benchmark lending rate again in the future in order to control the growth rate of the Chinese economy or for other policy objectives. Any increases in interest rates on our borrowings, including as a result of interest rate increases by the PBOC, may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, increases in interest rates by the PBOC will adversely affect the affordability and attractiveness of mortgage financing to potential purchasers of our properties, which could, in turn, adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We face significant property development risks before we realise any benefit from a development.

Property developments typically require substantial capital outlay during the construction period and may take months or years before positive cash flows can be generated by pre-sales or sales of completed property developments, if at all. The time and costs required in completing a property development may be subject to substantial increases due to many factors, including shortages of materials, equipment, technical skills and labour, adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, labour disputes, disputes with contractors, accidents, changes in government priorities and policies, changes in market conditions, delays in obtaining the requisite licenses, permits and approvals from the relevant authorities and other unforeseeable problems and circumstances. Any of these factors may lead to delays in, or prevent, the completion of a property development and result in costs substantially exceeding those originally budgeted for. Furthermore, any failure to complete a property development according to its original specifications or schedule may give rise to potential liabilities and, as a result, our return on investments may be lower than originally expected. In addition, any decreases in property prices or adverse developments in the property market after the acquisition of a parcel of land and prior to pre-sales or sales of completed property developments on such land could also have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may not be able to obtain adequate funding for our property developments.

We generally fund our development projects through bank loans, internal cash flows, including proceeds from the pre-sale and sale of our properties, and capital raisings. There is no guarantee that we will always have sufficient funds available to fund all our future property developments.

Our ability to arrange adequate financing for land acquisitions or property developments on terms that will allow us to earn reasonable returns depends on a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control. Various PRC regulations restrict our ability to raise capital through internal operation and external financing for property developments, including without limitation, the following:

- pre-sale proceeds may only be used to fund the property development costs of the relevant projects to which they relate;
- we cannot pre-sell uncompleted units in a project prior to achieving certain development milestones;
- PRC banks are prohibited from extending loans to real estate companies for the purposes of funding the payment of land premium;
- we cannot borrow from a PRC bank for a particular project if, (i) for supportive residential development projects or common residential development projects, the property developer's available internal funds are less than 20% of the total estimated capital required, or (ii) for other development projects, the property developer's available internal funds are less than 25% of the total estimated capital required;
- we cannot borrow from a PRC bank for a particular project unless we first obtain the land use rights certificate, construction land planning permit, construction works planning permit and construction permit for that project;
- PRC banks are restricted from granting loans for the development of luxury residential properties;
- property developers are prohibited from using the proceeds from a loan obtained from a local bank to fund property developments outside the region where that bank is located, subject to certain exceptions;
- PRC banks are restricted from granting revolving credit facilities to property developers that hold idle land and a large amount of vacant commodity properties;
- PRC banks are prohibited from accepting properties that have been vacant for more than three years as collateral for loans;
- in November 2009, the PRC government raised the minimum down payment of land premium to 50% and required the land premium to be fully paid within one year after the signing of a land grant contract, subject to limited exceptions;

- in March 2010, the Ministry of Land and Resources stipulated that the minimum down payment of land premium of 50% must be paid within one month after the signing of a land grant contract and the rest of the land premium must be fully paid within one year after the signing of a land grant contract;
- on 29 September 2010, the PBOC and CBRC promulgated the “Notice on Relevant Issues Regarding the Improvement of Differential Mortgage Loan Policies” (Yin Fa [2010] No. 275 (《關於完善差別化住房信貸政策有關問題的通知》(銀發[2010]275號)), which provides that all property companies with records of having idle land, changing the land use purpose and nature, delaying the project commencement or completion time and hoarding properties or other acts of noncompliance with applicable laws or regulations shall be restricted from obtaining bank loans or credit facilities for new projects;
- on 26 February 2013, the State Council issued the “Circular on Continuing the Regulation of Real Estate Market” (Guo Ban Fa [2013] No. 17) (the “Guo Ban Fa [2013] No. 17”) (《關於繼續做好房地產市場調控工作的通知》(國辦發[2013]17號)), pursuant to which, with regard to any real estate development enterprises that violate laws and regulations such as having idle land, driving up land prices, hoarding properties for speculation and driving up prices of houses, the relevant departments shall establish cooperative mechanisms, and investigate and impose appropriate penalties more strictly. Moreover, banking financial institutions shall not offer loans to such enterprises for their new projects, the securities regulatory departments shall suspend the approval of the listing, refinancing and restructuring of such enterprises, and banking regulatory departments shall not allow such enterprises to obtain financing through trust plans;
- on 13 February 2017, the Asset Management Association of China issued the “Circular on Issuing the No. 4 Administrative Rules for Filing of Private Asset Management Plans by Securities and Futures Institutions” (《關於發佈〈證券期貨經營機構私募資產管理計劃備案管理規範第4號〉的通知》), which provides that where securities and futures institutions are to establish private asset management plans, and make investment in common residential real estate projects located in cities where property prices are soaring, such plans shall not be registered. Private asset management plans may not finance real estate developers through, among other things, entrusted loans, trust plans and transfers of the right to earnings (the beneficiary right) of assets for paying land acquisition prices or replenishing working capital; and may not directly or indirectly facilitate any violation or illegality, such as granting loans used as down payments;
- on 7 April 2017, the CBRC issued the “Guiding Opinions of the China Banking Regulatory Commission on Risk Prevention and Control for the Banking Sector” (《中國銀監會關於銀行業風險防控工作的指導意見》(銀監發[2017]6號)), which requires that all banks and other financial institutions acting in concert should insist on category-based regulation and the implementation of city-based policy, and prevent risks in the real estate field;
- on 12 January 2018, the CBRC issued the “Key Work Points on Rectify Chaos in the Banking Industry in 2018” (《2018年整治銀行業市場亂象工作要點》), which states that the CBRC has decided to further sort out the chaos in the banking industry, including violation of policies of the real estate industry, such as the policy that an institution not provide, directly or indirectly, different kinds of on-balance-sheet and off-balance-sheet financing services, or provide support or channels with its own credit, for real estate enterprises to cover the land purchase expenses;
- effective from January 1, 2021, PRC financial institutions (excluding their overseas branches) are required to limit the amount of real estate loans and personal housing mortgage loans they lend to the proportions determined by the PBOC and the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (“**CBIRC**”, the successor of the China Banking Regulatory Commission or CBRC) calculated based on the total amount of RMB loans extended by such financial institution. A relevant financial institution will have a transition period of two years or four years to comply with the requirements depending on whether such financial institution exceeded 2.0% of the legal proportion based on the statistical data relating to such bank as of 31 December 2020. Under the notice, the PBOC and CBIRC will have the authority to take measures such as, among other things, imposing additional capital requirements on and reallocating the weight adjustments relating to the risk of real estate assets for financial institutions that fail to rectify the proportion requirements within a certain period.

We cannot assure you that we will have adequate resources to fund property developments such as land acquisitions (including any unpaid land premiums for past acquisitions). We cannot assure you that the PRC government will not introduce other initiatives which may limit our access to capital resources. The foregoing and other initiatives introduced by the PRC government may limit our flexibility and ability to use bank loans or other forms of financing to finance our property developments and therefore may require us to maintain a relatively high level of internally sourced cash. Failure to obtain adequate funding at a commercially reasonable cost may limit our ability to acquire new land reserves, commence new projects or continue the development of existing projects. Such failure may also increase our finance costs and have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain bank loans or renew existing credit facilities granted by financial institutions in the future on reasonable terms or at all or that any fluctuation in the interest rate will not affect our ability to fund our property developments.

Our level of indebtedness may adversely affect our future strategy and operations.

As at 31 December 2020, on a consolidated basis, we had approximately RMB82,204 million of total bank and other borrowings, consisting of a non-current portion of approximately RMB56,270 million and a current portion of approximately RMB25,934 million. As at such date, we had approximately RMB69,905 million in total equity of the Guarantor and our net gearing ratio (total borrowings less cash resources divided by total equity of the Guarantor) was approximately 55%. For more details, please see “Capitalisation and Indebtedness”. We will continue to have a substantial amount of indebtedness after the offering of the Notes.

Our level of indebtedness may adversely affect our future strategy and operations in a number of ways, including:

- our debt service requirements will reduce the funds available to us for other purposes;
- our ability to obtain adequate financing for working capital and capital expenditures for our projects on terms which will enable such projects to achieve a reasonable return to us may be limited; and
- our leverage may hinder our ability to withstand competitive pressures or adjust rapidly, if at all, to changing market conditions.

There can be no assurance that our level of indebtedness will not further increase or that our level of indebtedness and such restrictions will not materially and adversely affect our ability to finance our future operations or capital needs, successfully operate our business, engage in other business activities or pay dividends or distributions.

Our results of operations may be adversely affected if we fail to obtain, or there are material delays in obtaining, requisite governmental approvals for a significant number of our property developments.

The real estate industry in the PRC is strictly regulated by the PRC government. PRC property developers must comply with various requirements mandated by national and local laws and regulations, including the policies and procedures established by local authorities designed for the implementation of such laws and regulations. In order to develop and complete a property development, we must obtain various permits, license, certificates and other approvals from the relevant administrative authorities at various stages of our property development projects, including land use rights documents, construction land planning permit, construction planning permits, construction works permits, pre-sale permits and certificate of completion. Each approval is dependent on the satisfaction of various conditions, which are often subject to the discretion of relevant PRC government officials and subject to change due to new laws, regulations and policies, especially those with respect to the real estate sector, promulgated from time to time. If we fail to obtain, or encounter material delays in obtaining, the requisite governmental approvals, the schedule of development and sale of our developments could be substantially disrupted which would materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We typically set up a project company to develop and operate each property project. According to the current PRC regulations on the qualification of property developers, a newly established project company must first apply for a provisional qualification certificate with a one-year validity, which can be extended for a maximum of two years. If the newly established property developer fails to commence a property development project within the one-year period when the provisional qualification certificate is in effect, it will not be allowed to extend its provisional qualification certificate. The property developer shall apply to the property development authority for a verification of qualification classification within one month before the expiry of the provisional qualification certificate. The competent property development authority shall check and verify the corresponding class of qualifications based on the development and operating performance thereof and issue a corresponding qualification certificate. The qualification certificate for property development has a certain period of validity, and the property developer shall renew its qualification certificate for property development before the expiry of the validity for the qualification certificate. It is mandatory under government regulations that developers fulfill all statutory requirements before obtaining or renewing their qualification certificates. Any failure to obtain or renew the qualification certificates of our project companies or to obtain other permits or otherwise comply with PRC laws and regulations on property development may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

We may not be able to obtain land use rights certificates for certain existing properties or properties acquired in the future.

We have entered into land grant contracts for certain land parcels but have not yet obtained the land use right certificates for such land parcels. Furthermore, we have entered into additional land grant contracts since 31 December 2019 to acquire land for which we have not yet received the land use rights. If we fail to obtain the land use right certificates with respect to such parcels of land in a timely manner, or at all, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

The PRC government has implemented restrictions on the ability of PRC property developers to obtain offshore financing which could affect our ability to deploy the funds raised offshore in our business in the PRC.

On 28 April 2013, SAFE issued the Notice of State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Promulgation of the Administrative Measures on Registration of Foreign Debt (Hui Fa [2013] No. 19) (國家外匯管理局關於發佈《外債登記管理辦法》的通知(匯發[2013]19號)), which was amended on 4 May 2015. The notice stipulates the following principles:

- foreign debt registrations shall not be processed for real estate enterprises with foreign investment that have obtained approval certificates and have registered with MOFCOM on or after 1 June 2007,
- real estate enterprises with foreign investment which were incorporated before 1 June 2007 shall still have the right to incur foreign debts within the statutory limit. This limit equals the lesser of (i) the outstanding balance of total investment and registered capital prior to the increase or (ii) the outstanding balance of total investment and registered capital after the increase, and
- real estate enterprises with foreign investment which have not obtained the land use right certificate or for which the project capital has not reached 35% of the project's total investment may not incur foreign debt. SAFE will not process the foreign debt registration and approval for foreign debt settlement of such real estate enterprises.

On 10 May 2013, SAFE issued the Notice of State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Promulgation of the Provisions on Foreign Exchange Control on Direct Investments in China by Foreign Investors and Supporting Documents (Hui Fa [2013] No. 21) (國家外匯管理局關於印發《外國投資者境內直接投資外匯管理規定》及配套文件的通知(匯發[2013]21號)), which was amended on 10 October 2018. The notice requires that real estate enterprises need to provide registered files to MOFCOM for making foreign exchange registrations. On 14 September 2015, NDRC issued the Circular Regarding Advancing the Management and Reform of the Registration System for Foreign Debt Issuance by Enterprises (Fa Gai Wai Zi [2015] No. 2044) (國家發展改革委《關於推進企業發行外債備案登記制管理改革的通知》(發改外資(2015)2044號)), which requires that a PRC

enterprise or its controlled non-PRC enterprise first register with the NDRC before its issuance or incurrence of any foreign debt. These regulations restrict us from injecting funds raised offshore into our PRC project companies by way of shareholder loans. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain these government registrations or approvals on a timely basis, if at all. Without having the flexibility to transfer funds to PRC subsidiaries, our liquidity and ability to fund and expand our business in the PRC may be adversely affected. Without having the flexibility to transfer funds to PRC subsidiaries as loans, we cannot assure you that the dividend payments from our PRC subsidiaries will be available on each distribution payment date to pay the distribution due and payable under the Notes.

In addition, equity contributions by us and our non-PRC subsidiaries to our PRC subsidiaries will require approvals from the commerce department of the local government. Furthermore, the filing materials and the electronic data in the system for registration of real estate projects submitted by the foreign-invested real estate enterprises shall be verified by the competent commerce departments at the provincial level, and only the enterprises that comply with the regulations shall be registered and the electronic data of those shall be submitted to MOFCOM. The aforesaid procedures may take considerable time and delay the injection of funds into such subsidiaries. This may adversely affect the financial condition of our PRC subsidiaries and may cause delays in our projects.

On 11 May 2018, the NDRC and the Ministry of Finance promulgated “the Circular on Improving the Market Restraint Mechanism and Taking Strict Precautions Against Foreign Debt Risks and Local Debt Risks” (Fa Gai Wai Zi [2018] No. 706) (《關於完善市場約束機制嚴格防範外債風險和地方債務風險的通知》(發改外資[2018]706號)) (the “**No. 706 Circular**”). According to the No. 706 Circular: (i) enterprises intending to borrow medium and long-term foreign debts shall have concrete business in fact, raise funds in a market-oriented way in accordance with laws and regulations, and meanwhile, work out a plan for the repayment of the principal and interest of foreign debts according to their respective credit status, and implement safeguards for the repayment of debts. Any enterprise is banned from, in any name, requesting the local government or a department affiliated thereto to provide any guarantee or undertake liability for debt repayment for its market-oriented fundraising; (ii) the raised funds will be mainly used to support innovation development, green development, strategic emerging industries, the high-end equipment manufacturing industry, “One Belt One Road” construction and international cooperation; (iii) an enterprise that intends to borrow medium and long-term foreign debts is required to establish the thorough and standardised corporate governance structure, the decision-making management mechanism and the financial management system; (iv) it is necessary to form the market-oriented investment return mechanism and create sustainable, stable and feasible expected financial yields, for fund raising-based investment projects financially aided by funds of foreign debts; (v) an enterprise that intends to borrow medium and long-term foreign debts is required to prudently select financing instruments and reasonably hold foreign exchange positions, in order to effectively prevent and control foreign debt risks; (vi) an enterprise that intends to borrow medium and long-term foreign debts is required to standardise its information disclosure. It should be clarified in the relevant documents that the relevant debts shall be repaid by the bond-issuing enterprises as the independent legal person; (vii) for the enterprises undertaking government investment projects in accordance with laws and regulations, the finance departments shall promptly appropriate the funds in accordance with the provisions and the approved budget; (viii) for those enterprises, underwriters, audit firms, law firms and others involved in illegal financing and guarantees provided by local governments and the principals thereof, the punishment shall be strengthened.

On 9 July 2019, NDRC issued the Circular Regarding Requirements of Applying For the Registration of Issuing Foreign Debt by Real Estate Developers (Fa Gai Ban Wai Zi [2019] No. 778) (國家發展改革委辦公廳《關於對房地產企業發行外債申請備案登記有關要求的通知》(發改辦外資[2019]778號)), which requires that the issuance of foreign debts by real estate developers can only be used to replace medium and long-term offshore debts due within the next year and the real estate developers shall specify the details of the foreign debts to be replaced in the application materials for the registration of foreign debts.

Furthermore, we cannot assure you that the PRC government will not introduce new policies that further restrict our ability to deploy, or that prevent us from deploying, in China, any funds raised outside China. Therefore, we may not be able to use all or any of the capital that we may raise outside China to finance our projects in a timely manner or at all.

Because we derive our revenues principally from the sale of property, our results of operations may vary significantly from period to period.

At present, we derive substantially all of our revenues from the sale of residential properties that we have developed, and we only derive a very small portion of our revenues from returns on investment properties such as rental income. Our results of operations may fluctuate in the future due to a combination of factors, including the overall schedules of our property development projects, the level of acceptance of our properties by prospective customers, the timing of the sale of properties that we have developed and any volatility in expenses such as land costs and construction costs.

Furthermore, according to our accounting policy for revenue recognition, we recognise revenue from sales and pre-sales of our properties upon delivery and collectability of related receivables as reasonably assured, which normally takes place one to two years after the commencement of pre-sales. Because the timing of delivery of our properties varies according to our construction timetable, our results of operations may vary significantly from period to period depending on the GFA and timing of delivery of the properties which we sell. Periods in which we deliver more GFA typically generate a higher level of revenue. Periods in which we pre-sell a large aggregate GFA, however, may not generate a correspondingly high level of revenue, if the properties pre-sold are not delivered within the same period. The effect of the timing of project delivery on our operational results is accentuated by the fact that during any particular period of time, we can only undertake a limited number of projects due to the substantial capital requirements for land acquisitions and construction costs as well as a limited supply of land.

In addition, seasonal variations have caused fluctuations in our interim revenues and profits, including quarterly and semi-annual results. Our operations are substantially focused on northern China, where the weather conditions during the winter are not suitable for construction work. We therefore typically seek to complete the construction of, and deliver, most of our properties by November. As a result, we have typically recognised substantially more revenue in the second half of the year than in the first half of the year, and our interim results do not proportionally reflect our annual results.

In light of the above, we believe that period-to-period comparisons of our operating results may not be as meaningful as they would be for a company with a greater proportion of recurring revenues from period to period.

Our profit margin is sensitive to fluctuations in the cost of construction materials.

Construction costs comprise one of the predominant components of our cost of sales. Construction costs encompass all costs for the design and construction of a project, including payments to third party contractors, costs of construction materials, foundation and substructure, fittings, facilities for utilities and related infrastructure such as roads and pipelines. Historically, construction material costs have been the principal driver of the construction costs of our property development projects, with the cost of third party contractors remaining relatively stable. However, as the construction material costs are often included in the construction costs paid to our contractors, it has been difficult for us to estimate such costs.

Construction costs may fluctuate as a result of the price volatility of construction materials such as steel and cement. In line with industry practice, if there is a significant price fluctuation (depending on the specific terms of each contract), we will be required to renegotiate existing construction contracts to top up payment to, or receive refund from, the contractors, depending on the price movement. Our profit margin is sensitive to changes in the market prices for construction materials and our profit margins will be adversely affected if we are not able to pass all of the increased costs onto our customers.

We face risks related to the pre-sale of properties, including the risk that property developments are not completed.

We face risks relating to the pre-sale of properties. For example, we may fail to complete a fully or partially pre-sold property development, in which case we would find ourselves liable to purchasers of pre-sold units for losses suffered by them. We cannot assure you that these losses would not exceed any deposits that may have been made in respect of the pre-sold units. In

addition, if a pre-sold property development is not completed on time, the purchaser may be entitled to compensation for late delivery. If the actual GFA of a completed property delivered to a purchaser deviates by more than 3% from the GFA originally indicated in the purchase contract, the purchaser will be entitled to terminate the purchase contract and claim damages. Any termination of the purchase contract as a result of our late delivery of properties will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

On 5 August 2005, the PBOC issued a report entitled “2004 Real Estate Financing Report” in which it recommended that the practice of pre-selling uncompleted properties be discontinued, on the grounds that it creates significant market risks and generates transactional irregularities. At the plenary session of the National People’s Congress and that of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference held in March 2006, a total of 33 delegates to the National People Congress put forward a motion to abolish the system for sale of forward delivery housing. In May 2006, Cheng Jiansheng, head of the Real Estate Finance Division of the Financial Market Department of the PBOC, published an article pointing out that the way to improve the system for commodity housing pre-sale in China is to abolish the financing function of pre-sale. On 26 April 2007, an economy research group under the NDRC proposed to change the existing system for sale of forward delivery housing into one for sale of completed housing. These recommendations have not been adopted by any PRC governmental authority and have no mandatory effect. On 5 March 2010, a government work report delivered by the former Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at the Third Session of the 11th National People’s Congress pointed out that the PRC government will improve the pre-sale system of commodity housing. For example, the Shanghai local government has adjusted the completion progress level for pre-sale of commodity residential housing projects that obtained the “Permit for Construction Work” after 1 July 2010. Those residential housing projects must have completed sealing the roof of the main structural works and passed examination before they can be available for pre-sale, thus raising the standards for pre-sale.

We cannot assure you that the PRC authorities will not ban the practice of pre-selling uncompleted properties or implement further restrictions on the pre-sale of properties, such as imposing additional conditions for a pre-sale permit, or further restrictions on the use of pre-sale proceeds. Proceeds from the pre-sale of our properties are an important source of financing for our property developments. Consequently, any restriction on our ability to pre-sell our properties, including any increase in the amount of up-front expenditure we must incur prior to obtaining the pre-sale permit, would extend the time period required for recovery of our capital outlay and would result in our needing to seek alternative means to finance the various stages of our property developments. This, in turn, could have an adverse effect on our business, cash flow, results of operations and financial condition.

We have experienced periods of net cash outflow from operating activities in the past.

Due to the nature of the property development business, we may from time to time experience net operating cash outflow when imbalances occur between the timing of our cash inflows relating to the pre-sale of properties and our cash outflows relating to the construction of properties and the purchases of land. For example, we had net cash used in operating activities in the year ended 31 December 2018 and 2019 in the amount of approximately RMB45 million and RMB3,303 million, respectively, which were primarily due to cash used in developing properties. We cannot assure you that we will not experience periods of net operating cash outflow in the future. If we continue to have net operating cash outflow in the future, our financial condition may be materially and adversely affected.

Our land use rights may be subject to forfeiture by the PRC government if we fail to comply with the terms of the land grant contracts.

Under PRC laws and regulations, if a developer fails to develop land according to the terms of the land grant contract (including those relating to payment of the land use right grant premium and fees and designation of the use of land, time for commencement and completion of development of the land), the relevant government authorities may issue a warning to, or impose a penalty on, the developer or require the developer to forfeit the land use rights. Any violation of the land grant terms may also restrict a developer’s ability to participate, or prevent it from participating, in future land bidding. Specifically, under current PRC laws and regulations, if we fail

to commence development for more than one year from the commencement date stipulated in the land grant contract, the relevant PRC land bureau may serve a warning notice on us and impose an idle land fee on the land of up to 20% of the land use right grant premium. If we do not commence development for more than two years from the date required by the land grant contract, the land use rights are subject to forfeiture to the PRC government unless the delay in development is caused by government actions, force majeure or necessary work to be completed before commencement of the development. Moreover, even if the time of commencement of the land development is in line with the land grant contract, if (i) the developed GFA on the land is less than one-third of the total GFA of the project under the land grant contract or the total capital actually invested is less than one-fourth of the total estimated investment of the project under the land grant contract; and (ii) the development of the land has been suspended for over one year without government approval, the land will be treated as idle land. According to the “Notice on Further Strengthening Control and Regulation of Land and Construction of Property Development” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2010] No. 151) (《關於進一步加強房地產用地和建設管理調控的通知》(國土資發[2010]151號)) jointly promulgated by MLR and Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development On 21 September 2010, (i) after the land use right is granted no one may change the planning and construction conditions without due authorisation (if property developers apply for changes in land planning and construction conditions but do not commence construction on schedule under the construction conditions of the land grant, the land authorities may take back the land and re-grant the land use rights to other parties); and (ii) construction of all residential projects must commence within one year from the land delivery date specified in the relevant land allocation decisions or the land grant contracts, and must be completed within three years from the commencement date of the project. According to the “Circular on Issues Pertaining to the Strengthened Implementation of Real Estate Land Use Regulatory Policies and the Healthy Development of Land Market” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2010] No. 204) (《關於嚴格落實房地產用地調控政策促進土地市場健康發展有關問題的通知》(國土資發[2010]204號)) promulgated by the MLR on 19 December 2010, if a parcel of land is idle for more than one year or the relevant land developer breaches the terms of the relevant land grant contract or relevant laws or regulations, the developer will be disqualified from obtaining land in any government-run bidding process. Pursuant to the “Circular of the General Office of the State Council on Continuing the Regulation of Real Estate Market” (Guo Ban Fa [2013] No. 17) (《國務院辦公廳關於繼續做好房地產市場調控工作的通知》(國辦發[2013]17號)) issued on 26 February 2013, with regard to any real estate development enterprises that violate laws and regulations such as having idle land, the relevant departments shall establish cooperative mechanisms, and investigate and impose appropriate penalties more strictly. Moreover, banking financial institutions shall not offer loans to such enterprises for their new projects, securities regulatory departments shall suspend the approval of the listing, refinancing and restructuring of such enterprises, and banking regulatory departments shall not allow such enterprises to obtain financing through trust plans.

Pursuant to the “Circular of the Ministry of Natural Resources on Improving the “Increments Pegged to Inventory” Mechanism for Land for Construction Use” (Zi Ran Zi Gui [2018] No. 1) (《自然資源部關於健全建設用地「增存掛鉤」機制的通知》(自然資規[2018]1號)) issued on 25 June 2018, for idle land caused by enterprise reasons, the relevant municipal and county natural resources authorities shall promptly investigate and collect idle land fees or recover the land.

We are subject to legal and business risks if our project companies fail to obtain or renew their qualification certificates.

All real estate developers in the PRC must obtain a qualification certificate in order to carry out the business of property development in the PRC. The “Provisions on Administration of Qualification Certificates of Real Estate Development Enterprises” (Order of Ministry of Construction No. 77) (the “Provisions on Administration of Qualification”) (《房地產開發企業資質管理規定》(建設部令第77號)) provide that a newly established developer must first apply for a temporary qualification certificate with a one-year term, which can be renewed for a maximum of a two-year period. After the two-year period, the developer must apply for a formal qualification certificate as set out in the Provisions on Administration of Qualification. All formal qualification certificates are subject to annual inspection. In reviewing an application to issue, grant or renew a qualification certificate, the relevant government authority considers the real estate developer’s registered capital, property development investments, history of property development and quality of property construction, as well as the expertise of the developer’s management and whether the developer has any illegal or inappropriate operations.

Property developers in the PRC must also produce a valid qualification certificate when they apply for a pre-sale permit. If any one of our project companies is unable to meet the relevant requirements, and is therefore unable to obtain or renew its qualification certificate, but continues to carry on real estate development, that project company will typically be given a grace period to rectify any insufficiency or non-compliance, subject to a penalty of between RMB50,000 and RMB100,000. Failure to meet the requirements within the specified timeframe could result in the revocation of the qualification certificate and the business license of such project company. As of the date of this Offering Circular, some of our project companies have not yet obtained or renewed their qualification certificates. See “-Our results of operations may be adversely affected if we fail to obtain, or there are material delays in obtaining, requisite governmental approvals for a significant number of our property developments.” We cannot assure you that the qualification certificates of any of our project companies will be renewed or that formal qualification certificates will be obtained in a timely manner, or at all, as and when they expire. If our project or project management companies are unable to obtain or renew their qualification certificates, they may not be permitted to continue their businesses, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The relevant PRC tax authorities may enforce the payment of LAT and may challenge the basis on which we calculate our LAT obligations.

According to the requirements of the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Land Appreciation Tax (Order of State Council No. 588) (《中華人民共和國土地增值稅暫行條例》(國務院令588號)) and the “Detailed Implementation Rules on the Provisional Regulations of the PRC on Land Appreciation Tax” (Cai Fa Zi [1995] No. 6) (《中華人民共和國土地增值稅暫行條例實施細則》(財法字[1995]6號)) (the “**LAT Implementation Rules**”), all income from the sale or transfer of state-owned land use rights, buildings and their ancillary facilities in the PRC is subject to LAT, at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% of the appreciation value as defined by the relevant tax laws. Certain exemptions are available for the sale of ordinary residential properties (普通標準住房) if the appreciation does not exceed 20% of the total deductible items as defined in the relevant tax laws and regulations. Sales of high-end apartments, villas and holiday villas are not eligible for such exemption. On 12 May 2009, the SAT issued the “Administrative Rules on the Settlement of Land Appreciation Tax” (《土地增值稅清算管理規程》(國稅發[2009]91號)) effective as of 1 June 2009, which further clarifies the specific conditions and procedures for settlement of LAT. On 19 May 2010, the State Administration of Taxation issued the “Circular on Issuers Concerning Settlement of Land Appreciation Tax” (Guo Shui Fa [2010] No. 220) (《關於土地增值稅清算有關問題的通知》(國稅函[2010]220號)) to strengthen the settlement of LAT. The circular clarifies certain issues with respect to calculation and settlement of the land appreciation tax, such as (i) the recognition of the revenue upon the settlement of LAT, and (ii) the deduction of fees incurred in connection with the property development. On 25 May 2010, the State Administration of Taxation issued the “Notice on Strengthening the Collection Land Appreciation Tax” (Guo Shui Fa [2010] No. 53) (《關於加強土地增值稅徵管工作的通知》(國稅發[2010]53號)), which requires that the minimum LAT prepayment rate shall be 2% for provinces in the eastern region, 1.5% for provinces in the central and northeastern regions, and 1% for provinces in the western region. According to the notice, the local tax bureaus shall determine the applicable LAT prepayment rates based on the types of the properties. On 20 June 2013, the State Administration of Taxation issued the “Circular on Further Improving the Collection and Administration of Land Appreciation Tax” (Shui Zong Fa [2013] No. 67) (《關於進一步做好土地增值稅徵管工作的通知》(稅總發[2013]67號)), which stipulates that local tax agencies shall settle the outstanding projects backlogged in recent years, improve efficiency, urge enterprises to conduct self-settlement within the allotted time, and enforce the consequences on those failing to conduct self-settlement.

On 25 April 2016, the State Administration of Taxation and the Ministry of Finance issued the “Circular on Issues concerning the Taxation Basis for Deed Tax, House Property Tax, Value-Added Tax of Land and Individual Income Tax Following the Collection of Value-Added Tax in lieu of Business Tax” (Cai Shui [2016] No. 43) (《關於營改增後契稅、房產稅、土地增值稅、個人所得稅計稅依據問題的通知》(財稅[2016]43號)), which provides that the transfer of property subject to the value-added tax (“**VAT**”) of land shall exclude VAT. Where VAT input tax is included in the list of items for deduction of VAT of land and is allowed to be deducted from calculation of VAT output tax under the Interim Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Value-Added Tax of Land and other relevant regulations, the VAT input tax shall be exempt from deductible items; otherwise, the VAT input tax shall be calculated in deduction. On 7 July 2016, the State Administration of

Taxation issued the “Circular of the State Administration of Taxation on Revising the Land Valued-added Tax Returns” (Shui Zong Fa [2016] No. 309) (《國家稅務總局關於修訂土地增值稅納稅申報表的通知》(稅總函[2016]309號)), which clarifies that the amount paid for the acquisition of land use rights should be defined as the land-transferring fees actually paid and the relevant fees paid in accordance with the unified provisions of the State for the land use rights required by the taxpayer for the acquisition of the real estate development project. On 10 November 2016, the State Administration of Taxation issued the “Announcement of the State Administration of Taxation on Several Provisions concerning the Levy and Administration of Land Appreciation Tax after the Collection of Value-added Tax in Lieu of Business Tax” (Announcement of the State Administration of Taxation [2016] No. 70) (《國家稅務總局關於營改增後土地增值稅若干徵管規定的公告》(國家稅務總局公告2016年第70號)), which clarifies levy standards such as (i) recognition of taxable income under LAT after the collection of VAT in lieu of business tax; (ii) recognition of taxable income under LAT on acts deemed as sales of real estate after the collection of VAT in lieu of business tax; (iii) deduction of tax relating to transfer of real estate; (iv) calculation for Settlement of LAT before and after the collection of VAT in lieu of business tax; (v) recognition of invoices for expenditure of the construction and installation engineering cost after the collection of VAT in lieu of business tax; and (vi) deduction and calculation relating to transfer of old houses.

We have estimated and made provisions for the full amount of applicable LAT in accordance with the requirements set forth in the relevant PRC tax laws and regulations. For the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, we made a net provision for LAT in the amount of RMB3,250 million, RMB3,715 million and RMB2,817 million, respectively. It is not certain as to when the PRC tax authorities will collect the amount of LAT in full. In the event that the LAT we have provided for is actually collected in full by the PRC tax authorities, our cash flow and financial position will be affected. Furthermore, in the event that LAT eventually collected by the PRC tax authorities exceeds the amount we have provided for, our net profits after tax will be adversely affected.

If our contract counterparties fail to comply with our contractual arrangements with them, our business will suffer and our financial condition may be materially and adversely affected.

We enter into a significant number of contracts in connection with our land acquisitions, including various land grant contracts. Once we enter into a contract in connection with our land acquisitions, we may be required to pay substantial amounts of money, although there may be a period of time before formal title to the land is transferred to us or land use rights certificates are delivered to us. If our contract counterparties fail to comply with our contractual arrangements with them or if the business conditions of our counterparties deteriorate, we may not be able to continue to enjoy our rights under the relevant contractual arrangements and our business will suffer and our financial condition may be materially and adversely affected.

We rely on external contractors for most of our property construction and are subject to risks relating to the performance of these contractors.

External contractors carry out construction of most of our real estate projects. These contractors are also responsible for procuring all necessary construction equipment and most of the basic construction materials, such as steel and concrete. Completion of our projects is, therefore, subject to the performance of these independent contractors. There can be no assurance that the services rendered by the independent third party contractors will be timely provided or be satisfactory to us or match the targeted quality level we require. If these services are not timely provided or of acceptable quality, we may incur substantial costs to complete the projects and remedy any defects and our reputation could be significantly harmed. We are also exposed to the risk that a contractor may require additional funds in excess of the fixed cost to which they committed contractually and we may have to bear such additional amounts. In addition, contractors may experience financial or other difficulties (including labour disputes with its employees) that may affect their ability to carry out the work for which they were contracted, thus delaying the completion of our property developments or resulting in additional costs for us. Any of these factors could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and reputation.

Our operations may be adversely affected if any member of key management leaves or is alleged or found to have breached laws in the PRC or comes under regulatory investigation.

We depend on the services provided by our management and other qualified and experienced staff. Competition for such talented employees is intense in the property development sector in the PRC. In case any core management team member leaves and we fail to find a suitable substitute, our business will be adversely impacted. Moreover, as our business continues to grow and we expand into other regional markets in the PRC, we will need to employ, train and retain employees on a much larger geographical scale. If we cannot attract and retain suitable human resources, our business and prospects will be negatively affected. In addition, any failure by us, our executive officers, key shareholders and other agents to fully adhere to the PRC or other applicable anti-corruption laws, or is alleged or placed under investigation for breach of any such laws could also materially and adversely affect our reputation and our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our results of operations include fair value gain on investment properties, which are unrealised and our results may fluctuate due to revaluations resulting in further fair value gains or losses on investment properties.

We reassess the fair value of our investment properties at every reported balance sheet date. Our valuations are based on the market value for which the property could be exchanged between knowledgeable and willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Unrealised capital gains on our investment properties at the relevant balance sheet dates do not reflect profit generated from the sale or rental of our investment properties. Such fair value gains do not generate any actual cash inflow to us unless and until such investment properties are disposed of at similarly valued amounts. The amount of our fair value gains has been, and may continue to be, significantly affected by the prevailing property markets and may be subject to market fluctuations. Macroeconomic factors, including economic growth rate, interest rate, inflation rate, urbanisation rate and disposable income level, in addition to any government regulations, can substantially affect the fair value of our investment properties and affect the supply and demand in the PRC property market. All these factors are beyond our control. There can be no assurance that we will continue to record similar levels of fair value gains or that the fair value of our investment properties will not decrease in the future. In the event that there is a material downward adjustment in our investment properties in the future, our results of operations and profits may be adversely affected.

Our substantial shareholders may exert substantial influence over us and may take actions that are not in the best interest of the Holders.

China Life is our largest shareholder with approximately 29.59% equity interests in our Company as of 31 December 2020. Dajia Life Insurance is our second largest shareholder and held approximately 29.58% of our shares as of the same date. See "Principal Shareholders". Accordingly, subject to our Articles of Association and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, China Life and Dajia Life Insurance by virtue of their significant ownership of our share capital as well as their ability to designate representatives on our Board of Directors, are able to exercise significant control and exert significant influence over our business and other matters of significance to us. There can be no assurance that such substantial shareholders will not take actions that are not in the best interest of the Holders.

Potential liability for environmental problems could result in substantial costs.

We are subject to a variety of laws and regulations concerning the protection of health and the environment. The particular environmental laws and regulations which apply to any given project development site vary greatly according to the site's location, the site's environmental condition, the present and former uses of the site, as well as adjoining properties. Compliance with environmental laws and conditions may result in delays, may cause us to incur substantial compliance and other costs and can prohibit or severely restrict project development activity in environmentally-sensitive regions or areas.

We have conducted environmental impact assessments for most of our construction projects. Further, an environmental impact assessment document is required to be submitted to the relevant government authorities for approval before commencement of construction. The local authorities may request us to submit additional environmental impact documents, issue orders to suspend the construction and/or impose penalties for any projects that have not, prior to the commencement of construction, received approval following the submission of the environmental impact assessment documents. We cannot assure that these investigations will reveal all environmental liabilities or their extent, and there may be material environmental liabilities of which we are unaware. Pursuant to the “Administrative Regulations on the Environmental Protection of Construction Projects (Revised in 2017)” (《建設項目環境保護管理條例(2017年修訂)》(中華人民共和國國務院令第682號)), enacted by the State Council on 16 July 2017, which will come into effect on 1 October 2017, (i) for a construction project for which an environmental impact report or environmental impact statement shall be prepared, the construction unit shall submit, before starting construction, the environmental impact report or environmental impact statement to the competent administrative department of environmental protection with the authority of examination and approval for approval; if the environmental impact evaluation document of the construction project fails to be examined by the examination and approval department in accordance with the law or is not approved after examination, the construction unit may not start construction; (ii) after the construction of a construction project for which an environmental impact report or environmental impact statement is prepared is completed, the construction unit shall make an acceptance check of the matching environmental protection facilities and prepare an acceptance report according to the standards and procedures stipulated by the competent administrative department of environmental protection under the State Council; (iii) the competent administrative department of environmental protection shall supervise and inspect the design, construction, acceptance, going-into-production or delivery for use of the environmental protection facilities of a construction project, and the implementation of other environmental protection measures determined in the relevant environmental impact evaluation documents. In the event that we are subjected to any regulatory action as a result of our failure to carry out such environmental impact assessments fully or at all, our reputation, business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Our ability to sell our properties is partly affected by our customers’ ability to procure bank mortgages.

A significant number of our property purchasers rely on mortgages to fund their purchases. Without mortgage financing, some of our prospective customers would not be able to purchase our properties. There are a number of factors, which we cannot control, affecting the market for and availability of mortgages in China, and which could make it more difficult for us to pre-sell or sell our properties. These factors include the following:

- Increases in interest rates will increase the cost to our customers of funding property purchases through mortgages. The PBOC from time to time adjusts the benchmark lending rates, and starting from August 2019, the PBOC has introduced the one-year loan prime rate (the “LPR”) and commercial banks has since then adopted the LPR as the pricing benchmark in floating rate loan contracts. As of the date of this Offering Circular, the LPR is 3.85%. Any further increases in interest rates, including by the PBOC, will adversely affect the affordability and attractiveness of mortgage financing to potential purchasers of our properties. Our cost of borrowing would also increase as a result of interest rate increases, which would, in turn, adversely affect our results of operations;
- The PRC government may also increase the down payment requirements, impose other conditions or otherwise change the regulatory framework in a manner that would make mortgage financing unavailable or unattractive to potential property purchasers. Since October 2008, the PRC government has set the minimum mortgage loan interest rate for first-time home purchases at 70% of the relevant benchmark lending interest rate. Since September 2010, the PRC government has increased the minimum amount of down payment to 30% of the purchase price for all first-time home buyers. Since January 2011, for second-time home buyers that use mortgage financing, the PRC government has increased the minimum down payment to 60% of the purchase price, and set the minimum mortgage loan interest rate for such purchases at 110% of the relevant benchmark lending interest rate. Since February 2016, in the cities without

restrictive measures for house purchase, the minimum down payment for the purchase shall, in principle, be 25% of the house price with regard to the commercial individual housing loans to resident households for the first-time purchase of common residential houses, and the said percentage may be lowered by five percentage points in different regions; with respect to resident households that own a residential house with unsettled house purchase loans and apply for commercial individual housing loans again to purchase common residential houses for improving living conditions, the minimum down payment for the purchase shall be at least 30% of the corresponding house price. In the cities with restrictive measures for house purchase, the individual housing loan policies shall be subject to the original provisions. For commercial property buyers, banks are no longer allowed to finance the purchase of pre-sold properties. The minimum down payment for commercial property buyers has increased to 50% of the purchase price, and the minimum mortgage loan interest rates for such purchases has been set at 110% of the relevant benchmark lending interest rate and maximum maturities of no more than 10 years. In addition, mortgage banks may not lend to any individual borrower if the monthly repayment of the anticipated mortgage loan would exceed 50% of the individual borrower's monthly income or if the total monthly debt service of the individual borrower would exceed 55% of such individual's monthly income. For more information, see "Regulation – Property Financing"; and

- Any disruption to, or change in, the banking sector in China that affects our customers' ability to obtain mortgages could have an adverse effect on our liquidity and results of operations.

We may be liable to our customers for damages if we do not deliver individual property ownership certificates in a timely manner.

Property developers are typically required to deliver to purchasers the relevant individual property ownership certificates within 90 days of delivery of the property or within a timeframe set out in the relevant sale and purchase agreement. Property developers, including us, generally elect to specify the deadline for the delivery of the individual property ownership certificates in the sale and purchase agreements to allow sufficient time for the application and approval processes which typically takes one to two years. Under current regulations, we are required to submit requisite governmental approvals in connection with our property developments, including land use rights documents and planning and construction permits, to the registration authority of real estate for the relevant properties and apply for the general property ownership certificate in respect of these properties. We are then required to submit, within regulated periods after delivery of the properties, the relevant property sale and purchase agreements, identification documents of the purchasers and proof of payment of deed tax, together with the general property ownership certificate, for the relevant local authority's review and the issuance of the individual property ownership certificates in respect of the properties purchased by the respective purchasers. Delays by the various administrative authorities in reviewing the application and granting approval as well as other factors may affect timely delivery of the general as well as individual property ownership certificates. We cannot assure you that we will not become liable to purchasers for late delivery of the individual property ownership certificates due to our fault or for any other reason beyond our control.

Disputes with project and joint venture partners may adversely affect our business and reputation.

We carry out some of our business through joint ventures with our PRC or foreign partners. Such joint venture arrangements involve a number of risks, including:

- disputes with joint venture partners in connection with the performance of their or our obligations under the relevant projects or joint venture agreements;
- disputes as to the scope of each party's responsibilities under these arrangements;
- financial difficulties encountered by a joint venture partner affecting its ability to perform its obligations under the joint venture agreements or other contracts with us; or
- conflicts between the policies or objectives adopted by the joint venture partners and those adopted by us.

In addition, we work with a wide range of parties involved in the acquisition, development and sale of our properties, including contractors, suppliers, construction workers, original residents, co-development or other partners, banks and purchasers. As most of our projects are composed of multiple phases, purchasers of our properties in earlier phases may commence legal actions against us if our subsequent planning and development of the projects are perceived to be inconsistent with our representations and warranties made to such earlier purchasers. Any of these and other factors may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and would divert resources and management's attention.

We face risks from our relationships with our substantial shareholders.

As of 31 December 2020, China Life, our largest shareholder, owned approximately 29.59% of our shares. Dajia Life Insurance is our second largest shareholder and held approximately 29.58% of our shares as of the same date. We face risks relating to the shareholdings, including that the substantial shareholders may not provide financial and operational support to us and that they may sell their shareholdings. For example, COSCO Group, which held 16.85% of our shares as of 30 June 2010, disposed of its entire shareholding by 21 December 2010 and Nan Fung Group, which originally held 21.3% of our shares disposed a large portion of its shares on 4 December 2015 resulting in Nan Fung Group holding less than 5% of our total issued shares after such disposal. There can be no assurance that similar disposals of our shares will not occur. If any of our substantial shareholders fail to provide the financial and operational support to us that they have indicated or if they sell down their shareholdings, our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may be materially and adversely affected.

We may be required to bear resettlement costs associated with our property developments.

The land parcels we acquire in the future for development may have existing buildings or other structures or be occupied by third parties. On 21 January 2011, the State Council promulgated the "Regulation for the Expropriation and Compensation for Housing on State-owned Land" (《國有土地上房屋徵收與補償條例》(國務院令 第590號)) (the "**Expropriation and Compensation Regulation**") (Order of the State Council No. 590). The Expropriation and Compensation Regulation provides that, among other things: (i) buildings can be expropriated under certain circumstances for public interests, and governmental authorities are responsible for resettlement activities; real estate developers are prohibited from engaging in demolition and relocation operations; (ii) compensation should be paid before the resettlement; (iii) compensation to owners of properties to be demolished cannot be less than the market value of similar properties at the time of expropriation. The market value of properties should be determined by qualified real estate appraisal institutions in accordance with appraisal rules related to property expropriation. Any owner who does not agree with the appraised market value of the property may apply to the real estate appraisal institution for re-appraisal, and (iv) neither violence nor coercion may be used to force homeowners to leave sites, nor can certain measures, such as illegally cutting water and power supplies, be used in relocation operations. If the local government fails to reach an agreement regarding compensation with the owners or residents of the buildings subject to demolition, any party may apply to the relevant housing resettlement authorities for a ruling on the amount of compensation, which may delay the timetable of our projects. Such delays to our development projects will lead to an increase in the cost and a delay in the expected cash inflow resulting from pre-sales of the relevant projects, which may in turn materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We do not have insurance to cover potential losses and claims in our operations.

We do not maintain insurance for destruction of or damage to our property developments business whether they are under development or have been completed and are pending delivery, other than those buildings over which our lending banks have security interests and for which we are required to maintain insurance coverage under the loan agreements. We also do not carry insurance against personal injuries that may occur during the construction of our property developments. In addition, we do not carry insurance for any liability arising from allegedly tortious acts committed on work sites. Although we believe any such liability that may arise would be borne by third party construction companies, we cannot assure you that we will not be sued or held liable for damages due to such tortious acts. Moreover, there are certain losses for which insurance is not available on commercially practicable terms, such as losses suffered due to earthquake, typhoon, flooding, war and civil disorder. If we suffer from any losses, damages and liabilities in

the course of our operations and property development, we may not have sufficient funds to cover any such losses, damages or liabilities or to replace any property development that has been destroyed. In addition, any payment we make to cover any losses, damages or liabilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We do not conduct independent credit checks when guaranteeing mortgages taken out by our customers. If a significant number of such guarantees are called upon, our financial condition could be adversely affected.

We enter into arrangements with banks to facilitate the provision of mortgage facilities to purchasers of our properties. In accordance with industry practice, we are required to provide guarantees to these banks in respect of mortgages offered to our customers until the earlier of (i) completion of construction and the relevant property ownership certificates and certificates of other interests in the property are submitted to the relevant banks and (ii) the settlement of mortgage loans between the bank and purchasers of our properties. If a purchaser defaults under the mortgage loan and the bank calls on the guarantee, we are required to repay all debt owed by the purchaser to the mortgage bank under the loan, the mortgage bank will assign to us its rights under the loan and the mortgage and we will have full recourse to the property. We have in the past experienced some defaults by our purchasers of their mortgage loans, but we have been able to recover almost all of the default payments from the relevant property owners shortly after the event of default and have not experienced any material cases of such defaults.

We do not conduct independent credit checks on our customers but rely instead on the credit checks conducted by the mortgage banks. As at 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, our outstanding guarantees over the mortgage loans of our customers amounted to approximately RMB8,159 million, RMB9,595 million and RMB9,800 million, respectively.

If a significant number of purchasers default on their mortgages and our guarantees are called upon, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected to the extent that there is a material depreciation in the value of the relevant properties from the price paid by the purchaser or that we cannot sell such properties due to unfavourable market conditions or other reasons.

The illiquidity of property investments and the lack of alternative uses for investment properties could limit our ability to respond to adverse changes in the performance of our properties.

As investment properties are in general relatively illiquid, our ability to promptly sell them in response to changing economic, financial and investment conditions is limited. The real estate market is affected by many factors, such as general economic conditions, availability of financing, interest rates and other factors, including supply and demand, that are beyond our control. We cannot predict whether we will be able to sell any of our investment properties for the price or on the terms set by us, or whether any price or other terms offered by a prospective purchaser would be acceptable to us. We also cannot predict the length of time needed to find a purchaser and to close a sale in respect of an investment property.

Should we decide to sell a property subject to a management agreement or tenancy agreement, we may have to obtain consent from, or pay termination fees to, our management partners or our anchor retail tenants.

In addition, investment properties are not readily convertible to alternative uses if they become unprofitable due to competition, age, decreased demand or other factors. The conversion of investment properties to alternative uses would generally require substantial capital expenditure. In particular, we may be required to expend funds to maintain properties, correct defects, or make improvements before an investment property can be sold. We cannot assure you that we will have funds available for these purposes. These factors and any other factors that would impede our ability to respond to adverse changes in the performance of our investment properties could affect our ability to retain tenants and to compete with other market participants, as well as affecting our results of operations.

We may not be able to effectively diversify our business.

We have been seeking to diversify our business. We acquired disclosable equity interests in certain companies listed on the SEHK, namely Beijing Capital Juda Ltd., China Logistics Property Holdings Co., Ltd., Gemini Investments (Holdings) Limited and China Huarong Asset Management Co., Ltd. which engage in various business sectors other than our main business activities. We cannot assure you that we will be able to leverage our past experience in the property development industry in expanding into these industries. We may be exposed to considerable reputational and financial risks if these operations are mismanaged or do not meet the expectations of our stakeholders. If we fail in our efforts to diversify our business, there may have a material adverse effect on our reputation generally, and our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects may be materially and adversely affected.

Our business may be adversely impacted by negative developments in the PRC and commercial real estate market.

We are active in the PRC commercial real estate market, with focus on office and retail properties in business regions. The success of our business is therefore significantly correlated with the development of the commercial real estate market in the PRC. In the last few years, the real estate market in the PRC, in particular in secondary locations, has experienced a strong increase of rent levels. There is a risk that the real estate market will soon reach its peak in this regard, and consequently, the increase in rent levels will weaken or that rent levels will even decrease in the future. Such developments may also result in decreasing valuations of properties. The PRC real estate market, including the development of rent levels and real estate prices, is also affected by overall economic conditions in the PRC. For example, economic contraction, economic uncertainty and the perception by tenants of weak or weakening economic conditions could cause a decline in the demand for commercial real estate and thereby influence market prices, rent levels and vacancy rates in the commercial real estate market. In addition, the levels of investment in commercial real estate and investment activities of companies, as tenants, may also be influenced by macroeconomic factors such as unemployment rates, inflation, interest rates, increases in taxes or perceived or actual declines in corporate investments and capital expenditure. Among other things, a rise in interest rates could lead to higher discount rates, which could have an adverse effect on the valuation of our portfolio. Higher interest rates could also result in reduced demand for real estate, making it harder to sell properties. As a result of the geographic focus of our commercial real estate portfolio on the PRC, a negative development, contraction or lack of growth in the PRC economy and overall macroeconomic conditions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our results of operations may be materially and adversely affected if we fail to obtain, or there are material delays in obtaining, requisite governmental approvals for our property developments.

The property industry in the PRC is heavily regulated by the PRC government. Property developers including the policies and procedures established by local authorities designed for the implementation of such laws and regulations. In order to develop and complete a property development, at various stages of the property development, a property developer must obtain various permits, licenses, certificates and other approvals from the relevant administrative authorities including a land use rights certificate, a construction land planning permit, a construction works planning permit, a construction works commencement permit and a pre-sale permit or confirmation of completion and acceptance. Each approval may depend on the satisfaction of certain conditions. We cannot assure you that we will not encounter material delays or other impediments in fulfilling the conditions precedent to the approvals, or that we will be able to adapt to new laws, regulations or policies that may come into effect from time to time with respect to the property industry in general or the particular processes with respect to regulatory approvals.

In addition, the Group may acquire land or projects from other developers and in such cases rely on the regulatory approvals which were obtained by such other developers prior to the acquisition. Although the Group conducts due diligence to check that the required regulatory approvals have been obtained, there is no assurance that no defect with such regulatory approvals would later be discovered (this may arise for example if there was an issue with the application process undertaken by the other developer before the acquisition). If any regulatory

approvals obtained by other developers before the Group acquires the relevant land or project are later found to be invalid or flawed for any reason, this is likely to have a material adverse impact on the development of such land or project which may have an adverse impact on the Group's financial position. There may also be delays on the part of the relevant regulatory bodies in reviewing our applications and granting approvals. If we fail to obtain, or encounter material delays in obtaining, the requisite governmental approvals, the completion of our developments and sale of our properties could be substantially disrupted or delayed and any such disruption or delay would materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. Furthermore, the relevant regulatory bodies may not approve the development plans for our projects and we may need to amend such development plans to obtain the necessary permits. Amendment to our development plans may have a material and adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

We rely principally on dividends paid by our subsidiaries to fund any cash and financing requirements we may have; any limitation on the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends to us could have a material adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business.

We are a holding company and rely principally on dividends paid by our subsidiaries for cash requirements, including the funds necessary to service any debt or security we may incur, including the Notes. The ability of our direct and indirect subsidiaries to pay dividends to their shareholders (including the Company and its subsidiary holding companies) is subject to applicable laws and restrictions contained in the debt instruments and obligations of such subsidiaries. Furthermore, under applicable PRC laws, rules and regulations, payment of dividends by our PRC subsidiaries is permitted only out of their retained earnings, if any, determined in accordance with PRC accounting standards. Under PRC laws, rules and regulations, all of our PRC subsidiaries are required to set aside at least 10% of their after-tax profit based on PRC accounting standards each year to their respective statutory capital reserve funds until the accumulated amount of such reserves reaches 50% of their respective registered capital. As a result, all of our PRC subsidiaries are restricted in their ability to transfer a portion of their net income to us whether in the form of dividends, loans or advances. Our restricted reserves are not distributable as cash dividends. Any limitation on the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends to us could materially and adversely limit our ability to grow, pay dividends or otherwise fund and conduct our business.

RISKS RELATING TO PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT IN THE PRC

There is a lack of reliable and updated information on property market conditions in the PRC.

We are subject to property market conditions in the PRC generally and, in particular, in Beijing Region, and the other regions in which we operate. Currently, reliable and up-to-date information on the amount and nature of property development and investment activities, the demand for such development, the supply of new properties being developed and the availability of land and buildings suitable for development and investment is not generally available in the PRC. Consequently, our investment and business decisions may not always have been, and may not in the future be, based on accurate, complete and timely information. Inaccurate information may adversely affect our business decisions, which could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The PRC property market has been cyclical and our property development activities are susceptible to significant fluctuations.

Historically, the PRC property market has been cyclical. The rapid expansion of the property market in certain major provinces and cities in China, in the early 1990s, culminated in an oversupply in the mid-1990s and a corresponding fall in property values and rentals in the second half of the decade. Since the late 1990s, private residential property prices and the number of residential property development projects have gradually increased in major cities as a result of an increase in demand driven by domestic economic growth. In particular, prices of residential properties in certain major PRC provinces have experienced rapid and significant growth. In recent years, however, the risk of property oversupply is increasing in parts of China, where property investment, trading and speculation have become overly active. In the event of actual or perceived oversupply, together with the effect of the PRC government policies to curtail the

overheating of the property market, property prices may fall significantly and our revenue and results of operations will be adversely affected. There have been recent reports of property developers in the PRC facing difficulties in repaying loans. On 1 January 2015, property developer Kaisa, which is based in Shenzhen, announced it had defaulted on a HK\$400 million term loan, and that such default on the loan triggered cross-defaults on Kaisa's obligations to other lenders. We cannot assure you that the problems of oversupply and falling property prices that occurred in the mid-1990s will not recur in the PRC property market and the recurrence of such problems could adversely affect our business and financial condition. The PRC property market is also susceptible to the volatility of the global economic conditions.

The cyclical nature of the property market in the PRC affects the optimal timing for the acquisition of sites and pace of development, as well as the sale of properties. This cyclicity, combined with the lead time required for completion of projects and the sale of properties, means that our results of operations relating to property development activities may be susceptible to significant fluctuations from year to year.

We are subject to regulations implemented by the PRC government, which may adopt further measures intended to curtail the overheating of the property market in China or adopt further measures to tighten restrictions on PRC property developers.

Our business is subject to extensive governmental regulation. As with other PRC property developers, we must comply with various requirements mandated by PRC laws and regulations, including the policies and procedures established by local authorities designed to implement such laws and regulations. In particular, reports about a developer running into difficulties on repayment and operations could prompt the PRC government to further tighten restrictions on PRC property developers, which could have a material adverse impact on our business and operations. On 1 January 2015, Shenzhen-based property developer Kaisa announced it had defaulted on a HK\$400 million term loan and that such default on the loan triggered cross-defaults on Kaisa's obligations to other lenders. On 6 January 2015, Kaisa also announced that it received a notice from two project partners alleging breach of cooperation agreements in relation to certain projects and demanding the refund of RMB1.2 billion paid by them. Kaisa also reported that it had received a notice from a lender under a facility agreement in connection with the financing of such projects alleging that an event of default had occurred. Such events could prompt the PRC government to impose greater regulations on the PRC property developers which may have a material adverse impact on our business and operations.

In recent years, the PRC government exerted considerable direct and indirect influence on the PRC property sector by imposing industry policies and other economic measures, such as:

- requiring real estate developers to finance, with their internal resources, at least 20% of the total investment (excluding affordable housing projects);
- limiting the monthly mortgage payment to 50% of an individual borrower's monthly income and limiting all monthly debt service payments of an individual borrower to 55% of his or her monthly income;
- suspending land supply for villa construction and restricting land supply for high-end residential property construction;
- requiring that at least 70% of the land supply approved by any local government for residential property development during any given year must be used for developing low-to medium-cost and small-to medium-size units for sale or as low-cost rental properties;
- requiring that at least 70% of the total development and construction area of residential projects approved or constructed on or after 1 June 2006 in any administrative jurisdiction must consist of units with a unit floor area of no more than 90 square meters and that projects which have received project approvals prior to this date but have not obtained construction permits must adjust their planning in order to comply with this new requirement, with the exception that municipalities under direct administration of the PRC central government and provincial capitals and cities specifically designated in the state plan (計劃單列市) may deviate from such ratio under special circumstances upon approval from the Ministry of Construction;

- requiring first-time home buyer to pay a minimum amount of down-payment of 25% of the purchase price of the underlying property in principle;
- requiring any second-time home buyer to pay an increased minimum amount of downpayment of 60% of the purchase price of the underlying property and an increased minimum mortgage loan interest rate of no less than 110% of the relevant PBOC benchmark lending interest rate;
- for a commercial property buyer, (i) requiring banks not to finance any purchase of pre-sold properties, (ii) increasing the minimum amount of down-payment to 50% of the purchase price of the underlying property, (iii) increasing the minimum mortgage loan interest rate to 110% of the relevant PBOC benchmark lending interest rate, and (iv) limiting the terms of such bank borrowings to no more than 10 years, with commercial banks allowed flexibility based on their risk assessment;
- for a buyer of commercial/residential dual-purpose properties, increasing the minimum amount of down-payment to 45% of the purchase price of the underlying property, with the other terms similar to those for commercial properties;
- limiting the grant or extension of revolving credit facilities to property developers that hold a large amount of idle land and vacant commodity properties;
- imposing more restrictions on the types of property developments that foreign investors may engage in;
- imposing or increasing taxes on short-term gains from second-hand property sales;
- restricting foreign investment in the property sector by, among other things, increasing the ratio of registered capital to total investment amount and other requirements for establishing foreign invested real estate enterprises (FIREEs), tightening foreign exchange control and imposing restrictions on purchases of properties in China by foreign persons;
- requiring commercial banks to suspend mortgage loans to customers for the purchase of a third or further residential property, or to non-residents who cannot provide proof of local tax or social security insurance payments for more than a one-year period;
- reducing the benchmark one-year lending rate published by the PBOC for the year ended 31 December 2014 to 5.60% and to 4.35% on 24 October 2015;
- decreasing the PBOC Renminbi deposit reserve requirement ratio for all PRC depositary financial institutions by 0.5 per cent. on 1 March 2016;
- non-residents who own one or more residential properties and are unable to provide proof of payment of local taxes or social security contributions covering a period of one year or more are prohibited from purchasing any residential properties located in the administrative area; and
- strictly enforcing a 20% tax on home sale profits.

More recently, there were reports that the PRC government may start to restrict financing available to property developers by reference to leverage ratios such as liabilities to assets ratio, net gearing ratio and cash to short-term borrowings ratio. In August 2020, the PBOC and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development jointly held a meeting in which the government authorities emphasized the importance of market-oriented, regular and transparent financing rules applicable to real estate developers in cultivating sustainable, stable and healthy development of the real estate market. Despite the changes, the requirement of obtaining approval at the relevant level of the Ministry of Commerce remains. The PRC government's restrictive regulations and measures could increase our operating costs in adapting to these regulations and measures, limit our access to capital resources or even restrict our business operations. We cannot be certain that the PRC government will not issue additional and more stringent regulations or measures or require the real estate developers to deleverage, which could further adversely affect our business and prospects.

In addition, effective from 1 January 2021, PRC financial institutions (excluding their overseas branches) are required to limit the amount of real estate loans and personal housing mortgage loans they lend to the proportions determined by the PBOC and CBIRC calculated based on the total amount of RMB loans extended by such financial institution. A relevant financial institution will have a transition period of two years or four years to comply with the requirements depending on whether such financial institution exceeded 2.0% of the legal proportion based on the statistical data relating to such bank as of 31 December 2020. Under the notice, the PBOC and CBIRC will have the authority to take measures such as, among other things, imposing additional capital requirements on and reallocating the weight adjustments relating to the risk of real estate assets for financial institutions that fail to rectify the proportion requirements within a certain period.

We cannot assure you that the PRC government will not change or modify these temporary measures in the future. For more information on the various restrictive measures taken by the PRC government, you should refer to the section entitled “Regulation – Measures on adjusting the structure of housing supply and stabilising housing price.” These measures may limit our access to capital resources, reduce market demand for our products and increase our operating costs in complying with these measures. We cannot assure you that the PRC government will not adopt additional and more stringent measures, which could further slow down property development in China and adversely affect our business and prospects.

Changes of PRC laws and regulations with respect to pre-sales may adversely affect our business.

We depend on cash flows from pre-sales of properties as an important source of funding for our property developments. Under current PRC laws and regulations, property developers must fulfill certain conditions before they can commence pre-sales of the relevant properties and pre-sales proceeds may only be used to finance the related development. In August 2005, the PBOC issued a report entitled “2004 Real Estate Financing Report,” in which it recommended discontinuing the practice of pre-selling uncompleted properties because it created significant market risks and transactional irregularities. In July 2007, an economic research group under the NDRC recommended the abolishment of the pre-sale system. These recommendations have not been adopted by any PRC governmental authority and have no mandatory effect. In April 2010, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the PRC issued the Notice on Further Strengthening the Supervision of Real Estate Market and Improving the Pre-Sale System of Commodity Housing (關於進一步加強房地產市場監管完善商品住房預售制度有關問題的通知).

The Notice urged local government authorities to enact relevant regulations on minimum requirements for obtaining a pre-sale permit and update mechanisms to supervise cash flows from pre-sales. Moreover, on 21 September 2018, Guangdong Real Estate Association issued an “Emergency Notice on the Relevant Opinions on Providing the Pre-sale Permit for Commodity Houses” (《關於請提供商品房預售許可有關意見的緊急通知》), asking for opinions on the cancelation of the pre-sale system of commodity residential properties. We cannot assure you that the PRC government will continue to allow pre-sale of properties or will not impose additional or more stringent requirements on pre-sale. In the event that the PRC government prohibits pre-sale of properties or impose additional or more stringent requirements, property developers like us may not have sufficient cash flow for property development projects and have liquidity problems. If we do not have sufficient cash flow from pre-sale to fund our future liquidity, pay our trade and bills payables and repay our outstanding debt obligations when they become due, we may need to significantly increase external borrowings or secure other external financing. If adequate funds are not available from external borrowings, whether on satisfactory terms or at all, we may be forced to delay or abandon our development and expansion plans, and our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. We cannot assure you that the PRC governmental authority will not ban the practice of pre-selling residential properties prior to completion or implement further restrictions on the pre-sale of such properties, such as imposing additional conditions for a pre-sale permit or further restrictions on the use of pre-sale proceeds. Proceeds from the pre-sale of our properties are an important source of financing for our property developments. Consequently, any restriction on our ability to pre-sell our properties, including any increase in the amount of up-front expenditure we must incur prior to obtaining the pre-sale permit, would extend the time period required for recovery of our capital outlay and would require that we seek alternative means to finance the various stages of our property developments. This, in turn, could have an adverse effect on our business, cash flow, results of operations and financial condition.

Property development in the PRC is still at an early stage and lacks adequate infrastructural support.

Private ownership of property in the PRC is still in a relatively early stage of development. Although demand for private residential property in the PRC has been growing rapidly in recent years, such growth is often coupled with volatility in market conditions and fluctuation in property prices. We cannot predict how much and when demand will develop, as many social, political, economic, legal and other factors may affect the development of the market. The level of uncertainty is increased by limited availability of accurate financial and market information as well as the overall low level of transparency in the PRC.

The lack of an effective liquid secondary market for residential property may discourage investors from acquiring new properties because re-sale is not only difficult, but can also be a long and costly process. The limited amount of property mortgage financing available to PRC individuals compounded by the lack of security of legal title and enforceability of property rights may further inhibit demand for residential developments.

In addition, risk of property oversupply is increasing in parts of China, where property investment, trading and speculation have become overly active. In the event of actual or perceived oversupply, property prices may fall significantly and our revenue and results of operations will be adversely affected.

The non-compliant GFA of some of our completed property developments may be subject to governmental approval and additional payments.

The local government authorities inspect our property developments after completion and issue completion certificates if the developments are in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. If the total constructed GFA of a property development exceeds the amount of GFA authorised in the relevant land grant contracts or construction permit, or if the completed property contains built-up areas that are not in conformity with the plan authorised by the construction permit, we may be required to make additional payments or take corrective actions with respect to such non-compliant GFA before the property development may obtain a completion certificate. If we fail to obtain the completion certificate due to such non-compliance, we will not be allowed to deliver the properties or recognise any revenue from the relevant pre-sold properties and may also be subject to liabilities under the pre-sale contracts. Any of the above could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Any non-compliance with any laws and regulations may subject us to administrative proceedings and unfavourable decrees that result in liabilities, fines or sanctions and cause damage to our reputation and delays to our property developments, and may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

RISKS RELATING TO THE PRC

Economic, political and social conditions in the PRC as well as government policies could affect our business.

Substantially all of our assets are located in the PRC and substantially all of our revenue is sourced from the PRC. Accordingly, to a significant degree, our results of operations, financial position and prospects are subject to the economic, political and legal developments of the PRC.

The economy of the PRC differs from the economies of most developed countries in many respects, including, but not limited to:

- political structure;
- level of government involvement;
- level of development;
- growth rate;
- control of foreign exchange; and
- allocation of resources.

While the PRC economy has grown significantly in the past 30 years, growth has been uneven, both geographically and among the various sectors of the economy. The PRC government has implemented various measures to encourage economic growth and guide the allocation of resources. Some of these measures benefit the overall PRC economy, but may also negatively affect our operations. For example, our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected by the PRC government's control over capital investment or any changes in tax regulations or foreign exchange controls that are applicable to us.

The PRC economy has been transitioning from a planned economy to a market-oriented economy. For the past three decades, the PRC government has implemented economic reform measures emphasising utilisation of market forces in the development of the PRC economy. However, since early 2004, the PRC government has implemented certain measures in order to prevent the PRC economy, including the property market, from overheating. These measures may cause a decrease in the level of economic activity, including demand for residential and commercial properties, and may have an adverse impact on economic growth in the PRC. If China's economic growth decreases or if the PRC economy experiences a recession, the growth in demand for our products may also decrease and our business, financial condition and results of operations will be adversely affected.

In addition, demand for our products and our business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected by:

- political instability or changes in social conditions in the PRC;
- changes in laws and regulations or the interpretation of laws and regulations;
- measures which may be introduced to control inflation or deflation;
- changes in the rate or method of taxation; and
- imposition of additional restrictions on currency conversion and remittances abroad.

Governmental control of currency conversion may affect the value of your investment.

The PRC government imposes controls on the convertibility of Renminbi into foreign currencies and, in certain cases, the remittance of currency out of China. We receive substantially all our revenues in Renminbi. Under our current structure, our income is primarily derived from dividend payments from our PRC subsidiaries. Shortages in the availability of foreign currency may restrict the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to remit sufficient foreign currency to pay dividends or other payments to us, or otherwise satisfy their foreign currency denominated obligations, if any. Under existing PRC foreign exchange regulations, payments of certain current account items can be made in foreign currencies without prior approval from the local branch of SAFE by complying with certain procedural requirements. However, our PRC subsidiaries must present certain documents to SAFE, its authorised branch, or the designated foreign exchange bank, for approval or examination before they can convert Renminbi into foreign currency and remit them out of China to pay capital expenses such as the repayment of indebtedness denominated in foreign currencies, including the Notes. The restrictions on foreign exchange transactions under capital accounts could also affect our subsidiaries' ability to obtain foreign exchange through debt or equity financing, including by means of loans or capital contribution from us. The PRC government may also at its discretion restrict access in the future to foreign currencies for current account transactions. If the foreign exchange control system prevents us from obtaining sufficient foreign currency to satisfy our currency demands, we may not be able to make payments under the Notes.

PRC regulations relating to the establishment of offshore special purpose companies by PRC residents may adversely affect our business operations.

In October 2005, SAFE issued the "State Administration of Foreign Exchange's Notice on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Administration for PRC Residents to Engage in Financing and Inbound Investment via Overseas Special Purpose Vehicles" (Hui Fa [2005] No. 75) ("**Circular No. 75**") (《國家外匯管理局關於境內居民通過境外特殊目的公司融資及返程投資外匯管理有關問題的通知》(匯發[2005]75)). On 4 July 2014, SAFE issued the "State Administration of Foreign Exchange's Notice on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Administration for PRC

Residents to Engage in Financing and Investment Overseas and Inbound Investment via Special Purpose Vehicles” (Hui Fa [2014] No. 37) (“**Circular No. 37**”) (《國家外匯管理局關於境內居民通過特殊目的公司境外投融資及返程投資外匯管理有關問題的通知》(匯發[2014]37)), which repealed Circular No. 75. Pursuant to Circular No. 37, (i) the term “Special Purpose Vehicle” (the “**SPV**”) stipulated in Circular No. 37 is defined as an offshore enterprise directly established or indirectly controlled by domestic residents (including domestic institutions and domestic resident individuals) for the purpose of financing or investment using the assets or equity interests in domestic enterprises they legally hold or the assets or equity interests they legally hold overseas; (ii) the term “Round-trip Investment” stipulated in Circular No. 37 is defined as direct investment activities carried out in the PRC by domestic residents via SPVs directly or indirectly, i.e. establish a foreign-invested enterprise or project (hereafter referred to as “foreign-invested enterprise”) by such means as new establishment, acquisition etc., and obtain the interest such as ownership, right of control, right of management and operation of the foreign-invested enterprise, etc.; (iii) prior to making capital contributions to an SPV with assets or equity interests legally held in the PRC or abroad, a domestic resident shall go through the procedures for registration of offshore investment with SAFE or a local branch of SAFE (the “**Foreign Exchange Bureau**”), and the domestic resident cannot conduct follow-up matters until the offshore investment registration has been completed; (iv) after a registered offshore SPV becomes the subject of basic information changes (such as changes to domestic resident individual shareholders, name, term of operation) or material changes (such as capital increase, capital reduction, equity transfer, equity swap involving domestic resident individuals, or merger, division), a domestic resident shall timely go through the procedures for amendment registration of the offshore investment with the Foreign Exchange Bureau, and the domestic resident cannot conduct follow-up matters (including the repatriation of profits and dividends) until the amendment registration of offshore investment has been completed; (v) when an unlisted SPV carries out equity interests incentive plans with its shares or share options etc. for directors, supervisors, senior management and other employees who were employed by or have a labour relationship with a domestic enterprise directly or indirectly controlled by the SPV, related domestic resident individuals can go through the procedures for registration of the SPV with the Foreign Exchange Bureau before exercising their option or other rights; (vi) domestic enterprises directly or indirectly controlled by domestic residents can make loans to registered SPVs in accordance with current laws and regulations if there is a real and reasonable demand; (vii) domestic residents can convert Renminbi into foreign currency and remit the same out of China for the purpose of the establishment, stock buyback and delisting of SPVs etc. if there is a real and reasonable demand. Under Circular No. 37, failure to comply with the registration procedures set forth above may result in penalties, including restrictions on a PRC subsidiary’s foreign exchange activities and its ability to distribute dividends to the special purpose vehicle. We cannot assure you that such process will be completed in a timely manner or at all, or that we will not be subject to fines or other sanctions which restrict our cross-border activities or limit our PRC subsidiaries’ ability to distribute dividends or to repay shareholder loans to us.

We may be treated as a PRC resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes, which may subject us to PRC income taxes on our worldwide income and PRC withholding taxes on distributions we pay on the Notes.

Under PRC tax laws effective prior to 1 January 2008, dividends, interest and other amounts paid to foreign investors by foreign-invested enterprises, such as amounts paid to us by our operating subsidiaries in China, were exempt from PRC withholding tax. Under the Enterprise Income Tax Law (《企業所得稅法》) (the “**EIT Law**”) promulgated on 6 December 2007, effective from 1 January 2008, which was subsequently amended on 24 February 2017, and 29 December 2018 and the Implementation Rules on the Enterprise Income Tax (《企業所得稅法實施條例》) which was subsequently amended and took effect on 23 April 2019, enterprises established outside the PRC whose “de facto management bodies” are located in China are considered “resident enterprises” for PRC tax purposes. The implementation rules define the term “de facto management body” as a management body that exercises full and substantial control and management over the business, personnel, accounts and properties of an enterprise. In April 2009, the State Administration of Taxation specified certain criteria for the determination of the “de facto management bodies” for foreign enterprises that are controlled by PRC enterprises. However, there have been no official implementation rules regarding the determination of the “de facto management bodies” for foreign enterprises that are not controlled by PRC enterprises (including companies like ourselves).

Furthermore, pursuant to the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law and the Implementation Rules on the Enterprise Income Tax (《企業所得稅法實施條例》) promulgated by the State Council on 6 December 2007 and became effective on 1 January 2008, and amended on 23 April 2019, a withholding tax rate of 10% will be applicable to any dividend payable by foreign-invested enterprises to their non-PRC enterprise investors. In addition, pursuant to the Arrangement between Mainland China and Hong Kong for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (《內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排》) signed on 21 August 2006 and applicable in Hong Kong to income derived in any year of assessment commencing on or after 1 April 2007 and in Mainland China to any year commencing on or after 1 January 2007, a company incorporated in Hong Kong will be subject to withholding income tax at a rate of 5% on dividends it receives from its PRC subsidiaries if it holds a 25% or more of equity interest in each such PRC subsidiary at the time of the distribution, or 10% if it holds less than a 25% equity interest in that subsidiary. According to the Notice of the State Administration of Taxation, or SAT on issues regarding the Administration of Dividend Provisions in Tax Treaties (《國家稅務總局關於執行稅收協定股息條款有關問題的通知》), which was promulgated on 20 February 2009, recipients of dividends paid by PRC enterprises must satisfy certain requirements in order to obtain a preferential income tax rate pursuant to a tax treaty. One such requirement is that the taxpayer must be the “beneficiary owner” of relevant dividends. In order for a corporate recipient of dividends paid by a PRC enterprise to enjoy preferential tax treatment pursuant to a tax treaty, such recipient must be the direct owner of a certain proportion of the share capital of the PRC enterprise at all times during the 12 months preceding its receipt of the dividends. On 14 October 2019, SAT issued the Announcement of the State Taxation Administration on Issuing the “Administrative Measures for Entitlement to Treaty Benefits for Non-resident Taxpayers” (《國家稅務總局關於發佈〈非居民納稅人享受協定待遇管理辦法〉的公告》), became effective on 1 January 2020, which applies to non-resident taxpayers with tax payment obligations within the territory of China who need entitlement to treaty benefits. According to the Administrative Measures for Entitlement to Treaty Benefits for Non-resident Taxpayers, where non-resident taxpayers judge by themselves that they meet the conditions for entitlement to treaty benefits, they may obtain such entitlement themselves at the time of making tax declarations, or at the time of making withholding declarations via withholding agents. At the same time, they shall collect, gather and retain relevant materials for future reference in accordance with the provisions of these Measures, and shall accept the follow-up administration of tax authorities. Also, tax authorities at all levels shall carry out follow-up administration of non-resident taxpayers’ entitlement to treaty benefits, accurately implement treaties, and prevent the abuse of treaties and the risk of tax avoidance and evasion.

We hold most of our shareholders’ meetings and board meetings outside China and keep our shareholders’ list outside China. However, most of our directors (“**Directors**”) and senior management are currently based inside China and we keep most of our books of account inside China. The above elements may be relevant for the tax authorities in determining whether we are a PRC resident enterprise for tax purposes. However, there is no clear standard published by the tax authorities for making such determination.

Although it is unclear under PRC tax law whether we have a “de facto management body” located in China for PRC tax purposes, we currently take the position that we are not a PRC resident enterprise for tax purposes. We cannot assure you that the tax authorities will agree with our position. If we are deemed to be a PRC resident enterprise for EIT Law purposes, we would be subject to the PRC enterprise income tax at the rate of 25% on our worldwide income. Furthermore, we would then be obligated to withhold PRC income tax of up to 7% on payments of distributions and certain other amounts on the Notes to investors that are non-resident enterprises located in Hong Kong or 10% on payments on the Notes to investors that are non-resident enterprises located outside Hong Kong, because the payments would be regarded as being derived from sources within the PRC. In addition, if we were to fail to do so, we would be subject to fines and other penalties. Further, any gain realised by a non-resident enterprise investor from the transfer of the Notes would be regarded as being derived from sources within the PRC and, accordingly, would then be subject to a 10% PRC withholding tax.

Fluctuations in the value of the Renminbi may have a material adverse effect on our business.

The Notes will be denominated in U.S. dollars, while substantially all of our revenues are generated by our PRC operating subsidiaries and are denominated in Renminbi. Pursuant to reforms of the exchange rate system announced by the PBOC on 21 July 2005, RMB-to-foreign currency exchange rates are allowed to fluctuate within a narrow and managed band against a basket of foreign currencies, rather than being effectively linked to the U.S. dollar. There remains significant international pressure on the PRC government to adopt a more flexible currency policy. On 19 June 2010, the PBOC announced its intention to further reform the Renminbi exchange rate regime by allowing greater flexibility in the Renminbi exchange rate, which could result in a further and more significant appreciation of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar or other foreign currency. These changes in currency policy resulted in the Renminbi appreciating against the U.S. dollar by approximately 28.8% from 21 July 2005 to 31 December 2011, according to rates published by Bloomberg.

On 11 August 2015, to improve the central parity quotations of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar, the PBOC authorised market-makers to provide central parity quotations to the China Foreign Exchange Trading Center daily before the opening of the interbank foreign exchange market with reference to the interbank foreign exchange market closing rate of the previous day, the supply and demand for foreign exchange as well as changes in major international currency exchange rates. Following the announcement by the PBOC on 11 August 2015, the Renminbi depreciated significantly against the U.S. dollar. Throughout 2016, the Renminbi experienced further fluctuations in value against the U.S. dollar.

The PRC government may adopt further reforms of its exchange rate system, including making the Renminbi freely convertible in the future. If such reforms were implemented and resulted in devaluation of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected because of our substantial U.S. dollar-denominated indebtedness and other obligations. Such a devaluation could also adversely affect the value, translated or converted to U.S. dollars or otherwise, of our earnings and our ability to satisfy our obligations under the Notes.

There are limited hedging instruments available in China to reduce our exposure to exchange rate fluctuations between the Renminbi and other currencies. To date, we only entered into certain forward contracts to reduce our partial exposure to such risks. Following the offering of the Notes, we may enter into foreign exchange or interest rate hedging agreements in respect of our U.S. dollar denominated liabilities under the Notes. These hedging agreements may require us to pledge or transfer cash and other collateral to secure our obligations under such agreements, and the amount of collateral required may increase as a result of mark-to-market adjustments. If we were unable to provide such collateral, it could constitute a default under such agreements.

Uncertainty with respect to the PRC legal system could adversely affect us.

As all of our business is conducted, and substantially all of our assets are located, in the PRC, our operations are generally affected by and subject to the PRC legal system and PRC laws and regulations. Since 1979, the PRC government has promulgated laws and regulations in relation to general economic matters, such as foreign investment, corporate organisation and governance, commerce, taxation, foreign exchange and trade, with a view to developing a comprehensive system of commercial law. In particular, legislation over the past 30 years has significantly enhanced the protections afforded to various forms of foreign investment in China. The legal system in China is continuing to evolve. Even where adequate laws exist in China, the enforcement of existing laws or contracts based on existing laws may be uncertain and sporadic, and it may be difficult to obtain swift and equitable enforcement or to obtain enforcement of a judgment by a court of another jurisdiction. In addition, the PRC legal system is based on written statutes and their interpretation, and prior court decisions may be cited as reference but have limited weight as precedents.

China has not developed a fully integrated legal system and recently enacted laws and regulations may not sufficiently cover all aspects of economic activities in China. The relative inexperience of China's judiciary in many cases also creates additional uncertainty as to the outcome of any litigation. In addition, interpretation of statutes and regulations may be subject to government policies reflecting domestic political changes. Furthermore, because these laws and regulations are relatively new, and because of the limited volume of published decisions and their non-binding nature, the interpretation, implementation and enforcement of these laws and regulations involve uncertainties due to the lack of established practice available for reference. We cannot predict the effect of future legal development in China, including the promulgation of new laws, changes to existing laws or the interpretation or enforcement thereof, or inconsistencies between local rules and regulations and national law. As a result, there is substantial uncertainty as to the legal protection available to us and investors in the Notes. In addition, the PRC legal system is based in part on government policies and internal rules (some of which are not published on a timely basis or at all) that may have retroactive effect. As a result, we may not be aware of our violation of these policies and rules until some time after the violation has occurred. This may also limit the remedies available to you as an investor and to us in the event of any claims or disputes with third parties. Any litigation in China may be protracted and result in substantial costs and diversion of resources and management attention.

The national and regional economies in the PRC and our prospects may be adversely affected by natural disasters, acts of God, occurrence of epidemics, acts of war and other disasters, which in turn affect our prospects.

Our business is subject to general economic and social conditions in the PRC. Natural disasters, epidemics and other acts of God which are beyond our control may adversely affect the economy, infrastructure and livelihood of the people in the PRC. Some regions in the PRC, including the cities where we operate, are under the threat of flood, earthquake, sandstorm, snowstorm, fire, drought, or epidemics such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, H5N1 avian flu, H7N9 flu, the human swine flu, also known as Influenza A (H1N1), or most recently, the novel coronavirus named COVID-19 by the World Health Organization.

Past occurrences of epidemics, depending on their scale, have caused different degrees of damage to the national and local economies in the PRC. Another public health crisis in China triggered by a recurrence of SARS or an outbreak of any other epidemics, including, for example, the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, especially in the cities where we have operations, may result in material disruptions to our property development and sales and the operation of commercial properties. For instance, after the outbreak of COVID-19 epidemic, several cities in China where we have land bank and operations were under a lockdown and have imposed travel restrictions in an effort to curb the spread of the highly infectious coronavirus. As a result, sales offices and construction of our development projects were temporarily shut down. Completion of our projects may be delayed and sales might be lower than expected, which might in turn result in substantial increase in our development costs, late delivery of properties and/or otherwise adversely affect our profitability and cash flows. Customers who have previously entered into contracts to purchase properties may also default on their purchase contracts if the economic situation further deteriorates as a result of the epidemic. In addition, the COVID-19 outbreak poses risks to the wellbeing of our employees and the safety of our workplace, which may materially and adversely affect our business operation. Our ability to adequately staff, manage and/or maintain daily operations may be adversely affected if the outbreak continues or further deteriorates. Given the uncertainties as to the development of the outbreak at the moment, it is difficult to predict how long these conditions will exist and the extent to which we may be affected.

Besides, the outbreak of communicable diseases, such as the coronavirus outbreak on a global scale may affect investment sentiment and result in sporadic volatility in global capital markets or adversely affect China and other economies. Such outbreak has resulted in restrictions on travel and public transportation and prolonged closures of workplaces, which may have a material adverse effect on the global economy. Any material change in the financial markets, the PRC economy or regional economies as a result of these events or developments may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Acts of war and terrorist attacks may cause damage or disruption to us, our employees and our markets, any of which could materially impact our sales, cost of sales, overall results of operations and financial condition. The potential for war or terrorist attacks may also cause uncertainty and cause our business to suffer in ways that currently we cannot predict.

RISKS RELATING TO THE GUARANTEE AND THE NOTES

Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments.

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (i) the Notes are legal investments for it, (ii) the Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (iii) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of the Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

The Guarantor's obligations under the Guarantee are structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities and obligations of each of the Guarantor's subsidiaries.

The Issuer is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Guarantor formed for the principal purpose of issuing securities, including the 2021 Notes, the 2022 Notes, the 2029 Notes, the 2030 Notes and the Notes. The Issuer will on-lend the entire proceeds from the issue of the Notes to the Guarantor and/or its subsidiaries. The Issuer does not and will not have any assets other than such loans and its ability to make payments under the Notes will depend on its receipt of timely payments under such loans. In the event that the Guarantor and its subsidiaries do not make such payments due to limitation in such loans or other agreements, lack of available cash flow or other factors, the Issuer's ability to make payments under the Notes may be adversely affected.

The Guarantor is a holding company and, accordingly, payments under the Guarantee are structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities and obligations of each of the Guarantor's subsidiaries (other than the Issuer). Claims of creditors of such companies will have priority as to the assets of such companies over the Guarantor and its creditors, including Holders seeking to enforce the Guarantee. The Guarantor's obligations under the Guarantee will not be guaranteed by any of its subsidiaries. The Notes do not contain any restrictions on the ability of the Guarantor's subsidiaries (other than the Issuer) to incur additional unsecured indebtedness.

The Guarantor's ability to make payments on the Guarantee depends upon receipt of distributions from its subsidiaries and joint ventures.

The Guarantor is primarily a holding company and its ability to make payments under the Guarantee and to make payments to the Issuer under the loan arrangement to fund payments on the Notes depends upon the receipt of dividends, distributions, interest or advances from its wholly-owned or partly-owned subsidiaries and joint ventures. The ability of the subsidiaries and joint ventures of the Guarantor to pay dividends may be subject to applicable laws and regulations. The outstanding indebtedness of the subsidiaries of the Guarantor may contain covenants restricting the ability of such subsidiaries to pay dividends in certain circumstances for so long as such indebtedness remains outstanding. Moreover, the Guarantor's percentage interests in its subsidiaries and joint ventures could be reduced in the future.

The Guarantor's subsidiaries in the PRC may be unable to obtain and remit foreign exchange.

The ability of the Guarantor's PRC subsidiaries to obtain and remit sufficient foreign currency to pay dividends may affect the Guarantor's ability to satisfy its obligations under the Guarantee. The Guarantor's subsidiaries in the PRC must present certain documents to SAFE, its authorised branch, or the designated foreign exchange bank, for approval before they can obtain and remit foreign currencies out of the PRC, including, in the case of dividends equivalent to more than U.S.\$50,000 (exclusive), the profit distribution resolution of the board of directors relating to such profit remittance, the original of tax record form, and audited financial statements and, in the case of shareholder loans, evidence of the registration of the loan with SAFE. Prior to payment of interest and principal on any shareholder loan the Group makes to its PRC subsidiaries, the

relevant PRC subsidiary must also present evidence of payment of the 7 per cent. withholding tax on the interest payable in respect of such shareholder loan. If any PRC subsidiary for any reason fails to satisfy any of the PRC legal requirements for remitting foreign currency payments, the PRC subsidiary will be unable to pay the Guarantor dividends or interest and principal on shareholder loans, which may affect the Guarantor's ability to satisfy its obligations under the Guarantee.

Certain initial investors or a single initial investor may purchase a significant portion of the Notes and may potentially be able to exercise certain rights and powers on their own.

Certain initial investors or a single initial investor may purchase a significant portion of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes in this offering. Any Holder of a significant percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes will be able to exercise certain rights and powers and will have significant influence on matters voted on by Holders. For example, Holders of at least 50 per cent. (or at adjourned meetings no minimum per cent.) of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes would form a quorum for the purposes of passing an Extraordinary Resolution, while Holders of at least 66 per cent. (or at adjourned meetings at least 33 per cent.) of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes would form a quorum for the purposes of voting on reserved matters, including modification of the dates for redemption of the Notes or reduction or cancellation of the principal amount or interest.

In addition, as the passing of Extraordinary Resolutions at meetings of Holders requires a majority of not less than 75 per cent. of votes cast, any holder of a significant percentage of the Notes, even if less than a majority, will on its own be able to take certain actions that would be binding on all Holders. For example, holders of 25.1 per cent. of the principal amount of Notes represented at a meeting of Holders is able to block the passing of Extraordinary Resolutions, while holders of at least 25 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding may, subject to the provisions of the Trust Deed, direct the Trustee to institute proceedings for the winding-up of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor where payment in respect of the Notes has become due but has not been paid prior to expiration of the applicable grace period.

Additionally, the existence of any such significant Holder may reduce the liquidity of the Notes in the secondary trading market.

An active and liquid trading market for the Notes may not develop.

The Notes are a new issue of securities for which there is currently no trading market. Although an application will be made to the SEHK for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Notes, no assurance can be given that such application will be approved. No assurance can be given as to the ability of investors to sell their Notes or the price at which investors will be able to sell their Notes, as to the liquidity of, or trading market for, the Notes. In addition, the Notes are being offered pursuant to exemptions from registration under the Securities Act and, as a result, investors will only be able to resell their Notes in transactions that have been registered under the Securities Act or in transactions not subject to or exempt from registration under the Securities Act.

There can be no assurance as to the liquidity of the Notes or that an active trading market will develop and be sustained. If such a market were to develop, the Notes could trade at prices that may be higher or lower than the initial issue price depending on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, the Group's operations and the market for similar securities. The Stabilisation Managers are not obligated to make a market in the Notes and any such market making, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

There may be less publicly available information about the Guarantor than is available in certain other jurisdictions.

There may be less publicly available information about companies listed in Hong Kong, such as the Guarantor, than is regularly made available by public companies in certain other countries. In addition, the Guarantor's historical financial information in this Offering Circular has been extracted from its financial statements prepared in accordance with HKFRS, which differ in certain respects from IFRS and generally accepted accounting principles in other jurisdictions ("GAAPs") which might be material to the financial information contained in this Offering Circular. In making an investment decision, investors must rely upon their own examination of the Guarantor, the

terms of the offering and the Guarantor's financial information, and should consult their own professional advisers for an understanding of the differences between HKFRS and IFRS or between HKFRS and other GAAPs and how those differences might affect the financial information contained in this Offering Circular.

The ratings assigned to the Notes may be lowered or withdrawn in the future.

The Notes are expected to be assigned a rating of “Baa3” by Moody's, “BBB-” by Fitch and “BBB_g+” by CCXAP. The ratings address the Issuer's and the Guarantor's ability to perform their respective obligations under the terms of the Notes and credit risks in determining the likelihood that payments will be made when due under the Notes. In addition, the Guarantor has been assigned a corporate rating of “BBB-” with a stable outlook by Fitch, a corporate rating of “Baa3” with a stable outlook by Moody's, a corporate rating of “BBB_g+” with a stable outlook from China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited (中國誠信(亞太)信用評級有限公司) and a corporate rating of “AAA” with a stable outlook from China Chengxin International Credit Rating Co. Ltd. (中誠信國際信用評級有限責任公司), respectively. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time. The Group cannot assure investors that a rating will remain for any given period of time or that a rating will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by the relevant rating agency if in its judgment circumstances in the future so warrant. Neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor has any obligation to inform Holders of any such revision, downgrade or withdrawal. A suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time of the rating assigned to the Notes may adversely affect the market price of the Notes.

The Guarantor may not be able to raise the funds necessary to finance the purchase of Notes upon occurrence of a Put Event at the option of the Holders.

Following the occurrence of a change of control, Holders may require the Issuer to redeem their Notes. See “Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Redemption, Purchase and Cancellation – Redemption for Put Event”. The source of funds for any such redemption would be the Group's available cash or third-party financing. However, there is no assurance that the Issuer or the Guarantor would have sufficient funds at that time to make the required redemption of the Notes. In addition, agreements to which the Guarantor is a party at that time may restrict or prohibit such a payment.

Developments in the international financial markets may adversely affect the market price of the Notes.

The market price of the Notes may be adversely affected by declines in the international financial markets and world economic conditions. The market for securities of entities with PRC operations is, to varying degrees, influenced by economic and market conditions in other markets, especially those in Asia. Although economic conditions are different in each country, investors' reactions to developments in one country can affect the securities markets and the securities of issuers in other countries, including the PRC. Since the global financial crisis of 2008 and 2009, the international financial markets have experienced significant volatility, most recently in response to investor concerns over credit availability, liquidity and default risk for several European countries. If such developments are not adequately addressed and investor confidence worsens, volatility in the international financial markets may increase in the future, and the market price of the Notes could be adversely affected.

A number of other related events have also caused fundamental and wide-reaching disruptions to the global financial markets. Such events include the collapse of a number of financial institutions and other entities, rising government deficits and debt levels, ratings downgrades for the United States and certain EU sovereign debt, the ensuing bailouts and government deficit and other debt reduction measures, notably in the United States, uncertainty as to the global impact of the current United States administration, strained relations between the United States and North Korea and Russia, the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union, instability within the Euro-zone, tensions in the South China Sea, tensions in Iran and the Middle East, trade disputes between the United States and the PRC, widespread increases in global tariffs and volatility in oil price and interest rates.

Continued concerns about the systemic impact of potential long-term recessions, geopolitical issues, unstable credit markets and financial conditions have led to periods of significant economic instability, diminished liquidity and credit availability, declines in consumer confidence and discretionary spending, diminished expectations for the global economy and expectations of slower global economic growth going forward. Recent international trade disputes, including tariff actions announced by the United States, the PRC and certain other countries, and the uncertainties created by such disputes may cause disruptions in the international flow of goods and services and may adversely affect the economies in jurisdictions in which we operate as well as global markets and economic conditions.

In addition, the United Kingdom held a referendum on 23 June 2016 in which a majority of voters voted to exit the European Union (“**Brexit**”). On January 31, 2020, the United Kingdom officially exited the European Union following a UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement signed in October 2019. The United Kingdom and the European Union signed the Brexit trade deal on December 30, 2020 and the United Kingdom completed its separation from the European Union with effect from January 1, 2021. While the UK and EU had reached the trade deal, the effect of Brexit remains uncertain, and Brexit has and may continue to create negative economic impact and increase volatility in the global market.

These events have had and continue to have a significant adverse impact on the global credit and financial markets, and they may significantly impair the economic growth of, or even lead to economic downturn in Hong Kong, the PRC or other jurisdictions. In such circumstances, there can be no assurance that the Guarantor’s business, financial condition and results of operations will not be adversely affected.

The Trustee may request the Holders to provide an indemnity and/or security and/or prefunding to its satisfaction.

In certain circumstances (including without limitation giving of notice to the Issuer pursuant to Condition 9 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and the taking of enforcement steps and actions pursuant to Condition 18 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes), the Trustee may at its discretion request Holders to provide an indemnity and/or security and/or prefunding to its satisfaction before it takes steps and/or actions and/or institutes proceedings on behalf of the Holders. The Trustee will not be obliged to take any such steps and/or actions and/or institutes such proceedings if not indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction. Negotiating and agreeing to an indemnity and/or security and/or prefunding can be a lengthy process and may impact on when such steps and/or actions can be taken and/or when such proceedings can be instituted. The Trustee may not be able to take any such steps and/or actions and/or institute such proceedings, notwithstanding the provision of an indemnity and/or security and/or prefunding to it, in breach of the terms of the Trust Deed and/or the Notes and in such circumstances, or where there is uncertainty or dispute as to the applicable laws or regulations, to the extent permitted by the agreements and the applicable law and regulations, it will be for the Holders of the relevant Notes to take such steps and/or actions and/or institute such proceedings directly.

The insolvency laws of the British Virgin Islands and Hong Kong and other local insolvency laws may differ from those of another jurisdiction with which the Holders are familiar.

As the Issuer and the Guarantor are incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands and Hong Kong, respectively, any insolvency proceeding relating to the Issuer or the Guarantor would likely involve British Virgin Islands or Hong Kong insolvency laws, the procedural and substantive provisions of which may differ from comparable provisions of the local insolvency laws of jurisdictions with which the Holders are familiar.

The Guarantor conducts substantially all of its business operations in China. The Guarantor, as an equity holder of its PRC subsidiaries, and certain of its PRC subsidiaries are necessarily subject to the bankruptcy and insolvency laws of China in bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings involving such PRC subsidiaries. The PRC laws and regulations relating to bankruptcy and insolvency and the legal proceedings in that regard may significantly differ from those of other jurisdictions with which the Holders are familiar. Potential investors should analyse the risks and uncertainties carefully before investing in the Notes.

Modifications and waivers may be made in respect of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and the Trust Deed by the Trustee or less than all of the Holders.

The Trust Deed will contain provisions for calling meetings of Holders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Holders including those Holders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and those Holders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority. Furthermore, there is a risk that the decision of the majority of Holders may be adverse to the interests of individual Holders.

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes will also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of Holders, agree (i) to any modification of the Trust Deed, the Notes and/or the Agency Agreement (other than any proposed modification relating to the subject of certain reserved matters) which in the opinion of the Trustee will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders and (ii) to any modification of the Trust Deed, the Notes or the Agency Agreement which in the opinion of the Trustee is of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law.

In addition, the Trustee may, without the consent of the Holders, authorise or waive any proposed breach or breach of the Notes, the Trust Deed, the Notes or the Agency Agreement (other than a proposed breach, or a breach relating to the subject of, certain reserved matters) if, in the opinion of the Trustee, the interests of the Holders will not be materially prejudiced thereby.

The Notes are subject to optional redemption by the Issuer.

An optional redemption feature is likely to limit the market value of the Notes. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem the Notes, the market value of the Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period. The Issuer may be expected to redeem the Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

The green notes to be issued may not be a suitable investment for all investors seeking exposure to green assets.

We engaged Sustainalytics to review the Green Finance Framework and to provide a second party opinion (SPO) on the Green Finance Framework's environmental credentials and its alignment with the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2019.

The SPO are not incorporated into, and do not form part of, this Offering Circular. None of the Issuer, the Company, or the Managers makes any representation as to the suitability of the SPO. The SPO are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and are only current as of the date that the SPO were initially issued and are subject to certain disclaimers set out therein. Furthermore, the SPO are for information purposes only and Sustainalytics does not accept any form of liability for the substance of the SPO and/or any liability for loss arising from the use of the SPO and/or the information provided in them. A withdrawal of the SPO may affect the value of the Notes and/or may have consequences for certain investors with portfolio mandates to invest in green assets.

The SPO and the Green Finance Framework have been made available to investors on the Company's website (<https://www.sinooceangroup.com/en-US>).

While the Issuer and the Company have agreed to certain obligations relating to use of proceeds and reporting as described under the sections headed "Use of Proceeds" and "Green Finance Framework" of this Offering Circular, it would not be an Event of Default under the Terms and Conditions of the Notes if the Issuer or the Company were to fail to comply with such obligations or were to fail to use the net proceeds of the issue of the Notes in accordance with the Green Finance Framework. While the Issuer or the Company intends to allocate the net proceeds from the offering to Eligible Green Projects, as described under "Green Finance Framework", any failure to use the net proceeds in connection with such Eligible Green Projects, and/or any failure

to meet, or to continue to meet, the investment requirements of certain investors with environmental and/or social concerns with respect to the Notes, may affect the value and/or trading price of the Notes, and/or may have consequences for certain investors with portfolio mandates to invest in green projects. In the event that the Notes are included in any dedicated “green”, “environmental”, “sustainable” or other equivalently-labelled index, no representation or assurance is given by the Issuer or the Company or any other person that such listing or admission, or inclusion in such index, satisfies any present or future investor expectations or requirements as regards to any investment criteria or guidelines with which such investor or its investments are required to comply, whether by any present or future applicable laws or regulations or by its own constitutive documents or other governing rules or investment portfolio mandates.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately U.S.\$394,400,000, after deducting any discount, fees, commissions and expenses payable in connection with this offering.

We intend to use the net proceeds to repay existing medium and long-term external indebtedness of the Guarantor and/or its subsidiaries due within one year and in accordance with our Green Finance Framework, which may include the Tender Offer.

GREEN FINANCE FRAMEWORK

Our Green Finance Framework (“**Green Finance Framework**”) articulates how we intend to enter into green financing transactions (“**Green Financing Transactions**”) to fund projects that will deliver environmental benefits that support and are aligned with our business strategy and vision.

Green Financing Transactions will include bonds, loans and other forms of debt financing with structures tailored to contribute to sustainable development by application of the proceeds to Eligible Green Projects, as defined below. Bonds issued under the Green Finance Framework will be in alignment with the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2018 (or as they may be subsequently updated). Loans issued under the Green Finance Framework will be in alignment with the APLMA Green Loan Principles 2018 (or as they may be subsequently updated).

Other forms of Green Financing Transaction may conform to other sustainable or green finance principles as may have been established at the time of such financing transaction being undertaken.

In alignment with the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2018 and the APLMA Green Loan Principles 2018, we assert that each Green Financing Transaction will adopt the following core components: (1) use of proceeds; (2) process for project evaluation and selection; (3) management of proceeds; and (4) reporting.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds of each Green Financing Transaction will be used to fund or refinance, in whole or in part, new or existing eligible green projects that meet one or more of the below categories of eligibility as recognized in the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2018 (“**Eligible Green Projects**”):

1. Green Buildings

- New construction and/or renovation of existing buildings that have or will receive, or Refurbishment and/or tenant engagement initiatives that will reduce building environmental impact in accordance with, any one of the following certification systems:
 - (a) U.S. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) – minimum certification of Gold; or
 - (b) BEAM Plus – minimum certification level of Gold; or
 - (c) BREEAM – minimum certification level of Excellent; or
 - (d) Chinese Green Building Evaluation Label (GBL) – minimum certification level of 2 stars; or
 - (e) any other green building label, that is an equivalent standard of the above.
- These green buildings may additionally achieve a certification (any level) of any version of the WELL Building Standard to improve the environmental health of the buildings and the overall well-being of their occupants.

2. Sustainable Water Management

- Projects that will improve water efficiency through sustainable design (e.g. rainwater harvesting, wastewater recycling and treatment, drip irrigation, drainage management) and system installations.
- Investments including but not limited to initiatives that improve water efficiency management (e.g. water audits and installation of sub-meters for detection of water leakage) and subsequent equipment or technology upgrades.

3. Pollution Prevention and Control

- Equipment, system that are used to mitigate environmental pollution (e.g. air, noise, water) during the construction and/or operation of buildings.
- Enforcement of dust control, noise reduction, construction waste and gas pollution minimization.

4. Energy Efficiency

- Projects involving the upgrades of facilities/equipment (e.g. cooling system, lift system, lighting system, fresh air supply system of existing development that shall result in, based on third-party assessment, 10% improvement against the development's original energy consumption.
- Projects with adoption of smart technologies and/or systems for tracking, monitoring and managing energy usage in new and existing buildings to ensure achieving certain energy saving targets. Such projects shall result in, based on third-party assessment, 10% improvement in energy efficiency when compared to relevant baseline.

5. Climate Change Adaptation

- Projects that support climate change adaptation through building/landscape design and asset-level enhancements (e.g. "Sponge City" water management design concept, hardware installation and upgrades of enhanced flood protection systems, and additional insulation).

PROCESS FOR PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Eligible Green Projects are identified and selected via a process that involves participants from various functional areas. We have set up a Sustainable Development Management Committee ("**SDMC**") to oversee the Group's ESG and Sustainability reporting. SDMC will also resume the responsibility of Green Financing Transactions. SDMC is composed of representatives from the below departments with the required level of expertise and seniority:

- Investment and Finance Center
- Financial & Capital Center
- Corporate Executive Center
- Operation Development Center
- Human Resources Center
- Property Construction Centre
- Risk Control Center

SDMC will review and select Eligible Green Projects every 12 months. SDMC will ensure the selected Eligible Green Projects to comply with the Use of Proceeds as stated in this section and the environmental guidance under the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2018 and the APLMA Green Loan Principles 2018 that are applicable to us.

MANAGEMENT OF PROCEEDS

Our finance team will track the net proceeds of each Green Financing Transaction using an internal register to record the following information:

- *Type of funding transaction*: key information including details such as issuer/borrower entity, transaction date, number of transactions, principal amount of proceeds, repayment or amortization profile, maturity date, interest or coupon, and the ISIN number in case of bond transactions.
- *Allocation of use of proceeds*: key information including amount of proceeds allocated to each Eligible Green Project and the balance of unallocated proceeds.

We commit to allocating all proceeds from the Green Financing Transactions to Eligible Green Projects on a best effort basis within one year of issuance in accordance with the evaluation and selection process set out above. Pending allocation, the net proceeds from the Green Financing Transactions issued may be invested in cash or cash equivalents, or used to repay existing borrowings under our general credit facilities.

REPORTING

We will provide information on the allocation of proceeds on our website, and/or as part of our sustainability report. Information will include aggregate amount allocated to various Eligible Green Project, the remaining balance of funds to be allocated, share of financing and refinancing transactions and the type of investment they are being temporarily held in, and examples of the Eligible Green Projects.

Where possible, we will report on the environmental impacts associated with the Eligible Green Projects funded with the net proceeds of the Green Financing Transactions. Subject to the nature of Eligible Green Projects and availability of information, we aim to include, but not limited to, the following Impact Indicators:

- *Green Buildings*: Level of certification by property; Energy efficiency gains in MWh or % vs. baseline; Estimated avoided GHG emissions (tCO₂eq); Annual energy savings (MWh pa); Annual reduction in water consumption.
- *Energy Efficiency*: Annual energy savings in MWh/GWh (electricity) and GJ/TJ (other energy savings); Annual GHG emissions reduced/avoided in tonnes of CO₂ equivalent.
- *Pollution Prevention and Control*: Waste that is prevented, minimised, reused or recycled before and after the project in% of total waste and/or in absolute amount in tonnes p.a.; Amount of waste reused or recycled (tons or in% of total waste).
- *Sustainable Water Management*: Amount of water recycled (litres); Amount of water reused (litres).
- *Climate Change Adaptation*: GHG emissions avoided/reduced (tCO₂e); Number of technologies applied; Number of flood prevention facilities built.

SECOND PARTY OPINION

We have engaged Sustainalytics, an independent firm that specializes in rating environmental and corporate governance performance, to review the Green Finance Framework and to provide a second party opinion (“**SPO**”) on the Green Finance Framework’s environmental credentials and its alignment with the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2018 and APLMA Green Loan Principles 2018. The Green Finance Framework and the SPO are publicly available on our website at <https://www.sinooceangroup.com/en-US>.

EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

CHINA

The PBOC sets and publishes daily a base exchange rate with reference primarily to the supply and demand of Renminbi against a basket of currencies in the market during the prior day. The PBOC also takes into account other factors, such as the general conditions existing in the international foreign exchange markets. Since 1994, the conversion of Renminbi into foreign currencies, including Hong Kong dollars and U.S. dollars, has been based on rates set by the PBOC, which are set daily based on the previous day's interbank foreign exchange market rates and current exchange rates in the world financial markets. From 1994 to 20 July 2005, the official exchange rate for the conversion of Renminbi to U.S. dollars was generally stable. Although Chinese governmental policies were introduced in 1996 to reduce restrictions on the convertibility of Renminbi into foreign currency for current account items, conversion of Renminbi into foreign exchange for capital items, such as foreign direct investment, loans or securities, requires the approval of the State Administration for Foreign Exchange and other relevant authorities. On 21 July 2005, the PRC government introduced a managed floating exchange rate system to allow the value of the Renminbi to fluctuate within a regulated band based on market supply and demand and by reference to a basket of currencies. On the same day, the value of the Renminbi appreciated by 2% against the U.S. dollar. Since then and up to 31 December 2009, the Renminbi has appreciated approximately 21.3% against the U.S. dollar. After the introduction of the managed floating exchange rate system, the PRC government has made and may in the future make further adjustments to the exchange rate system. The PBOC announces the closing price of a foreign currency traded against the Renminbi in the inter-bank foreign exchange market after the closing of the market on each working day, and makes it the central parity for the trading against the Renminbi on the following working day. On 18 May 2007, the PBOC enlarged, effective on 21 May 2007, the floating band for the trading prices in the inter-bank spot exchange market of Renminbi against the U.S. dollar from 0.3% to 0.5% around the central parity rate. This allows the Renminbi to fluctuate against the U.S. dollar by up to 0.5% above or below the central parity rate published by the PBOC. On 11 August 2015, the PBOC announced plans to improve the central parity rate of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar by authorising market-makers to provide parity to the China Foreign Exchange Trading Center operated by the PBOC with reference to the interbank foreign exchange market closing rate of the previous day, the supply and demand for foreign currencies as well as changes in exchange rates of major international currencies. On the same day, the central parity rate of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar depreciated by nearly 2.0% as compared to 10 August 2015, and further depreciated by nearly 1.6% on 12 August 2015 as compared to 11 August 2015. The International Monetary Fund announced on 30 September 2016 that the Renminbi had joined its Special Drawing Rights currency basket. Since October 2016, the Renminbi experienced significant fluctuations in value against the U.S. dollar but in 2017 and 2018 rebounded and appreciated significantly against the U.S. dollar. On 5 August 2019, the PBOC set the Renminbi's daily reference rate below RMB7 per U.S. dollar for the first time in over a decade amidst an uncertain trade and global economic climate. There remains significant international pressure on the PRC Government to adopt an even more flexible currency policy, which could result in further and more significant depreciation of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar. The PRC Government may from time to time make further adjustments to the exchange rate system in the future.

The following table sets forth the noon buying rate for U.S. dollars in New York City as set forth in the H.10 weekly statistical release of the Federal Reserve Board for period ends indicated through 2 April 2021.

Period	Noon Buying Rate			
	Period End	Average ¹	High	Low
		(RMB Per U.S.\$1.00)		
2011.....	6.2939	6.4475	6.6364	6.2939
2012.....	6.2301	6.2990	6.3879	6.2221
2013.....	6.0537	6.1412	6.2438	6.0537
2014.....	6.2046	6.1702	6.2591	6.0402
2015.....	6.4778	6.2827	6.4896	6.1870
2016.....	6.9430	6.6388	6.9580	6.4480
2017.....	6.5063	6.7350	6.9575	6.4773
2018.....	6.8755	6.6292	6.9737	6.2649
2019.....	6.9618	6.9014	7.1786	6.6822
2020				
April.....	7.0622	7.0708	7.0989	7.0341
May.....	7.1348	7.1015	7.1681	7.0622
June.....	7.0651	7.0816	7.1263	7.0575
July.....	6.9744	7.0041	7.0703	6.9744
August.....	6.8474	6.9301	6.9799	6.8474
September.....	6.7896	6.8106	6.8474	6.7529
October.....	6.6919	6.7254	6.7898	6.6503
November.....	6.5760	6.6029	6.6899	6.5556
December.....	6.5250	6.5393	6.5705	6.5208
2021				
January.....	6.4282	6.4672	6.4822	6.4282
February.....	6.4730	6.4601	6.4869	6.4344
March.....	6.5518	6.5109	6.5716	6.4648
April (through 16 April 2021).....	6.5203	6.5448	6.5649	6.5203

(1) Annual averages are calculated from month-end rates.

HONG KONG

The Hong Kong dollar is freely convertible into U.S. dollars. Since 1983, the Hong Kong dollar has been linked to the U.S. dollar at the rate of HK\$7.80 to U.S.\$1.00. The Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (the "**Basic Law**"), which came into effect on 1 July 1997, provides that no foreign exchange control policies shall be applied in Hong Kong.

The market exchange rate of the Hong Kong dollar against the U.S. dollar continues to be determined by the forces of supply and demand in the foreign exchange market. However, against the background of the fixed rate system which applies to the issuance and withdrawal of Hong Kong currency in circulation, the market exchange rate has not deviated significantly from the level of HK\$7.80 to U.S.\$1.00. In May 2005, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority broadened the 22-year old trading band from the original rate of HK\$7.80 per U.S. dollar to a rate range of HK\$7.75 to HK\$7.85 per U.S. dollar. The Hong Kong government has indicated its intention to maintain the link within that rate range. Under the Basic Law, the Hong Kong dollar will continue to circulate and remain freely convertible. The Hong Kong government has also stated that it has no intention of imposing exchange controls in Hong Kong and that the Hong Kong dollar will remain freely convertible into other currencies, including the U.S. dollar. However, no assurance can be given that the Hong Kong government will maintain the link at within the range of HK\$7.75 to HK\$7.85 to U.S.\$1.00 or at all.

The following table sets forth the noon buying rate for U.S. dollars in New York City for cable transfers in HK dollars as certified for customs purposes by Federal Reserve Bank of New York for period ends indicated through 2 April 2021.

Period	Noon Buying Rate			
	Period End	Average ¹	High	Low
		(HK\$ Per U.S.\$1.00)		
2011.....	7.7663	7.7841	7.8087	7.7634
2012.....	7.7507	7.7569	7.7699	7.7439
2013.....	7.7539	7.7565	7.7654	7.7503
2014.....	7.7531	7.7554	7.7669	7.7495
2015.....	7.7507	7.7523	7.7686	7.7495
2016.....	7.7534	7.7621	7.8270	7.7505
2017.....	7.8128	7.7950	7.8267	7.7540
2018.....	7.8305	7.8376	7.8499	7.8043
2019.....	7.7894	7.8335	7.8499	7.7850
2020				
April.....	7.7514	7.7512	7.7530	7.7498
May.....	7.7513	7.7519	7.7561	7.7500
June.....	7.7501	7.7501	7.7514	7.7498
July.....	7.7500	7.7509	7.7538	7.7499
August.....	7.7501	7.7502	7.7506	7.7498
September.....	7.7500	7.7500	7.7504	7.7499
October.....	7.7548	7.7504	7.7548	7.7498
November.....	7.7522	7.7526	7.7552	7.7505
December.....	7.7534	7.7519	7.7539	7.7505
2021				
January.....	7.7531	7.7533	7.7555	7.7517
February.....	7.7567	7.7529	7.7567	7.7515
March.....	7.7746	7.7651	7.7746	7.7562
April (through 16 April 2021).....	7.7699	7.7849	7.7745	7.7666

(1) Annual averages are calculated from month-end rates. Monthly averages are calculated using the average of the daily rates during the relevant period.

CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS

The following table below sets forth the consolidated capitalisation and indebtedness of the Company as at 31 December 2020 (and as adjusted to give effect to the issuance of the Notes as if they were in issue on 31 December 2020 before considering any issue discount (if any) and before deducting the commission and other estimated expenses of this Offering). The following table should be read in conjunction with the summary financial information, the audited consolidated financial information and related notes included elsewhere in this Offering Circular. Other than as disclosed in this Offering Circular, there has been no material change in the capitalisation of the Company since 31 December 2020.

	As of 31 December 2020			
	Actual		As adjusted	
	RMB	U.S.\$ ⁽¹⁾ (unaudited) (in millions)	RMB	U.S.\$ ⁽¹⁾
Current debt				
Short-term bank and other borrowings and current portion of long-term bank and other borrowings	25,934	3,975	25,934	3,975
Total current debt	25,934	3,975	25,934	3,975
Non-current debt				
Bank borrowings and other borrowings	56,270	8,624	56,270	8,624
The Notes	–	–	2,610	400
Total non-current debt ⁽²⁾	56,270	8,624	58,880	9,024
Total borrowings ⁽³⁾	82,204	12,598	84,814	12,998
Equity				
Share capital and premium	27,329	4,188	27,329	4,188
Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme	(180)	(28)	(180)	(28)
Reserves	401	61	401	61
Retained earnings	26,099	4,000	26,099	4,000
Non-controlling interests	16,256	2,491	16,256	2,491
Total equity	69,905	10,713	69,905	10,713
Total capitalisation ⁽⁴⁾	152,109	23,312	154,719	23,712

Notes:

- (1) All translations from RMB into U.S. dollars, and vice versa, were made at the rate of RMB6.5250 to U.S.\$1.00, which was the noon buying rate as certified for custom purposes by the H.10 weekly statistical release of the Federal Reserve Board for cable transfers for Renminbi on 31 December 2020.
- (2) Total non-current debt includes the Notes and non-current portion of bank borrowings and other borrowings.
- (3) Total borrowings equals the sum of total current debt and total non-current debt.
- (4) Total capitalisation equals the sum of total borrowings and total equity.

For the avoidance of doubt, the as-adjusted information in the table above does not give effect to the Tender Offer. We intend to finance the Tender Offer with proceeds from internal funding and proceeds from this offering. As a result, if the Tender Offer is consummated, the outstanding principal amount of the Floating Rate Notes will decrease.

Except as otherwise disclosed in this Offering Circular, there has been no material adverse change to our capitalisation since 31 December 2020.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements together with their accompanying notes included or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular. Our consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with HKFRS, which differs in certain material respects from GAAP in other jurisdictions.

This section includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Other than statements of historical facts, all statements included in this section that address activities, events or developments which we expect or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on assumptions and analyses we made in light of experience, together with our perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors we believe are appropriate under the circumstances.

Unless the context otherwise requires, references to "2018", "2019" and "2020" in this Offering Circular are to our financial years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively. References to "associate" or "associates" in this section are to associates as defined in HKFRS.

OVERVIEW

We are a leading large-scale national property developer with developments in key economic regions in the PRC, including the Beijing Region, the Bohai Rim Region, the Eastern Region, the Southern Region, the Central Region and the Western Region. Our core businesses include development of residential property, investment property development and operation, customer service and product construction, while non-core businesses cover real estate financing, logistics property, internet data center and senior living service. We aim to build upon our proven track records in real estate development and grow into a leading group that excels in sector investments. Attributable to our focus on quality products and professional services, we have built "Sino-Ocean" ("遠洋") into a strong national brand.

We had more than 210 projects in different stages of development as of 31 December 2020 in rapidly growing Chinese cities and metropolitan regions, such as Beijing, Langfang, Qinhuangdao and Shijiazhuang in the Beijing Region; Tianjin, Dalian, Jinan and Qingdao in the Bohai Rim Region; Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuxi and Nanjing in the Eastern Region; Shenzhen, Zhongshan, Zhanjiang and Guangzhou in the Southern Region; Wuhan, Zhengzhou, Changsha and Hefei in the Central Region; Chengdu, Xi'an, Chongqing and Kunming in the Western Region, and Indonesia and Singapore in the Other Region. As of 31 December 2020, we had a land reserve of over 38 million sq.m. We have developed a balanced property portfolio, with residential, office and retail properties typically situated in either prime or central city locations with convenient transportation access. Most of our residential properties target the emerging or affluent urban middle class in the PRC, especially first-time home buyers and upgraders. We sell most of the properties we developed while selectively retaining portions as investment properties. This allows us to achieve strong sales while generating growing recurring income with capital appreciation potential. As at 31 December 2020, we held more than 18 operating investment properties for rental. Our investment properties are mainly A-grade office premises, shopping malls and commercial complexes at good location. With the completion of certain logistics projects in 2020, the total leasable area of our investment properties was approximately 2,146,000 sq.m. as of 31 December 2020. During 2020, revenue from property investment decreased by 27% to RMB494 million as compared to RMB678 million in 2019, which was mainly due to the adverse impact caused by the novel coronavirus epidemic.

China Life is our single largest shareholder and held approximately 29.59% of our shares as of 31 December 2020. Dajia Life Insurance is our second largest shareholder and held approximately 29.58% of our shares as of the same date. China Life and Dajia Life Insurance each have two directors on our Board of Directors. As at the date of this Offering Circular, China Life appoints two non-executive directors, while Dajia Life Insurance appoints two non-executive directors. We have received strong support from China Life. From an operational perspective, we have cooperated with China Life in numerous projects. From a financial perspective, China Life,

together with China Guangfa Bank, in which China Life has a controlling stake, actively supported the Company's bond issuances. They have subscribed over RMB7 billion in our past issuances, including a domestic corporate bond, USD notes and "panda" medium-term notes. Please refer to the section headed "Relationship with Principal Shareholders" for more details.

For the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, our contracted sales amounted to RMB109,510 million, RMB130,030 million and RMB131,040 million, respectively. For those same periods, our revenue was RMB41,422 million, RMB50,926 million and RMB56,511 million, respectively, and revenue from property development accounted for approximately 86%, 85% and 88% of our revenue, respectively. Profit for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 was RMB4,666 million, RMB4,166 million and RMB4,683 million, respectively.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

Our audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 included elsewhere in this Offering Circular have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS"). They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties, available-for-sale financial assets, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss which are carried at fair value.

Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRS, which may differ in material aspects from GAAP in other jurisdictions.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Investment in Phase II extension of Indigo, Beijing

On 18 December 2020, we and our joint venture partner, Swire Properties, were notified of our successful joint bidding at a listing-for-sale to acquire 99.79% of the equity interest in a project company through capital increase. The project company holds two parcels of lands of 34,000 square meters and 44,298.68 square meters respectively located at Tuofangying Village, Jiangtai Township, Chaoyang Prefecture, Beijing (北京朝陽區將台鄉駝房營村). Neighboring the current INDIGO complex (a joint venture project between our Group and Swire Properties), the two land parcels will be developed as a mixed-use extension of the INDIGO project with office buildings as the mainstay. The extension will have a total gross floor area (above ground) of no more than 400,500 sq.m., out of which approximately 380,500 sq.m. shall be owned by the project company and 20,000 sq.m. will be retained and owned by the existing shareholder of the project company, which is indirectly and wholly owned by the Jiangtai Township Government (將台鄉政府), in the Chaoyang Prefecture (朝陽區) of Beijing. The extension will house a shopping mall, several office towers and a hotel. Our Group and Swire Properties will hold 64.79% and 35% of equity interest in the new development, respectively.

The Spin-off and Separate Listing of Sino-Ocean Service Holding Limited on The Main Board of the SEHK

The listing of Sino-Ocean Service on the Main Board of the SEHK took place on 17 December 2020 and dealings in the Sino-Ocean Service shares on the Main Board of the SEHK commenced at 9:00 a.m. on 17 December 2020. Upon the completion of the offering, we, through our wholly owned subsidiary, indirectly control in aggregate approximately 67.57% of the total issued share capital of Sino-Ocean Service. The spin-off group is principally engaged in property management services, value-added services to non-property owners and community value-added services.

Contracted Sales

From January 2021 to March 2021, the accumulated contracted sales of the Company, together with its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates amounted to approximately RMB11.02 billion; accumulated contracted sales GFA amounted to approximately 608,300 sq.m.; accumulated contracted average selling price was approximately RMB18,100 per sq.m..

Potential investors should be cautious and not place undue reliance on the contracted sales information which is not audited and/or reviewed.

The COVID-19 Outbreak

The COVID-19 pandemic which began at the end of 2019 has affected millions of individuals and adversely impacted national economies worldwide, including China. Several cities in China where we have land bank and operations had imposed travel restrictions in an effort to curb the spread of the highly infectious COVID-19. The COVID-19 outbreak has affected our business operation and financial condition. However, the PRC central and local governments have taken various measures to manage cases and reduce potential spread and impact of infection, and further introduced various policies to boost the economy and stimulate the local property markets. Since March 2020, China and some other countries gradually lifted stay-at-home orders and began to resume work and school at varying levels and scopes. The outbreak is however far from over, and in different countries, is showing signs of resurgence and further waves of infections are recorded everyday. Given the uncertainties as to the development of the outbreak at the moment, it is difficult to predict how long these conditions will persist and to what extent to which we may be affected. We cannot assure you that our business, financial condition and results of operations will not be materially and adversely affected. For details, please see “Risk Factors – The national and regional economies in the PRC and our prospects may be adversely affected by natural disasters, acts of God, occurrence of epidemics, acts of war and other disasters, which in turn affect our prospects.”.

FINANCING OF OUR PROJECTS

We finance our projects primarily through bank loans, internally generated cash flows, including proceeds from the pre-sale and sale of our projects and through capital raising transactions. The following summarises our main sources of funds for financing our projects:

- **Bank borrowings.** As at 31 December 2020, we had RMB82,204 million in total bank and other borrowings outstanding. Most of our bank loans are project-specific and are borrowed onshore to fund construction prior to the relevant projects reaching the pre-sale stage. Once we start to pre-sell the projects, we typically gradually repay such bank borrowings using the pre-sale proceeds received. We are often required to secure our onshore bank borrowings with properties under development, investment properties or other assets.
- **Proceeds from the pre-sale and sale of properties.** We conduct the sale of our properties primarily by way of pre-sale. Pre-sale proceeds are the sales proceeds we receive when we sell properties prior to their completion. Pre-sale proceeds of one phase of a project or one project can be used to fund further construction of the same phase or project. Upon obtaining a pre-sale permit from the relevant government authorities, we enter into pre-sale contracts with our customers. For purchasers who finance their purchases with mortgage financing, we generally require a minimum down payment of 40% to 50% of the purchase price for commercial property and 20% to 50% of the purchase price for residential property at the execution of the pre-sale contract. If the purchaser has entered into a mortgage agreement, we receive the remaining purchase price from the relevant bank when the relevant property is topped out or completed, which may be up to one to two years after the execution of the pre-sale contract. We are normally required to deposit a portion of the down payment, which typically represents less than 2% of the amount of the mortgage, with a bank providing mortgage, as security for our guarantee of our purchaser’s mortgage. The deposit is typically released when the purchaser obtains the property certificate and pledges it to the bank, which generally occurs one to two years after completion of construction of the project. For purchasers who do not require mortgage financing, we generally require between 30% and 50% of the purchase price to be paid upon execution of the pre-sale contract, and we receive the remaining purchase price in accordance with the agreed timeframe stipulated in the pre-sale contract, which is typically within 20 days from the signing of the contract. In addition to proceeds from the pre-sale of properties, we also generate proceeds from the sale of completed properties.

- Capital raising transactions.** The Company completed the issue of the first tranche medium-term notes in an aggregate amount of not more than RMB10 billion Medium-term Notes of the Company (the “**2017 First Tranche Medium-term Notes**”) on 23 March 2017. The 2017 First Tranche Medium-term Notes were issued in an aggregate amount of RMB4,000 million in two series: (i) RMB2,000 million with coupon rate of 4.77% per annum of a term of three years, and (ii) RMB2,000 million with coupon rate of 5.05% per annum of a term of five years. On 25 January 2018, the Company issued a second tranche of medium-term notes with an aggregate amount of RMB3,000 million in two series with coupon rate of 5.87 per cent. per annum for a term of three years. On 9 February 2018, the Company issued a third tranche of medium-term notes with an aggregate amount of RMB3,000 million in two series with coupon rate of 5.95 per cent. per annum for a term of three years. On 27 July 2018, we issued RMB2 billion 4.70% corporate bonds of a five-year term, under which after the end of the third year, the issuer shall be entitled to adjust the coupon rate and the bondholders shall be entitled to sell the bonds back to the issuer. On 31 July 2018, we issued U.S.\$700,000,000 floating rate guaranteed notes due 2021 bearing interest at a rate equal to three-month U.S. dollar London Interbank Offered Rate plus 2.30 per cent. payable quarterly in arrear. In December 2018, we issued asset-backed securities in the amount of RMB3,203,000,000 with a term of not more than five years in the PRC. On 30 January 2019, we issued U.S.\$500,000,000 5.25 per cent. guaranteed notes due 2022. On 15 March 2019, we issued an aggregate principal amount of not more than RMB2.9 billion corporate bonds which are divided into two classes: Class I, with an aggregate principal amount of RMB1.7 billion, shall be of a term of five years with a coupon rate of 4.06%, under which after the end of the third year, the issuer shall be entitled to adjust the coupon rate and the bondholders shall be entitled to sell the bonds back to the issuer; Class II, with an aggregate principal amount of RMB1.2 billion, shall be of a term of seven years with a coupon rate of 4.59%, under which after the end of the fifth year, the issuer shall be entitled to adjust the coupon rate and the bondholders shall be entitled to sell the bonds back to the issuer. On 5 August 2019, we issued U.S.\$600,000,000 4.75 per cent. guaranteed notes due 2029. On 14 January 2020, we issued U.S.\$400,000,000 4.75 per cent. guaranteed notes due 2030. On 24 April 2020, we further issued a private placement note with a total principal amount of RMB2 billion with coupon rate of 3.35% per year of a term of three years,

In the future, we expect to use funds from a combination of sources to fund new projects, including bank loans, internally generated cash flow and proceeds raised from the capital markets from time to time. Our access to funds may be affected by various factors, including the factors discussed under “Risk Factors” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis – Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations”.

FACTORS AFFECTING OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Costs and procedures for acquiring suitable land

As a property developer, we depend to a large extent on our ability to secure suitable land for development at affordable prices. A key component of our cost of sales is land acquisition costs, which comprise primarily land premiums, the cost of demolition of existing buildings and the relocation of existing residents. Land premium is the payment to the land bureau for the right to occupy, use and develop a particular parcel of land, the amount of which is determined by the government, taking into consideration factors including floor area, the location of and competition for the relevant land. The cost of demolition and relocation generally represents the compensation we pay to the original residents and the expenses to clean up the site. The PRC government has provided some basic principles for determining the appropriate level of demolition cost and resettlement compensation. However, the actual demolition cost and resettlement compensation varies from site to site and is subject to negotiations between the developers and the original residents. In many instances, pursuant to the land grant contract, the government takes responsibility for completing the demolition of original structures and the resettlement of the original residents on the land but requires us to pay an agreed amount to cover demolition and resettlement costs. In respect of the primary land development, we are responsible for the demolition and relocation.

In recent years, the acquisition costs of land have risen as a result of high demand for properties due to the growth of the PRC economy. In addition, in order to increase the transparency of the system for granting state-owned land, since 2004 the PRC government has operated under regulations requiring government departments and agencies to grant state-owned land use rights for residential or commercial property development through competitive processes, including public tenders, public auctions or listing at land exchanges administered by local governments. These competitive processes have significantly intensified competition among developers for available land and have thereby increased land acquisition costs. Typically, in order to participate in one of these competitive processes, we are required to pay deposits upfront, the amounts of which typically represent a substantial portion of the actual cost of the relevant land. This has accelerated the timing of our payment of land acquisition costs, which, in turn, has had a significant impact on our cash flow. Often the government has already completed various procedures in connection with primary land development for the relevant land before commencing the tendering, auction or listing process. As a result, once we acquire the land, it is often already in a state ready for secondary land development. In such cases, we are typically able to commence construction and pre-sale within a shorter timeframe.

Construction costs

Another key component of our cost of sales is construction costs, which encompass all costs for the design and construction of a project, including payments to independent contractors and costs of the raw materials that we procure directly. Construction costs of our projects vary according to the floor area and height of the buildings as well as the geology of the construction site. Historically, construction material costs have been the principal driver of construction costs of our property developments, in part because the cost of independent contractors has been relatively stable. Construction costs may fluctuate as a result of changes in prices of construction materials such as steel and cement. For a substantial portion of our procurement of construction materials, we use a centralized procurement process to increase our negotiating power and lower our unit costs of construction materials. We also outsource some procurement of construction materials to our construction contractors and include the cost of such procurement at a capped amount in construction contracts. Through so doing, we can partially pass the risk of price fluctuations on to contractors. Despite these measures, we remain subject to long-term movements in the prices of construction materials. Our profitability may suffer if we cannot pass on any increased costs to our customers. Further, we typically pre-sell our properties prior to their completion, and, if our costs increase subsequent to the pre-sale, we may not be able to pass them on to our customers.

Fluctuation of results of operations

Our results of operations tend to fluctuate from period to period. According to our accounting policy for revenue recognition, we recognise revenue from the sale and pre-sale of our properties upon delivery, which normally takes place one to two years after the commencement of pre-sales. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis – Critical Accounting Policies – Revenue recognition”. Because the delivery of our properties varies according to our construction timetable, our results of operations may vary significantly from period to period depending on the GFA and timing of delivery of the properties we sell. Periods in which we deliver more GFA typically generate a higher level of revenue. Periods in which we pre-sell a large aggregate GFA, however, may not generate a correspondingly high level of revenue if, for example, the properties pre-sold are not delivered within the same period. The effect of the timing of project delivery on our operational results is accentuated by the fact that during any particular period of time we can only undertake a limited number of projects due to the substantial capital requirements for land acquisitions and construction costs, as well as limited supply of land.

In addition, seasonal variations have caused fluctuations in our revenues and profits, including our semiannual results. A substantial portion of our operations are in northern China, where the climate in winter is often not suitable for construction work. When possible, we typically seek to complete construction and deliver most of our properties before November and the onset of winter. As a result, we have typically recognised substantially more revenue in the second half of the year than in the first half, and our interim results typically are not representative of our annual results.

Performance of the PRC real estate market

Our revenue was mainly generated from operations in China during the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020. In particular, our business has been concentrated in Beijing, while we have also expanded into other major cities in China including Tianjin, Shijiazhuang, Zhangjiakou, Langfang, Dalian, Shenyang, Changchun, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Nanjing, Qingdao, Wuhan, Suzhou, Hefei, Changsha, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Zhongshan, Hong Kong, Haikou, Sanya, Chongqing and Chengdu. Macroeconomic factors in China and the performance of the property market in China, and, in particular, in the cities in which we have development projects, therefore directly impact our results of operations. The performance of the real estate market in China is affected by a number of macroeconomic factors, including the growth of the PRC economy, particularly the growth in the size and purchasing power of the upper and the middle class, the level of interest rates, the exchange rate of the Renminbi and the political, economic and regulatory environment in the PRC. Should the property markets in Beijing, Tianjin, Dalian, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Zhongshan and other cities in which we operate experience any significant downturn, our results of operations would be adversely affected. See “Risk Factors – Risks Relating our Business – We are dependent on the performance of the PRC property sector”.

PRC government control and policies

Our results of operations have been, and will continue to be, affected by the regulatory environment in the PRC, in particular in Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region, including policies relating to:

- inflation;
- land acquisition;
- pre-sales;
- the availability of mortgage financing;
- the availability of capital through loans or other sources;
- sales or other transfers of land use rights and completed properties;
- taxes;
- planning and zoning;
- building design and construction;
- the general austerity measures for residential property market in China.

For example, the regulations that require government departments and agencies to grant state-owned land use rights for residential or commercial property development through competitive processes have had a material impact on our operations. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis – Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations – Costs and procedures for acquiring suitable land”. In recent years the PRC government and various local government have instituted a variety of measures designed to stabilise the real estate market, with particular focus on the residential sector. These policies may lead to changes in market conditions, including price stability and the balance of supply and demand in respect of residential properties. These measures have had an impact on the property market in China, including particularly the residential property sector. See “Regulation”. We would be directly impacted by any regulations or measures adopted by the PBOC that restrict bank lending to enterprises, particularly to real estate developers. Moreover, a substantial portion of our purchasers depend on mortgage financing to purchase our properties. Regulations or measures adopted by the PRC government that restrict the ability of purchasers to obtain mortgages or that increase the costs of mortgage financing may decrease demand for our properties and adversely affect our revenue. See “Risk Factors – Risk Relating to Our Business – We are subject to regulations implemented by the PRC government, which may adopt further measures intended to curtail the overheating of the property markets in China”.

LAT

Our property developments are subject to LAT with respect to the appreciated value of the related land and improvements on such land. LAT applies to both domestic and foreign investors in property in China, irrespective of whether investors are corporate entities or individuals. We estimate and make provisions for the full amount of the applicable LAT in accordance with the requirements set forth in the relevant PRC tax laws and regulations, but only pay a portion of such provisions each year as required by local tax authorities. Our provisions for LAT expenses for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 were RMB3,250 million, RMB3,715 million and RMB2,817 million, respectively. We are required to prepay a portion of LAT equal to a specified percentage of our pre-sales proceeds set by local tax authorities that is generally assessed at a rate of no more than 5%. See “Risk Factors – Risk Relating to Our Business – The relevant PRC tax authorities may enforce the payment of LAT and may challenge the basis on which we calculate our LAT obligations”.

Changes in product mix

The prices and gross profit margins of our products vary by the types of properties we develop and sell. Our gross profit margin is affected by the proportion of sales revenue attributable to our higher gross margin products compared to sales revenue attributable to lower gross margin products. Historically, our low-density units, higher-end apartment units and retail shops have commanded higher average selling prices per square meter and gross margins than our mid-range apartment units. In addition, average selling prices and gross profit margins have typically been lower for developments outside of Beijing. Projects outside of Beijing and, in particular, in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, generally must sell more total GFA to achieve the same level of revenue as those in Beijing. Gross profit margins are typically lower in early phases and higher in later phases of our projects. Our product mix varies from period to period for a number of reasons, including government-regulated plot ratios, project locations, land size and cost, market conditions and our development planning. We adjust our product mix from time to time and time our project launches according to our development plans.

Critical Accounting Policies

We have identified certain accounting policies that are significant in the preparation of our financial statements. Our significant accounting policies, which are important for an understanding of our financial condition and results of operation, are set forth in detail in Note 3 to our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018, Notes 3 and 4 to the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 and Note 3 to our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 included elsewhere in this Offering Circular. Some of our accounting policies involve subjective assumptions and estimates, as well as complex judgments relating to accounting items such as revenue recognition, cost or expense allocation and liability provisioning. In each case, the determination of these items requires management judgments based on information and financial data that may change in future periods. When reviewing our financial statements, you should consider (i) our selection of critical accounting policies; (ii) the judgment and other uncertainties affecting the application of such policies; and (iii) the sensitivity of reported results to changes in conditions and assumptions. We set forth below those accounting policies that we believe involve the most significant estimates and judgments used in the preparation of our financial statements. In addition, we discuss our revenue recognition policy below because of its significance even though it does not involve significant estimates or judgments.

Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and services in the ordinary course of the Group’s activities. Revenue is shown, net of returns, discounts and after eliminating sales within the Group.

The Group recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and when specific criteria have been met for each of the Group’s activities as described below. The Group bases its estimates on historical results, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

(a) Sales of properties and construction services

Revenues are recognised when or as the control of the asset is transferred to the customer. Depending on the terms of the contract and the laws that apply to the contract, control of the asset may transfer over time or at a point in time. Control of the asset is transferred over time if the Group’s performance:

- provides all of the benefits received and consumed simultaneously by the customer; or

- creates and enhances an asset that the customer controls as the Group performs; or
- do not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

If control of the asset transfers over time, revenue is recognised over the period of the contract by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the asset.

The progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation is measured based on the Group's efforts or inputs to the satisfaction of the performance obligation, by reference to the contract costs incurred up to the end of reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each contract.

For property development and sales contract for which the control of the property is transferred at a point in time, revenue is recognised when the customer obtains the physical possession or the legal title of the completed property and the Group has present right to payment and the collection of the consideration is probable.

In determining the transaction price, the Group adjusts the promised amount of consideration for the effect of a financing component if it is significant.

For construction services, the Group's performance creates or enhances an asset or work in progress that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced, thus the Group satisfies a performance obligation and recognises revenue over time, by reference to completion of the specific transaction assessed on the basis of the actual costs incurred up to the end of the reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each contract.

(b) Rental income

Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease terms.

(c) Revenue from construction contracts

Revenue from construction contract is recognised, over the period of the contracts, when the outcome of the contracts can be estimated reliably and it is probable that these contracts will be profitable.

When the outcome of a contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognised only to the extent of contract costs incurred that are likely to be recoverable.

The Group uses the "percentage of completion method" to determine the appropriate amount to be recognised in a given period. Depending on the nature of contracts, the stage of completion is measured by reference to the proportion of contract costs incurred for work performed to date to estimated total contract costs.

(d) Property management and agency fee income

Property management and agency fee income is recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered.

(e) Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method. When a loan and receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income.

(f) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

Valuation of our investment properties

Investment property, principally comprising leasehold land and buildings, is held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, and that is not occupied by the Group. It also includes properties that are being constructed or developed for future use as investment properties. Land held under operating leases are classified and accounted for as investment property when the rest of the definition of investment property is met. In such cases, the operating leases concerned are accounted for as if they were finance leases. Investment property that is being redeveloped for continuing use as investment properties, or for which the market has become less active, continues to be measured at fair value.

After initial recognition, investment properties are carried at fair value, assessed annually by a professional independent valuer. Fair value is based on active market prices, adjusted, if necessary, for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. If the information is not available, the group uses alternative valuation methods such as recent prices on less active markets or discounted cash flow projections. Changes in fair values are recorded in the income statement as part of a valuation gain or loss in "Fair value gains on investment properties".

Property that is being constructed or developed as investment property is carried at fair value. Where fair value is not reliably determinable, such investment property under construction is measured at cost until either its fair value becomes reliably determinable or construction is completed (whichever is earlier).

The fair value of investment property reflects, among other things, rental income from current leases and assumptions about rental income from future leases in light of current market condition.

Subsequent expenditure is charged to the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are expensed in the consolidated income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

If an investment property becomes owner-occupied, it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment, and its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for accounting purposes. Property that is being constructed or developed for future use as investment property is classified as property, plant and equipment and stated at cost until construction or development is completed, at which time it is reclassified and subsequently accounted for as investment property.

If an item of property, plant and equipment becomes an investment property because its use has changed, any differences resulting between the carrying amount and the fair value of this item at the date of transfer is recognised in equity as a revaluation of property, plant and equipment under HKAS 16. However, if a fair value gain reverses a previous impairment loss, the gain is recognised in the consolidated income statement.

We had fair value gains on investment properties (before tax and non-controlling interest) of RMB2,361 million and RMB373 million in the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2019 and a fair value losses on investment properties (before tax and non-controlling interest) of RMB156 million in the year ended 31 December 2020, respectively.

Current and deferred income tax

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred income tax. Tax is recognised in the income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries or territories where the Company's subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

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

Deferred income tax liabilities are provided on taxable temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates, except for deferred income tax liability where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Generally the Group is unable to control the reversal of the temporary difference for associates. Only where there is an agreement in place that gives the Group the ability to control the reversal of the temporary difference not recognised.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised on deductible temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint arrangements only to the extent that it is probable the temporary difference will reverse in the future and there is sufficient taxable profit available against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

We were subject to PRC Enterprise Income Tax at a rate of 25% of taxable income during the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020.

LAT

LAT provisions as part of income tax represent provisions for the estimated LAT payable in relation to our properties delivered during a period. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis – Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations – LAT" for a description on the PRC regulations in relation to LAT and our provisions for LAT in the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The implementation and settlement of LAT varies among various tax jurisdictions in cities of the PRC. LAT is levied at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of land value, being the proceeds from sales of properties less deductible expenditures including land use rights, borrowing costs, business taxes, property development and other related expenditures. These taxes are incurred upon transfer of property ownership.

Significant judgment is required in determining the extent of land appreciation and its related taxes. The Group recognised LAT based on management's best estimates according to the understanding of the tax rules. The final tax outcome could be different from the amounts that were initially recorded, and these differences will impact the consolidated income statement in the periods in which such taxes are finalized with local tax authorities.

DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL STATEMENT ITEMS

The following summarises components of certain line items appearing in the consolidated financial statements included in this Offering Circular, which we believe to be helpful to an understanding of the period-to-period discussion that follows below.

Income statement items

Revenue

Our revenue consists primarily of proceeds from our property development business, including the sale of properties and the rental of our properties held for sale. We also generate a small portion of revenue from the lease of our investment properties, the provision of property management and related services and other real estate related businesses, which together accounted for approximately 14.3%, 15.4% and 12.2% of our revenue in the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively. Our revenue is presented before business tax.

The table below sets forth our revenue by business segment for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020:

	Year ended 31 December 2018	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2020
		(RMB millions)	
Property development	35,493	43,100	49,617
Property investment	1,077	678	494
Property management and related services.....	1,129	1,579	1,763
Other real estate related business	3,723	5,569	4,637
Total revenue	41,422	50,926	56,511

The table below compares contributions to our revenue from property development (excluding car parks) by geographic location for the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2019:

	Year ended 31 December 2018	Year ended 31 December 2019
		(RMB millions)
Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region	8,843	11,714
Yangtze River Delta Region	6,426	8,228
Yangtze Mid-stream Region	2,524	3,746
Pearl River Delta Region	7,806	10,618
Chengdu-Chongqing Region	1,431	1,987
Other Region	6,706	4,536
Other Projects	170	1,124
Revenue from property development (excluding car parks)	33,906	41,953

The table below provides contributions to our revenue from property development (excluding car parks) by geographic location for the year ended 31 December 2020:

	Year ended 31 December 2020
	(RMB millions)
Beijing Region	5,330
Bohai Rim Region	6,280
Eastern Region.....	15,153
Southern Region	8,764
Central Region	7,978
Western Region.....	3,608
Other Projects	1,080
Revenue from property development (excluding car parks).....	48,193

Cost of sales

Our cost of sales includes primarily the cost of properties development, as well as direct costs relating to our property investment, property management, property sales agency and related services, including staff costs, business tax and levies, advertising and marketing expenses, depreciation and amortisation, office expenses, and others. The cost of property development mainly comprises land costs and construction costs.

Interest and Other income

Our interest and other income primarily consist of interest income and dividend income from available-for-sale financial assets.

Other gains/(losses) – net

Our other gains/(losses) consist of gains on disposals or deemed disposals of subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates, losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment, and exchange gains/(losses).

Fair value gain on investment properties

See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis – Critical Accounting Policies – Valuation of our investment properties”.

Selling and marketing expenses

Our selling and marketing expenses include primarily advertising and promotion costs and employee benefit expenses for marketing staff.

Administrative expenses

Our administrative expenses include primarily employee benefit expenses for administrative staff, office expenditures, depreciation and amortisation, professional and consultancy fees.

Finance costs

Our finance costs include interest expenses on borrowings less capitalised interest expenses.

Income tax expense

Our taxation includes provisions for PRC Enterprise Income Tax for each of our subsidiaries in the PRC, based on the statutory rate as determined in accordance with the relevant income tax rules and regulations of the PRC. Effective from 1 January 2008, the statutory tax rate applicable to us has been 25% of taxable income.

The current Hong Kong profits tax rate that would be applicable to us had we generated any income in Hong Kong is 16.5%.

Income tax expense also includes LAT. Under the PRC laws and regulations, our PRC subsidiaries engaging in property development business are subject to LAT, determined by the local tax authorities in the cities in which each project is located. All income from the sales or transfer of state-owned land use rights, buildings and their attached facilities in the PRC is subject to LAT at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% of the appreciation of land value, as defined in the relevant tax laws, with certain exemptions available for the sale of ordinary residential properties if the appreciation values do not exceed 20% of the total deductible items, as defined in the relevant tax laws.

Balance sheet items

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables mainly include trade receivables, tax prepayments, other receivables, prepayments and loans to and amounts due from various parties including third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests, cooperation deposits, other prepayments and other receivables including receivables from government, partial disposal of interests in subsidiaries, associates and others. Trade receivables as at 31 December 2020 primarily consisted of property development fees receivable in connection with the property development service that we provided.

Included in tax prepayment as at 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 were primarily business tax levied and prepaid at 5% of pre-sale proceeds, and a portion of income tax prepaid on a certain percentage of pre-sale proceeds, both in compliance with relevant tax laws and regulations.

We also prepay LAT that is generally assessed at no more than 5% of pre-sale proceeds in compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

Advanced receipts from customers

Advanced receipts from customers mainly represents amounts received from customer for sale of properties, where the risks and rewards of the properties sold had not yet been transferred as at period-end.

Goodwill

As at 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, goodwill mainly included the goodwill arising from the acquisition of project companies. Management is required to test goodwill annually or more frequently for impairment. Goodwill is allocated to cash generating units. The recoverable amount of a cash-generating unit is determined based on fair value less cost to sell calculation. These calculations use observable market prices for the units.

Restricted bank deposits

Restricted bank deposits mainly represent guaranteed deposits for the mortgage loan facilities granted by the banks to the purchaser of our properties as well as for projects co-developed with third parties. The balance also include guaranteed deposits placed in banks as guaranteed funds of construction projects to meet certain local authorities' requirements.

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2020 compared to 2019

Revenue. Revenue in the year ended 31 December 2020 was RMB56,511 million, an increase of RMB5,585 million, or 11%, from RMB50,926 million in the year ended 31 December 2019. This increase was primarily due to an increase in our revenue from property development of RMB6,517 million, or 15%, from RMB43,100 million in the year ended 31 December 2019 to RMB49,617 million in the year ended 31 December 2020. Additionally, our revenue from property management and related services increased by RMB184 million, or 12%, from RMB1,579 million in the year ended 31 December 2019 to RMB1,763 million in the year ended 31 December 2020; our revenue from other real estate related business decreased by RMB932 million, or 17%, from

RMB5,569 million in the year ended 31 December 2019 to RMB4,637 million in the year ended 31 December 2020; and our revenue from property investment decreased by RMB184 million, or 27%, from RMB678 million in the year ended 31 December 2019 to RMB494 million in the year ended 31 December 2020.

We set forth in the table below the revenue from each project for which we recognised property development revenue in the year ended 31 December 2019.

Region	Cities	Year ended 31 December 2019 (RMB millions)
Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region	Beijing	3,798
	Tianjin	6,191
	Shijiazhuang	843
	Qinhuangdao	882
		11,714
Yangtze River Delta Region	Shanghai	1,267
	Hangzhou	1,915
	Nanjing	895
	Suzhou	1,017
	Wuxi	1,870
	Jiaxing	240
	Changzhou	774
	Taizhou	106
Wenzhou	144	
	8,228	
Yangtze Mid-stream Region	Wuhan	2,541
	Changsha	1,205
	3,746	
Pearl River Delta Region	Zhongshan	2,181
	Shenzhen	6,423
	Guangzhou	1,754
	Foshan	260
	10,618	
Chengdu-Chongqing Region	Chongqing	1,972
	Chengdu	15
	1,987	
Other Region	Dalian	1,830
	Shenyang	1,452
	Qingdao	1,233
	Yantai	22
	4,536	
	Other projects	1,124
		5,661
Subtotal		41,953
Car parks.....		1,147
Total		43,100

We set forth in the table below the revenue from each project for which we recognised property development revenue in the year ended 31 December 2020.

Region	Cities	Year ended 31 December 2020 (RMB millions)
Beijing Region	Beijing	2,768
	Qinhuangdao	1,425
	Shijiazhuang	1,054
	Taiyuan	83
		5,330
Bohai Rim Region	Tianjin	2,975
	Dalian	721
	Jinan	597
	Qingdao	123
	Shenyang	1,547
	Yantai	317
	6,280	
Eastern Region.....	Shanghai	121
	Suzhou	972
	Wuxi	177
	Nanjing	2,337
	Hangzhou	5,654
	Jiaxing	1,993
	Wenzhou	1,589
	Changzhou	156
	Shaoxing	1,068
	Taizhou	1,086
	15,153	
Southern Region	Shenzhen	4,439
	Zhongshan	525
	Zhanjiang	981
	Guangzhou	307
	Zhangzhou	443
	Foshan	2,023
	Sanya	46
		8,764
Central Region	Wuhan	6,648
	Changsha	73
	Hefei	1,257
	7,978	
Western Region.....	Chengdu	1,021
	Chongqing	1,761
	Kunming	477
	Guiyang	349
		3,608
Other Projects		1,080
Subtotal		48,193
Car parks.....		1,424
Total		49,617

Cost of sales. Cost of sales for the year ended 31 December 2020 was RMB46,053 million, representing an increase of RMB5,349 million, or 13.1%, from RMB40,704 million in the year ended 31 December 2019. This increase was primarily in line with the increase in the recognized sales of property development. Excluding car parks, average land cost per sq.m. of the property development segment during the year ended 31 December 2020 increased to approximately RMB6,200 as compared to approximately RMB5,400 in the year ended 31 December 2019. This was mainly due to more projects in tier-one cities being delivered, such as Ocean Palace and Ocean Seafront Towers in Shenzhen, which were at relatively higher land cost. Average construction cost per sq.m. (excluding car parks) for property development segment decreased by approximately RMB300, or 5%, to approximately RMB5,400 during the year ended 31 December 2020 as compared to approximately RMB5,700 for the year ended 31 December 2019. The decrease in average construction cost was mainly because the Group further strengthened its cost competitiveness by optimizing the project cost control and management system.

Gross profit. Gross profit for the year ended 31 December 2020 was RMB10,457 million, an increase of RMB235 million, or 2%, from RMB10,222 million in the year ended 31 December 2019. Our gross profit margin for the year ended 31 December 2020 was approximately 19%, a slight decrease from 20% in the year ended 31 December 2019.

Fair value gain/(loss) on investment properties. We had a fair value loss of RMB156 million on investment properties in the year ended 31 December 2020, as compared to a fair value gain of RMB373 million in the year ended 31 December 2019. The loss is primarily attributable to the adverse impact caused by the novel coronavirus epidemic.

Interest and other income. Our interest and other income in the year ended 31 December 2020 was RMB2,394 million, a decrease of RMB377 million, or 14%, from RMB2,771 million in the year ended 31 December 2019, mainly due to the overall decline in the entrusted loan balance during the year.

Other gains/(losses) – net. In the year ended 31 December 2020, we had net other gains in the amount of RMB1,335 million. By comparison, we had net other gains in the year ended 31 December 2019 in the amount of RMB699 million. Other gains in the year ended 31 December 2020 mainly comprised of exchange gains, gains on revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and losses on disposal of subsidiaries during the year.

Selling and marketing expenses. Selling and marketing expenses for the year ended 31 December 2020 were RMB1,293 million, a slight increase of RMB23 million, or 2%, from RMB1,270 million in the year ended 31 December 2019. These costs accounted for approximately 1.0% of the total contracted sales amount for 2020 as compared to 1.0% of 2019. It mainly reflected that the Group put more resources in its sales and marketing activities during 2020.

Administrative expenses. Administrative expenses for the year ended 31 December 2020 were RMB1,816 million, a decrease of RMB103 million, or 5.4%, from RMB1,919 million in the year ended 31 December 2019, representing 3.2% of the total revenue for 2020 as compared to 3.8% of 2019. We will continue to adopt strict cost control measures to maintain these costs at a relatively stable and lower level.

Finance costs. In the year ended 31 December 2020, our finance costs were RMB2,111 million, a decrease of RMB283 million, or 11.8%, from RMB2,394 million in the year ended 31 December 2019, primarily due to a lower cost of financing during the year. Our weighted average interest rate decreased to 5.10% for 2020 from 5.50% for 2019, while total interest expenses paid or accrued decreased to RMB4,832 million (2019: RMB5,236 million).

Share of profits of joint ventures. In the year ended 31 December 2020, we had a share of profits of joint ventures in the amount of RMB983 million, a decrease of RMB536 million, from share of profits of joint ventures of RMB1,519 million in the year ended 31 December 2019.

Profit before income tax. As a result of the above, our profit before income tax in the year ended 31 December 2020 was RMB10,050 million, a decrease of RMB366 million, or 3.5%, from RMB10,416 million in the year ended 31 December 2019.

Income tax expenses. The aggregate of enterprise income tax and deferred tax slightly increased by 0.6% to RMB2,550 million for 2020 as compared to 2019 of RMB2,536 million, with an effective tax rate of 35% as compared to 2019 of 38%. The decrease in the effective tax rate is mainly due to the decrease of non-deductible expenses recognized in 2020, which affected the calculation basis. In addition, land appreciation tax for 2020 decreased to RMB2,817 million as compared to 2019 of RMB3,715 million.

Profit attributable to owners of the Company. Benefiting from the increase in revenue cost control measures, profit attributable to owners of the Company 2020 was RMB2,866 million, an increase of RMB210 million, or 8%, from RMB2,656 million in 2019.

Profit attributable to non-controlling interests. Our profit attributable to non-controlling interests was RMB1,817 million in 2020, an increase of RMB307 million, or 20.3%, from RMB1,510 million in 2019.

2019 compared to 2018

Revenue. Revenue in 2019 was RMB50,926 million, an increase of RMB9,504 million, or 23%, from RMB41,422 million in 2018. This increase was primarily due to a increase in our revenue from property development of RMB7,607 million, or 21%, from RMB35,493 million in 2018 to RMB43,100 million in 2019. Additionally, our revenue from other real estate related businesses in 2018 and 2019 were RMB3,723 million and RMB5,569 million respectively, while our revenue from property management and related service in 2018 and 2019 were RMB1,129 million and RMB1,579 million respectively. Our revenue from property investment, however, decreased by RMB399 million, or 37%, from RMB1,077 million in 2018 to RMB678 million in 2019.

We set forth in the table below information relating to the types of properties for which we recognised property development revenue in 2018 and 2019.

Type of properties sold and delivered	Year ended 31 December 2018				Year ended 31 December 2019			
	Revenue from Property development		GFA sold and delivered		Revenue from Property development		GFA sold and delivered	
	RMB millions	% of total	Thousand sq.m.	% of total	RMB millions	% of total	Thousand sq.m.	% of total
Residential	26,962	76.0%	1,515	66.1%	38,147	88.5%	2,444	82.2%
Retail	3,317	9.3%	259	11.3%	2,673	6.2%	168	5.6%
Office	3,621	10.2%	150	6.5%	1,133	2.6%	57	1.9%
Car parks	1,593	4.5%	369	16.1%	1,147	2.7%	306	10.3%
Total	35,493	100%	2,293	100%	43,100	100%	2,975	100%

We set forth in the table below the revenue from each city for which we recognised property development revenue in 2018 and 2019.

Region	Cities	Year ended 31 December	
		2018	2019
(RMB millions)			
Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region	Beijing	7,152	3,798
	Tianjin	1,689	6,191
	Shijiazhuang	2	843
	Qinhuangdao	—	882
		8,843	11,714
Yangtze River Delta Region	Shanghai	2,104	1,267
	Hangzhou	4,280	1,915
	Nanjing	26	895
	Taizhou	16	106
	Suzhou	—	1,017
	Wuxi	—	1,870
	Jiaxing	—	240
	Changzhou	—	774
	Wenzhou	—	144
	6,426	8,228	

Region	Cities	Year ended 31 December	
		2018	2019
		(RMB millions)	
Yangtze Mid-stream Region	Wuhan	2,524	2,541
	Huangshan	–	–
	Changsha	–	1,205
		2,524	3,746
Pearl River Delta Region	Zhongshan	1,787	2,181
	Shenzhen	3,868	6,423
	Guangzhou	1,929	1,754
	Sanya	222	–
	Foshan	–	260
		7,806	10,618
Chengdu-Chongqing Region	Chongqing	1,431	1,972
	Chengdu	–	15
		1,431	1,987
Other Region	Dalian	3,324	1,830
	Shenyang	2,010	1,451
	Changchun	1,162	–
	Qingdao	210	1,233
	Yantai	–	22
		6,706	4,536
	other projects	170	1,124
Subtotal		33,906	41,953
Car parks		1,587	1,147
Total		35,493	43,100

Cost of sales. Cost of sales for 2019 was RMB40,704 million, representing an increase of RMB7,568 million, or 22.8%, from RMB33,136 million in 2018. This increase was primarily due to increased revenue recognised from property development business. Average land cost per sq.m. (excluding car parks) of the property development business decreased by RMB1,000 per sq.m, or 15.6%, to RMB5,400 per sq.m. in 2019, from RMB6,400 per sq.m. in 2018. This was mainly due to more project in tier-two cities being delivered, which were at relatively lower land cost. Average construction cost per sq.m. (excluding car parks) for property development business decreased to approximately RMB5,700 in 2019, compared to RMB6,300 in 2018. The decrease in average construction cost was mainly due to more high-end projects delivered in 2018, such as Ocean Epoch and Ocean LA VIE in Beijing.

Gross profit. As a result of the above, gross profit for 2019 was RMB10,222 million, a increase of RMB1,935 million, or 23%, from RMB8,287 million in 2018. Our gross profit margin remained at 20% in 2019.

Fair value gain on investment properties. We had a fair value gain of RMB373 million on investment properties in 2019, as compared to a fair value gain of RMB2,361 million in 2018. The significant gain on fair value of investment properties in 2018 was mainly attributed to an office premise located in CBD of Beijing reclassified into investment property.

Interest and other income. Our interest and other income in 2019 was RMB2,771 million, an increase of RMB228 million, or 9%, from RMB2,543 million in 2018, mainly due to the increase in entrusted loan interest income, which was brought by the overall increase in the entrusted loan balance during 2019.

Other gains – net. In 2019, we had net other gains in the amount of RMB699 million. By comparison, we had net other gains in 2018 in the amount of RMB1,340 million. Other gains were mainly comprised of gains on disposal of subsidiaries, exchange losses and gains on revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value profit or loss during the year.

Selling and marketing expenses. Selling and marketing expenses for 2019 were RMB1,270 million, an increase of RMB64 million, or 5.3%, from RMB1,206 million in 2018. These costs accounted for only approximately 1.0% of the total contracted sales amount for 2019, as compared to 1.1% in 2018.

Administrative expenses. Administrative expenses for 2019 were RMB1,919 million, an increase of RMB189 million, or 10.9%, from RMB1,730 million in 2017. Such increase was also associated with the increase in revenue during the period.

Finance costs. Majority of our funding was efficiently applied to our projects. As a result, we were able to capitalize most of the interest expenses, leaving RMB2,394 million in 2019 to be charged through consolidated income statement during the current year, an increase of RMB619 million, or 34.9%, compared to RMB1,775 million in 2018. Our weighted average interest rate slightly increased to 5.50% in 2019 from 5.38% in 2018, while total interest expenses paid or accrued amounted to RMB5,236 million (2017: RMB4,210 million).

Share of profits of joint ventures. In 2019, we had a share of profits of joint ventures in the amount of RMB1,519 million, from share of profits of RMB1,103 million in 2018.

Share of profits/losses of associates. In 2019, we had a share of profits of associates in the amount of RMB415 million, from share of profits of RMB52 million in 2018.

Profit before income tax. As a result of the above, our profit before income tax in 2019 was RMB10,416 million, a decrease of RMB559 million, or 5.1%, from RMB10,975 million in 2018.

Income tax expenses. Our income tax expenses for 2019 was RMB6,250 million, a slight decrease of RMB59 million, or 0.9%, from RMB6,309 million in 2018.

Profit attributable to owners of the Company. As a result of the above, our profit attributable to owners of the Company in 2019 was RMB2,656 million, a decrease of RMB918 million, or 26%, from RMB3,574 million in 2018.

Profit attributable to non-controlling interests. Our profit attributable to non-controlling interests was RMB1,510 million in 2019, a increase of RMB418 million or 38.3%, from RMB1,092 million in 2018.

Profit attributable to non-controlling interests. Our profit attributable to non-controlling interests was RMB1,092 million in 2018, a decrease of RMB51 million or 4%, from RMB1,143 million in 2017.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary uses of cash are to pay for land acquisition costs, construction costs and finance costs and to fund working capital and normal recurring expenses. To date we have funded our growth principally from internally generated cash flows, including proceeds from the sales and pre-sales of our properties, bank loans and proceeds from our IPO, bond issuances, a share placement and, prior to our IPO, shareholder contributions. Going forward, we believe our liquidity requirements will be satisfied by using a combination of bank loans, cash provided by operating activities, including proceeds from the sales and pre-sales of our properties and funds raised from the capital markets from time to time.

Net current assets

As at 31 December 2020, we had net current assets of approximately RMB60,706 million. Our current assets were mainly comprised of properties under development of RMB74,719 million, completed properties held for sale of RMB18,075 million, trade and other receivables of RMB51,197 million and cash and cash equivalents of RMB39,129 million. Our current liabilities were mainly comprised of trade and other payables of RMB57,527 million, borrowings of RMB25,934 million and contract liabilities of RMB34,318 million.

The following table presents selected cash flow data from our consolidated cash flow statements for the three years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020.

	As at 31 December		
	2018	2019	2020
	(RMB millions)		
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities.....	(45)	(3,303)	11,417
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities.....	(13,094)	(4,564)	2,274
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities.....	30,088	(696)	(5,366)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents.....	16,949	(8,563)	8,324
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	39,208	31,054	39,129

Cash flow from operating activities

We derive our cash inflow from operations principally from the pre-sale and sale of properties, rental of investment properties and cash from our other activities. Our cash outflow from operations is principally for investments in property under development.

In 2020, we had net cash generated from operating activities in the amount of approximately RMB11,417 million which consisted primarily of cash generated from operations of RMB20,297 million, partially offset by (i) income tax payment of RMB4,264 million and (ii) interest payment of RMB4,616 million.

In 2019, we had net cash used in operating activities in the amount of approximately RMB3,303 million which consisted primarily of (i) operating profits before changes in working capital of RMB7,661 million, (ii) properties under development of RMB110,316 million and (iii) restricted bank deposits of RMB851 million as offset primarily by (i) trade and other receivables and prepayments of RMB7,879 million and (ii) contract liabilities of RMB4,245 million.

In 2018, we had net cash used in operating activities in the amount of approximately RMB45 million which consisted primarily of (i) operating profits before changes in working capital of RMB5,077 million, (ii) properties under development of RMB7,491 million and (iii) completed properties held for sale of RMB2,851 million as offset primarily by (i) advance receipts from customers of RMB3,298 million and (ii) trade and other receivables and prepayments of RMB10,123 million.

Cash flow from investing activities

Our investing activities mainly consist of investments in property, plant and equipment, investment property, and acquisitions of interests in subsidiaries.

In 2020, we had net cash generated from investing activities in the amount of approximately RMB2,274 million which consisted primarily of (i) repayment of entrusted loans of RMB12,918 million and (ii) interest received in the amount of RMB1,949 million, as partially offset primarily by (i) capital injection to joint ventures of RMB6,598 million and (ii) entrusted loan advanced of RMB4,794 million.

In 2019, we had net cash used in investing activities in the amount of approximately RMB4,564 million, primarily due to entrusted loans advanced in the amount of RMB25,404 million.

In 2018, we had net cash used in investing activities in the amount of approximately RMB13,094 million, primarily due to entrusted loans advanced in the amount of RMB22,263 million.

Cash flow from financing activities

Our financing activities consist primarily of borrowings, capital raising, shareholders' contributions and dividend distributions.

In 2020, we had net cash used in financing activities in the amount of approximately RMB5,366 million which consisted primarily of (i) repayment of borrowings of RMB45,041 million and (ii) capital reduction from non-controlling interests of RMB3,460 million, as offset primarily by (x) proceeds from borrowings of RMB39,554 million and (y) issue of capital instruments of RMB3,378 million.

In 2019, we had net cash used in financing activities in the amount of approximately RMB696 million. This was primarily proceeds from borrowings of RMB40,045 million and capital injection from non-controlling interests of RMB4,491 million, partially offset by repayments of borrowings of RMB42,465 million, repurchase of capital instrument of RMB3,500 million and dividends paid to shareholders of the Company of RMB1,245 million.

In 2018, we had net cash generated from financing activities in the amount of RMB30,088 million. This was primarily from proceeds from borrowings of RMB47,977 million, partially offset primarily by repayments of borrowings of RMB22,056 million and dividends paid to shareholders of the Company of RMB1,938 million.

INDEBTEDNESS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Bank and other borrowings

Our bank and other borrowings as at 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 are set forth below:

	As at 31 December		
	2018	2019	2020
	(RMB millions)		
Non-current			
Bank borrowings.....	21,901	20,305	20,627
Other borrowings.....	51,249	54,307	35,642
Total non-current borrowings	73,150	74,612	56,270
Current			
Current portion of long-term bank borrowings	4,317	1,165	3,317
Current portion of long-term other borrowings	9,175	7,379	21,649
Short-term bank borrowings	290	752	647
Short-term other borrowings.....	1,643	–	500
Total current borrowings	15,425	9,295	25,934
Total borrowings	88,575	83,907	82,204

The maturities of our total borrowings at the respective balance sheet dates are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December		
	2018	2019	2020
Total borrowings			
		(RMB millions)	
Within 1 year	15,425	9,295	25,934
1 to 2 years	12,637	29,766	17,459
2 to 5 years	46,231	29,580	27,005
Over 5 years	14,282	15,266	11,806
	<u>88,575</u>	<u>83,907</u>	<u>82,204</u>

The weighted average effective interest rates at the respective balance sheet dates are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December		
	2018	2019	2020
Bank borrowings.....	4.92%	4.83%	3.96%
Other borrowings.....	5.55%	5.78%	5.53%

Our unutilized credit facilities for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 was approximately RMB189,400 million, RMB220,746 million and RMB242,150 million, respectively.

Our net gearing ratio, calculated as total borrowings less cash and cash equivalents and restricted bank deposits divided by total equity, as at 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 was approximately 73%, 77% and 55%, respectively.

Financial guarantees

In the normal course of our business, we enter into agreements with commercial banks with respect to mortgage facilities granted by commercial banks to our property purchasers, under which we guarantee the full value of the mortgages. Pursuant to the terms of the guarantees, upon a default in mortgage payments by these purchasers, we are responsible to repay the outstanding mortgage principal together with accrued interest and any penalty, and we are entitled to take over the legal title and possession of the related properties. For most mortgages, guarantees will be released when the property title deeds are passed to the banks as security for the respective mortgage loans, which generally takes place within one to two years after the property units are delivered to the buyers.

The following table sets forth our financial guarantees as at 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020.

	As at 31 December		
	2018	2019	2020
		(RMB millions)	
Guarantees in respect of mortgage facilities for certain purchasers.....	8,159	9,595	9,800

For the year ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, the joint-liability guarantees provided in respect of borrowings granted by certain financial institutions to our joint ventures and associates amounted to RMB1,708 million, RMB1,059 million and RMB3,308 million, respectively. Properties under development owned by these joint ventures and associates are the primary collateral of such borrowings.

See also “Risk Factors – Risks Relating to Our Business – We do not conduct independent credit checks when guaranteeing mortgages taken out by our customers. If a significant number of such guarantees are called upon, our financial conditions could be adversely affected”.

Commitments and contingent liabilities

Commitments. Commitments for land acquisition and construction costs contracted for at balance sheet dates but not yet incurred were as follows:

	As at 31 December		
	2018	2019	2020
		(RMB millions)	
Properties under development	5,906	7,842	11,452
Commitment of Investment.....	717	592	1,612
Contracted but not provided for	6,623	8,434	13,063

Warranty against defects in properties

We provide purchasers of our properties with terms varying from one to two years against certain defects as stipulated in PRC laws and regulations. We also get corresponding warranties from the contractors who have constructed the relevant properties.

Legal contingencies

In the normal course of business, we are involved in lawsuits and other proceedings. While the outcomes of such contingencies, lawsuits or other proceedings cannot be determined at present, we believe that no liabilities resulting from these proceedings will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, liquidity, or results of operations.

Off-balance sheet arrangements

As at 31 December 2020, and the date of this Offering Circular, we did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements with unconsolidated entities. In 2020, 47% of the Group's total borrowings were denominated in U.S. dollar and Hong Kong dollar. As a result, the Group had a net currency exposure to fluctuation in foreign exchange rates. As Renminbi has been facing the potential trend of depreciation, the Group is adjusting its proportion of borrowings in foreign currencies and has entered into certain forward contracts so as to hedge against the exchange loss in future years. The Group has never engaged in the dealing of any financial derivative instruments for speculative purpose. In view of the potential Renminbi exchange rate fluctuations, the Group will further consider arranging for monetary and exchange rate hedge at appropriate times to avoid the corresponding risks.

No other outstanding indebtedness

Except as disclosed in this Offering Circular, we did not have bank overdrafts, liabilities under acceptances, hire purchase commitments and other outstanding indebtedness as at 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks

We are exposed to various types of market risks, including changes in interest rate risks, foreign exchange risks and inflation risks in the normal course of business.

Interest rate risk

We are exposed to interest rate risk resulting from fluctuations in interest rates on our debt. Our cash flow interest rate risk arises from long-term borrowings with floating interest rates. Such risk is partially offset by cash held at prevailing market interest rates. During 2018, 2019 and 2020, our borrowings at floating interest rates were denominated in Renminbi, HK dollars and U.S. dollars. Our fair value interest rate risk relates primarily to our fixed rate borrowings and other payables. We do not currently use any derivative instruments to manage our interest rate risks. More details on our interest rate risk are set forth in Note 4.1(a)(ii) to our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Foreign exchange risk

We conduct our business primarily in Renminbi. On 21 July 2005, the PRC government changed its policy of pegging the value of the Renminbi to the U.S. dollar. Under the policy, the Renminbi is permitted to fluctuate within a narrow and managed band against a basket of certain foreign currencies. The PRC government may take further actions that could cause future exchange rates to vary significantly from current or historical exchange rates. A depreciation of the Renminbi would adversely affect the value of any dividends we pay to investors outside the PRC and would also result in an increase in the price of goods with imported content which we source from our suppliers. An appreciation of the Renminbi, however, would adversely affect the value of proceeds we receive from the offering of the Notes and any subsequent overseas equity or debt offering if they are not converted into Renminbi in a timely manner. Please see “Risk Factors – Risks Relating to Business Operations in the PRC – We are subject to risks presented by fluctuations in foreign currencies”, “Risk Factors – Risks Relating to the PRC – Fluctuations in the value of the Renminbi may have a material adverse effect on our business”.

Inflation risk

According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, China’s overall national inflation rate, as represented by the general consumer price index, increased by approximately 1.6% in the year ended 31 December 2017 and 2.1% in the year ended 31 December 2018. We have not been materially adversely affected by any inflation or deflation in the past. We cannot assure you that the inflation rate in the PRC will decrease or increase in the future and we cannot make any assurance that we will not be adversely affected by such inflation or deflation.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

The information in the section below has been derived, in part, from various government publications unless otherwise indicated. This information has not been independently verified by us or the Joint Lead Managers or any of our or their respective affiliates or advisers. The information may not be consistent with other information compiled within or outside the PRC.

THE ECONOMY OF THE PRC

Over the last 40 years, the PRC government has introduced reforms that have transformed the PRC economy from a centrally planned system into a more liberalized market economy. The significant economic development that has resulted from such reforms has been accelerated by China's accession to the World Trade Organisation in 2001. China has experienced average annual nominal GDP growth rate of approximately 10.2% from 2010 to 2019.

The table below sets forth selected PRC economic statistics for the years indicated:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2010-2019 CAGR
Real GDP growth (%)	10.6	9.6	7.9	7.8	7.4	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.0	N/A
GDP per capita (RMB)	30,808	36,302	39,874	43,684	47,173	50,237	54,139	60,014	66,006	70,581	9.6%
CPI growth (%)	3.3	5.4	2.6	2.6	2.0	1.4	2.0	1.6	2.1	2.9	N/A
Urban population (million)	669.8	690.8	711.8	731.1	749.2	771.2	793.0	813.5	831.4	848.4	2.7%
Urbanisation ⁽¹⁾ (%)	49.9	51.3	52.6	53.7	54.8	56.1	57.3	58.5	59.6	60.6	N/A
Per capita disposable income ⁽²⁾ (RMB)	-	-	-	18,311	20,167	21,966	23,821	25,974	28,228	30,733	9.0% ⁽³⁾
Real estate investment (RMB billion)	4,827	6,174	7,180	8,601	9,504	9,598	10,258	10,980	12,016	13,219	11.8%

Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China, 2010 – 2019

Notes:

- (1) Urbanisation denotes the proportion of the total population residing in urban areas.
- (2) Research methodology for per capita disposable income has been changed since 2013 and, therefore, data before 2013 are not comparable to the ones after the year.
- (3) 2013-2019 CAGR is calculated.

Housing reforms, together with the economic growth of China, emergence of the mortgage lending market and increasing urbanisation rate, are key factors affecting the real estate market in China and its growth. These and other government housing reform measures will continue to encourage private housing ownership in China. According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, China's urbanisation rate rose from approximately 29% in 1995 to approximately 61% in 2019. Increases in the urban population of China will likely result in increases in demand for residential properties.

PRC PROPERTY MARKETS

Reform of the PRC property market did not commence until the 1990s. Prior to such reform, the PRC real estate development industry was part of the nation's centrally planned economy. In the 1990s, the PRC government initiated the housing reform and, as a result, the real estate and housing sector of China began its transition to a market-based system.

In 1988, the PRC government amended the national constitution to permit the transfer of state-owned land use rights and, in 1992, sales of formerly public housing commenced in major cities. Two years later, in 1994, the PRC government implemented further reforms and established an employer/employee-funded housing fund and issued a regulation regarding pre-sale of commodity housing in cities. In 1995, the PRC government issued regulations regarding the transfer of real estate, established a regulatory framework for real estate sales and subsequently abolished the state-allocated housing policy in 1998. In 1999, the PRC government extended the maximum mortgage term to 30 years and formalized procedures for the sale of real estate in the secondary market.

The PRC government issued regulations to standardise the quality of construction projects in 2000, establishing a framework for administering construction quality. In 2002, the PRC government promulgated rules to require that state-owned land use rights be granted by way of tender, auction and listing-for-sale and eliminated the dual system for domestic and overseas home buyers in China. In 2003, the PRC government promulgated rules to require more stringent administration of real estate financing for the purpose of reducing credit and systemic risks associated with such financing.

From 2004 to the first half of 2008, in order to prevent the overheating of the PRC economy and to achieve balanced and sustainable economic growth, the PRC government took measures to control money supply, credit availability and fixed assets investment. The PRC government also took measures to discourage speculation in the residential property market and to increase the supply of affordable housing rather than high-end residential properties. In response to concerns over the scale of the increase in property investment, the PRC government introduced policies and measures to restrict such increases.

Beginning in the second half of 2008, in order to mitigate the impact of the global economic slowdown, the PRC government has adopted measures to encourage domestic consumption in the residential property market and support property development. However, beginning in December 2009, the PRC government began to adjust its policies and introduced new measures in order to enhance the regulation of the property market, restrain property purchases for investment or speculation purposes and keep property prices from rising too quickly.

The PRC government now applies various economic, legal and administrative measures to regulate the real estate market, in order to encourage end-user demand while restricting speculation activities, and to better coordinate development between the real estate industry and national economy. See “Regulation”.

Commodity Property Sales

Demand for real estate in China has steadily increased over the years. According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, the total revenue from the sale of commodity properties in China increased from approximately RMB393.5 billion in 2000 to approximately RMB154,973 billion in 2019. During the same period, the total GFA sold in China increased from approximately 186.4 million sq.m. in 2000 to approximately 1,716 million sq.m. in 2019. Of the 1,716 million sq.m. of aggregate GFA sold in 2019, approximately 1,501 million sq.m. were residential properties, representing an increase of approximately 1.6% from 2018.

The average price of commodity properties sold in China increased from RMB2,112 per sq.m. in 2000 to RMB9,310 per sq.m. in 2019, while the average price of residential properties sold increased from RMB1,948 per sq.m. to RMB9,287 per sq.m. during the same period.

The average price of commodity properties sold in China in 2019 was calculated by dividing total sales proceeds by the total GFA sold.

The table below sets out selected statistics relating to the PRC property market for the years indicated.

	2018	2019	2020
Real estate investment (RMB billion)	12,016	13,219	14,144
Total GFA sold (million sq.m.)	1,715	1,716	1,761
GFA of residential properties sold (million sq.m.) ..	1,478	1,501	1,549
Average price of commodity properties (RMB/sq.m.)	8,726	9,310	9,860
Average price of residential properties (RMB/sq.m.)	8,553	9,287	9,980
Total sales revenue for commodity properties (RMB billion)	14,961	15,973	17,361
Total sales revenue for residential properties (RMB billion)	12,637	13,944	15,457

Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China, 2018 – 2020

CORPORATE STRUCTURE

The following illustrates a summary of our corporate structure as of the date of this Offering Circular, including a number of our significant projects:



	Name of Company(ies) Involved	Name of Project	Holding %
1.	遠洋控股集團(中國)有限公司 (Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited)	遠洋萬和四季(北京) (Ocean Melody (Beijing))	100%
2.	遠洋控股集團(中國)有限公司 (Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited)	遠洋沁山水(北京) (Ocean Landscape Eastern Area (Beijing))	100%
3.	遠洋控股集團(中國)有限公司 (Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited)	遠洋國際中心(北京) (Ocean International Center (Beijing))	100%
4.	北京遠豪置業有限公司 (Beijing Yuanhao Property Co., Ltd.)	遠洋萬和公館(北京) (Ocean Crown (Beijing))	100%
5.	北京東隆房地產開發有限公司 (Beijing Dong Long Real Estate Development Co., Ltd.)	遠洋 LA VIE (北京) (Ocean LA VIE (Beijing))	85.72%
6.	北京遠聯置地房地產開發有限公司 (Beijing Ltd.)	遠洋傲北(北京) (Ocean Manor (Beijing))	100%
7.	北京遠盛置業有限公司	遠洋天著(北京) (Ocean Palace (Beijing))	100%

	Name of Company(ies) Involved	Name of Project	Holding %
8.	北京天江通眷置業有限公司	CBD Z6地塊(北京) (CBD Plot Z6 (Beijing))	100%
9.	北京遠山置業有限公司	遠洋新仕界(北京) (Our New World (Beijing))	100%
10.	北京遠洋大廈有限公司 (Beijing Yuanyang Building Co., Ltd.)	遠洋大廈(北京) (Ocean Plaza (Beijing))	72%
11.	北京遠恒置業有限公司	遠洋天著春秋(北京) (Ocean Epoch (Beijing))	100%
12.	北京信馳置業有限公司	奕莊汽車大廈項目(北京) (Yizhuang Motor Tower Project (Beijing))	100%
13.	天津遠頤房地產開發有限公司	紅熙郡(天津) (Royal River (Tianjin))	100%
14.	天津普利達房地產建設開發有限公司	遠洋城(天津) (Ocean City (Tianjin))	100%
15.	天津市遠馳房地產開發有限公司	遠洋國際中心(天津) (Ocean International Center (Tianjin))	50%
16.	悅軒(天津)置業投資有限公司	遠洋香奈(天津) (Ocean Chanson (Tianjin))	100%
17.	天津市遠濱房地產開發有限公司 Tianjin Yuan-bin Real Estate Development Co., Ltd.	遠洋新幹線(天津) (Ocean Express (Tianjin))	100%
18.	上海遠匯置業有限公司	遠洋萬和四季(上海) (Ocean Melody (Shanghai))	100%
19.	杭州德遠瑞祥置業有限公司	遠洋心裡(杭州) (Ocean In Your Heart (Hangzhou))	100%
20.	杭州雨潤華府房地產有限公司	遠洋萬和四季(杭州) (Ocean Melody (Hangzhou))	100%
21.	杭州宜品房地產開發有限公司	遠洋雁歸里(杭州) (Sino-Ocean Native Place (Hangzhou))	100%
22.	青島遠洋華歐置業有限公司	遠洋萬和四季(青島) (Ocean Melody (Qingdao))	100%
23.	湖北福星惠譽常青置業有限公司	賀家墩項目(武漢) (Hejiadun Project (Wuhan))	61%
24.	南京金遠置業有限公司	遠洋山水(南京) (Ocean Landscape (Nanjing))	70%
25.	大連利遠置業有限公司、大連宏宇置業有限公司	榮域(大連) (The Place of Glory (Dalian))	100%
26.	大連正乾置業有限公司、大連明遠置業有限公司 (Dalian Sky-Upright Property Limited, Dalian Sunny-Ocean Property Limited)	紅星海世界觀(大連) (Ocean Worldview (Dalian))	100%
27.	大連新悅置業有限公司、大連廣宇置業有限公司、大連世甲置業有限公司、大連永圖置業有限公司、大連至遠置業有限公司、大連源豐置業有限公司	遠洋鑽石灣(大連) (Ocean Diamond Bay (Dalian))	100%
28.	沈陽銀基新世紀置業有限公司	遠洋大河哀章項目(沈陽) (Grand Canal Milestone (Shenyang))	100%
29.	長春東方聯合置業有限公司	遠洋戛納小鎮(長春) (Ocean Cannes Town (Changchun))	100%
30.	遠洋地產(中山)開發有限公司	遠洋城(中山) (Ocean City (Zhongshan))	100%

	Name of Company(ies) Involved	Name of Project	Holding %
31.	中山市博信房地產開發有限公司	遠洋錦上(中山) (Ocean Bloom (Zhongshan))	51%
32.	中山市遠恒房地產開發有限公司	遠洋翡麗郡(中山) (Ocean Emerald (Zhongshan))	51%
33.	中山市盛信房地產開發有限公司	遠洋香緹(中山) (Ocean Aromas (Zhongshan))	51%
34.	中山市哈特貿易有限公司	遠洋繁花里(中山) (Blossoms Valley (Zhongshan))	75%
35.	中山市瑞景物業發展有限公司	遠洋瓏郡(中山) (Ocean Longshire (Zhongshan))	80%
36.	天基房地產開發(深圳)有限公司	遠洋新幹線(深圳) (Ocean Express (Shenzhen))	84.70%
37.	深圳市樂安房地產有限公司	遠洋新天地(深圳) (Ocean Metropolis (Shenzhen))	100%
38.	廣州市遠翔房地產開發有限公司	遠洋天驕(廣州) (Elite Palace (Guangzhou))	100%
39.	廣州華年喜年房地產開發有限公司	芙蓉墅(廣州) (Hibiscus Villa (Guangzhou))	51%
40.	南京遠鑫置業有限公司	遠洋棠悅山水	100%
41.	合肥遠合置業有限公司	遠洋萬和雲錦	100%
42.	重慶遠峰置業有限公司	遠洋山水賦	100%
43.	成都恒茂置地有限公司	遠洋棲棠	100%
44.	貴州築宸府置業有限公司	遠洋風景	89.8%
45.	青島興正元房地產開發有限公司	遠洋御城	75%
46.	煙台遠景置業有限公司	東萊郡	100%
47.	南京金遠置業有限公司	遠洋山水	70%
48.	南京遠乾置業有限公司	遠洋萬和四季	100%
49.	蘇州遠匯偉聖房地產開發有限公司	萬和悅花園	70%
50.	宜興遠博置業有限公司	溪山宸章	100%
51.	海寧遠頤置業有限公司	遠洋湖映宸章	100%
52.	紹興宸遠置業有限公司	遠洋越府宸章	100%
53.	溫州宸遠置業有限公司	世紀宸章	100%
54.	湖北福星惠譽常青置業有限公司	賀家墩項目	55.9%
55.	漳州詔安遠洋地產有限公司	漳州遠洋風景	70%
56.	龍岩遠盛房地產開發有限公司	龍岩紫金山H地塊	51%
57.	中山市哈特貿易有限公司	中山遠洋繁花里項目	75%
58.	深圳市金楓房地產開發有限公司	深圳濱海大廈	60%
59.	佛山市華尚致遠房地產開發有限公司	遠洋天驕	100%

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following, subject to amendment and save for the paragraphs in italics, are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, substantially as they will appear on the reverse of each of the definitive certificates evidencing the Notes:

The issue of the U.S.\$400,000,000 3.25 per cent. guaranteed green notes due 2026 (the “**Notes**”, which term shall include, unless the context requires otherwise, any further notes issued in accordance with Condition 14 and consolidated and forming a single series therewith) of Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited (the “**Issuer**”) was authorised by the board of directors of the Issuer on 10 March 2021. The guarantee of the Notes by Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited (the “**Guarantor**”) was authorised by its board of directors on 10 March 2021.

The Notes are constituted by a trust deed (as amended and/or supplemented from time to time, the “**Trust Deed**”) dated on or about 5 May 2021 (the “**Issue Date**”) made between the Issuer, the Guarantor and The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch as trustee for the Holders of the Notes (the “**Trustee**”, which term shall, where the context so permits, include all other persons or companies for the time being acting as trustee or trustees under the Trust Deed) and are subject to the agency agreement dated on or about 5 May 2021 (as amended and/or supplemented from time to time, the “**Agency Agreement**”) with the Trustee, The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch as principal paying agent (the “**Principal Agent**”), The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch as registrar (the “**Registrar**”) and as transfer agent (the “**Transfer Agent**”) and the other paying agents and transfer agents appointed under it (each a “**Paying Agent**” or a “**Transfer Agent**”, as applicable, and together with the Registrar, the Transfer Agent and the Principal Agent, the “**Agents**”) in relation to the Notes. References to “**Paying Agents**” includes the Principal Agent and references to the “**Principal Agent**”, the “**Registrar**”, the “**Transfer Agent**” and the “**Agents**” below are references to the principal agent, the registrar, the transfer agent and the agents for the time being for the Notes.

Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement are available for inspection by Noteholders at all reasonable times during usual business hours (being between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) at the principal office for the time being of the Trustee (being at the Issue Date at One Canada Square, London E14 5AL, United Kingdom) and at the specified office for the time being of the Principal Agent, in each case, following prior written request and proof of holding and identity to the satisfaction of the Trustee or, as the case may be, the Principal Agent.

These terms and conditions (these “**Conditions**”) include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed, which includes the form of the Notes. The Holders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by and are deemed to have notice of all the provisions of the Trust Deed, and are deemed to have notice of those provisions of the Agency Agreement applicable to them.

Unless otherwise defined, terms used in these Conditions have the meanings specified in the Trust Deed.

1 Form, Denomination and Title

(A) *Form and Denomination*

The Notes are issued in registered form in the denomination of U.S.\$200,000 and higher integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof. A certificate (each a “**Certificate**”) will be issued to each Holder in respect of its registered holding of Notes. Each Certificate will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded on the relevant Certificate and in the Register.

*Upon issue, the Notes will be represented by the Global Certificate registered in the name of, and deposited with, a common nominee of Euroclear Bank SA/NV (“**Euroclear**”) and Clearstream Banking S.A. (“**Clearstream**”). The Conditions are modified by certain provisions contained in the Global Certificate while any of the Notes are represented by the Global Certificate. See “The Global Certificate”.*

(B) **Title**

Title to the Notes passes only by transfer and registration in the Register as described in Condition 3. Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the Holder of any Note will be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes (whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or any interest in it or any writing on, or the theft or loss of, the Certificate issued in respect of it) and no person will be liable for so treating the Holder.

2 Guarantee and Status

- (A) The Guarantor has unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed the due payment of all sums expressed to be payable by the Issuer under the Trust Deed and the Notes. The obligations of the Guarantor in that respect (the “**Guarantee**”) are contained in the Trust Deed. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee shall, save for such exceptions as may be provided by applicable legislation and subject to Condition 4(A), at all times rank at least equally with all its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.
- (B) The Notes constitute (subject to Condition 4(A)) direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and shall at all times rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves. The payment obligations of the Issuer under the Notes shall, save for such exceptions as may be provided by applicable legislation and subject to Condition 4(A), at all times rank at least equally with all its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.

3 Transfers of Notes; Issue of Certificates

(A) **Register**

The Issuer will cause the Register to be kept at the specified office of the Registrar outside the United Kingdom and in accordance with the terms of the Agency Agreement on which shall be entered the names and addresses of the Holders of the Notes and the particulars of the Notes held by them and of all transfers of the Notes. Each Holder shall be entitled to receive only one Certificate in respect of its entire holding of Notes.

(B) **Transfer**

Subject to Conditions 3(E) and 3(F) and the terms of the Agency Agreement, a Note may be transferred by delivery of the Certificate issued in respect of that Note, with the form of transfer on the back duly completed and signed by the Holder or his attorney duly authorised in writing, to the specified office of either the Registrar or any of the Transfer Agents. No transfer of a Note will be valid unless and until entered on the Register.

Transfers of interests in the Notes evidenced by the Global Certificate will be effected in accordance with the rules of the relevant clearing systems.

(C) **Delivery of New Certificates**

Each new Certificate to be issued upon a transfer of Notes will, within seven Business Days of receipt by the Registrar or, as the case may be, any Transfer Agent of the original certificate and the form of transfer duly completed and signed, be made available for collection at the specified office of the Registrar or such Transfer Agent or, if so requested in the form of transfer, be mailed by uninsured mail at the risk of the Holder entitled to the Notes (but free of charge to the Holder and at the Issuer’s expense) to the address specified in the form of transfer, unless such Holder requests otherwise and pays in advance to the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be) the costs of such other method of delivery and/or such insurance as it may specify.

Except in the limited circumstances described herein (see “The Global Certificate”), owners of interests in the Notes will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Certificates.

Where only part of a principal amount of the Notes (being that of one or more Notes) in respect of which a Certificate is issued is to be transferred, a new Certificate in respect of the Notes not so transferred will, within seven Business Days of delivery of the original Certificate to the Registrar or other relevant Agent, be made available for collection at the specified office of the Registrar or such other relevant Agent or, if so requested in the form of transfer, be mailed by uninsured mail at the risk of the Holder of the Notes not so transferred (but free of charge to the Holder and at the Guarantor's expense) to the address of such Holder appearing on the Register, unless such Holder requests otherwise and pays in advance to the relevant Transfer Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be) the costs of such other method of delivery and/or such insurance as it may specify.

(D) **Formalities Free of Charge**

Registration of a transfer of Notes and issuance of new Certificates will be effected without charge to Holders by or on behalf of the Issuer or any of the Agents, but (i) upon payment by the relevant Holder (or the giving of such indemnity and/or security as the Issuer or any of the Agents may require) in respect of any taxes, duties or other governmental charges which may be imposed in relation to such transfer, (ii) the Registrar being satisfied in its absolute discretion with the documents of title or identity of the person making the application and (iii) subject to Condition 3(F).

(E) **Closed Periods**

No Holder may require the transfer of a Note to be registered (i) during the period of seven Business Days ending on (and including) the due date for redemption of that Note, (ii) during the period of seven Business Days prior to (and including) any date on which Notes may be called for redemption by the Issuer at its option pursuant to Condition 7, or (iii) during the period of seven Business Days ending on (and including) any Record Date (as defined in Condition 6(A)). Each such period is a "**Closed Period**".

(F) **Regulations**

All transfers of Notes and entries on the Register will be made subject to the detailed regulations concerning transfer of Notes scheduled to the Agency Agreement. The regulations may be changed by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Trustee and the Registrar, or by the Registrar with the prior written approval of the Trustee. A copy of the current regulations will be made available for inspection by the Registrar to any Holder following prior written request and proof of holding and identity to the satisfaction of the Registrar.

4 **Negative Pledge and Other Covenants**

(A) **Negative Pledge**

So long as any Notes remain outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed), neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor will, and the Guarantor will ensure that none of its Principal Subsidiaries (other than the Listed Principal Subsidiaries) will, create, or have outstanding, any mortgage, charge, lien, pledge or other security interest, upon the whole or any part of its present or future undertaking, assets or revenues (including any uncalled capital) to secure any Relevant Indebtedness, or to secure any guarantee or indemnity in respect of any Relevant Indebtedness, without at the same time or prior thereto according to the Notes the same security as is created or subsisting to secure any such Relevant Indebtedness, guarantee or indemnity or such other security as either (i) the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion deem not materially less beneficial to the interest of the Holders, having, if in its discretion it considers it necessary or desirable, received an opinion from independent financial, legal or tax advisers of recognised international standing to such effect and/or such other documents, certificates and/or opinions as the Trustee shall in its discretion request (and in any such case the Trustee shall be entitled, without liability, to rely conclusively on any such opinion, document and/or certificate); or (ii) shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Holders.

In this Condition 4(A):

“Listed Principal Subsidiaries” means, at any time, any Principal Subsidiary the shares of which are at such time listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or any other recognised exchange, and any Subsidiary of such Principal Subsidiary;

“Principal Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of the Guarantor:

- (i) whose gross revenue or (in the case of a Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries) consolidated gross revenue attributable to the Guarantor is at least 5 per cent. of the consolidated gross revenue of the Guarantor and its consolidated Subsidiaries including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Guarantor and its consolidated Subsidiaries' share of profits of Subsidiaries whose accounts are not consolidated with the accounts of the Guarantor and of associated entities and after adjustment for minority interests; or
- (ii) whose gross assets or (in the case of a Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries) consolidated gross assets attributable to the Guarantor, is at least 5 per cent. of the consolidated gross assets of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries, including the investment of the Guarantor and its consolidated Subsidiaries in each Subsidiary whose accounts are not consolidated with the accounts of the Guarantor and of associated entities and after adjustment for minority interests; or
- (iii) whose gross profits or (in the case of a Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries) consolidated gross profits attributable to the Guarantor is at least 5 per cent. of the consolidated gross profits of the Guarantor, including the Guarantor and its consolidated Subsidiaries' share of profits of Subsidiaries whose accounts are not consolidated with the accounts of the Guarantor and of associated entities and after adjustment for minority interests,

in the case of each of (i), (ii) and (iii) above of this definition, as calculated by reference to the then latest audited financial statements (consolidated or, as the case may be, unconsolidated) of the Subsidiary of the Guarantor and the then latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor, provided that:

- (a) in the case of a corporation or other business entity becoming a Subsidiary after the end of the financial period to which the then latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor relate, the reference to the then latest consolidated audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries for the purposes of the calculation above shall, until consolidated audited financial statements of the Guarantor for the financial period in which the relevant corporation or other business entity becomes a Subsidiary are published be deemed to be a reference to the then latest consolidated audited financial statements of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries adjusted to consolidate the latest audited financial statements (consolidated in the case of a Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries) of such Subsidiary in such accounts;
- (b) if at any relevant time in relation to any Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries no consolidated accounts are prepared and audited, its gross revenue, gross profit or gross assets shall be determined on the basis of pro forma consolidated accounts of the relevant Subsidiary and its Subsidiaries prepared for this purpose by the Guarantor;
- (c) if at any relevant time in relation to any Subsidiary, no accounts are audited, its revenue, gross assets or gross profit (consolidated, if appropriate) shall be determined on the basis of pro forma accounts (consolidated, if appropriate) of the relevant Subsidiary prepared for this purpose by the Guarantor; and
- (d) if the accounts of any Subsidiary (not being a Subsidiary referred to in proviso (a) above of this definition) are not consolidated with those of the Guarantor, then the determination of whether or not such subsidiary is a Principal Subsidiary shall be based on a pro forma consolidation of its accounts (consolidated, if appropriate) with the consolidated accounts (determined on the basis of the foregoing) of the Guarantor; or

- (iv) to which is transferred all or substantially all of the business, undertaking and assets of another Subsidiary which immediately prior to such transfer was a Principal Subsidiary, whereupon (I) in the case of a transfer by a Principal Subsidiary, the transferor Principal Subsidiary shall immediately cease to be a Principal Subsidiary and (II) the transferee Subsidiary shall immediately become a Principal Subsidiary, provided that on or after the date on which the relevant financial statements for the financial period current at the date of such transfer are published, whether such transferor Subsidiary or such transferee Subsidiary is or is not a Principal Subsidiary shall be determined pursuant to the provisions of the sub-paragraphs above of this definition.

A certificate signed by any director of the Guarantor who is also an Authorised Signatory of the Guarantor stating that, in his opinion, a Subsidiary is or is not, or was or was not, a Principal Subsidiary shall be conclusive and binding on all parties in the absence of manifest error; and

“Relevant Indebtedness” means any indebtedness which is in the form of, or represented or evidenced by, notes, debentures, loan stock or other debt securities which for the time being are, or are intended to be or capable of being, quoted, listed or dealt in or traded on any stock exchange or over-the-counter securities market.

(B) **NDRC**

The Guarantor undertakes to file or cause to be filed with the National Development and Reform Commission of the People’s Republic of China (the **“PRC”**) (the **“NDRC”**) the requisite information and documents in respect of the issuance of the Notes within 10 PRC Business Days after the Issue Date and in accordance with the Notice on Promoting the Reform of the Filing and Registration System for Issuance of Foreign Debt by Corporates (國家發展改革委關於推進企業發行外債備案登記制管理改革的通知) promulgated by the NDRC on 14 September 2015 which came into effect immediately (the **“Post-Issuance Filing”**). The Guarantor shall use all reasonable endeavours to complete the Post-Issuance Filing and shall comply with all applicable PRC laws and regulations in relation to the issue of the Notes and the Guarantee.

The Guarantor shall, within 10 PRC Business Days after completion of the Post-Issuance Filing, provide the Trustee with (i) a certificate in English substantially in the form set out in the Trust Deed signed by an Authorised Signatory of the Guarantor confirming the completion of the Post-Issuance Filing; and (ii) a copy of the Post-Issuance Filing setting out the particulars of filing, certified in English as a true and complete copy of the original by an Authorised Signatory of the Guarantor (the documents in (i) and (ii) above of this Condition 4(B) collectively, the **“Filing Documents”**). In addition, the Guarantor shall procure that, within 10 PRC Business Days after the Filing Documents are delivered to the Trustee, the Issuer gives notice to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 15) confirming the completion of the Post-Issuance Filing.

The Trustee shall have no obligation or duty to monitor or ensure the submission of the Post-Issuance Filing with the NDRC, to assist the Guarantor with the making or the completion of the Post-Issuance Filing with the NDRC, to verify the accuracy, validity and/or genuineness of any documents in relation to or in connection with the Post-Issuance Filing and/or the Filing Documents, to translate or procure the translation of any such documents into English or to give notice to the Holders confirming the completion of the Post-Issuance Filing, and the Trustee shall not be liable to Holders or any other person for not doing any of the foregoing.

5 Interest

(A) **Interest Payment Dates**

The Notes bear interest from and including 5 May 2021 at a rate of 3.25 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually in arrear in equal instalments of U.S.\$16.25 per Calculation Amount (as defined in Condition 5(D) below) on 5 May and 5 November in each year (each an **“Interest Payment Date”**).

(B) **Interest Payments**

Each Note will cease to bear interest from (and including) its due date for redemption unless, upon due presentation of the Certificate representing such Note, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, it shall continue to bear interest at such rate (both before and after judgment) until whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Holder, and (ii) the day seven days after the Trustee or the Principal Agent has notified Holders of receipt of all sums due in respect of all the Notes up to that seventh day (except to the extent that there is failure in the subsequent payment to the relevant Holders under these Conditions).

(C) **Interest Periods**

If interest is required to be calculated for a period of less than a complete Interest Period (as defined below), the relevant day count fraction will be determined on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each and, in the case of an incomplete month, the number of days elapsed. In these Conditions, the period beginning on and including 5 May 2021 and ending on but excluding the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period beginning on and including an Interest Payment Date and ending on but excluding the next succeeding Interest Payment Date is called an “**Interest Period**”.

(D) **Calculation of Interest**

Interest in respect of any Note shall be calculated per U.S.\$1,000 in principal amount of the Notes (the “**Calculation Amount**”). The amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount for any period shall, save as provided above in this Condition 5 in relation to equal instalments, be equal to the product of 3.25 per cent., the Calculation Amount and the day count fraction for the relevant period, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest cent (half a cent being rounded upwards).

6 Payments

(A) **Method of Payment**

Payment of principal, premium and interest will be made in U.S. dollars by transfer to the registered account of the Holder. Payment of principal and premium will only be made after surrender of the relevant Certificate at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents.

Interest due on an Interest Payment Date will be paid on the due date for the payment of such interest to the Holder shown on the Register at the close of business on the seventh day before the due date for the payment of interest (the “**Record Date**”).

(B) **Registered Accounts**

For the purposes of this Condition 6, a Holder’s “**registered account**” means the U.S. dollar account maintained by or on behalf of it with a bank in New York City, details of which appear on the Register at the close of business on the fifth Business Day before the due date for payment, and a Holder’s registered address means its address appearing on the Register at that time.

(C) **Fiscal Laws**

All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8. No expenses shall be charged to the Holders in respect of such payments.

(D) **Payment Initiation**

Where payment is to be made by transfer to a registered account, payment instructions (for value on the due date or, if that is not a Business Day, for value on the first following day which is a Business Day) will be initiated on the due date for payment (or, if it is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day) or, in the case of a payment of principal or premium, if later, on the Business Day on which the relevant Certificate is surrendered at the specified office of a Paying Agent.

(E) **Delay in Payment**

Holders will not be entitled to any interest or other payment for any delay after the due date in receiving the amount due if the due date is not a Business Day or if the Holder is late in surrendering its Certificate (if required to do so).

(F) **Partial Payment**

If an amount which is due on the Notes is not paid in full, the Registrar will annotate the Register with a record of the amount (if any) in fact paid.

7 Redemption, Purchase and Cancellation

(A) **Final Redemption**

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, the Notes will be redeemed at their principal amount on 5 May 2026 (the "**Maturity Date**"). The Notes may not be redeemed at the option of the Issuer other than in accordance with this Condition 7.

(B) **Redemption for Taxation Reasons**

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice (a "**Tax Redemption Notice**") to the Trustee and to the Principal Agent in writing and to the Holders in accordance with Condition 15 (which notice shall be irrevocable) at their principal amount together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption (the "**Tax Redemption Date**") and unpaid, if the Issuer or the Guarantor satisfies the Trustee immediately prior to the giving of such notice that (i) the Issuer (or if the Guarantee were called, the Guarantor) has or will become obliged to pay Additional Tax Amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 8 as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the British Virgin Islands or Hong Kong or, in each case, any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the general application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after 21 April 2021, and (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer (or, as the case may be, the Guarantor) taking reasonable measures available to it (a "**Gross-Up Event**"), provided that no Tax Redemption Notice shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer (or, as the case may be, the Guarantor) would be obliged to pay such Additional Tax Amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes (or, as the case may be, the Guarantee) then due. Prior to the publication of any Tax Redemption Notice pursuant to this Condition 7(B), the Issuer (or, as the case may be, the Guarantor) shall deliver to the Trustee (a) a certificate in English signed by an Authorised Signatory of the Issuer (or, as the case may be, by an Authorised Signatory of the Guarantor) stating that the obligation referred to in (i) above of this Condition 7(B) cannot be avoided by the Issuer (or, as the case may be, the Guarantor) taking reasonable measures available to it and (b) an opinion of independent legal or tax advisers of recognised standing to the effect that such change or amendment has occurred (irrespective of whether such amendment or change is then effective). The Trustee shall be entitled to accept and rely on such certificate and opinion as sufficient evidence thereof, in which event the same shall be conclusive and binding on the Holders. Upon the expiry of the Tax Redemption Notice, the Issuer will be bound to redeem the Notes at their principal amount together with any interest accrued to (but excluding) the Tax Redemption Date and unpaid.

(C) **Redemption for Put Event**

At any time following the occurrence of a Put Event, the Holder of any Note will have the right, at such Holder's option, to require the Issuer to redeem all, and not some only, of that Holder's Notes on the Put Event Redemption Date at 101 per cent. of their principal amount, together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding) such Put Event Redemption Date and unpaid. To exercise such right, the Holder of the relevant Note must deposit at the specified office of the Principal Agent or any other Paying Agent a duly completed and signed notice of redemption, in the form for the time being current, obtainable from the specified office of any Paying Agent (a "**Put Exercise Notice**"), together with the Certificate evidencing the Notes to be redeemed, by not later than 30 days following a Put Event, or, if later, 30 days following the date upon which notice thereof is given to Holders by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 15.

The "**Put Event Redemption Date**" shall be the fourteenth day after the expiry of such period of 30 days as referred to above.

A Put Exercise Notice, once delivered, shall be irrevocable and the Issuer shall redeem the Notes subject to the Put Exercise Notices delivered as aforesaid on the Put Event Redemption Date.

The Issuer shall give written notice to Holders in accordance with Condition 15 and to the Trustee and the Principal Agent in writing by not later than 14 days following the first day on which it becomes aware of the occurrence of a Put Event, which notice shall specify the procedure for exercise by Holders of their rights to require redemption of the Notes pursuant to this Condition 7(C).

For the purpose of this Condition 7(C):

"**Change of Control**" occurs when:

- (i) China Life Insurance Company Limited and its wholly-owned subsidiaries together cease to be the single largest shareholder of the Guarantor; or
- (ii) China Life Insurance Company Limited and its wholly-owned subsidiaries together cease to have a nominee director on the board of directors of the Guarantor;

"**Fitch**" means Fitch Ratings Ltd. and its successors;

"**Investment Grade Rating**" means a rating of "Aaa", or "Aa", "A" or "Baa", as modified by a "1", "2" or "3" indication, or an equivalent rating representing one of the four highest rating categories, by Moody's, or any of its successors or assigns; a rating of "BBB-" or better by Fitch, or any of its successors or assigns; a rating of "AAA", "AA", "A" or "BBB", as modified by a "+" or "-" indication, or an equivalent rating representing one of the four highest rating categories, by S&P, or any of its successors or assigns; or the equivalent ratings of any internationally recognised rating agency or agencies, as the case may be, which shall have been designated by the Issuer as having been substituted for Moody's, Fitch or S&P or any combination thereof, as the case may be (and any such designation shall be notified in writing by the Issuer to the Trustee);

"**Moody's**" means Moody's Investors Services, Inc. and its successors;

"**Non-Investment Grade Rating**" means a rating below an Investment Grade Rating assigned by a Rating Agency;

a "**Put Event**" will be deemed to occur if:

- (i) there is a Change of Control; and
- (ii) within a period ending six months after the date notice of the Change of Control first becomes public, a Ratings Downgrade occurs,

provided that if at the time of occurrence of the Change of Control, the Notes carry a Non-Investment Grade Rating or no credit rating from any of the Rating Agencies, a Put Event will be deemed to occur upon the occurrence of a Change of Control alone;

“Ratings Agencies” means Moody’s, Fitch or S&P or any of their respective successors or assigns;

“Ratings Downgrade” means if:

- (i) the Guarantor carries an Investment Grade Rating from three Rating Agencies, each of at least two Rating Agencies either (a) downgrades the Investment Grade Rating given by it to the Guarantor to a Non-Investment Grade Rating, or (b) withdraws the Investment Grade Rating given by it to the Guarantor;
- (ii) the Guarantor carries an Investment Grade Rating from two Rating Agencies, each of both Rating Agencies either (a) downgrades the Investment Grade Rating given by it to the Guarantor to a Non-Investment Grade Rating, or (b) withdraws the Investment Grade Rating given by it to the Guarantor; or
- (iii) the Guarantor carries an Investment Grade Rating from one Rating Agency, such Rating Agency either (a) downgrades the Investment Grade Rating given by it to the Guarantor to a Non-Investment Grade Rating, or (b) withdraws the Investment Grade Rating given by it to the Guarantor; and

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and its successors.

The Trustee and the Agents shall not be required to take any steps to ascertain or monitor whether a Put Event or any event which could lead to a Put Event has occurred or may occur and none of them shall be responsible for or liable to Holders, the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other person for any loss arising from any failure to do so. Each of the Trustee and the Agents shall be entitled to assume that no Put Event has occurred until the Trustee or the relevant Agent, as applicable, has received notice thereof in writing.

(D) ***Redemption at the Option of the Issuer***

On giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ notice (an **“Option Redemption Notice”**) to the Trustee and the Principal Agent in writing and to the Holders in accordance with Condition 15 (which notice shall be irrevocable), the Issuer may:

- (i) at any time prior to 5 February 2026 redeem the Notes, in whole but not in part, at a Make Whole Price as of, together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding), the redemption date (the **“Option Redemption Date”**) specified in the Option Redemption Notice and unpaid; and
- (ii) at any time from or after 5 February 2026 redeem the Notes, in whole but not in part, at 100 per cent. of their principal amount, together with interest, if any, accrued to (but excluding), the Option Redemption Date specified in the Option Redemption Notice and unpaid.

None of the Trustee or the Agents shall be responsible for calculating or verifying the Make Whole Price or, as the case may be, the redemption price payable pursuant to this Condition 7(D) and will not be responsible to Holders, the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other person for any loss arising from not doing so.

In this Condition 7(D):

“Adjusted Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any Option Redemption Date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield in maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date;

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the U.S. Treasury security having a maturity comparable to the Maturity Date that would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the Maturity Date;

“Comparable Treasury Price” means, with respect to any Option Redemption Date:

- (i) the average of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) on the third Business Day preceding such Option Redemption Date, as set forth in the daily statistical release (or any successor release) published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and designated “Composite 3:30 p.m. Quotations for U.S. Government Securities”; or
- (ii) if such release (or any successor release) is not published or does not contain such prices on such Business Day, (a) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such Option Redemption Date, after excluding the highest and lowest of such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (b) if fewer than three such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations are available, the average of all such quotations;

“Make Whole Price” means, with respect to a Note at any redemption date, the amount calculated by the Quotation Agent that is the greater of (i) the present value of the principal amount of the Notes, assuming a scheduled repayment thereof on the Maturity Date plus all required remaining scheduled interest payments due on a Note through the Maturity Date (but excluding accrued and unpaid interest to the Option Redemption Date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Adjusted Treasury Rate plus 40 basis points, and (ii) the principal amount of such Notes;

“Quotation Agent” means the Reference Treasury Dealer selected by the Issuer and notified in writing to the Trustee;

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means each of any three investment banks of recognised standing that is a primary US Government securities dealer in New York City, selected by the Issuer in good faith and notified in writing to the Trustee; and

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any Option Redemption Date, the average as determined by the Quotation Agent, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to such Quotation Agent by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m. (New York time) on the third Business Day preceding such Option Redemption Date.

(E) ***Notices of Redemption***

All Notes in respect of which any notice of redemption is given under this Condition 7 shall be redeemed on the date, in such place and in such manner as specified in such notice in accordance with this Condition 7. If there is more than one notice of redemption given in respect of any Note (which shall include any notice given by the Issuer pursuant to Conditions 7(B) and 7(D) and any Put Exercise Notice given by a Holder pursuant to Condition 7(C)), the notice given first in time shall prevail and in the event of two notices being given on the same date, the first to be given shall prevail.

(F) ***Purchase***

The Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries may at any time and from time to time purchase Notes at any price in the open market or otherwise. The Notes so purchased, while held by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any such Subsidiary, shall not entitle the Holder to vote at any meetings of the Holders and shall be deemed not to be outstanding for certain purposes, including without limitation for the purpose of calculating quorums at meetings of the Holders and for the purposes of Conditions 9, 11 and 18.

(G) **Cancellation**

All Certificates representing Notes which are redeemed or purchased by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries shall be surrendered for cancellation to the Registrar and, upon surrender thereof, all such Notes shall forthwith be cancelled. Any Certificates so surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer in respect of any such Notes shall be discharged.

8 Taxation

All payments made by the Issuer or the Guarantor under or in respect of the Notes, the Trust Deed, the Guarantee or the Agency Agreement will be made free from any restriction or condition and be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of the British Virgin Islands or Hong Kong or, in either case, any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, unless deduction or withholding of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges is compelled by law. In such event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts (the **"Additional Tax Amounts"**) as will result in the receipt by the Holders of the net amounts after such deduction or withholding equal to the amounts which would otherwise have been receivable by them had no such deduction or withholding been required except that no such additional amount shall be payable in respect of any Note:

- (i) *Other connection*: to a Holder (or to a third party on behalf of a Holder) who is subject to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note by reason of his having some connection with the British Virgin Islands or in the case of payments made by the Guarantor, Hong Kong, otherwise than merely by holding the Note or by the receipt of amounts in respect of the Note; or
- (ii) *Presentation more than 30 days after the relevant date*: (in the case of a payment of principal) if the Certificate in respect of such Note is surrendered more than 30 days after the relevant date except to the extent that the Holder would have been entitled to such additional amount on surrendering the relevant Certificate for payment on the last day of such period of 30 days.

For the purposes hereof, **"relevant date"** means whichever is the later of (a) the date on which such payment first becomes due and (b) if the full amount payable has not been received by the Trustee or the Principal Agent on or prior to such due date, seven days after the date on which, the full amount having been so received, notice to that effect shall have been given to the Holders and payment made.

References in these Conditions to principal, interest and premium (if any) shall be deemed also to refer to any additional amounts which may be payable under this Condition 8 or any undertaking or covenant given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed.

Neither the Trustee nor any Agent shall be responsible for paying any tax, duty, charges, withholding or other payment referred to in this Condition 8 or for determining whether such amounts are payable or the amount thereof, and none of them shall be responsible or liable for (A) determining whether the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Noteholder is liable to pay any taxes, duty, charges, withholding or other payment referred to in this Condition 8; or (B) determining the sufficiency or insufficiency of any amounts so paid. None of the Trustee or the Agents shall be responsible or liable for any failure by the Issuer, the Guarantor, any Noteholder, or any third party to pay such tax, duty, charges, withholding or other payment in any jurisdiction or to provide any notice or information to the Trustee or any Agent that would permit, enable or facilitate the payment of any principal, premium (if any), interest or other amount under or in respect of the Notes without deduction or withholding for or on account of any tax, duty, charge, withholding or other payment imposed by or in any jurisdiction.

9 Events of Default

If any of the following events (each an “**Event of Default**”) occurs, the Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested by Holders of at least 25 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution shall (provided in any such case that the Trustee shall have been indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction), give notice to the Issuer that the Notes are, and they shall immediately become, due and payable at their principal amount together (if applicable) with accrued interest:

- (i) *Non-Payment*: the Issuer and the Guarantor each fail to pay the principal or premium of or any interest on any of the Notes when due and such failure continues for a period of seven days in the case of principal and 14 days in the case of interest; or
- (ii) *Breach of Other Obligations*: the Issuer or the Guarantor fails to perform or comply with any one or more of their other respective obligations in the Notes or the Trust Deed or under the Guarantee which default is in the opinion of the Trustee incapable of remedy or, if in the opinion of the Trustee capable of remedy, is not remedied within 30 days after notice of such default shall have been given to the Issuer or the Guarantor by the Trustee; or
- (iii) *Cross-Default*: (a) any other present or future indebtedness of the Issuer or the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries for or in respect of moneys borrowed or raised becomes due and payable prior to its stated maturity by reason of any actual or potential default, event of default or the like (howsoever described), or (b) any such indebtedness is not paid when due or, as the case may be, within any originally applicable grace period, or (c) the Issuer or the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries fails to pay when due any amount payable by it under any present or future guarantee for, or indemnity in respect of, any moneys borrowed or raised provided that no event described in this Condition 9(iii) shall constitute an Event of Default unless the aggregate amount of the relevant indebtedness, guarantees and indemnities in respect of which one or more of the events mentioned above in this Condition 9(iii) have occurred equals or exceeds U.S.\$25,000,000 or its equivalent; or
- (iv) *Enforcement Proceedings*: a distress, attachment, execution or other legal process is levied, enforced or sued out on or against any part of the property, assets or revenues of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries and is not discharged or stayed within 45 days; or
- (v) *Security Enforced*: any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other encumbrance, present or future, created or assumed by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries becomes enforceable and any step is taken to enforce it (including the taking of possession or the appointment of a receiver, manager or other similar person); or
- (vi) *Insolvency*: the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries is (or is, or could be, deemed by law or a court to be) insolvent or bankrupt or unable to pay its debts, stops, suspends or threatens to stop or suspend payment of all or a material part of (or of a particular type of) its debts, proposes or makes any agreement for the deferral, rescheduling or other readjustment of all of (or all of a particular type of) its debts (or of any part which it will or might otherwise be unable to pay when due), proposes or makes a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of the relevant creditors in respect of any of such debts or a moratorium (which expression shall not include any deferral of principal originally contemplated and made in accordance with the terms of any loan or other debt-related agreement) is agreed or declared in respect of or affecting all or any part of (or of a particular type of) the debts of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries; or
- (vii) *Winding-up*: an order is made or an effective resolution passed for the winding-up or dissolution of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries, or the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries ceases or threatens to cease to carry on all or a substantial part of its business or operations, except for (a) the purpose of and followed by a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger or consolidation (A) on terms approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Holders, or

(B) in the case of a Principal Subsidiary, whereby the undertaking and assets of such Principal Subsidiary are transferred to or otherwise vested in the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) or another of its Subsidiaries, or (b) any voluntary solvent winding-up, liquidation or dissolution of a Principal Subsidiary (other than the Issuer) where the undertaking and assets of such Principal Subsidiary (if any) is vested in the Guarantor or another Subsidiary; or

- (viii) *Nationalisation*: any step is taken by any person with a view to the seizure, compulsory acquisition, expropriation or nationalisation of all or a material part of the assets of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries; or
- (ix) *Authorisation and Consents*: any action, condition or thing (including the obtaining or effecting of any necessary consent, approval, authorisation, exemption, filing, licence, order, recording or registration) at any time required to be taken, fulfilled or done in order (a) to enable the Issuer and the Guarantor lawfully to enter into, exercise their respective rights and perform and comply with their respective obligations under the Notes and the Trust Deed, (b) to ensure that those obligations are legally binding and enforceable and (c) to make the Notes and the Trust Deed admissible in evidence in the Hong Kong courts is not taken, fulfilled or done; or
- (x) *Illegality*: it is or will become unlawful for the Issuer or the Guarantor to perform or comply with any one or more of its obligations under any of the Notes or the Trust Deed or the Guarantee; or
- (xi) *Issuer ceases to be Subsidiary*: the Issuer ceases to be a Subsidiary wholly-owned and controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Guarantor; or
- (xii) *Analogous Events*: any event occurs which under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction has an analogous effect to any of the events referred to in any of Conditions 9(i) to 9(xi); or
- (xiii) *Guarantee*: the Guarantee is not (or is claimed by the Guarantor not to be) in full force and effect.

Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor shall, within 14 days of (I) the Guarantor's annual audited financial statements being made available to its equity holders or (II) any request of the Trustee, send to the Trustee a certificate signed by a director of the Issuer who is also an Authorised Signatory of the Issuer or, as the case may be, by a director of the Guarantor who is also an Authorised Signatory of the Guarantor to the effect that as at a date not more than five days prior to the date of the certificate no Event of Default or event or circumstance that could with the giving of notice, lapse of time and/or issue of a certificate become an Event of Default has occurred.

10 Prescription

Claims in respect of amounts due in respect of the Notes will become prescribed unless made within 10 years (in the case of principal or premium) and five years (in the case of interest) from the relevant date (as defined in Condition 8) in respect thereof.

11 Meetings of Holders

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of Holders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including without limitation the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes or the provisions of the Trust Deed. Such a meeting may be convened by the Trustee, the Issuer or the Guarantor and shall be convened by the Trustee upon request in writing from Holders holding not less than 10 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding and subject to the Trustee being indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction against all costs and expenses. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be two or more persons holding or representing over 50 per cent. in principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding or, at any adjourned such meeting, two or more persons being or representing Holders whatever the principal amount of the Notes so held or represented unless the business of such meeting includes consideration of proposals, *inter alia*, (i) to modify the due date for any payment in respect of the Notes, (ii) to reduce or cancel

the amount of principal or interest or premium payable in respect of the Notes, (iii) to change the currency of payment of the Notes, (iv) to cancel or modify the Guarantee or (v) to modify the provisions concerning the quorum required at any meeting of the Holders or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution, in which case the necessary quorum for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be two or more persons holding or representing not less than 66 per cent., or at any adjourned such meeting not less than 33 per cent., in principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of Holders will be binding on all Holders, whether or not they are present at the meeting. The Trust Deed provides that a written resolution signed by or on behalf of the Holders of not less than 90 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of Notes for the time being outstanding shall be as valid and effective as a duly passed Extraordinary Resolution.

12 Modification and Waiver

(A) *Modification and Waiver*

The Trustee may (but shall not be obliged to) agree, without the consent of the Holders, to (i) any modification (except as mentioned in Condition 11 above) to, or the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, the Notes, the Agency Agreement or the Trust Deed which is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders or (ii) any modification to the Notes, the Agency Agreement or the Trust Deed which, in the Trustee's opinion, is of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law. Any such modification, waiver or authorisation will be binding on the Holders and, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, any such modification, waiver and authorisation will be notified by the Issuer to the Holders as soon as practicable thereafter.

(B) *Interests of Holders*

In connection with the exercise of its functions, rights, powers and discretions (including but not limited to those in relation to any proposed modification, authorisation, waiver or substitution), the Trustee shall have regard to the interests of the Holders as a class and shall not have regard to the consequences of such exercise for individual Holders and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require on behalf of any Holder, nor shall any Holder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Trustee, any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequences of any such exercise upon individual Holders except to the extent provided for in Condition 8 and/or any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed.

(C) *Certificates/Reports*

Any certificate, opinion, advice or report of any expert or other person called for by or provided to the Trustee (whether or not addressed to the Trustee) in accordance with or for the purposes of these Conditions or the Trust Deed may be relied upon by the Trustee as sufficient evidence of the facts therein (and shall, in absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all parties) notwithstanding that such certificate, opinion, advice or report and/or any engagement letter or other document entered into by the Trustee and/or the Issuer and/or the Guarantor in connection therewith contains a monetary or other limit on the liability of the relevant expert or person in respect thereof.

In the event of the passing of an Extraordinary Resolution in accordance with Condition 11, or a modification, waiver or authorisation in accordance with Condition 12(A), the Issuer will procure that the Holders be notified in accordance with Condition 15.

13 Replacement of Certificates

If any Certificate is mutilated, defaced, destroyed, stolen or lost, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent upon payment by the claimant of such costs as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity and/or security as the Issuer and/or the Registrar or such Transfer Agent may require. Mutilated or defaced Certificates must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

14 Further Issues

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders, create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects save for the issue date, the first payment of interest on them and the timing for making or submission of the Post-Issuance Filing) and so that such further issue shall be consolidated and form a single series with the Notes. Such further notes shall be constituted by a deed supplemental to the Trust Deed.

15 Notices

All notices to Holders shall be validly given if mailed to them at their respective addresses in the Register maintained by the Registrar or published in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Asia (which is expected to be the *Asian Wall Street Journal*). Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the later of the date(s) of such publication(s) (or, if published more than once, the first date on which publication is made) and the seventh day after being so mailed, as the case may be.

So long as the Notes are represented by the Global Certificate and the Global Certificate is held on behalf of Euroclear, Clearstream or any Alternative Clearing System (as defined in the form of the Global Certificate), notices to Holders shall be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear, Clearstream or the Alternative Clearing System, for communication by the relevant clearing system to entitled accountholders in substitution for notification as required by the Conditions and shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery to such clearing system.

16 Agents

The names of the initial Agents and their specified offices are set out below. The Issuer reserves the right, subject to the prior written approval of the Trustee, at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint additional or other Agents. The Issuer will at all times maintain (i) a Principal Agent, (ii) a Transfer Agent and (iii) a Registrar which will maintain the Register outside the United Kingdom. Notice of any such termination or appointment, of any changes in the specified offices of any Agent and of any change in the identity of the Registrar, the Transfer Agent or the Principal Agent will be given promptly by the Issuer to the Holders and in any event not less than 30 days' notice will be given.

17 Indemnification of the Trustee

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility, including provisions relieving it from taking proceedings to enforce repayment unless indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction. The Trustee is entitled to enter into business transactions with the Issuer, the Guarantor and any entity related (directly or indirectly) to the Issuer or the Guarantor without accounting for any profit.

The Trustee may rely without liability to Holders, the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other person on any report, information, confirmation or certificate from or any opinion or advice of any accountants, auditors, legal advisers, valuers, auctioneers, surveyors, brokers, financial advisers, financial institution or any other expert, whether or not addressed to it and whether their liability in relation thereto is limited (by its terms or by any engagement letter relating thereto entered into by the Trustee or any other person or in any other manner) by reference to a monetary cap, methodology or otherwise limited or excluded. The Trustee may accept and shall be entitled to rely on any such report, information, confirmation, certificate, opinion or advice, in which case such report, information, confirmation, certificate, opinion or advice shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Holders.

Whenever the Trustee is required or entitled by the terms of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or these Conditions to exercise any discretion or power, take any action, make any decision or give any direction, the Trustee is entitled, prior to it exercising any such discretion or power, taking any such action, making any such decision or giving any such direction, to seek directions from the Holders by way of an Extraordinary Resolution, and the

Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for any loss or liability incurred by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Holders or any other person as a result of any delay in it exercising such discretion or power, taking such action, making such decision or giving such direction as a result of seeking such directions from the Holders or in the event that no such direction is given to the Trustee by the Holders.

None of the Trustee or any Agent shall be liable to any Holder, the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other person for any action taken by the Trustee or such Agent in accordance with the instructions of the Holders. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely on any direction, request or resolution of Holders given by Holders holding the requisite principal amount of Notes outstanding or passed at a meeting of Holders convened and held in accordance with the Trust Deed.

None of the Trustee or any of the Agents shall be responsible for the performance by the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and any other person appointed by the Issuer and/or the Guarantor in relation to the Notes of the duties and obligations on their part expressed in respect of the same and, unless it has written notice from the Issuer or the Guarantor to the contrary, the Trustee and each Agent shall be entitled to assume that the same are being duly performed.

The Trustee shall have no obligation to monitor whether an Event of Default, a Potential Event of Default, a Gross-Up Event or a Put Event has occurred, or any event which could lead to the occurrence of an Event of Default, a Potential Event of Default, a Gross-Up Event or a Put Event has occurred or may occur, and the Trustee shall not be liable to the Holders or any other person for not doing so.

Each Holder shall be solely responsible for making and continuing to make its own independent appraisal and investigation into the financial condition, creditworthiness, condition, affairs, status and nature of the Issuer, the Guarantor, each Principal Subsidiary and each Subsidiary of the Issuer and of the Guarantor, and the Trustee shall not at any time have any responsibility for the same and each Holder shall not rely on the Trustee in respect thereof.

18 Enforcement

At any time after the Notes become due and payable, the Trustee may (but shall not be obliged to), at its discretion and without further notice, take such steps and/or actions and/or institute such proceedings against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor as it may think fit to enforce the terms of the Trust Deed and the Notes and/or the Guarantee, but it need not take any such steps, actions and/or proceedings unless (i) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution or so requested in writing by Holders holding at least 25 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, and (ii) it shall first have been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction. No Holder may proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails to do so within a reasonable time and such failure is continuing.

19 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of the Notes or any provision of the Trust Deed under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 except to the extent (if any) that the Notes expressly provide for the Act to apply to any of their terms but this shall not affect any right or remedy which exists or is available apart from the Act and is without prejudice to the rights of the Holders as set out in Condition 18.

20 Governing Law and Submission to Jurisdiction

The Notes, the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of England. In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed or the Notes, each of the parties has in the Trust Deed irrevocably submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Hong Kong courts and in relation thereto the Issuer has appointed the Guarantor at its registered office at Suite 601, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong as its agent for service of process in Hong Kong.

21 Definitions

In these Conditions:

“Authorised Signatory” means, in relation to the Issuer or the Guarantor, any director or any other officer of the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, who has been authorised by the Issuer or, as the case may be, by the Guarantor, to sign the certificates and other documents required by or as contemplated in the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or any other transaction document on behalf of, and so as to bind, the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, and which the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, has notified in writing to the Trustee and the Agents as provided in Clause 15.30 of the Agency Agreement;

“Business Day” means:

- (i) in respect of Condition 3, any day other than a Saturday or Sunday on which banks are open for business in the city in which the specified office of the Registrar and the relevant Transfer Agent with whom a Certificate is deposited in connection with a transfer is located; and
- (ii) in respect of Condition 6, any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday on which commercial banks are open for business in New York, Hong Kong and the city in which the specified office of the Principal Agent is located and, in the case of the surrender of a Certificate, in the place where the Certificate is surrendered;

“Holder” means (in relation to a Note) the person in whose name a Note is registered;

a **“Person”** includes any individual, company, corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, undertaking, association, organisation, trust, state or agency of state (in each case whether or not being a separate legal entity);

“PRC Business Day” means a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which commercial banks are generally open for business in Beijing;

“Register” means the register of Holders which the Issuer shall procure to be kept by the Registrar; and

“Subsidiary” means in relation to any person, is to any company or other business entity of which that person owns or controls (either directly or through one or more other Subsidiaries) more than 50 per cent. of the issued share capital or other ownership interest having ordinary voting power to elect directors, managers or trustees of such company or other business entity or any company or other business entity which at any time has its accounts consolidated with those of that person or which, under the laws or regulations of Hong Kong, or Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants as amended from time to time, should have its accounts consolidated with those of that person.

THE GLOBAL CERTIFICATE

The Global Certificate will contain the following provisions which will apply to the Notes whilst they are represented by the Global Certificate, some of which modify the effect of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes. Terms defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes have the same meaning in the paragraphs below of this section.

PAYMENTS

The Issuer, for value received, will promise to pay to the holder of the Notes represented by the Global Certificate upon presentation and (when no further payment falls to be made in respect of such Notes) surrender of the Global Certificate on the Maturity Date (or on such earlier date as the amount payable upon redemption under the Terms and Conditions of the Notes may become repayable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) the amount payable upon redemption under the Terms and Conditions of the Notes in respect of the Notes represented by the Global Certificate and (unless the Notes represented by the Global Certificate do not bear interest) to pay interest in respect of such Notes in arrear at the rates, on the dates for payment, and in accordance with the method of calculation provided for in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, save that the calculation is made in respect of the total aggregate amount of the Notes represented by the Global Certificate, together with such other sums and additional amounts (if any) as may be payable under the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

Payments of principal, premium (if any) and interest in respect of the Notes represented by the Global Certificate will be made to, or to the order of, the person whose name is entered on the Register at the close of business on the record date which shall be on the Clearing System Business Day immediately prior to the date for payment, where “**Clearing System Business Day**” means a weekday (Monday to Friday inclusive) except 25 December and 1 January on which the relevant clearing system is operating and open for business.

NOTICES

So long as the Notes are represented by the Global Certificate and the Global Certificate is held on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream or an alternative clearing system, notices to Holders may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to that clearing system for communication by it to entitled accountholders in substitution for notification as required by the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

TRANSFERS

Transfers of interests in the Notes represented by the Global Certificate will be effected through the records of Euroclear and Clearstream (or any alternative clearing system) and their respective participants in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream (or any alternative clearing system) and their respective direct and indirect participants.

MEETINGS

The registered holder of the Global Certificate will be treated as being two persons for the purposes of any quorum requirements of a meeting of Holders and, at any such meeting, as having one vote in respect of each U.S.\$1,000 in principal amount of Notes for which the Global Certificate is issued.

HOLDER'S REDEMPTION

The Holder's redemption option in Condition 7(C) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes may be exercised by the registered holder of the Global Certificate giving notice to the Principal Agent of the principal amount of Notes in respect of which the option is exercised and presenting the Global Certificate for endorsement or exercise within the time limits specified in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

ISSUER'S REDEMPTION

The Issuer's redemption options in Conditions 7(B) and 7(D) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes may be exercised by the Issuer giving notice to the Principal Agent and the registered holder of the Global Certificate within the time limits specified in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

EXCHANGE FOR DEFINITIVE CERTIFICATES

Owners of interests in the Notes in respect of which the Global Certificate is issued will be entitled to have title to the Notes registered in their names and to receive individual definitive Certificates if Euroclear or Clearstream or any other clearing system through which the Notes are held is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holidays, statutory or otherwise) or announces an intention permanently to cease business or does in fact do so.

THE ISSUER

The Issuer was incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with limited liability on 30 May 2018. The registered office of the Issuer is at Vistra Corporate Services Centre, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

The Issuer is authorised to issue a maximum of 50,000 shares of a single class each with a par value of U.S.\$1.00. One registered share has been issued and paid up.

The Issuer has no subsidiaries. The one issued share in the Issuer is indirectly owned by the Guarantor.

The Issuer was established for the purpose of issuing notes and on-lending the proceeds to the Guarantor or its subsidiaries. Since its incorporation, the Issuer has not engaged in any other material activities other than those relating to the proposed issue of the 2021 Notes, the 2022 Notes, the 2029 Notes, the 2030 Notes and the on-lending of the proceeds thereof to the Guarantor or any other subsidiary of the Guarantor, and the authorisation of documents and agreements referred to in this Offering Circular to which it is or will be a party.

The directors of the Issuer at the date of this Offering Circular are Mr. LI Ming, Mr. SUM Pui Ying and Ms. LIU Cheuk Kei, Chloe. The business address of the directors is Suite 601, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong. The Issuer has no employees.

The directors of the Issuer do not have any interest or short position in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Issuer or of any of its subsidiaries. Under BVI law, the Issuer is not required to publish interim or annual financial statements. The Issuer has not published, and does not propose to publish, any financial statements. The Issuer is, however, required to keep proper books of account as it is necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Issuer's affairs and to explain its transactions.

THE GROUP

OVERVIEW

We are a leading large-scale national property developer with developments in key economic regions in the PRC, including the Beijing Region, the Bohai Rim Region, the Eastern Region, the Southern Region, the Central Region and the Western Region. Our core businesses include development of residential property, investment property development and operation, customer service and product construction, while non-core businesses cover real estate financing, logistics property, internet data center and senior living service. We aim to build upon our proven track records in real estate development and grow into a leading group that excels in sector investments. Attributable to our focus on quality products and professional services, we have built “Sino-Ocean” (“遠洋”) into a strong national brand.

We had more than 210 projects in different stages of development as of 31 December 2020 in rapidly growing Chinese cities and metropolitan regions, such as Beijing, Langfang, Qinhuangdao and Shijiazhuang in the Beijing Region; Tianjin, Dalian, Jinan and Qingdao in the Bohai Rim Region; Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuxi and Nanjing in the Eastern Region; Shenzhen, Zhongshan, Zhanjiang and Guangzhou in the Southern Region; Wuhan, Zhengzhou, Changsha and Hefei in the Central Region; Chengdu, Xi’an, Chongqing and Kunming in the Western Region and Indonesia and Singapore in the Other Region. As of 31 December 2020, we had a land reserve of over 38 million sq.m. We have developed a balanced property portfolio, with residential, office and retail properties typically situated in either prime or central city locations with convenient transportation access. Most of our residential properties target the emerging or affluent urban middle class in the PRC, especially first-time home buyers and upgraders. We sell most of the properties we developed while selectively retaining portions as investment properties. This allows us to achieve strong sales while generating growing recurring income with capital appreciation potential. As at 31 December 2020, we held more than 18 operating investment properties for rental. Our investment properties are mainly A-grade office premises, shopping malls and commercial complexes at good location. With the completion of certain logistics projects in 2020, the total leasable area of our investment properties was approximately 2,146,000 sq.m. as of 31 December 2020. During 2020, revenue from property investment decreased by 27% to RMB494 million as compared to RMB678 million in 2019, which was mainly due to the adverse impact caused by the novel coronavirus epidemic.

China Life is our single largest shareholder and held approximately 29.59% of our shares as of 31 December 2020. Dajia Life Insurance is our second largest shareholder and held approximately 29.58% of our shares as of the same date. China Life and Dajia Life Insurance each have two directors on our Board of Directors. As at the date of this Offering Circular, China Life appoints two non-executive directors, while Dajia Life Insurance appoints two non-executive directors. We have received strong support from China Life. From an operational perspective, we have cooperated with China Life in numerous projects. From a financial perspective, China Life, together with China Guangfa Bank, in which China Life has a controlling stake, actively supported the Company’s bond issuances. They have subscribed over RMB7 billion in our past issuances, including a domestic corporate bond, USD notes and “panda” medium-term notes. Please refer to the section headed “Relationship with Principal Shareholders” for more details.

For the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, our contracted sales amounted to RMB109,510 million, RMB130,030 million and RMB131,040 million, respectively. For those same periods, our revenue was RMB41,422 million, RMB50,926 million and RMB56,511 million, respectively, and revenue from property development accounted for approximately 86%, 85% and 88% of our revenue, respectively. Profit for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, was RMB4,666 million, RMB4,166 million and RMB4,683 million, respectively.

OUR STRENGTHS

We believe that our success and future prospects are supported by the following strengths:

Leading national property developer with strong sales growth

We are one of the top listed real estate developers in the PRC. We have more than 20 years of experience in the PRC real estate industry. We were awarded as Listed Enterprises of the Year 2017 by Bloomberg Businessweek/Chinese Edition.

In pursuit of the strategic vision of being the creator of “building health and creating social value”, we are committed to becoming a pragmatic comprehensive corporation focusing on investment and development while exploring related diversified new businesses. Our business scope covers residential and integrated development, property development and operation, business collaboration and customer service. “Sino-Ocean” is a brand name with nationwide reputation as a provider of consistent quality products and professional services. As of 31 December 2020, we had more than 210 projects in different stages across 50 cities in the PRC and Overseas. 47 of our projects are located in the Beijing Region, 34 of our projects are located in the Bohai Rim Region, 45 of our projects are located in the Eastern Region, 43 of our projects are located in the Southern Region, 17 of our projects are located in the Central Region, 27 of our projects are located in the Western Region and 2 in Other Region. We believe that we are well positioned to benefit from the continued growth and development of these major economic regions. Most of our residential properties target the emerging or affluent urban middle class in the PRC, especially first-time home buyers and upgraders. We sell most of the properties we developed while selectively retaining portions as investment properties. This allows us to achieve strong sales while generating growing recurring income with capital appreciation potential.

We believe that the success of our projects has been largely due to our ability to interpret and respond to consumer tastes and preferences. Our market research team, engineering team and sales team work closely together with the help of international and domestic architectural firms in order to plan, develop and deliver products desired by consumers. We have also entered into strategic partnerships and joint ventures with established property developers based in Hong Kong and the PRC to develop quality and reputable projects. Our strategic partners include Nan Fung, a leading Hong Kong-based property developer and Swire Properties, a major Hong Kong-based high-end property developer and manager. Our business partners also include WeWork, Shin Kong Group and other reputable PRC real estate developers such as Greenland and Greentown with whom we jointly develop property projects. We believe that our customer focus and quality products have also enabled us to build “Sino-Ocean” into a reputable and well-recognised brand in the PRC. For example, we received “Sina Leju Brand Influence Award for 2016” in December 2016 from Leju Annual Innovative Summit.

In 2020, the Group’s revenue was RMB56,511 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 11%, gross profit margin was 19%, decreased by 1 percentage point as compared to the corresponding period in 2019, and gross profit reached RMB10,457 million. After the adjustments for one-off gain or loss, core profit was RMB2,227 million with 7% increase compared to that of the corresponding period in 2019, core profit margin remained the same as that of the corresponding period last year at 4%, and profit attributable to owners of the Company was RMB2,866 million; basic and diluted earnings per share was RMB0.376.

As China’s real estate market continues to evolve, we believe our expertise and versatility will enable us to identify and take advantage of growth opportunities across China and to adjust our strategy on a timely basis as needed based on the prevailing regulatory environment and dynamic market demands.

Reaping improvement in profitability from strategic positioning

We have successfully implemented our national expansion strategy to achieve geographical diversification. Our national expansion has reduced our reliance on any individual market and risks from regional concentration. Replicating our initial successes in Beijing since commencing operations in the early 1990’s, we began to expand into Tianjin in 2004, followed by Dalian and Zhongshan in 2006, entering the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region and the Southern Region. In 2007, we extended our business coverage to Hangzhou, successfully entering the Central Region and

have continued to expand our presence across the PRC since then. Apart from our geographically diverse development plan, we have also developed a balanced property portfolio. We develop residential, office and retail properties typically situated in either prime or central city locations with convenient transportation access.

In 2021, the Group will continue to focus on property development and intensive cultivation of our major markets, launch superior products to satisfy demands, expand our principal business and accelerate de-stocking of existing resources, improve sales quality to encourage cash collection and ensure accomplishment of the year's target. The Group will monitor the market even more closely with a view to ensuring our intensive cultivation of cities, prioritizing moderate-sized projects to satisfy mainstream demands and generating better returns.

Optimised land banking oriented with fast turnover and shift in geographical focus

In 2020, the Group persevered in the deep cultivation of key city clusters, optimisation of city planning and expansion of investment scale. In accordance with the fifth phase of strategic development, the Group has made a series of regional adjustments and allocated investment resources by moving to “the south and west” (focusing on city clusters along the Yangtze-River Delta and the Pearl River Delta, and core cities and their metropolitan areas in the central and western regions). During the year ended 31 December 2020, we acquired 53 projects in 27 cities and contributed approximately 7.91 million sq.m. to our land resources, all of which were located in major penetrated cities in tier one and tier two cities and the GFA acquired in “the south and west” was 64% of total. As of 31 December 2020, we have presence in 50 cities all over the PRC and overseas, land reserve of over 38 million sq.m., providing a solid foundation for future developments.

We adopt a disciplined approach to land acquisition by undertaking extensive research, analysis and planning prior to land acquisition to ensure profitability, pricing flexibility and asset turnover. We are committed to the following principles with respect to land acquisition: adhering to our investment standards, selecting projects with reasonable scales, focusing on areas where we have an existing presence and staffing with suitable and efficient teams. Our Strategic and Investment Committee also plays an important role. The Strategic and Investment Committee reviews our investment strategies and risk management plans, as well as examines our annual investment plans.

We acquire land through a variety of channels, including the purchase of project companies in secondary markets and old town redevelopment, as well as public tenders, auctions, biddings, mergers and acquisitions. We also seek out primary land development opportunities from local governments, which have the potential to increase our chances of successfully obtaining the land in the subsequent auction or tender process. Leveraging these multiple channels, during 2020, we acquired 51 plots of land and 2 developed projects, of which the total GFA and attributable interest GFA were approximately 7,914,000 sq.m. and 3,969,000 sq.m. respectively. The average acquisition cost per sq.m. of the newly acquired land plots was RMB11,000. In terms of saleable GFA, the average land cost per sq.m. for our landbank as at 31 December 2020 was approximately RMB7,900 (2019: RMB7,500). For the land in our land bank, we either hold land use rights certificates, have signed land grant contracts or have been successful in tendering or bidding for land use rights.

Growing investment properties to strengthen earnings and diversity

The Group has built a sound foundation for office complex operation and management since the development of commercial properties in 2010. We have cultivated strengths in commercial project positioning, planning and design, development and construction, attracting investment and project operation. To date, we have several commercial property projects in progress across China, including grade A offices, high-end shopping centers, five-star hotels and high quality serviced apartments pending for development and operation by stages between 2019 and 2024. During the first half of 2019, the Group newly acquired one investment property in the USA, which added to our list of high-end and well-developed overseas portfolio. We held more than 18 operating investment properties as of 31 December 2020, in which the majority were office units. Our investment properties include high-end offices, large-scale commercial complexes and retail properties of our self-owned brands, most of which are situated in prime locations in China. As of

31 December 2020, the Group had approximately 2,146,000 sq.m. of commercial real estate resources in operation, with office developments accounting for about 38% and others including commercial complexes, logistics projects, carparks and etc. accounting for 62%. In addition, the Group has commercial property resources pending for development and operation by stages before 2026. These include offices of Plot Z6 in Beijing CBD, shopping centers in Tongzhou District, Beijing and other high-end commercial complexes. We believe our commercial property brand will boost a strong portfolio of cross-regional and diversified products which will provide a sound foundation for favourable investment yield and profitability level in the future. For the year ended 31 December 2020, revenue from property investment decreased by 27% to RMB494 million in 2020 from RMB678 million in 2019, which was mainly due to the adverse impact caused by the novel coronavirus epidemic.

Solid balance sheet and strong financing capabilities

We are the one of the few domestic real estate companies with international investment grade rating. At present, the Group is rated “BBB-” by Fitch, “Baa3” with stable rating outlook by Moody’s, and received a corporate rating of “BBB_g+” with a stable outlook from China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited (中國誠信(亞太)信用評級有限公司) and a corporate rating of “AAA” with a stable outlook from China Chengxin International Credit Rating Co. Ltd. (中誠信國際信用評級有限責任公司), respectively. We make use of diverse funding channels in order to effectively manage our financing costs. We have established close and long-standing relationships with both Chinese and international banks. We have good access to onshore bank financing from large-scale state-owned banks as well as other major commercial banks in the PRC. We also have a proven track record of obtaining offshore bank borrowings. We successfully obtained multiple offshore syndicated loans with favourable pricing. Besides bank borrowings, we also utilise the domestic and international capital markets for fund raising.

We completed a U.S.\$1.2 billion bond issuance in January 2015 in two tranches including a U.S.\$700 million 5-year tranche and a U.S.\$500 million 12-year tranche, with a coupon rate of 4.45% and 5.95%, respectively. We completed the issuance of U.S.\$600 million perpetual bonds in September 2017, U.S.\$700 million floating rate notes in July 2018 with coupon rate of three-month U.S. dollar London Interbank Offered Rate plus 2.30%, the issuance of U.S.\$500 million 5.25% guaranteed notes in January 2019, the issuance of U.S.\$600 million 4.75% guaranteed notes in August 2019 and the issuance of US\$400 million 4.75% guaranteed notes in January 2020, respectively. We took the advantage of domestic bond market windows and successfully issued onshore corporate bonds of a total of RMB17 billion over 2015 to 2018 with the issuance of RMB2 billion in July 2018 with coupon rate of 4.70%, issued medium-term notes of RMB10 billion over 2017 to 2018 with the issuance of RMB3.0 billion in February 2018 with the coupon rate of 5.95% and in March 2019, we issued 2-classes onshore corporate bonds of an aggregate principal amount of RMB2.9 billion with the coupon rate of 4.06% and 4.59%. On 24 April 2020, the Group issued private placement note for a total of RMB2 billion, 3-year maturity at 3.35%, a record low cost. On 10 April 2020, the Group received a reserve credit of RMB2 billion from the asset-backed facilities in Shanghai Stock Exchange for accounts receivables, and on 29 April 2020 issued the first tranche of accounts receivable asset-backed facilities for RMB327 million at a coupon rate of 3%, the lowest among the same product during that period. Net gearing ratio as at 31 December 2020 was 55%, which decreased by 22 percentage points as compared to that as at 31 December 2019.

The Group’s cost of funding remained stable. In mid March 2017, the Group was granted issuance of a maximum of RMB10 billion Panda bonds. We grasped the opportunity to issue bonds of RMB4 billion before the costs in this round went up. Moreover, while domestic financing faced overall tightening, the Group received approval from the NDRC to issue bonds up to U.S.\$1,200 million in May 2018, up to U.S.\$1,000 million in February 2019 and up to US\$720 million in September 2020. The Group’s cost of funding in 2019 was in line with the general environment, with integrated cost of funding maintained at 5.38%, 5.50% and 5.10% for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020. The Group will watch closely windows in the market and policies to explore new financing channels. We will continue to tightly match investment and financing, especially to raise sufficient funds prior to major investments, to enhance the Group’s overall return on investment and efficiency of fund usage.

During 2020, the Group had pledged some of the plant and equipment, land use rights, properties under development, completed properties held for sale, investment properties and equity interest to secure short-term borrowings (including the current portion of long-term borrowings) of RMB4,724 million (2019: RMB1,849 million) and long-term borrowings of RMB4,485 million (2019: RMB7,377 million). As at 31 December 2020, total pledged assets accounted for approximately 5% of the total assets of the Group (2019: 7%).

Equity financing is also a key funding channel for us. Our funding from equity has mainly consisted of share placements to our major Shareholders, as they have sought to expand their financial and operational support. In addition, we have project-level collaboration with our business partners to co-develop property projects, reducing the capital required from us and capitalising on the synergies achieved.

State-owned enterprise status with strong support from major shareholders

As major shareholder, China Life is our single largest shareholder and held approximately 29.59% of our shares as of 31 December 2020. Dajia Life Insurance is our second largest shareholder and held approximately 29.58% of our shares as of the same date. They have always provided strong support to the Group. As regards to corporate governance, they have always maintained a stable shareholding ratio. As at the date of this Offering Circular, two were appointed by China Life and two were appointed by Dajia Life Insurance among our non-executive Directors. In terms of capital, they were the first to subscribe to the Group's several offshore and onshore bond issues. China Life and China Guangfa Bank (China Life has a controlling stake) combined subscribed to a total of over RMB7 billion in the Company's domestic corporate bond, USD notes, and "panda" medium-term notes issuances from 2014 to 2018. China Life supported the Company by subscribing over RMB5 billion in the domestic corporate bond, the 2024 Notes and 2027 Notes. Please refer to the section headed "Relationship with Principal Shareholders" for more details.

We have extensively various areas for cooperation opportunities, and succeeded in collaborating on a strategic level and launching projects in investment property development, equity investments, development and operation of senior living and overseas investments. As business grew steadily, location planning improved continually and cooperation with major shareholders became closer, the Group's influence and importance to the major shareholders were further strengthened, shareholder synergy increased and its equity structure will continue to be stable.

OUR STRATEGIES

Our vision is to become the premier diversified property developer in China. Our short-term objective is to strengthen our profitability and operational efficiency. In the medium term, we aim to expand our operational abilities, improve the efficiency of our internal control processes, further balance our business portfolio and solidify our shareholding structure. We target sustainable development for the long term by looking ahead and will adjust our development strategies according to market conditions. Our strategies to achieve our vision and objectives are as follows:

Continue to optimise profitability and improve operational efficiency

In 2019, we pushed ahead with streamlining of management, formulated the project and business-oriented "4+8" system which delivered perceptible results in improved efficiency in operating decisions and quality. Going forward, we plan to continue to reduce costs and create synergies among our business segments to further improve profitability and operational efficiency. In particular, we plan to focus on effective control over our financial costs, administrative expenses and marketing expenses to protect and further enhance our core net profit margin. We will also develop our marketing and sales plans according to market conditions and maintain pricing flexibility. We are also devoted to improving our sale-through rate and increasing our asset turnover rate. In addition, we will continue to diversify our funding channels and optimise our debt structure in terms of onshore and offshore borrowings. We believe these efforts will allow us to better manage our total debt level and financing costs.

To create more value and achieve additional synergies across the value chain of our business operations

We will continue to focus on value creation and implement various measures to enhance our cost control and create more synergies in our operations. We intend to promote further research about our product line and leverage our findings to better refine our land acquisition strategies and investment planning. We plan to increase centralized procurement and thereby increase our economies of scale for purchases. We plan to also strengthen our front-end cost control to achieve our cost control target. A group-level cost management database will also be set up to strengthen internal and external cost benchmarking and management. Through the implementation of these various measures, we believe we can further improve our profitability.

Continue to further strengthen our business foundation and improve our development capabilities

We plan to continue to actively monitor the market and seize opportunities to support our growth in a prudent manner, with a primary focus on key cities clusters and other core tier 2 cities. We plan to leverage multiple investment channels to strengthen our exposure in these cities, achieving a healthy structural balance for our business portfolio. We are committed to continuing our disciplined approach of selective land acquisition focused on purchasing land at reasonable costs and prudently managing our land bank.

We will also continue to improve our capabilities in commercial property and senior living real estate developments, as we believe that these types of developments have strong synergies with our residential developments. In addition, we plan to fully roll out our comprehensive management information system which we expect to improve our management efficiency, lower management costs and optimise our operating procedures.

CORPORATE HISTORY AND KEY MILESTONES

Since our Company was founded in 1993, we have achieved strong growth and have become a leading large-scale national developer in the PRC. Listed on the Main Board of the SEHK in 2007, we have been selected as a constituent of Hang Seng Composite Index (HSCI), Hang Seng Composite Industry Indexes – Properties and Construction Index, Hang Seng Stock Connect Hong Kong Index, Hang Seng Composite LargeCap & MidCap Index, Hang Seng SCHK High Dividend Low Volatility Index and Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Benchmark Index. A summary of our corporate history and key milestones are as follows:

1999-2003

- Founded in 1993 and restructured into a Sino-foreign equity joint venture in 2003
- Primarily focused on development of high-end office buildings and hotels
- Established a strong foothold in Beijing as a leading property developer

2003-2010

- Started to focus on residential property development in 2003 while maintaining our commercial property portfolio
- Expanded geographic coverage to Tianjin in 2004, the Southern Region in 2006, and the Central Region in 2007
- Listed on the SEHK in 2007 and became a constituent stock of Hang Seng Composite Index in 2008
- China Life became a 16.57% shareholder in December 2009

2010-2014

- In January 2010, China Life increased its shareholding to 24.08%
- Became a constituent stock of the Hang Seng High Dividend Yield Index in 2014
- Established as a national real estate developer with leading positions in select core markets such as Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region

- Developed a more balanced business portfolio consisting of both property development and property investment
- China Life continued to increase its holdings to 29.55%, while Nan Fung became our second largest shareholder holding 20.48% of our shares as of 30 June 2014
- Rated in July 2014 for the first time with an investment grade rating by the three major international rating agencies – S&P, Moody’s and Fitch Ratings with ratings of “BBB-”, “Baa3” and “BBB-”, respectively, and successfully launched the issuance of U.S.\$1.2 billion guaranteed notes, the largest offshore debt issuance launched by a PRC listed property company

2015-2019

- In January 2015, we successfully entered into Guangzhou market, reinforcing the layout in the Southern Region.
- In March 2015, we entered into Nanjing market, strengthening the strategic purpose of deep ploughing of East China.
- In March 2015, we were successfully involved in the property businesses in Hong Kong, achieving breakthroughs in overseas investment.
- In April 2015, Swire Properties and Sino-Ocean officially started developing jointly Chengdu Sino-Ocean Taikoo Li.
- In October 2015, we subscribed the shares of China Huarong and became the largest cornerstone investor of China Huarong in Hong Kong.
- In December 2015, we first introduced WELL healthy building standard in China.
- In December 2015, Anbang Insurance Group purchased our shares from Nan Fung Group and became the second largest shareholder of Sino-Ocean.
- In March 2016, Sino-Ocean and China Huarong signed a strategic cooperation framework agreement, building a comprehensive business partnership.
- In March 2016, Sino-Ocean Land and American DELOS signed a strategic cooperation agreement to jointly promote the WELL healthy building standard in China.
- In May 2016, we changed our name from “Sino-Ocean Land Holdings Limited 遠洋地產控股有限公司” to “Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited 遠洋集團控股有限公司”.
- In March 2017, the Company completed the issue of the first tranche medium-term notes of the Company of a total of RMB4 billion in two series with the terms of three years and five years respectively.
- In January 2018, the Company completed the issue of the second tranche medium-term notes of the Company of a total of RMB3 billion with coupon rate of 5.87 per cent. per annum for a term of three years.
- In February 2018, the Company completed the issue of the third tranche medium-term notes of the Company of a total of RMB3 billion with coupon rate of 5.95 per cent. per annum for a term of three years.
- In May 2018, Sino-Ocean Land formed joint venture in the PRC with Beijing Anbang Hexie Zhiye Company Limited (北京安邦和諧置業有限公司), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Anbang Insurance Group Co., Ltd., and actively promoting cooperation, among other things, five major areas including real estate development business, strategic investment business, real estate financing business, insurance business and pension business.
- In July 2018, Sino-Ocean Land Limited issued RMB2 billion 4.70% corporate bonds of a five-year term, under which after the end of the third year, the issuer shall be entitled to adjust the coupon rate and the bondholders shall be entitled to sell the bonds back to the issuer.
- In July 2018, we completed the issue of U.S.\$700,000,000 floating rate guaranteed notes due 2021 bearing interest at a rate equal to three-month U.S. dollar London Interbank Offered Rate plus 2.30 per cent. payable quarterly in arrear.

- In September 2018, we completed the issue of asset-backed securities in the amount of RMB2,853,000,000.
- In December 2018, the ABS Issuer issued the ABS.
- In December 2018, we established and invested in the Property Fund with ICBC Investment and injected the entire issued share capital of Cityshine Holdings Limited (城暉控股有限公司), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, the majority shareholder holding 94.03% (approximately) equity interest in a project company with the principal asset of Ocean Office Park (Beijing) (遠洋光華國際(北京)).
- In January 2019, we completed the issue of U.S.\$500,000,000 5.25 per cent. guaranteed notes due 2022.
- In March 2019, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited issued RMB1.7 billion 4.06% corporate bonds of a five-year term, under which after the end of the third year, the issuer shall be entitled to adjust the coupon rate and the bondholders shall be entitled to sell the bonds back to the issuer and RMB1.2 billion 4.59% corporate bonds of a seven-year term, under which after the end of the fifth year, the issuer shall be entitled to adjust the coupon rate and the bondholders shall be entitled to sell the bonds back to the issuer.
- In March 2019, the Company and China Life entered into a framework agreement, pursuant to which China Life group may, based on its investment needs, subscribe for financial products to be issued by the Group with the subscription amount by China Life group shall be capped at RMB12,000,000,000 or equivalent currencies during its term, and the annual caps in respect of the subscription amount by China Life group for transactions contemplated thereunder are RMB4,000,000,000 or equivalent currencies per annum for each of the years ending 31 December 2019, 2020 and 2021.
- In August 2019, we completed the issue of U.S.\$600,000,000 4.75 per cent. guaranteed notes due 2029.

2020-present

- In 2020, Ocean Homeplus ranked 13th in the '2020 China's Top 100 Property Service Companies' and being selected by the China Index Academy as a growth leader.
- In January 2020, we completed the issue of U.S.\$400,000,000 4.75 per cent. Guaranteed notes due 2030.
- In March 2020, we successfully entered Dongguan market to further expand our strategic layout in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.
- In December 2020, we partnered with Swire Properties to develop Phase II Extension of INDIGO, Beijing.
- In December 2020, Sino-Ocean Service, the Company's property management spinoff successfully listed on the SEHK.

OUR BUSINESS

Our land bank

In general, land use rights in China are granted for a term of 70 years for residential properties, 40 years for commercial properties, 50 years for office properties and 50 years for mixed use development properties. The relevant authorities will not issue a formal land use rights certificate in respect of a piece of land until the construction land use approval and the construction land planning permit have been obtained by the developer, and the land premium has been paid in full and the resettlement process completed. As a result, according to the pace of development, the land for a property development may be divided into one or more parcels for which multiple land use rights certificates are granted at different stages of development.

During 2020, the area of newly acquired land in terms of total GFA and attributable interest GFA was approximately 7,914,000 sq.m. and 3,969,000 sq.m., respectively, in terms of saleable GFA, the average land cost per sq.m. for our land bank as at 31 December 2020 was approximately RMB7,900.

Our current portfolio of property developments consists of projects in the Beijing Region, the Bohai Rim Region, the Eastern Region, the Southern Region, the Central Region, the Western Region and the Other Region. They mainly include residential, office, retail space and senior living developments. The following map shows the locations of our development projects as at 31 December 2020 in the PRC.



Beijing Region
Beijing, Langfang, Qinhuangdao, Shijiazhuang, Taiyuan, Zhangjiakou

Total GFA: 12,454,000 sq.m.
Total landbank: 10,618,000 sq.m.

Number of projects: 47

Eastern Region
Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuxi, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Jiaxing, Wenzhou, Huzhou, Yangzhou, Chuzhou, Ningbo, Changzhou, Shaoxing

Total GFA: 6,591,000 sq.m.
Total landbank: 3,881,000 sq.m.

Number of projects: 45

Bohai Rim Region
Tianjin, Dalian, Jinan, Qingdao, Shenyang, Yantai

Total GFA: 16,844,000 sq.m.
Total landbank: 10,203,000 sq.m.

Number of projects: 34

Southern Region
Shenzhen, Zhongshan, Zhanjiang, Guangzhou, Fuzhou, Jiangmen, Maoming, Zhangzhou, Longyan, Foshan, Sanya, Hong Kong, Xiamen

Total GFA: 10,862,000 sq.m.
Total landbank: 5,477,000 sq.m.

Number of projects: 43

Central Region

Wuhan, Zhengzhou, Changsha, Hefei,
Nanchang

Total GFA: 6,029,000 sq.m.
Total landbank: 4,146,000 sq.m.

Number of projects: 17

Western Region

Chengdu, Xi'an, Chongqing, Kunming,
Guiyang

Total GFA: 4,652,000 sq.m.
Total landbank: 3,648,000 sq.m.

Number of projects: 27

OTHER REGION

Jakarta, Singapore

Total GFA: 70,000 sq.m.
Total landbank: 70,000 sq.m.

Number of projects: 2

Details of the newly acquired land plots during 2020 are set out as follows:

Cities	Projects	Total GFA acquired (^{'000} sq.m.)	GFA attributable to the Group (^{'000} sq.m.)	Interest attributable to the Group (%)
Landbank				
Beijing	Captain House	131	67	51.00%
Beijing	INDIGO II	565	366	64.79%
Beijing	Liuniangfu Plot A2, Shijingshan District	249	77	31.00%
Beijing	Sino-Ocean Apple Garden No.6	69	35	50.00%
Beijing	World View	71	11	16.00%
Langfang	Plot I, Guangyang Logistics Project	41	12	28.21%
Langfang	Plot II, Guangyang Logistics Project	144	28	19.75%
Shijiazhuang.....	Family Park, Phase II	84	43	51.00%
Shijiazhuang.....	Jade Mansion, Phase II	48	19	40.00%
Tianjin.....	Harmony Mansion	102	59	58.00%
Tianjin.....	Sino-Fusion Baodi Logistics Park	32	16	49.00%
Dalian	Glory Mansion	36	36	100.00%
Jinan.....	Beihu Plot A-6, Tianqiao District	97	58	60.00%
Jinan.....	Jing 11 Road Plot B4, Huaiyin District	103	98	95.00%
Jinan.....	Plots in East of Tangye Middle Road and South of Hengsi Road	544	228	42.00%
Jinan.....	Sino-Ocean Metropolis	379	229	60.31%
Jinan.....	Zhaojiazhuang Project, Licheng District	226	46	20.52%
Shenyang	Ocean Elite River Prospect	400	240	60.00%
Shanghai	Hongqiao Origin	75	45	60.00%
Suzhou	Taicang Shaxi Logistics Project II	124	61	49.00%
Suzhou	Zhangjiagang Internet Data Center	24	12	49.00%

Cities	Projects	Total GFA acquired	GFA attributable to the Group	Interest attributable to the Group
		('000 sq.m.)	('000 sq.m.)	(%)
Suzhou	Zhangjiagang Logistics Project	59	10	16.66%
Wuxi	Life in Park	196	98	50.00%
Wuxi	Meicun Plot, Xinwu District	211	42	20.00%
Nanjing	The One	213	128	60.00%
Hangzhou	Ocean New Masterpiece	44	22	51.00%
Hangzhou	Xixi Mansion	395	395	100.00%
Wenzhou	Harbor Heart	87	74	84.70%
Wenzhou	Shan Hai One	123	123	100.00%
Huzhou	Anji Internet Data Center	135	46	34.30%
Yangzhou.....	Sino-Ocean Grand Canal Milestone	63	63	100.00%
Ningbo	Sino-Fusion Yuyao Simen Logistics Park	56	16	28.21%
Guangzhou	Ocean Prospect	133	133	100.00%
Fuzhou	East Bay Upgrade	51	17	33.50%
Fuzhou	Plot 2020-65, Cangshan District	128	65	51.00%
Jiangmen	Cloud Mansion	176	90	51.00%
Jiangmen	Top Mansion	131	131	100.00%
Zhangzhou.....	Sea and Star	266	136	51.00%
Wuhan	Dongxihu Logistics Project	47	13	28.21%
Wuhan	Huazhong Big Data Industrial Park	89	44	49.00%
Zhengzhou.....	Fontaine Polaris	176	43	24.50%
Zhengzhou.....	Grand Apartment	172	49	28.26%
Zhengzhou.....	Ocean Landscape Courtyard	204	112	55.00%
Zhengzhou.....	Rong Fu	156	28	17.84%
Changsha	Special Mansion	482	118	24.50%
Chengdu.....	Qingbaijiang Internet Data Center	193	46	24.01%
Chengdu.....	Yuanyunxinfei Internet Data Center	38	9	24.01%
Xi'an	Sino-Ocean Jinghe New Town Internet Data Center	60	29	49.00%
Chongqing	Liangjiang New Town Internet Data Center	40	20	49.00%
Chongqing	Tanzikou Plot, Jiulongpo District	52	18	34.00%
Jakarta	Alam Sutera Project	66	18	28.00%
Subtotal		7,786	3,922	
Developed Project				
Shanghai	H88 Yuehong Plaza	62	15	24.36%
Suzhou	Wangting Logistics Project	66	32	49.00%
Total		7,914	3,969	

The landbank by stages of development as at 31 December 2020 are set out as follows:

	Approximate total GFA	Approximate total saleable GFA	Remaining landbank
	('000 sq.m.)	('000 sq.m.)	('000 sq.m.)
Completed properties held for sales	23,379	17,332	3,920
Properties under development	24,591	18,443	24,591
Properties held for future development	9,532	7,149	9,532
Total	57,502	42,924	38,043

The landbank details of the Group and its joint ventures and associates as at 31 December 2020 are set out as follows:

Regions	Cities	Projects	Districts	Approximate total GFA	Approximate total saleable GFA	Remaining landbank	Interest attributable to the Group
				('000 sq.m.)	('000 sq.m.)	('000 sq.m.)	(%)
Beijing Region	Beijing	26 Block	Shunyi District, Beijing	249	223	145	23.00%
		Anzhen Project	Chaoyang District, Beijing	46	-	46	12.06%
		Captain House	Fengtai District, Beijing	131	100	131	51.00%
		CBD Plot Z6	Chaoyang District, Beijing	27	21	27	100.00%
		Changping Sci-tech Park F2 Project	Changping District, Beijing	256	193	251	50.00%
		Gold Mansion	Daxing District, Beijing	118	99	118	25.00%
		Grand Canal Place	Tongzhou District, Beijing	479	334	379	50.00%
		Grand Harmony Emerald Residence	Daxing District, Beijing	224	165	224	40.00%
		Jasper Epoch	Daxing District, Beijing	92	78	51	49.00%
		Jialihua Project, Shunyi District	Shunyi District, Beijing	277	206	277	100.00%
		Liangxiang Project	Fangshan District, Beijing	126	102	126	11.10%
		Liuniangfu Plot A2, Shijingshan District	Shijingshan District, Beijing	249	187	249	31.00%
		Mentougou Tanzhe Temple Project	Mentougou District, Beijing	430	344	430	10.00%
		Ocean Epoch	Shijingshan District, Beijing	264	198	6	100.00%
		Ocean LA VIE	Chaoyang District, Beijing	318	305	46	85.72%
		Ocean Metropolis	Mentougou District, Beijing	330	276	154	51.00%
		Ocean Rayzone	Fengtai District, Beijing	441	331	441	17.25%
		Ocean Wulieepoch	Shijingshan District, Beijing	595	458	547	21.00%
		Our New World	Fangshan District, Beijing	109	91	14	100.00%
		Plot 6002, Mentougou New Town	Mentougou District, Beijing	125	97	75	21.00%
Royal River Villa	Chaoyang District, Beijing	132	118	132	20.00%		
Senior Living L'Amore•He Yuan CLRC	Shunyi District, Beijing	49	-	49	60.00%		

Regions	Cities	Projects	Districts	Approximate total GFA ('000 sq.m.)	Approximate total saleable GFA ('000 sq.m.)	Remaining landbank ('000 sq.m.)	Interest attributable to the Group (%)
		Sino-Ocean Apple Garden No.6	Shijingshan District, Beijing	69	50	69	50.00%
		The CBD's Private Palace	Daxing District, Beijing	436	383	49	100.00%
		World View	Chaoyang District, Beijing	71	52	71	16.00%
		Xanadu & Ocean Epoch	Chaoyang District, Beijing	230	193	230	50.00%
		Xanadu & Ocean Palace	Daxing District, Beijing	300	207	300	50.00%
		Xiji Plot E, Tongzhou District	Tongzhou District, Beijing	139	136	139	50.00%
		Xinchi Tower	Daxing District, Beijing	67	41	67	100.00%
		Yongjingtaoyuan Project	Chaoyang District, Beijing	692	554	692	12.82%
				7,071	5,542	5,535	
	Langfang	Canal Bay	Xianghe County, Langfang	269	180	269	20.00%
		Plot I, Guangyang Logistics Project	Guangyang District, Langfang	41	-	41	28.21%
		Plot II, Guangyang Logistics Project	Guangyang District, Langfang	144	-	144	19.75%
		Sino-Ocean Brilliant Courtyard	Guangyang District, Langfang	1,897	954	1,897	30.24%
				2,351	1,134	2,351	
	Qinhuangdao	Seatopia	Funing District, Qinhuangdao	1,438	1,243	1,226	100.00%
	Shijiazhuang	Ande Life Memorial Park	Jingxing County, Shijiazhuang	18	3	18	40.00%
		Chang'an District Redevelopment Project	Chang'an District, Shijiazhuang	147	94	147	51.00%
		Family Park	Chang'an District, Shijiazhuang	132	108	132	51.00%
		Family Park, Phase II	Chang'an District, Shijiazhuang	84	66	84	51.00%
		Harmony Palace	Zhengding New District, Shijiazhuang	152	140	152	38.35%
		Jade Mansion, Phase II	Gaocheng District, Shijiazhuang	48	43	48	40.00%
		Sino-Ocean No. 7	Chang'an District, Shijiazhuang	115	103	115	20.00%
		Vigorous Mansion	Chang'an District, Shijiazhuang	228	171	151	51.00%
				924	728	847	
	Taiyuan	Ocean Seasons	Wanbailin District, Taiyuan	308	254	308	100.00%
		Sino-Ocean Oriental Mansion	Yingze District, Taiyuan	105	81	105	80.00%
		Villa Epoch	Yangqu County, Taiyuan	54	34	43	44.00%
				467	369	456	

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	Zhangjiakou	Centrality Mansion	Qiaodong District, Zhangjiakou	203	163	203	60.00%
				12,454	9,179	10,618	
Bohai Rim Region . . .	Tianjin	Beichen Logistics Project	Beichen District, Tianjin	124	–	124	14.19%
		Boda Logistics Project	Wuqing District, Tianjin	285	–	285	24.50%
		Elegant Prestige	Jinnan District, Tianjin	285	194	31	25.00%
		Happy Light Year	Wuqing District, Tianjin	504	317	494	49.98%
		Harmony Mansion	Binhai New Area, Tianjin	102	78	102	58.00%
		Longfor Mansion	Jinnan District, Tianjin	227	171	98	33.00%
		Neo-metropolis	Beichen District, Tianjin	3,034	2,615	2,828	51.00%
		Ocean City	Binhai New Area, Tianjin	2,137	1,929	41	100.00%
		Ocean Epoch	Binhai New Area, Tianjin	35	25	22	100.00%
		Ocean Great Harmony	Xiqing District, Tianjin	350	290	47	100.00%
		Ocean Prospect	Dongli District, Tianjin	321	309	50	100.00%
		Royal River	Wuqing District, Tianjin	349	333	22	100.00%
		Sino-Fusion Baodi Logistics Park	Baodi District, Tianjin	32	–	32	49.00%
		Sino-Ocean Brilliant Courtyard	Binhai New Area, Tianjin	675	488	208	64.28%
		The Great Habitat Mansion House	Dongli District, Tianjin	562	385	122	6.00%
		Xanadu	Binhai New Area, Tianjin	185	135	185	42.86%
				9,207	7,269	4,691	
	Dalian	Diamond Bay	Ganjingzi District, Dalian	1,497	1,345	1,064	100.00%
		Glory Mansion	Shahekou District, Dalian	36	25	36	100.00%
		Joy of Mountain and Sea	Ganjingzi District, Dalian	189	150	186	51.00%
		Ocean The Piedmont Epoch	Lushunkou District, Dalian	68	46	31	100.00%
		Ocean Worldview	Jinzhou District, Dalian	1,902	1,645	353	100.00%
		Sino-Ocean Technopole	Jinzhou District, Dalian	922	540	922	100.00%
		Zhonghua Road Plot #2	Ganjingzi District, Dalian	111	52	111	100.00%
				4,725	3,803	2,703	
	Jinan	Beihu Plot A-6, Tianqiao District	Tianqiao District, Jinan	97	83	97	60.00%
		Jing 11 Road Plot B4, Huaiyin District	Huaiyin District, Jinan	103	87	103	95.00%
		Ocean Epoch	Lixia District, Jinan	390	371	318	50.00%
		Ocean Mansion	Huaiyin District, Jinan	228	190	228	54.35%
		Plots in East of Tangye Middle Road and South of Hengsi Road	Licheng District, Jinan	544	422	544	42.00%
		Sino-Ocean Metropolis	Tianqiao District, Jinan	379	255	379	60.31%
		Zhaojiashuang Project, Licheng District	Licheng District, Jinan	226	172	226	20.52%
				1,967	1,580	1,895	

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	Qingdao	Ocean Crown	Fushan New District, Qingdao	125	95	123	59.50%
		Ocean Great Harmony	Shibei District, Qingdao	377	270	377	43.00%
				502	365	500	
	Shenyang	Ocean Elite River Prospect	Shenbei District, Shenyang	400	313	400	60.00%
	Yantai	Sino-Ocean Donglai County	Laishan District, Yantai County	43	42	14	100.00%
				16,844	13,372	10,203	
Eastern Region	Shanghai	Chongming Dongtan Project	Chongming District, Shanghai	1,072	672	832	41.03%
		Hongqiao Origin	Qingpu District, Shanghai	75	53	75	60.00%
		Ocean Fortune Center	Pudong New Area, Shanghai	59	45	20	100.00%
		Ocean Melody	Pudong New Area, Shanghai	323	279	55	100.00%
		Wellness Masterpiece	Qingpu District, Shanghai	49	41	16	50.00%
		Yuanbo Hotel Project	Putuo District, Shanghai	54	-	54	24.12%
				1,632	1,090	1,052	
	Suzhou	Easy Town	Huqiu District, Suzhou	104	85	21	16.50%
		Mansion Yue	Wujiang District, Suzhou	150	147	72	70.00%
		Ocean Melody	Taicang City, Suzhou	105	77	92	34.00%
		Rocker Park	Huqiu District, Suzhou	240	198	240	30.00%
		Shihu Project	Wuzhong District, Suzhou	49	-	49	100.00%
		Taicang Shaxi Logistics Project I	Taicang City, Suzhou	56	-	56	16.66%
		Taicang Shaxi Logistics Project II	Taicang City, Suzhou	124	-	124	49.00%
		Zhangjiagang Internet Data Center	Zhangjiagang City, Suzhou	24	-	24	49.00%
		Zhangjiagang Logistics Project	Zhangjiagang City, Suzhou	59	-	59	16.66%
				911	507	737	
	Wuxi	Life in Park	Xinwu District, Wuxi	196	157	196	50.00%
		Meicun Plot, Xinwu District	Xinwu District, Wuxi	211	154	211	20.00%
		Scenery Mansion	Yixing City, Wuxi	109	79	109	100.00%
		Taihu Milestone (formerly known as Yuqin Project)	Xinwu District, Wuxi	116	93	6	80.00%
				632	483	522	
	Nanjing	Ocean Landscape	Jiangning District, Nanjing	147	121	31	70.00%
		Ocean Seasons	Lishui District, Nanjing	234	184	50	100.00%

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		Sino-Ocean Tangyue Landscape	Liuhe District, Nanjing	54	52	30	100.00%
		The One	Jiangning District, Nanjing	213	153	213	60.00%
				648	510	324	
	Hangzhou	Canal Business Center Project	Gongshu District, Hangzhou	609	292	10	60.00%
		Jiulongwan Project	West Lake District, Hangzhou	20	–	20	100.00%
		Neo 1	Gongshu District, Hangzhou	43	40	21	50.00%
		Ocean New Masterpiece	Gongshu District, Hangzhou	44	33	44	51.00%
		Ocean River Masterpiece	Yuhang District, Hangzhou	107	73	13	51.00%
		Xixi Mansion	Yuhang District, Hangzhou	395	285	177	100.00%
				1,218	723	285	
	Jiaxing	East Lake	Haining City, Jiaxing	109	73	109	33.00%
		Lakeside Wonderland	Xiuzhou District, Jiaxing	134	124	31	33.00%
		Ocean Lake Mansion	Haining City, Jiaxing	91	69	9	100.00%
		Pinghu Logistics Project	Pinghu City, Jiaxing	72	–	72	16.10%
		Ultimate Joy Mansion	Jiashan County, Jiaxing	122	106	18	30.00%
		Zhapu Logistics Center	Pinghu City, Jiaxing	44	–	44	27.82%
				572	372	283	
	Wenzhou	Harbor Heart	Ouhai District, Wenzhou	87	66	87	84.70%
		Ocean Century Mansion	Longwan District, Wenzhou	153	107	22	100.00%
		Shan Hai One	Leqing City, Wenzhou	123	100	123	100.00%
				363	273	232	
	Huzhou	Anji Internet Data Center	Anji County, Huzhou	135	–	135	34.30%
	Yangzhou	Grand Canal Milestone	Guangling District, Yangzhou	56	43	56	89.00%
		Sino-Ocean Grand Canal Milestone	Guangling District, Yangzhou	63	47	63	100.00%
				119	90	119	
	Chuzhou	Ocean Mansion	Chahe Town, Chuzhou	108	82	108	30.00%
	Ningbo	Sino-Fusion Yuyao	Yuyao City, Ningbo	56	–	56	28.21%
		Simen Logistics Park					
	Changzhou	Sky Peninsula	Yanshan New Area, Changzhou	106	76	26	40.00%
	Shaoxing	Ocean Yue Masterpiece	Keqiao District, Shaoxing	91	71	2	100.00%
				6,591	4,277	3,881	

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Southern Region	Shenzhen	Lishan Project	Nanshan District, Shenzhen	156	70	156	60.00%
		Longhua District De Ai Industrial Park	Longhua District, Shenzhen	533	282	533	80.00%
		Ocean Express	Longgang District, Shenzhen	556	437	145	84.70%
		Ocean Palace	Nanshan District, Shenzhen	196	82	148	63.25%
		Ocean Seafront Towers	Nanshan District, Shenzhen	115	52	77	60.00%
		Sino-Ocean Dream Land	Longgang District, Shenzhen	401	292	10	100.00%
				1,957	1,215	1,069	
	Zhongshan	Blossoms Valley	Shenwan Town, Zhongshan	1,172	1,037	1,039	75.00%
		King Realm	Dongsheng Town, Zhongshan	181	134	7	75.00%
		Leader Mountain	Wuguishan Town, Zhongshan	187	137	42	50.00%
		Ocean City	Eastern District, Zhongshan	2,083	1,736	94	100.00%
		Ocean Emerald	Nantou Town, Zhongshan	437	412	49	100.00%
		Ocean Longshire	Henglan Town, Zhongshan	96	85	13	100.00%
		SCity (formerly known as Suixicun 162 Project, Nantou)	Nantou Town, Zhongshan	90	68	90	34.00%
		SCity (formerly known as Suixicun 163 Project, Nantou)	Nantou Town, Zhongshan	34	26	34	34.00%
		Sino-Ocean Aristocratic Family	Eastern District, Zhongshan	103	78	25	24.50%
		Sino-Ocean Landscape	Minzhong Town, Zhongshan	210	159	210	51.00%
		Zhonghui City (formerly known as Suixicun 135 Project, Nantou)	Nantou Town, Zhongshan	43	33	43	34.00%
		Zhonghui City (formerly known as Suixicun 136 Project, Nantou)	Nantou Town, Zhongshan	83	62	29	30.00%
		Zhonghui City (formerly known as Suixicun 137 Project, Nantou)	Nantou Town, Zhongshan	107	102	64	45.00%
				4,826	4,069	1,739	
Zhanjiang	Ocean City	Xiashan District, Zhanjiang	612	493	460	67.50%	
Guangzhou	East Bay	Zengcheng District, Guangzhou	141	96	141	40.00%	
	Elite Palace	Tianhe District, Guangzhou	310	279	41	100.00%	
	Hibiscus Villa	Huadu District, Guangzhou	179	87	118	51.00%	

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		Ocean Prospect	Zengcheng District, Guangzhou	133	96	133	100.00%
		Purple Cloud	Baiyun District, Guangzhou	285	198	14	16.66%
				1,048	756	447	
	Fuzhou	East Bay	Mawei District, Fuzhou	82	65	82	50.00%
		East Bay Upgrade Plot 2020-65, Cangshan District	Mawei District, Fuzhou Cangshan District, Fuzhou	51 128	42 97	51 128	33.50% 51.00%
		Sino-Ocean Landscape	Mawei District, Fuzhou	89	74	89	55.00%
				350	278	350	
	Jiangmen	Cloud Mansion	Pengjiang District, Jiangmen	176	133	176	51.00%
		Top Mansion	Pengjiang District, Jiangmen	131	101	131	100.00%
				307	234	307	
	Maoming	Sino-Ocean Landscape	Maonan District, Maoming	299	249	299	51.00%
	Zhangzhou	Sea and Star	Longwen District, Zhangzhou	266	210	266	51.00%
		Sino-Ocean Scenery	Zhao'an County, Zhangzhou	81	79	15	70.00%
				347	289	281	
	Longyan	Sino-Ocean Landscape	Xinluo District, Longyan	203	160	203	51.00%
	Foshan	Delight River	Sanshui District, Foshan	207	192	64	50.00%
		Elite Palace	Sanshui District, Foshan	259	191	107	100.00%
				466	383	171	
	Sanya	Ocean Hill	Jiyang District, Sanya	177	111	75	100.00%
	Hong Kong	LP6	Tseung Kwan O, Hong Kong	137	136	37	40.00%
		Mt. La Vie	Islands District, Hong Kong	3	3	3	100.00%
		Uptify	Yau Tsim Mong District, Hong Kong	3	3	3	100.00%
				143	142	43	
	Xiamen	The Only One	Xiang'an District, Xiamen	52	35	9	50.00%
		Top Mansion	Xiang'an District, Xiamen	75	53	24	50.00%
				127	88	33	
				10,862	8,467	5,477	

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Central Region	Wuhan	Citylane	Hanyang District, Wuhan	450	-	450	40.25%
		Dongxihu Logistics Project	Dongxihu District, Wuhan	47	-	47	28.21%
		Heart of Hankow	Jiangnan District, Wuhan	1,054	997	404	55.90%
		Huazhong Big Data Industrial Park	Jiangxia District, Wuhan	89	-	89	49.00%
		Oriental World View	Hanyang District, Wuhan	1,917	1,430	983	40.25%
		Yanyangtian Project, Jiang'an District	Jiang'an District, Wuhan	178	80	178	70.00%
				3,735	2,507	2,151	
	Zhengzhou	Fontaine Polaris	Zhongmu County, Zhengzhou	176	141	176	24.50%
		Grand Apartment	Jinshui District, Zhengzhou	172	133	172	28.26%
		Ocean Landscape Courtyard	Yinyang District, Zhengzhou	204	150	204	55.00%
		Ocean Melody	Zhongmu County, Zhengzhou	43	38	43	69.30%
		Ocean Prospect	Xinzheng City, Zhengzhou	169	158	169	38.00%
		Rong Fu	Xinzheng City, Zhengzhou	156	101	156	17.84%
				920	721	920	
	Changsha	Special Mansion	Wangcheng District, Changsha	482	384	482	24.50%
	Hefei	Metropolis 1907	Binhu New Area, Hefei	322	242	170	25.00%
		Ocean Glory	Feidong County, Hefei	197	186	107	100.00%
		Ocean Landscape	Feidong County, Hefei	200	180	154	59.29%
				719	608	431	
	Nanchang	Ocean Palace	Wanli District, Nanchang	173	122	162	51.00%
			6,029	4,342	4,146		
Western Region	Chengdu	Foothill City	Longquanyi District, Chengdu	320	263	320	8.00%
		Ocean Habitat	Chongzhou City, Chengdu	123	98	113	100.00%
		Ocean Luxury City	Qinyang District, Chengdu	122	106	122	24.26%
		Ocean Sky Glory	Jinniu District, Chengdu	71	38	71	7.35%
		Qingbaijiang Internet Data Center	Qingbaijiang District, Chengdu	193	-	193	24.01%
		Qingbaijiang Logistics Project	Qingbaijiang District, Chengdu	276	-	276	28.21%
		Royal Mansion	Pidu District, Chengdu	139	99	139	36.75%
		Sino-Ocean Taikoo Li Chengdu	Jinjiang District, Chengdu	417	362	126	50.00%
		Yuanyunxinfei Internet Data Center	Qingbaijiang District, Chengdu	38	-	38	24.01%
					1,699	966	1,398

Regions	Cities	Projects	Districts	Approximate total GFA (^{'000} sq.m.)	Approximate total saleable GFA (^{'000} sq.m.)	Remaining landbank (^{'000} sq.m.)	Interest attributable to the Group (%)
	Xi'an	Emperor Chic	Weiyang District, Xi'an	321	316	321	24.50%
		Fontaine Island	Chanba Ecological District, Xi'an	147	111	147	24.50%
		Qinhan Logistics Center	Xianyang City, Xi'an	67	-	67	27.82%
		Sino-Ocean Jinghe New Town Internet Data Center	Xixian New Area, Xi'an	60	-	60	49.00%
		Sino-Ocean Royal Landscape	Chanba Ecological District, Xi'an	292	208	292	56.00%
				887	635	887	
	Chongqing	Fenghua Melody	Shapingba District, Chongqing	102	71	102	24.26%
		Fontaine Island	Nan'an District, Chongqing	178	132	178	24.50%
		Jiangjin Logistics Project	Jiangjin District, Chongqing	60	-	60	16.66%
		Liangjiang New Town Internet Data Center	Liangjiang New Area, Chongqing	40	-	40	49.00%
		Ocean City (formerly known as Gaomiao Project, Jiulongpo)	Jiulongpo District, Chongqing	126	125	95	50.00%
		Poetry of Landscape	Shapingba District, Chongqing	166	119	60	100.00%
		Sino-Ocean Garden	Banan District, Chongqing	592	480	192	42.50%
		Tanzikou Plot, Jiulongpo District	Jiulongpo District, Chongqing	52	37	52	34.00%
				1,316	964	779	
	Kunming	In Galaxy (formerly known as Chenggong Project)	Chenggong District, Kunming	222	218	142	39.80%
		In Galaxy (formerly known as Chenggong Project, Phase II)	Chenggong District, Kunming	99	88	99	39.80%
		Sino-Ocean Esthetics Mansion	Panlong District, Kunming	164	145	125	37.15%
				485	451	366	
	Guiyang	Sino-Ocean Aristocratic Family	Shuanglong New District, Guiyang	165	135	165	100.00%
		Sino-Ocean Prospect	Yunyan District, Guiyang	100	75	53	89.80%
				265	210	218	
				4,652	3,226	3,648	
Other Region	Indonesia	Alam Sutera Project	Greater Jakarta, Indonesia	66	57	66	28.00%
	Singapore	Cairnhill 16	Area 9, Singapore	4	4	4	30.00%
				70	61	70	
Total				57,502	42,924	38,043	

We include in this Offering Circular the project names which we have used, or intend to use, to market our properties to which we have added references to their geographic location for the purposes of clarity. Some of the names for our property developments have not yet been approved by the relevant government authorities and may be subject to change.

The site area information for an entire project is based on either the relevant land use rights certificates, land grant contracts or tender documents, depending on which documents are available. The aggregate GFA of a project includes saleable and non-saleable GFA, car parking spaces as well as rentable and hotel GFA. "Saleable GFA" represents the GFA of a property which we intend to sell and which does not exceed the multiple of the site area and the maximum permissible plot ratio as specified in the relevant land grant contracts or other approval documents from the local governments relating to the project. Saleable GFA does not include the GFA of car parking spaces unless otherwise stated. "Non-saleable GFA" represents the GFA of a property which is not for sale and largely includes ancillary facilities such as public facilities and schools. "Rentable GFA" refers to GFA that is available for rental proposes and "hotel GFA" refers to the total GFA of the relevant hotel.

The following information that appears in this Offering Circular is based on our internal records and estimates: (a) figures for GFA for completed projects held for sale, GFA under development, GFA for future development, GFA sold, GFA pre-sold, saleable GFA, non-saleable GFA, rentable GFA and hotel GFA, and (b) information regarding planned construction period and number of units. The information setting out the construction period for the completed blocks or phases of our projects in this Offering Circular is based on relevant government documents or our own internal records.

A property is sold when the purchase contract with a customer has been executed and the property has been delivered to the customer. A property is pre-sold when the purchase contract has been executed but the property has not yet been delivered to the customer.

OUR PRIMARY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Descriptions of our principal property projects as of 31 December 2020 as follow:

Beijing

Ocean LA VIE (Beijing)

Ocean LA VIE (Beijing) is a completed high-end residential property development. It is situated at the south end of the Central Villa Zone in Chaoyang District. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 305,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 318,000 sq.m.

CBD Plot Z6 (Beijing)

CBD Plot Z6 (Beijing) is planned to be an office property development. It is adjoins Jinhe Road in east and South Jinhui Street in South. The development occupies a total GFA of 170,000 sq.m. We expect to complete the project in 2025.

China Life Financial Centre (Beijing)

China Life Financial Centre is a project of an international grade A office building jointly developed with China Life. The development occupies a total saleable are of approximately 126,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of approximately 162,000 sq.m. The CBD Z13 project has been named "China Life Financial Center".

Ocean Palace (Beijing)

Ocean Palace (Beijing) is a completed high-end residential property development. It is situated at Eastern Yizhuang Economic Development Zone, Daxing District, Beijing. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 383,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 436,000 sq.m.

Ocean Epoch (Beijing)

Ocean Epoch (Beijing) is a completed high-end residential property development. It is situated at Xishan Badachu scenic spot, Beijing. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 198,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 264,000 sq.m.

Ocean Plaza (Beijing)

Ocean Plaza (Beijing) is a completed high-end intelligent office development. It is situated at Fuxingmennei Street, Xicheng District, Beijing. This development occupies a total leasable area of approximately 30,000 sq.m.

Ocean International Center (Beijing) Tower A

Ocean International Center (Beijing) Tower A is a completed high-end intelligent office development. It is situated at Dongsihuan Zhonglu, Chaoyang District, Beijing. This development occupies a total leasable area of approximately 103,000 sq.m.

Ocean Office Park (Beijing)

Ocean Office Park (Beijing) Tower A is a completed high-end intelligent office development. It is situated at Jinghua South Street, Chaoyang District, Beijing. This development occupies a total leasable area of approximately 107,000 sq.m.

INDIGO (Beijing)

INDIGO (Beijing) is a completed integrated high-end retail, office and hotel development. It is situated at Jiuxianqiao Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing. This development occupies a total leasable area of approximately 225,000 sq.m.

Ocean We-life Plaza (Beijing)

Ocean We-Life Plaza (Beijing) is a completed integrated high-end retail, development. It is situated at North 4th Ring East Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing This development occupies a total leasable area of approximately 31,000 sq.m.

Tianjin

Ocean City (Tianjin)

Ocean City (Tianjin) is planned to be an integrated high-end residential and commercial property development. It is situated at the heart of the Binhai Development Zone in Tianjin. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 1,929,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 2,137,000 sq.m.

Shanghai

Ocean Melody (Shanghai)

Ocean Melody (Shanghai) is planned to be a residential property development. It is situated at Guanhai Road, Huinan Town, Pudong New District, Shanghai. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 279,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 323,000 sq.m.

Chongming Dongtan Project (Shanghai)

Chongming Dongtan Project (Shanghai) is planned to be a residential property development. It is located at No. 1 Lanhai Road, Chenjia Town. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 672,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 1,072,000 sq.m.

Hangzhou

Canal Business Center Project (Hangzhou)

Canal Business Center Project (Hangzhou) is planned to be an integrated high-end retail, hotel, office and residential property development. It is situated at the west end of Shangtang Road, along the Beijing-Hangzhou Canal and at the heart of the Canal Culture Scenic Area in Hangzhou, Zhejiang. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 292,000 sq.m. and has a total developable GFA of 609,000 sq.m.

Ocean Chanson (Hangzhou)

Ocean Chanson (Hangzhou) is a completed residential property development. It is situated at Dingqiao Area, Jianggan District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 72,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 98,000 sq.m.

Ocean Melody (Hangzhou)

Ocean Melody (Hangzhou) is a completed residential property development. It is situated at Intersection of Huayuandou Road and Huanzhan East Road, Jianggan District, Hangzhou. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 39,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 58,000 sq.m.

Sion-Ocean Native Place (Hangzhou)

Sion-Ocean Native Place (Hangzhou) is a completed high-end residential property development. It is located in Linpu Town, the south of Xiaoshan District. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 41,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 68,000 sq.m.

Nanjing

Ocean Seasons (Nanjing)

Ocean Seasons (Nanjing) is a completed high-end residential property development. It is located in the Lukou Airport New City extension. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 184,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 243,000 sq.m.

Suzhou

Mansion Yue (Suzhou)

Mansion Yue (Suzhou) is a completed high-end residential property development. It is located at the Intersection of Huatian Road and Huasheng Avenue, Wujiang District, Suzhou city. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 147,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 150,000 sq.m.

Wuxi

Scenery Mansion (Wuxi)

Scenery Mansion (Wuxi) is planned to be a residential property development. It is located at the Intersection of Lvyuan Road and Xingye Road, Yixing, Wuxi city. This development occupies a total salable area of approximately 79,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 109,000 sq.m.

Yangzhou

Grand Canal Milestone (Yangzhou)

Grand Canal Milestone (Yangzhou) is planned to be a residential property development. It is located at the Intersection of Anlin Road and Dongsheng Road, Guangling New Town, Yangzhou. This development occupies a total salable area of approximately 43,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 56,000 sq.m.

Wuhan

Ocean World (Wuhan)

Ocean World (Wuhan) is a completed high-end residential property development. It is located at No. 868 Dongxi Lake District, Wuhan. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 369,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 398,000 sq.m.

Hejiadun Project (Wuhan)

Hejiadun Project (Wuhan) is a completed high-end integrated residential and commercial property development. It is situated at the junction of Fazhan Avenue and Changqing Road, Hejiadun Village, Jiangnan District, Wuhan. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 972,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 1,019,000 sq.m.

Oriental World View (Wuhan)

Oriental World View (Wuhan) is planned to be an integrated residential and commercial development. It is located in the Jiangnan District, Wuhan and surrounded by three main roads – Hanyang Avenue, Yingwuzhou Avenue and Guobo Avenue. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 1,509,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 1,880,000 sq.m. We expect to complete the project in 2023.

Chengdu

Sino-Ocean Taikoo Li Chengdu (Chengdu)

Sino-Ocean Taikoo Li Chengdu (Chengdu) is a completed integrated retail, office, hotel and residential property development. It is located at the South end of Daci Monastery Road, and east end of Shaomao Road, Jinjiang District, Chengdu. The development occupies a total leasable area of approximately 115,000 sq.m.

Ocean Habitat (Chengdu)

Ocean Habitat (Chengdu) is a completed high-end residential property development. It is located on Intersection of Chongyang Avenue and Yang'an Road, Chongzhou, Chengdu. This development occupies a total salable area of approximately 98,000 sq.m and has a total GFA of 123,000 sq.m.

Ocean Crown (Chengdu)

Ocean Crown (Chengdu) is a completed high-end residential property development. It is located on No. 1 Da'an Road, Qingyang District, Chengdu. This development occupies a total salable area of approximately 46,000 sq.m and has a total GFA of 99,000 sq.m.

Guangzhou

Elite Palace (Guangzhou)

Elite Palace (Guangzhou) is planned to be a high-end residential property development. It is situated at Yuangang Street, Tianhe District, Guangzhou. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 279,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 310,000 sq.m.

Shenzhen

Ocean Palace (Shenzhen)

Ocean Palace (Shenzhen) is planned to be a residential property development. It is located in Xili Taoyuan Street Office, Nanshan District, Shenzhen. This development occupies a total salable area of approximately 82,000 sq.m and has a total GFA of 196,000 sq.m.

Ocean Seafront Towers (Shenzhen)

Ocean Seafront Towers (Shenzhen) is planned to be a residential property development. It is located in Longchuantang Industrial Zone, Nanshan District, Shenzhen. This development occupies a total salable area of approximately 52,000 sq.m and has a total GFA of 115,000 sq.m.

Ocean Express (Shenzhen)

Ocean Express (Shenzhen) is planned to be an integrated office, retail, hotel and residential property development. It is situated at the commercial area of Longgang city center in Long District, Shenzhen. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 437,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 556,000 sq.m.

Zhongshan

Ocean Emerald (Zhongshan)

Ocean Emerald (Zhongshan) is planned to be a residential property development. It is situated next to the Sanxin School, Nantou Town, Zhongshan. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 412,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 437,000 sq.m.

Blossoms Valley (Zhongshan)

Blossoms Valley (Zhongshan) is planned to be a residential property development. It is located in the Waisha Village, Shenwan Town, Zhongshan. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 1,037,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 1,172,000 sq.m.

Ocean Longshire (Zhongshan)

Ocean Longshire (Zhongshan) is a completed high-end residential property development. It is located at No.28, Fazhan Road, Baoyu Village, Henglan Town, Zhongshan City. This development occupies a total salable area of approximately 85,000 sq.m and has a total GFA of 96,000 sq.m.

Hong Kong

LOHAS Park Package 6, Tseung Kwan O (Hong Kong)

LOHAS Park Package 6, Tseung Kwan O (Hong Kong) is a completed high-end residential property. It is located on 1 Hong Cheng Road, LOHAS Park, Hong Kong. This development occupies a total salable area of approximately 136,000 sq.m and has a total GFA of 137,000 sq.m.

Haikou

Ocean Zen House (Haikou)

Ocean Zen House (Haikou) is a completed residential property development. It is located at the Yingbin Peninsula, the up-and-coming district in Haikou, Hainan. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 106,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 117,000 sq.m.

Dalian

Ocean Diamond Bay (Dalian)

Ocean Diamond Bay (Dalian) is planned to be a high-end residential property development. It is located on the north shore of Diamond Bay, in Ganjingzi District, Dalian. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 1,254,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 1,406,000 sq.m.

Qingdao

Ocean Melody (Qingdao)

Ocean Melody (Qingdao) is a completed residential property development. It is situated on Wutaishan Road, Development Zone, Qingdao. This development occupies a total saleable area of approximately 107,000 sq.m. and has a total GFA of 109,000 sq.m.

Ocean Royal City (Qingdao)

Ocean Royal City (Qingdao) is planned to be a residential property development. It is located at No. 31 Jingzhou Road, Jiaozhou, Qingdao, Shandong. This development occupies a total salable area of approximately 269,000 sq.m and has a total GFA of 333,000 sq.m.

Jinan

Ocean Epoch (Jinan)

Ocean Epoch (Jinan) is planned to be a residential property development. It is located at north of the intersection of Wei Zishan Road and Century Avenue, Li Cheng District, Jinan. This development occupies a total salable area of approximately 371,000 sq.m and has a total GFA of 390,000 sq.m.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Although the nature and sequence of specific planning and execution activities will vary among projects, we have summarised below the core elements of our typical project development process for our properties for sale:

Project Selection	Land Bidding/ Tendering	Pre- construction	Project Design	Construction	Pre-sale and Sale	After-sale Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gather land information• Formulate initial concept• Perform market research• Perform internal feasibility study• Perform internal assessment and approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrange for bidding/tendering• Receive notice of successful bid/tender• Sign land contract Obtain land use rights certificate (國有土地使用證)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtain construction land Planning permit (建設用地規劃許可證)• Obtain construction works planning permit (建設工程規劃許可證)• Obtain work commencement permit (建築工程施工許可證)• Obtain other relevant government approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schematic design• Construction design• Mechanical and electrical design• Interior design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commence construction• Monitor construction progress• Perform quality inspection• Maintain cost control	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage in marketing and promotion• Obtain commercial property pre-sale permit (商品房預售許可證)• Sign, notarize and register pre-sale contract and mortgage• Obtain completion and acceptance certificate (竣工驗收證明)• Obtain delivery certificate (where applicable (交付使用許可證))	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register and apply for unit ownership certificate (小產證)• Gather and process customer feedback• Perform customer information analysis• Regular customer visit and activities

Project Selection

In conjunction with our ongoing market and design research, we continuously work to identify and evaluate potential sites for projects. We have a development department dedicated to identifying potential projects. Our development department assesses land parcels for use in potential projects based on our analysis of, among other things:

- size, shape and location of the land parcel;
- local customer demand and expected growth of the city in which the land is located;
- transportation access and infrastructure support;

- project evaluation according to our internal pre-determined criteria;
- development prospects, taking into account social, economic and environmental effects;
- applicable zoning regulations and government preferential policies; and
- government development plans for the relevant site and the neighboring area.

Once our development department decides to acquire a piece of land, the development department generally prepares a feasibility report for approval by the Board.

Project Management

For each project company, we have established seven departments to support the development and management of our projects: our engineering, budgeting, sales, customer service, public utilities, design and finance departments. The manager of each department within the project company reports directly to the project general manager who in turn reports directly to the executive officers in our corporation.

Bidding/Tendering for Land

We bid and tender for land in accordance with relevant PRC laws and regulations. For details of the relevant laws and regulations, see “Regulation – Legal supervision relating to the property sector in the PRC.”

Pre-construction

According to PRC regulations, once we have obtained the rights to develop a parcel of land, we begin applying for the various permits and licenses that we need in order to begin the construction and sale of our properties. If the land use right is acquired by way of grant, the land grant contract will be a precondition to applications for the following permits and licenses:

- **land use rights certificate** (國有土地使用證)/**real estate certificate** (不動產權證書). A certification of the right of a party to use a parcel of land;
- **construction land planning permit** (建設用地規劃許可證). A permit formally approving a developer to conduct the survey, planning and design of a parcel of land;
- **construction works planning permit** (建設工程規劃許可證). A certificate giving government approval for a developer’s overall planning and design of the project and allowing a developer to apply for a work commencement permit (建築工程施工許可證);
- **construction permit** (建築工程施工許可證). A permit required for the commencement of construction; and
- **pre-sale permit** (商品房預售許可證). A permit authorising a developer to start the pre-sale of property still under construction.

Financing of Projects

We finance our projects primarily through bank loans, internally generated cash flows, including proceeds from the pre-sale and sale of our projects, and capital raising transactions.

According to guidelines issued by the CBRC, no loan shall be granted to projects which have not obtained the relevant land use rights certificates (國有土地使用證)/real estate certificate (不動產權證書), construction land planning permits (建設用地規劃許可證), construction works planning permits (建設工程規劃許可證) and construction permits (建築工程施工許可證). The guidelines also stipulate that not less than 35% of the total investment in a property development project must come from a real estate developer’s own capital for the development project (項目資本金) in order for banks to extend loans to the real estate developer. Pursuant to the “Notice on the Improvement of Differential Residential Credit Policies” (Yin Fa [2010] No. 275) (《關於完善差別化住房信貸政策有關問題的通知》(銀發[2010]275號)), all commercial banks are prohibited from extending new real estate property loans, or extending existing loans, to real estate developers that hold idle land, that have changed the use or status of land they hold, that have delayed the commencement date or completion date of construction, or that have delayed the launch of sales of property projects for speculative purposes.

Government authorities in China have issued various regulations to govern the financing of development projects. See “Regulation”.

Our policy is to finance our property developments with internal resources to the extent practicable in order to reduce the level of external funding required. As at 31 December 2020, our outstanding total bank and other borrowings amounted to RMB82,204 million.

Project Design

We contract out the project design work for our property developments to a number of established architectural and interior design firms which are selected through a tender process. All of these architectural and interior design firms are independent third parties. To ensure that the project design of each of our development projects reflects the positioning of our products, we also have an internal design team that strictly controls and monitors the design work of our external design firms.

The size of our unit flats is varied. For first-timer and first upgrader, units are under 144 sq.m., for multiple upgrader they are of 144 sq.m. to 250 sq.m. and over 250 sq.m. for high-end units. Our product mix in 2017 was 74% of first-timer and first upgrader, 13% of multiple upgrader and 13% of high-end units, as compared to 2016 which consisted of 59% of first-timer and first upgrader, 8% of multiple upgrader and 33% of high-end units.

Construction

Construction of our projects usually proceeds phase by phase or block by block as part of our financial management and marketing strategy. Different general contractors may be selected to carry out construction of different phases or blocks in a development, a practice which we consider enables us to better control construction quality, time and cost.

Our standard construction contracts typically provide for a fixed or a guaranteed maximum price payable by us and include express terms on construction schedule. The construction contracts contain warranties from the contractors in respect of the quality and timely completion of the construction. In the event of delay or poor quality of work, the contractor may be required to pay pre-agreed damages under the relevant construction contract. We require our contractors to comply with PRC laws and regulations on the quality of construction projects, as well as our own standards and specifications. The contractors are also subject to our quality control procedures, including examination of materials and supplies, on-site inspection and production of progress reports.

Our construction contracts generally provide for progressive monthly payments throughout the construction progress. The remaining balance, except for 5% of the contract sum which we withhold for two years after completion to apply against any expenses incurred as a result of any construction defects, is payable upon satisfactory completion of work. Upon the expiry of the two-year retention period, the balance of the retention amount is paid to the contractor. We have not had any incidences where the retention amount is less than the amount we have to pay for the defects as at the date of this Offering Circular.

We are not responsible for any labour problems of our contractors. As to our risk in relation to environmental, social and safety problems due to non-compliance with applicable PRC laws by the contractors, we may be held responsible for such problems but our construction contracts provide that we may seek indemnification from the contractors for the resulting damages.

We hire professionals in various areas to supervise and manage project quality and construction. We also engage independent engineering supervisory companies to conduct quality and safety control checks on all projects.

Quality Control and Construction Supervision

We are required to engage independent engineering supervisory companies to conduct quality and safety control checks on all building materials, equipment and construction. In addition, we also employ professionals, including designers, quantity surveyors, construction engineers, electrical engineers and water and heat engineers to carry out the functions of quality control and construction supervision for our project companies. We place a strong emphasis on quality control to ensure that our properties comply with relevant regulations and are of a high quality. We require our functional departments, project companies and our construction supervisors to strictly follow these procedures. As part of our quality control procedures, we seek to engage reputable design and construction companies. We obtained ISO 9000 certification in recognition of our quality control in December 1997 and we have successfully renewed this certification each year since.

We directly purchase major building materials, especially those affecting product quality. We do not own any construction equipment and do not maintain any inventory of building materials since the delivery of the building materials are generally scheduled to be on the same day as the installation date. To maintain quality control, we hire independent supervisory companies to inspect the equipment and materials used in our projects to ensure compliance with the contractual specifications before accepting the materials on site and approving payment. Our in-house project management team works closely with the independent supervisory company during quality control and assessment. We reject materials which are below standard or that do not comply with our specifications and return them to the suppliers.

To ensure quality and monitor the progress and workmanship of construction, each project has its own on-site project management team, which comprises qualified engineers led by our project controller. In addition, each of the projects has a construction controller who is responsible for the supervision of the construction of our properties and ensures that our properties meet a specified standard upon completion. The on-site project management team submits a monthly report on the appraisal and inspection of the quality of the work of the supervisory unit and the construction unit. In addition, prior to handing over a property to our customers, our sales and customer service departments, together with our engineers and the relevant property management company, will inspect the property. If our sales and customer service departments find any aspect of our property developments to be unsatisfactory, our sales and customer service departments will record the finding and take immediate action to cure the defect.

According to the provisions of the Regulation on the “Quality Management of Construction Projects” (Order of State Council No. 279) (《建設工程質量管理條例》(國務院令第279號)), the quality supervision authority of construction projects engaged by the construction administrative department or relevant government authorities shall supervise and manage the quality of the completed projects upon the completion and acceptance of projects.

Pre-sale

According to the “Law of the People’s Republic of China on Administration of Urban Real Estate” “Urban Real Estate Law” (《中華人民共和國城市房地產管理法》) and the “Administrative Measures governing the Pre-sale of Urban Real Estate” (“**Pre-Sale Measures**”) (《城市商品房預售管理辦法》), the following conditions must be fulfilled before the pre-sale of a particular property can commence:

- the land use right grant premium must be paid in full and the land use rights certificate must have been obtained;
- the construction works planning permit and the construction permit must have been obtained;
- the funds contributed to the development of the project shall amount to at least 25% of the total amount to be invested in the project and the project progress and the date of completion of the project for use must have been ascertained; and
- the pre-sale approval must have been obtained.

Certain local governments such as those of Shanghai and Tianjin have raised additional requirements for pre-sale of residential housing. See “Regulation”.

We have complied with the relevant statutory requirements for pre-sale, including, but not limited to, requiring all project companies to use a standard pre-sale contract in the form stipulated by the PRC government.

Sales and Marketing

We adopt a variety of measures to promote our properties to potential customers, including advertising through outdoor media, print media and the internet, as well as sponsoring performances and holding entertainment activities for the public. We target a broad base of customers with varied income levels and backgrounds. We have both individual and corporate clients from China as well as from abroad. Most of our customers are local customers.

Our property management subsidiaries also provide professional property consulting advice and extensive after-sales services. See “Rental Properties and Property Management” below. We also provide customers of our residential developments with a membership to our exclusive Ocean Club, which offers members discounts at various retailers, supermarkets and restaurants in various cities and discounts towards future purchases of our properties. We believe that these measures increase public interest in our properties.

Handover

In relation to our properties for sale, after construction is completed, we are required to obtain a certificate of completion (竣工驗收證明) and other government certificates before we are able to handover the properties to our customers. As at the date of this Offering Circular, no incidences have occurred where we had to compensate customers for delays in completing deliverables.

Payment and End-user Financing

With respect to both pre-sales and sales, our purchasers can choose either payment by installments, lump sum payments, bank loans or a loan from the administration authority for the housing accommodation fund.

In line with market practice, we have arrangements with various banks for the provision of mortgage facilities to our purchasers and we provide guarantees for these mortgages generally until completion of construction and the relevant property ownership certificates are lodged with the relevant banks. As at 31 December 2020, the unutilised credit facilities were RMB242,150 million.

Independent credit checks are conducted by the relevant bank in accordance with their own internal policies. See “Risk Factors – Risks Relating to our Business – We do not conduct independent credit checks when guaranteeing mortgages taken out by our customers. If a significant number of such guarantees are called upon, our financial condition could be adversely affected”.

RENTAL PROPERTIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

As of 31 December 2020, our portfolio of investment properties and other properties managed by us generated over RMB2,257 million of revenue from rental income and property management fees.

Investment Properties

Our investment property portfolio mainly consists of A-grade office premises, shopping malls and commercial complex at good location.

As at 31 December 2020, the Group held more than 18 operating investment properties, in which the majority were office units. The rental income from the investment properties was RMB1,077 million, RMB678 million, and RMB494 million for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively.

As of 31 December 2020, the investment properties retained by us for rental purposes include offices, car parking spaces and retail units, with a total leasable area of approximately 2,146,000 sq.m.

The investment properties of the Group and its joint ventures and associates as at 31 December 2020 is set out as follows:

Projects	Districts	Approximate leasable area	Office premises	Retail space	Logistics projects	Others	Occupancy rate	Interest attributable to the Group
		(sq.m.)	(sq.m.)	(sq.m.)	(sq.m.)	(sq.m.)	(%)	(%)
Ocean International Center (Beijing)	Chaoyang District, Beijing	103,000	76,000	9,000	–	18,000	82%	100%
Ocean Plaza (Beijing)	Xicheng District, Beijing	30,000	26,000	–	–	4,000	91%	72%
Ocean We-life (Tianjin)	Binhai New District, Tianjin	28,000	–	28,000	–	–	91%	100%
San Francisco Project (USA)	Financial District, San Francisco	7,000	7,000	–	–	–	90%	100%
Other projects		90,000	–	41,000	–	49,000		
Subtotal		258,000	109,000	78,000	–	71,000		
Other								
China Life Financial Center (Beijing)	Chaoyang District, Beijing	111,000	111,000	–	–	–	48%	10%
Diamond Plaza (Beijing)	Haidian District, Beijing	22,000	20,000	–	–	2,000	100%	24%
E-wing Center (Beijing)	Haidian District, Beijing	12,000	12,000	–	–	–	91%	69%
INDIGO (Beijing)	Chaoyang District, Beijing	181,000	52,000	48,000	–	81,000	83%	50%
Ocean International Center, Phase II (Beijing)	Chaoyang District, Beijing	70,000	46,000	13,000	–	11,000	87%	35%
Ocean Office Park (Beijing)	Chaoyang District, Beijing	107,000	81,000	12,000	–	14,000	88%	50%
Ocean We-life Plaza (Beijing)	Chaoyang District, Beijing	31,000	–	31,000	–	–	97%	64%
Ocean International Center (Tianjin)	Hedong District, Tianjin	53,000	53,000	–	–	–	70%	69%
Ocean We-life Plaza (Tianjin)	Hedong District, Tianjin	42,000	–	42,000	–	–	97%	64%
H88 Yuehong Plaza (Shanghai) ..	Xuhui District, Shanghai	56,000	56,000	–	–	–	48%	24%
Haixing Plaza (Shanghai)	Huangpu District, Shanghai	14,000	10,000	–	–	4,000	71%	28%
Sino-Ocean Tower (Shanghai)	Huangpu District, Shanghai	64,000	46,000	4,000	–	14,000	81%	15%
Grand Canal Place (Hangzhou)	Gongshu District, Hangzhou	69,000	–	68,000	–	1,000	92%	60%
Sino-Ocean Taikoo Li Chengdu (Chengdu)	Jinjiang District, Chengdu	174,000	–	84,000	–	90,000	95%	50%
Other projects		882,000	224,000	81,000	444,000	133,000		
Subtotal		1,888,000	711,000	383,000	444,000	350,000		
Total		2,146,000	820,000	461,000	444,000	421,000		

In addition, we have commercial property resources pending for development and operation by stages by 2025. These include CBD Plot Z6 – an office building located in Beijing CBD, Grand Canal Place (Beijing), INDIGO II (Beijing) and other high-end commercial complexes.

We set forth below details of properties under development as of 31 December 2020:

Cities	Projects	Location	Actual/ Estimated Completion Date	Type of Property	Site Area (Sq.m.)
Beijing	Ocean Rayzone	Lize Business District	The second half of 2020	Office	160,000
Beijing	Ocean Shinkong Center	Tongzhou Canal	2021	Office/Retail	350,000
Wuhan	Citylane	Guiyuan Temple	2023	Office/Retail/ Hotel Office/ Retail/Hotel	450,000
Wuhan	Yanyangtian Project	Inner Ring Core	2023	Office/Retail	100,000
Beijing	CBD Plot Z6	CBD	2025	Office	170,000
Beijing	Phase Two Extension of INDIGO	Jiuxianqiao Business District	2025	Office/Retail/ Hotel	590,000
Total					1,820,000

In selecting tenants for our properties, we consider whether the profile of our tenants fit into the overall theme of the development projects and we also try to attract commercial tenants that are able to provide expertise in retail management as well as those who could help us promote the image of our rental properties. We also assess whether the tenants have the financial means to sustain long-term rental.

Property Management

Residential projects developed by us and investment properties held by us are managed by our property management companies. We also hire reputable international property management companies, including DTZ Debenham Tie Leung Limited, to provide advisory services.

The property management services include maintenance and security of the common areas, gardening and landscaping, cleaning, fire protection and rental agency services. The typical property management contract entered into by our property management companies and the owners of the properties sets out the scope and the quality requirements of the services provided by our property management companies. We prepare maintenance and renovation plans for the properties and public facilities that we manage. We are not permitted by law to assign the management duties in their entirety to a third party. However, we can outsource some of the responsibilities, such as cleaning and security services, to independent third parties. The property management contracts also set out the management fee arrangements. The property management service fee is paid on an annual basis.

Pursuant to the Civil Code of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國民法典》) issued by the National People's Congress on 28 May 2020 and enforced on 1 January 2021, the employment and discharge of a property management service or any other manager shall be collectively determined by all owners, for which two-thirds or more of the total owners with private areas accounting for two-thirds or more of the total area of the building must participate in the voting. As at the date of this Offering Circular, our property management companies had not been dismissed from the management of any properties.

For the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, our revenue from the provision of property management and related services amounted to RMB1,129 million, RMB1,579 million and RMB1,763 million, respectively.

On 17 December 2020, we spined-off and separately listed the shares of Sino-Ocean Service, a subsidiary of the Company, on the Main Board of the SEHK and dealings in the Sino-Ocean Service shares on the Main Board of the SEHK commenced at 9:00 a.m. on 17 December 2020. Upon the completion of the offering, we, through our wholly owned subsidiary, indirectly control in aggregate approximately 67.57% of the total issued share capital of Sino-Ocean Service. The spin-off group is principally engaged in property management services, value-added services to non-property owners and community value-added services.

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

We aim to enhance our financing flexibility by actively managing our contracted sales proceeds, increasing the rate of cash receipts from contracted sales, centralizing our fund management and leverage our multiple funding channels. By implementing systematic project planning, strengthening our comprehensive budget management, tightening control over our costs and expenses as well as centralizing our pricing management, we aim to further increase our profit margins amid market competition. We also manage our gearing level and aim to lower our financing costs by controlling our interest-bearing debt and our total assets, optimising our debt structure and leveraging the support by our major Shareholders. We also have what we believe to be prudent financial policies and dividend policies, typically with a dividend payout ratio of above 20%.

SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS

Our five largest customers combined accounted for less than 30% of our total sales in the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020. Our five largest suppliers (excluding land supply) combined accounted for less than 30% of our total purchases in the same years.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

We embrace the philosophy of “working with stakeholders to promote sustainable development of people, buildings and the environment”, under the guidance of the “United Nations’ 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)” and regard creating value for stakeholders as our responsibility. In 2019, we formulated and reviewed the medium-term plan for sustainability and the objectives reached. The key points are summarized as follows:

Phase One
2008-2015

Brand Exploration

- Aiming at the brand promotion, disclosing certain qualitative information, and focusing on highlight case collection.
- Establishing and operating a foundation as a brand module tool, and introducing CASS ratings.
- Focusing on report quality and publicity, and not yet focused on capital market.

Phase Two
2016-2018

Compliance Basis

- Aiming at meeting the compliance disclosure KPIs of the HKEX-ESG, and commencing to disclose environmental data.
- Establishing a primary management system and introducing to Seagull II system management.
- Obtaining a certain degree of recognition and commencing to actively analyze the current capital market’s concerns/demands for the sustainability of property companies.

Phase 3
2019-2021

Consolidation and Improvement

- Setting strategic objectives for our sustainability to disclose information with strategic objective-oriented.
- Establishing and operating the ESG management system to improve relevant policies and functions.
- Determining the objective of capital market improvement and actively responding to capital evaluations such as HSSUSB, GRESB and MSCI.

Phase 4
From 2022 onwards

Leading Development

- Striving for business growth by strategic objectives, making sustainability information disclosure beyond the report itself, and improving the quality to an international standard.
- Establishing and improving the special teams for ESG management system and objectives, and incorporating them into risk assessment and management.
- Continuing to enhance the position of the capital market and participating in more industry activities based on improvement suggestions.
- Adding elements to adapt to climate change in designing and planning new projects.
- Contributing to the Article 13 “Climate Initiative” of the SDG through business improvement, and implement effective and feasible climate change solutions.

Adhering to our core principle of “Dedicated Projects and Building•Health (精耕細作, 建築•健康)”, we implement our sustainable development strategy with the following five focuses:

1. **Building Healthy Management** – With the strategic vision of “creator of building health and social value”, we are committed to becoming an integrative industrial company focusing on investment, exploration and development of related new businesses. In 2019, the Group made significant progress in streamlined management. By comprehensively strengthening financial budget management and business plan management, a new “4 + 8” business management system focusing on projects and businesses was gradually formed, and supplemented by corresponding management reforms and human capital matching to fully empower the frontline of the project, the operational decision-making efficiency and operational quality have been significantly improved.
2. **Building Health** – Guided by the brand philosophy of “Joint Growth, Building Health (共同成長, 建築健康)” and drawing upon our many years’ experience in the implementation of WELL standard (which is the world’s first building standard focused exclusively on the health and wellness of building users), we have developed our own Sino-Ocean Healthy Building System and applied it across the development of our projects.
3. **Building Healthy Environment** – We have developed our own green building standards to facilitate green product construction and continuously improved the standards through practice. For example, all projects were constructed in accordance with the 65% energy saving and 30% green space rate requirements; green building technologies have been systematically applied, and high-end commercial property projects received LEED certification from the U.S. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Awards. As of the end of 2019, we had registered 97 green building projects with a total registered GFA of over 14,400,200 sq.m. We also attach great importance to water conservation and advocate water conservation through various means.
4. **Building Healthy Human Capital** – We have formulated and implemented employment policies in compliance with laws and regulations. By taking several carefully designed measures, we fully protect employees’ rights and interests, attach great importance to their safety and well-being, and provide incentives, guidance and training to encourage career development among staff members. We believe that employees can make greater contributions to the Company’s development by redefining their individual values.
5. **Building Healthy Communities** – We have always supported local community building at its managed housing developments and in the surrounding areas and strives to encourage the its business divisions and subsidiaries to support surrounding communities, villages and cities. With Sino-Ocean Charity Foundation as a platform for fulfilling social responsibilities, relying on project organizers, we collaborated with related parties to boost sustainable community development focusing on the following aspects of social impacts of community building, namely supporting rural revitalization, green healthy community, caring for veterans and education and financial assistance for students.

In view of our Group's continuous business expansion and increasingly stringent requirements imposed by external parties on sustainable development, we will continue to implement standardized systems, rationalize and improve management systems, and develop more targeted staff incentive schemes, aiming to further enhance our sustainable development practices in terms of rationalizing and routinizing sustainable development management through effective marketing, communication and training. We will continue to work with other stakeholders to create shared value following the Health philosophy, with the aim of delivering steady and harmonious development for people, buildings and the environment.

COMPETITION

Our existing and potential competitors include major domestic State-owned and private developers and foreign funded real estate developers (including leading developers listed in Hong Kong) who focus on the high-end and/or upper mid-tier property markets in China. Competitive factors include the size of land bank, the geographical location, the types of properties offered, brand recognition by customers, creditworthiness, price and design quality. A number of our competitors have greater financial, marketing, land and other resources than we have, as well as greater economies of scale, broader name recognition, a longer track record and more established relationships in certain markets.

We believe that through our experience in developing large scale, high quality properties and our in-depth understanding of the Chinese real estate market, we will be able to react more quickly when competing with these property developers to identify and secure desirable opportunities.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Our intellectual property forms an integral basis for our strong brand recognition and is important to our Company's business and profitability. We have several registered trademarks in the PRC and we also hold licenses to use the "Sino-Ocean" brand.

Under Hong Kong and PRC law, a registered trademark owner has exclusive rights in the registered trademark. Any unauthorised use of a registered trademark (unless such use constitutes "fair use" as defined by law) will constitute infringement of the trademark owner's exclusive right.

We have not infringed the intellectual property rights of other parties and have not identified any instances of third parties infringing our intellectual property rights.

INSURANCE

Our contractors maintain all risks and third party insurance policies for all our properties under construction. We do not maintain insurance policies for properties that have been delivered to our customers. Instead, the relevant management companies will maintain all risks property insurance and public liability insurance for common areas and amenities of these properties. We also maintain, on a voluntary basis, personal accident insurance and supplementary commercial medical insurance for our employees.

EMPLOYEES

As at 31 December 2020, we had 13,201 employees. The following table shows a breakdown of employees by function as at 31 December 2020:

Division	Number
1. Senior management	6
2. Sales and marketing	1,789
3. Human resources and administration	500
4. Finance and strategic development	894
5. Others	10,012

All of our employees are employed under employment contracts. We review the performance of our employees once a year, the results of which are used in his or her annual salary review and promotion appraisal.

All of our employees are considered for an annual bonus based on various performance criteria and their assessment results. Commissions are provided to our sales personnel.

We review our staff remuneration packages every year. We conduct research on remuneration packages offered to similar positions in our industry which we believe allows us to remain competitive in the labour market.

We incurred staff costs (including Directors' emoluments and taking into account the amortisation of share options) of approximately RMB2,565 million, RMB3,044 million and RMB2,617 million for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020, equal to approximately, 6.2%, 6.0% and 4.6% of our revenue for those periods, respectively.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

We are subject to PRC national environmental laws and regulations as well as environmental regulations promulgated by local governments. These include regulations relating to air pollution, noise emissions and water and waste discharge. Each of our property developments is required to undergo environmental assessments and submit the related environmental impact assessment document to the relevant government authorities for approval prior to the commencement of property development. On the completion of each property development, the relevant government authorities inspect the site to ensure that applicable environmental standards have been complied with, and the resulting report is then presented together with other specified documents to the local construction administration authorities for their record. We believe that our operation is in compliance with currently applicable national and local environmental and safety regulations in all material respects.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

As at the date of this Offering Circular, we were not engaged in any litigation, arbitration or claim, and no litigation, arbitration or claim is known to our Directors to be pending or threatened by or against us, in each case, that would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition. We also do not have any material claims or lawsuits with our contractors.

MANAGEMENT

DIRECTORS

Our Board is responsible and has general powers for the management and conduct of our business. The table below shows certain information in respect of members of the Board:

Name	Age	Position
LI Ming.....	57	Chairman, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
WANG Honghui	41	Executive Director
CUI Hongjie	48	Executive Director
HUANG Xiumei.....	53	Non-executive Director
FU Fei.....	49	Non-executive Director
HOU Jun.....	43	Non-executive Director
LI Liling.....	48	Non-executive Director
HAN Xiaojing	66	Independent Non-executive Director
SUEN Man Tak	62	Independent Non-executive Director
WANG Zhifeng.....	65	Independent Non-executive Director
JIN Qingjun.....	63	Independent Non-executive Director
LAM Sin Lai Judy	66	Independent Non-executive Director

CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. LI Ming (李明), aged 57, is the Chairman of the Board, an Executive Director, the Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Nomination Committee and Chairman of the Strategic and Investment Committee of the Board. Mr. Li joined the Company as a general manager in July 1997 and became the Chief Executive Officer in August 2006 before serving as the Chairman of the Board since March 2010. Mr. Li was a non-executive director, honorary chairman of the board and chairman of the nomination committee of Gemini Investments (Holdings) Limited, a company listed on the SEHK. Mr. Li has extensive experience in corporate governance, property development and investment and management of listed companies. Mr. Li graduated from Jilin University of Technology (now known as “Jilin University”) and obtained a bachelor’s degree of Engineering in 1985, graduated from the Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in 1996, and graduated from the China Europe International Business School and obtained a master’s degree in Business Administration in 1998. Mr. Li is currently a member of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, the honorary vice-president of the China Real Estate Association, a Chartered Builder of The Chartered Institute of Building, UK and also a senior engineer. Mr. Li was a member of the 10th and 11th Beijing Municipal Committees of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference and deputy to the 13th, 14th and 15th People’s Congress of Chaoyang District of Beijing. He was an advisory expert of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development at real estate market regulation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. WANG Honghui (王洪輝), aged 41, is an Executive Director and a member of the Strategic and Investment Committee of the Board. He is the Executive President of the Company and also the general manager of Sino-Ocean Capital Limited, an associated company of the Company. Mr. Wang joined the Company in July 2005 and had served as the investment head for the Beijing region, general manager of the secretarial administration department, general manager of the CEO management centre and general manager of capital operation department of the Company. Mr. Wang was a non-executive director as well as a member of the nomination committee and strategic investment committee of Beijing Capital Grand Limited, a company listed on the SEHK, during the period from December 2016 to October 2020. He has extensive experience in real estate investment, equity investment and capital operation. Mr. Wang graduated from Renmin University of China and obtained a bachelor’s degree in Real Estate Operation and Management in 2002 and graduated from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and obtained a master’s degree in Regional Economics in 2004. Mr. Wang is the vice president of the China Real Estate Association, a senior economist, specialises in real estate economy, and a registered real estate appraiser in China.

Mr. CUI Hongjie (崔洪杰), aged 48, is an Executive Director, the Executive President of the Company and also the general manager of the product construction centre of the Company. Mr. Cui joined the Company in August 1996 and has served as general manager of costing and engineering department, general manager of technology and cost department, assistant to CEO and vice president of the Company. Mr. Cui is the joint chairman, a non-executive director and a member of each of the audit committee and nomination committee of Sino-Ocean Service Holding Limited, a subsidiary of the Company listed on the SEHK. Mr. Cui has extensive experience in operation and development of real estate, product creation and management. Mr. Cui graduated from Beijing University of Technology and obtained a bachelor's degree in Engineering in 1996, and graduated from Beijing University of Technology and obtained a master's degree in Engineering in 2001. Mr. Cui is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, a national registered first-class constructor and a senior engineer.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Ms. HUANG Xiumei (黄秀美), aged 53, is a Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Audit Committee of the Board. Ms. Huang joined the Group in March 2021. Ms. Huang has been the vice president and the person in charge of finance of China Life since May 2020. From 2016 to 2020, she was the vice president, the board secretary and the person in charge of finance of China Life Pension Company Limited. From 2014 to 2016, she served as the financial controller and the general manager of the financial management department of China Life. From 2005 to 2014, Ms. Huang held various positions at China Life's Fujian branch, including the assistant to the general manager, the deputy general manager, the branch head, the deputy general manager (responsible for daily operations) and the general manager. From 1999 to 2005, she served as the deputy division chief of the planning and finance division, the manager of the planning and finance department and the manager of the finance department of China Life's Fujian branch. During the period from 2004 to 2005, she concurrently served as the deputy general manager of China Life's Fuzhou branch. Ms. Huang graduated from Fuzhou University, majoring in accounting with a bachelor's degree. Ms. Huang is a senior accountant. Ms. Huang is nominated by China Life, a substantial shareholder of the Company.

Mr. FU Fei (符飞), aged 49, is a Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Strategic and Investment Committee of the Board. Mr. Fu joined the Group in May 2018 and is a PhD graduate. Mr. Fu is currently the director of risk resolution and legal affairs department of China Insurance Security Fund Co., Ltd.. Mr. Fu has extensive experience in insurance, banking and legal aspects. Mr. Fu is nominated by Dajia Life Insurance, a substantial shareholder of the Company.

Mr. HOU Jun (侯俊), aged 43, is a Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Strategic and Investment Committee of the Board. Mr. Hou joined the Group in April 2020. Mr. Hou is currently the deputy general manager of the investment management department of China Life Insurance (Group) Company ("**China Life Insurance Group**"). Mr. Hou had served in various departments of China Life Insurance Group including finance department, asset management department and investment management department. Mr. Hou is currently a non-executive director of Town Health International Medical Group Limited, a company listed on the SEHK. Mr. Hou graduated from Shanxi University of Finance and Economics in July 2000, majoring in investment economics with a bachelor's degree in economics, and graduated from Central University of Finance and Economics in June 2004, majoring in finance with a master's degree in Economics. Mr. Hou is nominated by China Life, a substantial shareholder of the Company.

Ms. Li Liling (栗利玲), aged 48, is a Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Audit Committee of the Board. Ms. Li joined the Group in August 2018. Ms. Li is currently a non-independent director of Dashang Co., Ltd., a company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Ms. Li obtained a doctorate degree in Accounting and is a member of The Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Ms. Li has extensive experience in accounting and financial management. Ms. Li is nominated by Dajia Life Insurance, a substantial shareholder of the Company.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. HAN Xiaojing (韓小京), aged 66, is an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Nomination Committee of the Board. Mr. Han joined the Group in June 2007. Mr. Han is the founding partner of the Commerce & Finance Law Offices. He has over 30 years' experience in the practice of corporate and securities laws in China, especially in the restructuring of large scale state-owned enterprises and private companies and offshore listing of Chinese companies. Mr. Han is currently an independent non-executive director of each of Far East Horizon Limited and Vital Innovations Holdings Limited, companies listed on the SEHK, and a supervisor of Ping An Bank Co., Ltd. ("**Ping An**"), a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. He had served as an independent director of Ping An and Beijing Sanju Environmental Protection and New Material Co., Ltd., a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. Mr. Han graduated from China University of Political Science and Law and obtained a master's degree in Law in 1985.

Mr. SUEN Man Tak (孫文德), aged 62, is an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Board. Mr. Suen joined the Group in December 2015. Mr. Suen has extensive experience in the enforcement of securities and futures related legislation as well as commercial crime investigations. Mr. Suen had served with the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "**SFC**") for more than 17 years. He is now a practicing barrister-at-law specialising in litigation and advisory work on the Securities and Futures Ordinance, the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs, the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, the Code of Conduct for Persons Licensed by or Registered with the SFC, market misconduct, white collar crimes and anti-money laundering activities. Mr. Suen is an independent non-executive director and a member of the audit committee of China Jinmao Holdings Group Limited, and an independent non-executive director of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd., companies listed on the SEHK. Mr. Suen received his master's degree in Accountancy from the Charles Sturt University, Australia in September 1996. He further obtained a degree of Juris Doctor in July 2010 and a postgraduate certificate in Laws in July 2011, both from the City University of Hong Kong. He was called to the Hong Kong Bar in February 2013. Mr. Suen has been a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants since July 1998 and a member of the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute since April 1999.

Mr. WANG Zhifeng (王志峰), aged 65, is an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Board. Mr. Wang joined the Group in March 2016. He is currently the retired cadre of the head office of Agricultural Bank of China Limited (the "**Agricultural Bank**", and together with its subsidiaries, the "**Agricultural Bank Group**"). Mr. Wang joined the Agricultural Bank Group in August 1978 and has over 37 years' experience in finance and management. Mr. Wang also served as the deputy head of Shenyang Branch, the deputy head of Liaoning Branch, the head and the secretary of the Communist Party Committee of Inner Mongolia Branch and the head and the secretary of the Communist Party Committee of Dalian Branch of the Agricultural Bank and a supervisor of Agricultural Bank of China Financial Leasing Co., Ltd. Mr. Wang currently serves as an independent supervisor of Liaoning Port Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Dalian Port (PDA) Company Limited before 28 January 2021) ("**Liaoning Port**"), a company listed on the SEHK and the Shanghai Stock Exchange. He was an independent non-executive director of Liaoning Port. Mr. Wang graduated from Shenyang Agricultural College with master's degree in Economic Management. Mr. Wang is a senior economist.

Mr. JIN Qingjun (靳慶軍), aged 63, is an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Audit Committee and the Strategic and Investment Committee of the Board. Mr. Jin joined the Group in March 2016. Mr. Jin is currently the senior partner of King & Wood Mallesons, Beijing. His major areas of practice include securities, finance, investment, corporate and insolvency, as well as foreign-related legal affairs. Mr. Jin currently serves as an independent non-executive director of each of Times China Holdings Limited, Bank of Tianjin Co., Ltd., Central Development Holdings Limited and Goldstream Investment Limited, companies listed on the SEHK. Mr. Jin is also an independent non-executive director of Guotai Junan Securities Co., Ltd., a company listed on the SEHK and the Shanghai Stock Exchange, He is an independent director of Shenzhen Cheng Chung Design Co., Ltd, a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange and director of Shenzhen Kingkey Smart Agriculture Times Co., Ltd, a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. Mr. Jin was a director of Konka Group Co., Ltd., a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. Mr. Jin graduated from China University of Political Science and Law and obtained a master's degree in Law.

Ms. LAM Sin Lai Judy (林倩麗), aged 66, is an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, the Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Strategic and Investment Committee of the Board. Professor Lam joined the Group in August 2017. Professor Lam is currently a senior consultant of the Institute of New Economic Thinking, board director of Wuhan College and senior advisor of Enrichment Education Group Limited. Professor Lam is the first scholar in Hong Kong who was awarded a PhD in accounting at The Chinese University of Hong Kong and is the first Cheung Kong chair professor in accounting engaged by the Ministry of Education of the PRC in Xiamen University. Professor Lam also holds positions as honorary professor and visiting professor at several universities in Mainland China. Professor Lam is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a chartered professional accountant and chartered accountant of the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia, a fellow member of The Chartered Governance Institute, a fellow member of The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries, a fellow member of CPA Australia, a fellow member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the vice-chairman of its Chinese committee. In 2018, Professor Lam was awarded the Honorary Member of the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountant in Shenzhen. In 2019, Professor Lam was invited by the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountant as an editorial member of its professional journal *Chinese Certified Public Accountant*. Professor Lam is the vice chairman of the Organizing Committee of Greater Bay Area Impact Forum and senior advisor of the Greater Bay Area Impact Forum Foundation. She is also the chairman of Steering Committee on Research Study on Ranking of GBA cities using United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Audit committee

We established an audit committee in 2007. The Audit Committee currently consists of five members, being three independent non-executive directors, namely, Ms. LAM Sin Lai Judy, Mr. SUEN Man Tak and Mr. JIN Qingjun, and two non-executive Directors, namely, Ms. HUANG Xiumei and Ms. LI Liling. The chairman of the Audit Committee is Ms. LAM Sin Lai Judy.

The main duties of the Audit Committee are to monitor and supervise the financial reporting process of the Group and review of the Group's financial information. The Audit Committee is also responsible for considering the appointment, independence and remuneration of the auditors and any matters related to the removal and resignation of the auditors.

Nomination committee

We established a remuneration and nomination committee in 2007 which was subsequently restructured and divided into the nomination committee and the remuneration committee in 2012. The Nomination Committee currently comprises three members, one of whom is executive director and two are independent non-executive directors. Members of the Nomination Committee are Mr. LI Ming (the chairman of the committee), Mr. HAN Xiaojing and Mr. WANG Zhifeng. The main duties of the Nomination Committee are to nominate candidates for directorship, consider nominations for directorship and make recommendations to the Board in respect of such appointments. If necessary, the Nomination Committee will also convene meetings and submit reports to the Board.

Remuneration committee

We established a remuneration and nomination committee in 2007 which was subsequently restructured and divided into the nomination committee and the remuneration committee in 2012. The Remuneration Committee currently comprises three members, being three independent non-executive directors, namely, Mr. HAN Xiaojing (the chairman of the committee), Mr. SUEN Man Tak and Mr. WANG Zhifeng. The main duties of the Remuneration Committee are to make recommendations and proposals to the Board in respect of the remuneration policies and to review and approve the remunerations which are determined based on the results and performance of the Company by making reference to the Company's objectives as approved from time to time by the Board and based on prevailing market conditions. The Remuneration Committee may consult the Chairman of the Board about their remuneration proposals for other Executive Directors.

Strategic and Investment committee

We established an investment committee in 2007 which was subsequently renamed as the strategic and investment committee in 2020. The Strategic and Investment Committee currently comprises six members, two of whom are executive directors, two are non-executive directors and two are independent non-executive directors. Members of the Strategic and Investment Committee are Mr. LI Ming (the chairman of the committee), Mr. WANG Honghui, Mr. FU Fei, Mr. HOU Jun, Mr. JIN Qingjun and Ms. LAM Sin Lai Judy.

The main duties of the Strategic and Investment Committee are to conduct research and make recommendations in respect of the Company's development strategies; review and approve investments within the authority delegated by the Board and make recommendations to the Board on major investments which are beyond the authority of the committee; make subsequent assessments of investments, review and consider the overall investment direction and business development of the Company.

Retirement Schemes

Our employees in the PRC participate in a State-managed retirement pension scheme operated by the relevant local municipal government. The local government is responsible for the planning, management and supervision of the scheme, including collecting and investing the contributions, and paying out the pensions to the retired employees. Our only obligation in respect of the retirement pension scheme is to contribute to the scheme at a certain rate of overall payroll expenses. Such rate is prescribed by the government of each of the provinces, autonomous regions or municipalities directly under the central government and may vary in different cities.

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Our Directors and senior management receive compensation in the form of salaries, allowances, bonuses and other benefits-in-kind, including our Company's contribution to the pension plan on their behalf.

During the same period, no remuneration was paid to our Directors or the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join, or upon joining, our Group. No compensation was paid to, or receivable by, our Directors or past Directors for the three years ended 31 December 2020 for the loss of office as director of any member of our Group or of any other office in connection with the management of the affairs of any member of our Group.

Interests of Directors and chief executives in shares and underlying shares and debentures

The interests and short positions of each current Director and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) as at 31 December 2020 as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the SEHK pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies (the "Model Code") were as follows:

LONG POSITION IN THE SHARES AND THE UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Name of Directors	Nature of interest	No. of ordinary shares held (long position)	No. of underlying shares comprised in share options (note i)	Total	Percentage in the Company's issued share capital (note iv)
Mr. LI Ming.....	Founder of discretionary trust	127,951,178 (note ii)	–	127,951,178	1.680%
	Beneficiary of trust	14,914,200 (note iii)	–	14,914,200	0.196%
	Beneficial owner	65,445,000	81,000,000	146,445,000	1.923%
Mr. WANG Honghui.....	Beneficial owner	273,295	4,400,000	4,673,295	0.061%
Mr. CUI Hongjie.....	Beneficial owner	369,571	4,670,000	5,039,571	0.066%
Mr. ZHAO Peng (resigned on 19 March 2021)	–	–	–	–	–
Mr. FU Fei.....	Beneficial owner	–	600,000	600,000	0.008%
Mr. HOU Jun	–	–	–	–	–
Ms. LI Liling	Beneficial owner	–	600,000	600,000	0.008%
Mr. HAN Xiaojing	Beneficial owner	460,000	2,300,000	2,760,000	0.036%
Mr. SUEN Man Tak	Beneficial owner	120,000	2,300,000	2,420,000	0.032%
Mr. WANG Zhifeng.....	Beneficial owner	120,000	2,300,000	2,420,000	0.032%
Mr. JIN Qingjun.....	Beneficial owner	120,000	2,300,000	2,420,000	0.032%
Ms. LAM Sin Lai Judy ..	Beneficial owner	–	2,300,000	2,300,000	0.030%

Notes:

- (i) The share options were granted pursuant to the share option schemes of the Company.
- (ii) The 127,951,178 shares are held by a discretionary trust of which Mr. LI Ming is the founder.
- (iii) The 14,914,200 shares are held by a discretionary trust of which Mr. LI Ming, his spouse and his son are the beneficiaries.
- (iv) Calculated based on the Company's total number of issued ordinary shares of 7,616,095,657 as of 31 December 2020.

LONG POSITION IN THE SHARES AND THE UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE ASSOCIATED CORPORATION(S)

Name of Director	Name of associated corporation	Nature of interest	No. of ordinary shares of associated corporation held (long position)	Percentage of total issued share capital of associated corporation (Note)
Mr. WANG Honghui.....	Gemini Investments (Holdings) Limited	Beneficial owner	132,000	0.021%

Note:

Calculated based on Gemini Investment (Holdings) Limited's total number of issued ordinary shares of 635,570,000 as of 31 December 2020.

Save as disclosed above, none of the current Directors nor the chief executives of the Company or their associates had any interest or short positions in any of the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations as defined in the SFO as at 31 December 2020.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following is a summary of significant related party balances and transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business between our members and its related parties during the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
(a) Provision of services to:				
– A shareholder		4,268	4,639	95,395
– Joint ventures		442,603	3,270,886	1,997,544
– Associates		117,355	833,095	537,067
		<u>564,226</u>	<u>4,108,620</u>	<u>2,630,006</u>
		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
(b) Transaction with joint ventures:				
Gains on disposals of interests in subsidiaries to joint ventures		2,165,245	–	9,275
		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
(c) Key management compensation				
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits		45,524	40,325	44,606
Post-employment benefits		5,127	3,469	5,143
Other long-term welfare		1,125	1,126	1,074
Share-based payments		39,638	45,745	24,294
		<u>91,414</u>	<u>90,665</u>	<u>75,117</u>
		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
(d) Year-end balances arising from sales and purchases of properties and services				
Receivables from related parties:				
– A shareholder		34,032	35,771	7,058
– Joint ventures		733,492	2,023,274	2,972,257
– Associates		162,616	258,967	357,532
		<u>930,140</u>	<u>2,318,012</u>	<u>3,336,847</u>
Other receivables from related parties				
A joint venture		863,472	–	–
Advance from related parties:				
– Joint ventures		–	–	182
– Associates		2,000	–	–
		<u>2,000</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>182</u>
Trade payables due to related parties:				
– A joint venture		40,349	37,836	8,021
– An associate		645	4,252	6,737
		<u>40,994</u>	<u>42,088</u>	<u>14,758</u>

		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
(e)	Interest income:			
	– Joint ventures	1,260,161	1,190,595	492,628
	– Associates	246,867	323,018	349,933
		<u>1,507,028</u>	<u>1,513,613</u>	<u>842,561</u>

		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
(f)	Loans to related parties			
	Joint ventures:			
	At 1 January	5,053,855	11,516,089	9,803,165
	Loans advanced during year	16,034,558	17,501,000	11,325,454
	Loans repayments received	(9,572,324)	(19,528,323)	(12,218,187)
	Decrease due to disposal of joint ventures	–	–	(2,316,515)
	Increase due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries	–	778,049	965,726
	Decrease due to disposal of interest in joint ventures	–	(463,650)	(1,191,207)
	Interest charged	(1,260,161)	(1,190,595)	(492,628)
	Interest received	1,260,161	1,190,595	492,628
	At 31 December	<u>11,516,089</u>	<u>9,803,165</u>	<u>6,368,436</u>
	Associates:			
	At 1 January	580,306	1,129,255	1,431,745
	Loans advanced during year	831,639	1,814,210	2,863,727
	Loans repayments received	(282,690)	(811,450)	(700,155)
	Decrease due to deemed disposal of associates	–	(402,895)	–
	Increase due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	–	376,015	–
	Decrease due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	–	(673,390)	–
	Interest charged	(246,867)	(323,018)	(349,933)
	Interest received	246,867	323,018	349,933
	At 31 December	<u>1,129,255</u>	<u>1,431,745</u>	<u>3,595,317</u>

		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
(g)	Amounts due from related parties			
	Joint ventures:			
	At 1 January	15,944,187	16,598,387	18,654,638
	Amounts advanced during year	39,973,775	56,292,021	76,101,503
	Repayments during year	(39,996,703)	(54,542,950)	(76,996,000)
	Decrease due to deemed disposal of joint ventures	–	(672,869)	(229,549)
	Increase due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	677,128	980,049	856,098
	Decrease due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	–	–	(14,101)
	Decrease due to disposal of joint ventures	–	–	(43,389)
	At 31 December	<u>16,598,387</u>	<u>18,654,638</u>	<u>18,329,200</u>

		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
Associates:				
	At 1 January	7,638,158	9,723,159	8,901,985
	Amounts advanced during year	8,937,168	7,689,906	1,631,050
	Repayments during year	(8,395,521)	(9,744,890)	(7,737,329)
	Increase due to deemed disposal of associates	1,543,354	–	414,533
	Decrease due to deemed disposal of an associate	–	(329,765)	(266,115)
	Increase due to disposal of a subsidiaries	–	1,563,575	–
	At 31 December	<u>9,723,159</u>	<u>8,901,985</u>	<u>2,944,124</u>
		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
(i)	Amounts due to related parties			
	Joint Ventures:			
	At 1 January	8,630,367	9,388,039	8,791,353
	Amounts advanced during year	20,207,116	17,648,483	23,625,838
	Repayments during year	(19,860,843)	(19,665,564)	(25,303,658)
	Increase due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries	411,399	1,961,124	1,127,145
	Decrease due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	–	(2,091)	(48,800)
	Decrease due to deemed disposal of joint ventures	–	(538,638)	(212,849)
	At 31 December	<u>9,388,039</u>	<u>8,791,353</u>	<u>7,979,029</u>
	Associates:			
	At 1 January	829,939	4,274,001	3,179,119
	Amounts advanced during year	6,595,957	6,550,590	2,932,020
	Repayments during year	(3,056,015)	(7,215,109)	(3,648,729)
	Decrease due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	(95,880)	–	–
	Decrease due to deemed disposal of an associate	–	(432,549)	–
	Increase due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	–	2,186	–
	At 31 December	<u>4,274,001</u>	<u>3,179,119</u>	<u>2,462,410</u>
		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
(j)	Investment in limited partners' share issued by an associate:			
	Fair value of investment in limited partners' share issued by an associate	–	2,126,795	2,254,862
		As at 31 December		
		2018	2019	2020
		(RMB thousands)		
(k)	Investment in capital instrument issued by associates:			
	Fair value of investment in capital instrument issued by associates	–	2,011,000	5,690,025

PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

The register of substantial shareholders required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of Part XV of the SFO shows that as at 31 December 2020, the Company had been notified of the following substantial shareholders' interests and short positions in the shares of the Company, being interests of 5% or more, in addition to those disclosed above in respect of the Directors and chief executives of the Company:

Name of shareholders	Capacity	Long/short position	No. of ordinary shares held	Percentage in the Company's issued share capital (note iii)
China Life Insurance (Group) Company (note i)	Interest of controlled corporation	Long	2,253,459,151	29.59%
Dajia Insurance Group Co., Ltd.* (大家保險集團有限責任公司) ("Dajia Insurance") (note ii).....	Interest of controlled corporation	Long	2,252,646,115	29.58%

Notes:

- i. The 2,253,459,151 shares were registered in the name of, and beneficially owned by, China Life. China Life Insurance (Group) Company was interested in 68.37% of China Life. China Life Insurance (Group) Company was deemed to be interested in these shares by virtue of the SFO.
- ii. The 2,252,646,115 shares were registered in the name of, and beneficially owned by, Dajia Life Insurance. Dajia Insurance was interested in 99.98% of Dajia Life Insurance. Dajia Insurance was deemed to be interested in these shares by virtue of the SFO.
- iii. Calculated based on the Company's total number of issued ordinary shares of 7,616,095,657 as of 31 December 2020.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2020, the Company had not been notified by any person or corporation who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

* For identification purposes only

RELATIONSHIP WITH PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

Set forth below are certain details regarding our relationships with certain our principal shareholders.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA LIFE

China Life, our largest shareholder, is one of the largest life insurance companies globally, and is the only Chinese financial institution listed in Shanghai, Hong Kong and New York. China Life had approximately RMB4.10 trillion of investment assets as of 31 December 2020. China Life is rated A+, A1 and A by the three international credit rating agencies, Fitch, Moody's and S&P, respectively, reflecting their recognition of China Life's outstanding business and operating capacity.

China Life held approximately 29.59% of our issued share capital as at 31 December 2020. China Life has been our shareholder since 2009 and became our largest shareholder in 2011. China Life has been actively participating in the management of our business and has appointed two non-executive directors to our Board of Directors as at the date of this Offering Circular. Further, China Life has provided significant capital and business support to us.

China Life has provided a non-binding letter of support and a non-binding equity interest purchase undertaking. In addition, China Life Insurance (Group) Company, the holding company of China Life, and our Company have signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding "Memorandum to Effectively Achieve the Synergistic Effect of Sino-Ocean Land and China Life Insurance". The major terms of the letter and memorandum are set below:

1. The Company is intended to serve as China Life's professional platform for alternative investment.
2. Subject to government policies and economic feasibility, China Life should leverage the strengths of its insurance funds to support the Company, via equity, debt or other methods, to enhance the financial strength of the Company and help it achieve sustainable development.
3. Subject to government policies and economic feasibility and subject to guarantee or other credit enhancement structures and relevant regulations, China Life intends to actively explore opportunities to cooperate with the Company in the real estate sector, including debt investment, equity investment, investment in properties, as well as setting up joint venture companies or funds.
4. Subject to relevant regulations, the investment subsidiaries of China Life will cooperate with the Company to jointly explore real estate investment opportunities, including joint land acquisition, cooperative development, joint acquisition and joint ownership of commercial real estate projects.
5. When China Life considers acquiring office buildings for its own use, priority will be given to the projects developed by the Company that fulfill China Life's requirements.
6. So long as China Life remains the largest shareholder of the Company, China Life will monitor, through the Board of Directors, the Company's capacity to service its debt, including principal and interest in each quarter.

REGULATION

LEGAL SUPERVISION RELATING TO THE PROPERTY SECTOR IN THE PRC

Establishment of a property development enterprise

Pursuant to the “Law of the People’s Republic of China on Administration of Urban Real Estate” (the “**Urban Real Estate Law**”) (《中華人民共和國城市房地產管理法》) enacted by the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress on 5 July 1994, effective in January 1995 and as amended on 30 August 2007, 27 August 2009 and 26 August 2019 respectively, a property developer is defined as “an enterprise which engages in the development and operation of property for the purposes of making profits”. Under the “Regulations on Administration of Development of Urban Real Estate” (Order of the State Council No. 248) (“**the Development Regulations**”) (《城市房地產開發經營管理條例》(國務院令248號)) enacted by the State Council and enforced on 20 July 1998 and as amended on 8 January 2011, 19 March 2018, 24 March 2019 and 29 November 2020, the establishment of a real estate development enterprise shall fulfill the following requirements: (a) its registered capital shall be RMB1 million or above (b) it shall have four or more full-time professional property/construction technicians and two or more full-time accounting officers with relevant qualifications. The Development Regulations also stipulates that people’s government of the provinces, autonomous regions or municipalities directly under the central government may impose more stringent requirements regarding the registered capital and qualifications of professional personnel of a property development enterprise according to the local circumstances.

Pursuant to the Development Regulations, applications for registration of a real estate development enterprise have to be submitted to the department of Administration for Industry and Commerce. The applicant shall file a record with the departments authorized by the local people’s governments at or above the county level where the registration department is located within one month of the receipt of its business license.

On 25 May 2009, the State Council issued a “Notice on Adjusting the Capital Ratio of Fixed Assets Investment Project” (Guo Fa [2009] No. 27) (《關於調整固定資產投資項目資本金比例的通知》(國發[2009]27號)). The Notice provides that the minimum capital requirement for affordable housing and ordinary commodity apartments is 20%, and the minimum capital requirement for other real estate development projects is 30%. These regulations apply to both domestic and foreign investment projects.

On 9 September 2015 the State Council issued a “Notice on Adjusting and Improving the Capital System of Fixed Asset Investment Projects” (Guo Fa [2015] No. 51) (《關於調整和完善固定資產投資項目資本金制度的通知》(國發[2015]51號)), the minimum capital ratio of government-subsidized housing and ordinary commodity housing projects maintained at 20%, while the minimum capital ratio of other real estate development projects has been reduced from 30% to 25%.

Foreign-invested real estate enterprises and foreign-invested real estate projects

Foreign-invested real estate enterprises can be established in the form of sino-foreign equity joint venture, sino-foreign co-operative joint venture or wholly owned foreign enterprise according to the laws and administrative regulations relating to foreign-invested enterprises. Prior to the application for registration to the department of administration of industry and commerce, the enterprise must be approved by the authorities of commerce and have obtained an approval certificate for establishing a foreign-invested enterprise. After registration to the department of administration of industry and commerce, the enterprise shall go through registration with competent foreign exchange bureau. In addition, foreign-invested real estate projects also need to be approved by the provincial government or filed with the competent investment department of the local government for the record.

Pursuant to the “Special Administrative Measures for Access of Foreign Investment (Negative List) (2020 Edition)” (《外商投資准入特別管理措施(負面清單)(2020年版)》) jointly enacted by MOFCOM and NDRC on 23 June 2020 and became effective on 23 July 2020, all types of property development fall within the permitted category. Under the Foreign Investment Law of

the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國外商投資法》) (No. 26 Order of the President of the PRC) (the “**Foreign Investment Law**”) (《中華人民共和國外商投資法》,主席令第26號) promulgated on 15 March 2019, and became effective on 1 January 2020. Pursuant to the Foreign Investment Law, industries outside the negative list for foreign investment access are to be managed according to the principle of consistency between domestic and foreign investment.

On 11 July 2006, the Ministry of Construction, MOFCOM, the NDRC, the PBOC, the SAIC and SAFE jointly enacted the “Circular on Standardizing the Admittance and Administration of Foreign Capital in the Real Estate Market” (Jian Zhu Fang [2006] No. 171) (“**Circular No. 171**”) (《關於規範房地產市場外資准入和管理的意見》(建住房[2006]171號)), which was amended on 19 August 2015 by “Notice for Adjusting Policies on the Access and Administration of Foreign Investment in Real Estate Market” (《關於調整房地產市場外資准入和管理有關政策的通知》)(建房(2015)122號). According to the circular, foreign investment in property market must comply with the following requirements:

- (a) Foreign institutions or individuals purchasing property in China which is not for their own residential use shall follow the principle of commercial existence and apply for the establishment of foreign-invested enterprises under the regulations of foreign investment in property. Foreign institutions and individuals can only carry on their business pursuant to the approved business scope after obtaining the approvals from relevant authorities and upon completion of the relevant registrations.
- (b) If the total investment of a foreign-invested real estate development enterprise exceeds or equals U.S.\$10 million, the registered capital must not be less than 50% of the total investment. If the total investment is less than U.S.\$10 million, the amount of the registered capital shall follow the existing regulations.
- (c) The commerce authorities and the department of administration of industry and commerce are, respectively, in charge of granting approval for establishing and effecting the registration of foreign-invested real estate enterprises and issuing approval certificates for foreign-invested enterprises and business licenses which are only effective for one year. After paying off the land grant premium, the enterprises should apply for the land use rights certificate by presenting the above-mentioned approval certificates and business licenses. With the land use rights certificate, the enterprises will receive a formal approval certificate for a foreign-invested enterprise from the commerce authorities, and shall replace the business license with one that has the same operational term as the formal approval certificate for foreign-invested enterprises in the department of administration of industry and commerce, and then apply for tax registration with the tax authorities.
- (d) Transfers of projects of or shares of foreign-invested real estate enterprises, and the acquisitions of domestic real estate enterprises by foreign investors should strictly follow the relevant laws, regulations and policies to obtain approvals. Foreign Investors should submit: (i) the letter of guarantee for the performance of the state-owned land use rights grant contracts, the construction land planning permit and the construction work planning permit; (ii) the land use right certificate; (iii) the certification on alteration of archival files issued by construction authorities; and (iv) the certification on the payment of tax issued by the relevant tax authorities.
- (e) When acquiring domestic real estate enterprises by way of share transfer or otherwise, or purchasing shares from Chinese parties in sino-foreign equity joint ventures, foreign investors should make proper arrangement for the employees, settle the bank loans and pay the consideration in one single payment with its internal fund. Foreign investors with irregular track records shall not be allowed to conduct any of the aforementioned activities within China.

On 23 May 2007, MOFCOM and SAFE jointly issued the “Notice on Further Strengthening and Regulating the Approval and Supervision on Foreign Investment in the Real Estate Sector in the PRC” (Shang Zi Han [2007] No. 50) (《關於進一步加強、規範外商直接投資房地產業審批和監管的通知》(商資函[2007]50號)), which was amended on 28 October 2015. The notice stipulates the following requirements for the approval and supervision of foreign investment in property sector:

- (i) foreign investment in the PRC property sector relating to luxury properties should be strictly controlled;

- (ii) before obtaining approval for the establishment of a foreign-invested property development enterprise, (a) both the land use rights certificates and housing ownership right certificates should have been obtained, or (b) contracts for obtaining land use rights or housing ownership rights should be entered into;
- (iii) entities which have been set up with foreign investment need to obtain approvals before they expand their business operations into property development, and foreign-invested entities which have been set up for property development operations need to obtain new approvals in order to expand their property business operations;
- (iv) acquisitions of domestic property entities and foreign investment in the aforesaid entities by way of “round-trip” investment (返程投資) (including when there is the same actual controlling person) should be strictly regulated. Foreign investors should not avoid approval procedures by changing actual controlling persons of the domestic property entities;
- (v) parties to foreign-invested property enterprises should not in any way guarantee a fixed investment return;
- (vi) the approval of the establishment of a foreign-invested property enterprises shall be filed with MOFCOM;
- (vii) for those foreign-invested property enterprises which are irregularly approved by local authorities for their establishment, (a) MOFCOM should carry out investigation and order punishment and corrections, and (b) foreign exchange administrative authorities should not carry out foreign exchange registrations for them.

On 10 July 2007, SAFE issued the “Notice Regarding the Publication of the List of the First Batch of Property Development Projects with Foreign Investment that Have Properly Registered with the Ministry of Commerce” (Hui Zong Fa [2007] No. 130) (“**Notice No. 130**”) (《國家外匯管理局綜合司關於下發第一批通過商務部備案的外商投資房地產項目名單的通知》(匯綜發[2007]130號)). Notice No. 130 provides, among other things, that the local foreign exchange authorities must not (i) process foreign debt registrations or applications for the settlement of foreign debt submitted by real estate enterprises with foreign investment that obtained approval certificates from the competent commerce departments and registered with MOFCOM on or after 1 June 2007; or (ii) process foreign exchange registrations (or any change of such registrations) or foreign exchange settlements regarding capital account items and sale of foreign exchange submitted by foreign-invested real estate enterprises that obtained approval certificates from local commerce departments but have not registered with MOFCOM on or after 1 June 2007. On 10 May 2013, SAFE issued the “Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Printing and Distributing the Provisions on Foreign Exchange Administration over Direct Investment Made by Foreign Investors in China and the Supporting Documents” (Hui Fa [2013] No. 21) (《國家外匯管理局關於印發外國投資者境內直接投資外匯管理規定及配套文件的通知》(匯發[2013]21號)), which repealed Notice No. 130.

The Foreign Investment Law became effective on 1 January 2020. The Foreign Investment Law stipulates that foreign investors shall not invest in any field forbidden by the negative list for access of foreign investment (hereinafter referred to as the “negative list”). For any field restricted by the negative list, foreign investors shall conform to the investment conditions provided in the negative list. Fields not included in the negative list shall be managed under the principle that domestic investment and foreign investment shall be treated uniformly. On 26 December 2019, the State Council issued the Implementing Regulations of the Foreign Investment Law of the People’s Republic of China No. 723 Order of the State Council)(《中華人民共和國外商投資法實施條例》，國務院令第七23號), effective on 1 January 2020, provides that the registration of foreign-invested enterprises shall be legally handled by the department for market regulation under the State Council or departments for market regulation under local people’s governments authorized thereby. A foreign investor or foreign-invested enterprise shall submit its investment information to the competent department of commerce through the enterprise registration system and the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System.

In November 2010, MOFCOM promulgated the “Notice on Strengthening Administration of the Approval and Registration of Foreign Investment into Real Estate Industry” (Shang Ban Zi Han [2010] No. 1542) (《關於加強外商投資房地產業審批備案管理的通知》(商辦資函[2010]1542 號)), which reiterated a number of limitations on foreign-invested real estate enterprises, such as:

- (a) Competent commerce departments of all regions shall, jointly with relevant local departments, enhance the monitoring of cross-border investment and financing activities, reinforce the safeguarding against risk in the real property market, and suppress speculative investment. Real property enterprises established in China with foreign capital shall not seek interest arbitrage by purchase and/or sale of existing real property/real property under construction in China.
- (b) Competent commerce departments of all regions shall carry out their examination and approval work strictly in accordance with various provisions on the investment in and establishment of foreign-invested investment companies, and shall not approve investment companies involved in the business of developing and operating real property.
- (c) Competent commerce departments of all regions shall, jointly with relevant departments such as the administration of foreign exchange, carefully discern and strictly review real property enterprises that involve round-trip investment and strictly control the establishment of real property enterprises in China by way of round-trip investment.

On 11 May 2013, SAFE issued the “Notice of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Printing and Distributing the Provisions on Foreign Exchange Administration over Direct Investment Made by Foreign Investors in China and the Supporting Documents” (Hui Fa [2013] No. 21) (“**Notice No. 21**”) (《國家外匯管理局關於印發外國投資者境內直接投資外匯管理規定及配套文件的通知》(匯發[2013]21號)). According to Notice No. 21, direct investment in China shall be managed by registration. Institutions and individuals involved in direct investment in China shall go through registration with SAFE and its branches (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Foreign Exchange Bureau”). Banks shall process business relating to the direct investment in China based on the registration information provided by Foreign Exchange Bureaus. A foreign-invested enterprise shall be registered with the relevant Foreign Exchange Bureau after being duly established. Where a foreign investor has made capital contribution to the foreign-invested enterprise in the form of monetary funds, equity, tangible assets, intangible assets, etc. (including lawful incomes obtained in China), or where the foreign investor has paid consideration for the acquired equity from the Chinese side of a Chinese enterprise, the foreign-invested enterprise shall register the capital contribution and the rights and interests of the foreign investor with the Foreign Exchange Bureau. The foreign-invested enterprise shall go through change of registration with the Foreign Exchange Bureau if subsequently it increases or reduces its capital, transfers its equity or undergoes other capital changes. The foreign-invested enterprise shall go through deregistration with the Foreign Exchange Bureau if it subsequently cancels the registration of business or converts to a non-foreign-invested enterprise.

On 29 August 2008, SAFE issued the “Circular on the Relevant Operating Issues Concerning Improving the Administration of Payment and Settlement of Foreign Exchange Capital of Foreign-Invested Enterprises” (Hui Zong Fa [2008] No. 142) (“**Circular No. 142**”) (《關於完善外商投資企業外匯資本金支付結匯管理有關業務操作問題的通知》(匯綜發[2008]142號)). Pursuant to Circular No. 142, Renminbi funds derived from the settlement of foreign exchange capital of a foreign-invested enterprise must be used within the business scope of the enterprise as approved by the relevant examination and approval department and cannot be used for domestic equity investment unless otherwise provided for by other regulations. On 30 March 2015, SAFE issued the “Notice of Foreign Exchange on Reforming the Management Approach regarding the Settlement of Foreign Exchange Capital of Foreign-invested Enterprises” (Hui Fa [2015] No. 19) (《國家外匯管理局關於改革外商投資企業外匯資本金結匯管理方式的通知》(匯發[2015]19號)), which repealed Notice No. 142 (“**Notice No. 19**”).

Pursuant to Notice No. 19, Renminbi funds derived from the settlement of foreign exchange capital of a foreign-invested enterprise cannot be used to make loans, repay loans borrowed from other non-financial enterprises (including advances from third parties) or repay bank loans which were lent to third parties.

On 4 August 2014, SAFE issued the “Circular of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Issues Concerning the Pilot Reform of the Administrative Approach Regarding the Settlement of the Foreign Exchange Capitals of Foreign-invested Enterprises in Certain Areas” (Hui Fa [2014] No. 36) (《國家外匯管理局關於在部分地區開展外商投資企業外匯資金結匯管理方式改革試點有關問題的通知》)(匯發[2014]36號), which became effective on 4 August 2014. Pursuant to this Circular, SAFE has launched the administrative approach pilot reform regarding the settlement of the foreign exchange capitals of foreign-invested enterprises in the following areas: Tianjin Binhai New Area, Economy Group of Shenyang, Suzhou Industrial Park, Donghu National Independent Innovation Demonstration Zone, Guangzhou Nansha New Area, Hengqin New Area, Chengdu High-tech Industrial Development Zone, Zhongguancun Science Park, Chongqing Liangjiang New Area, border development and opening-up regions in Heilongjiang Province in which pilot foreign exchange administration reform is carried out, Wenzhou Comprehensive Financial Reform Pilot Area, Pingtan Comprehensive Experimental Area, China-Malaysia Qinzhou Industrial Park, Guiyang Comprehensive Bonded Zone, Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone and Qingdao Comprehensive Wealth Management and Financial Reform Pilot Area. In these areas, (i) ordinary foreign-invested enterprises other than those whose main business is investment (including foreign-invested investment companies, foreign-invested venture capital enterprises and foreign-invested equity investment enterprises) will be governed by the prevailing provisions on domestic re-investment if they make domestic equity investments by capital transfers in the original currencies; (ii) where such an ordinary foreign-invested enterprise makes domestic equity investments with RMB funds obtained from foreign exchange settlement, the invested enterprise is required to first go through domestic re-investment registration and open a corresponding account pending for foreign exchange settlement with the local foreign exchange bureau, and the enterprise making the investment must then transfer the RMB funds obtained from foreign exchange settlement to the account pending for foreign exchange settlement opened by the invested enterprise according to the actual amount of investment; and (iii) the foregoing principles shall apply if the invested enterprise continues to make domestic equity investment.

On 30 March 2015, SAFE issued the “Notice of Foreign Exchange on Reforming the Management Approach regarding the Settlement of Foreign Exchange Capital of Foreign-invested Enterprises” (Hui Fa [2015] No. 19) (《國家外匯管理局關於改革外商投資企業外匯資金結匯管理方式的通知》)(匯發[2015]19號)), which repealed Notice No. 36 and Circular No. 142. Pursuant to this Notice, (i) the foreign exchange capital of foreign-invested enterprises shall be subject to the discretionary foreign exchange settlement; (ii) the capital in Renminbi obtained by foreign-invested enterprises from the discretionary settlement of foreign exchange capital shall be managed under the account pending for foreign exchange settlement payment; and (iii) foreign-invested enterprises with investment as the primary business (including foreign-invested investment companies, foreign-invested venture capital enterprises and foreign-invested equity investment enterprises) are permitted to carry out domestic equity investment with the capital obtained from foreign exchange settlement.

On 9 June 2016, SAFE issued the “Notice of Foreign Exchange on Reforming and Regulating Policies on the Control over Foreign Exchange Settlement of Capital Accounts” (Hui Fa [2016] No. 16) (《國家外匯管理局關於改革和規範資本項目結匯管理政策的通知》)(匯發[2016]16號)), which stipulates (i) domestic enterprises (including Chinese-funded enterprises and foreign-invested enterprises, excluding financial institutions) may go through foreign exchange settlement formalities for their foreign debts at their discretion; (ii) domestic institutions may, at their discretion, settle up to 100% of foreign exchange receipts under capital accounts for the time being; (iii) the RMB funds obtained by domestic institutions from discretionary settlement of foreign exchange receipts under capital accounts shall be managed under the accounts pending for foreign exchange settlement payment; (iv) further enhance foreign exchange administrations’ ex post regulation and investigation and treatment of violations and so on. And what needs to be prompted is that if there are any conflicts or inconsistencies between Notice No. 19 and Notice No. 16, Notice No. 16 shall prevail.

On 17 May 2014, NDRC issued the “Administrative Measures for the Verification, Approval and Record-filing of Foreign Investment Projects” (Order of NDRC No. 12) (《外商投資項目核准和備案管理辦法》(國家發展和改革委員會令第12號)), which was amended on 27 December 2014. According to the administrative measures: (i) The following projects listed in the Guidance

Catalogue shall be subject to verification and approval of the NDRC: encouraged projects with a total investment (including increased investment) of U.S.\$300 million or more which are subject to the requirement of being controlled by Chinese shareholders (whether by holding a majority shareholding or otherwise having actual control), and restricted projects with a total investment (including increased investment) of U.S.\$50 million or more (excluding real estate projects); (ii) Real estate projects under restricted industries and other restricted projects with a total investment (including increased investment) of less than U.S.\$50 million in the Guidance Catalogue shall be subject to verification and approval of provincial governments. Encouraged projects with a total investment (including increased investment) of less than U.S.\$300 million that are subject to the requirement of being controlled by Chinese shareholders (whether by holding a majority shareholding or otherwise having actual control) in the Guidance Catalogue shall be subject to the verification and approval of local governments; (iii) Foreign investment projects other than those listed in the preceding two items that fall under Item 1 through to Item 11 of the Catalogue for Investment Projects Need to Be Approved by the Government (2013 Version) (《政府核准的投資項目目錄》) shall be subject to verification and approval in accordance with Item 1 through to Item 11 therein; and (iv) Foreign investment projects beyond the scope of the preceding three items herein shall be subject to the record-filing by the competent investment departments of local governments.

On 31 October 2014, the State Council issued the “Circular of the State Council on Promulgating the Catalogue of Investment Projects Need to be Approved by the Government (2014 Version)” (“**2014 Catalogue of Investment Projects Need to be Approved by the Government**”) (Guo Fa [2014] No. 53) (《國務院關於發佈政府核准的投資項目目錄(2014年本)的通知》(國發[2014]53號)), which repeal the Catalogue for Investment Projects Need to Be Approved by the Government (2013 Version) (《政府核准的投資項目目錄》(2013年本)). Pursuant to 2014 Catalogue of Investment Projects Need to be Approved by the Government, (i) projects under the encouraged category with a total investment (including increased investment) of U.S.\$1 trillion or more which are subject to the requirement of being controlled by Chinese shareholders whether by holding a majority shareholding or otherwise having actual control and projects under the restricted category with a total investment (including increased investment) of U.S.\$100 million or more (excluding real estate projects) in the Guidance Catalogue, shall be subject to the approval of the competent investment department under the State Council. Among them, projects with total investment (including increased investment) of U.S.\$2 billion or above shall be reported to the State Council for registration; (ii) real estate projects under the restricted category and other projects under the restricted category with a total investment (including increased investment) of less than U.S.\$100 million in the Guidance Catalogue shall be subject to verification and approval of provincial governments. Projects under the encouraged category with a total investment (including increased investment) of less than 1 trillion million which are subject to the requirement of being controlled by Chinese shareholders whether by holding a majority shareholding or otherwise having actual control in the Guidance Catalogue shall be subject to the verification and approval of local government. There are some inconsistencies between the relevant provisions in the Order of NDRC No. 12 and these aforesaid provisions.

On 27 December 2014, NDRC issued the “Decision on Revising Relevant Provisions of the Administrative Measures for Approval and Record-filing of Overseas Investment Projects and the Administrative Measures for the Verification, Approval and Record-filing of Foreign Investment Projects” (Order of NDRC No. 20) (《關於修改境外投資項目核准和備案管理辦法和外商投資項目核准和備案管理辦法有關條款的決定》(國家發展和改革委員會令第20號)). According to this decision, the approval level and scope relating to foreign investment projects shall be implemented according to the 2014 Catalogue of Investment Projects Need to be Approved by the Government.

On 12 December 2016, the State Council issued the “Circular of the State Council on Promulgating the Catalogue of Investment Projects Need to be Approved by the Government (2016 Version)” (Guo Fa [2016] No. 72) (《國務院關於發佈政府核准的投資項目目錄(2016年本)的通知》(國發[2016]72號)), which repeal the Catalogue for Investment Projects Need to Be Approved by the Government (2014 Version) (《政府核准的投資項目目錄》(2014年本)). Pursuant to 2016 Catalogue of Investment Projects Need to be Approved by the Government, the restricted projects with total investment (including capital increase) of U.S.\$300 million or above in the Catalogue for the Guidance of the Foreign Investment Industries shall be subject to the approval of the competent investment department under the State Council. Among them, the projects with total

investment (including capital increase) of U.S.\$2 billion or above shall be submitted to the State Council for registration. The restricted projects with total investment (including capital increase) below U.S.\$300 million in the Catalogue for the Guidance of the Foreign Investment Industries shall be subject to the approval of provincial governments.

Qualifications of a property developer

Classifications and assessment of a real estate development enterprise's qualification

Under the “Provisions on Administration of Qualifications of Real Estate Development Enterprises” (the “**Provisions on Administration of Qualifications**”) (Order of the Ministry of Construction [2000] No. 77) (《房地產開發企業資質管理規定》(建設部令[2000]第77號)) promulgated by the Ministry of Construction in March 2000 and amended by Ministry of Housing and Urban-rural Development on 4 May 2015 and 22 December 2018, a property developer shall apply for registration of its qualifications according to the Provisions on Administration of Qualifications. An enterprise may not engage in the operation of real estate development without a qualification certificate for property development.

In accordance with the Provisions on Administration of Qualifications, property developers are classified into four classes. Developers with class 1 qualifications shall be subject to preliminary examination and approval by the construction authority under the people's government of the relevant province, autonomous region or municipality directly under the Central Government and then final approval by the construction authority under the State Council. Procedures for approval of developers with class 2 or lower qualifications shall be formulated by the construction authority under the people's government of the relevant province, autonomous region or municipality directly under the Central Government. A property developer that passes the qualification examination will be issued a qualification certificate of the relevant class by the qualification examination authority. After a newly established property developer reports its establishment to the property development authority, the latter shall issue a provisional qualification certificate to the eligible property developer within 30 days upon receipt of the report.

The provisional qualification certificate shall be effective for one year from the date of its issuance. The property development authority may extend the validity period for no longer than two years after considering the actual business conditions of the enterprise. The property developer shall apply for a verification qualification classification by the property development authority within one month before the expiry of the Provisional Qualification Certificate.

Business scope of a property developer

Under the Provisions on Administration of Qualifications, a property developer of any qualification classification shall only engage in the operation of real estate development within its approved scope of business and shall not engage in business which is limited to another qualification classification. A class 1 property developer is not restricted as to the scale of a property project to be developed and may undertake a property development project across the country. A class 2 property developer or lower may undertake a project with a GFA of less than 250,000 sq.m. and the specific scope of business shall be as confirmed by the construction authority under the people's government of the relevant province, autonomous region or municipality directly under the Central Government.

Annual inspection of a property developer's qualification

Pursuant to the Provisions on Administration of Qualifications, the qualification of a property developer shall be inspected annually. The construction authority under the State Council or its authorised institution is responsible for the annual inspection of a class 1 property developer's qualification. Procedures for annual inspection of developers of a class 2 or lower qualification shall be formulated by the construction authority under the people's government of the relevant province, autonomous region or municipality directly under the Central Government.

Bidding/Tendering for Land

According to the “Regulation on the Grant of State-owned Land Use rights through Tender, Auction and Listing-for-sale” (Order of MLR No. 11) (《招標拍賣掛牌出讓國有土地使用權規定》(國土資源部令第11號)) promulgated on 9 May 2002, effective from 1 July 2002, which was subsequently amended on 28 September 2007 and effective on 1 November 2007 and renamed as “Regulations on the Grant of State-owned Construction Land Use rights through Tender, Auction and Listing-for-sale” (Order of MLR No. 39) (《招標拍賣掛牌出讓國有建設用地使用權規定》(國土資源部令第39號)), all land to be developed for commercial purposes, such as industrial, tourism, commercial, entertainment or commodity residential housing, must be granted by way of competitive bidding, auction or listing-for-sale. When deciding to whom the land use rights should be granted, the relevant authorities will consider not only the bidding price but also the credit history and qualifications of the developer and its bidding proposal.

In brief, the procedures to obtain land use rights certificates after 1 July 2002 are as follows:

- The land administration department of the people’s government (人民政府) at the county or municipal level (the “Grantor”) issues a notice specifying the terms and conditions of the tender, auction or bidding (the “Sale”), including the amount of deposit payable, the initial bidding price of the land and other criteria that will be considered by the Grantor in determining the successful participant. The notice will generally be issued at least 20 days prior to the commencement date of Sale.
- The Grantor will notify the eligible participants, who comply with the terms and conditions of the notice, to attend the Sale. At the Sale, the eligible participants may make an offer for the land and/or submit a bidding document in accordance with the steps prescribed in the notice.
- The Grantor then issues a letter of confirmation to the successful participant. The successful participant then enters into a state-owned land grant contract with the Grantor in accordance with the terms specified in the letter of confirmation. The deposit paid for participating in the Sale shall be converted into the land premium.
- Having fully paid the land premium specified in the land grant contract, the successful participant may apply for land registration and obtain the state-owned land use rights certificate.
- The people’s government (人民政府) at or above the county level issues a state-owned land use rights certificate upon fully payment of the land premium and the deed tax.

On 17 April 2010, the State Council issued the “Notice on Strictly Restraining the Excessive Growth of the Real Property Prices in Certain Cities” (Guo Fa [2010] No. 10) (《國務院關於堅決遏制部分城市房價過快上漲的通知》(國發[2010]10號)), which states that apart from adhering to and improving the competitive bidding, auction and listing-for-sale system, the PRC government is considering exploring new land use rights granting mechanisms in order to restrain rampant growth in the land grant prices. These new mechanisms may include “comprehensive bid evaluation” (綜合評標), “one-time bidding” (一次競價) and “mutual bidding” (雙向競價). On 11 May 2011, the MLR promulgated the “Opinions on Upholding and Improving the System for the Transfer of Land by Tender, Auction and Listing-for-Sale” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2011] No. 63) (《關於堅持和完善土地招標拍賣掛牌出讓制度的意見》(國土資發[2011]63號)), which provides an explanation of adjustments and improvements to the land transfer policy through competitive biddings, auctions and listing-for-sale, including (i) adjust and improve policy-based residential land by means of auction or listing with the housing price or land price restricted; (ii) transferring land for commodity housing by means of listing or auction with the requirements for building certain area of affordable housing, and; (iii) comprehensively evaluating conditions for land development and utilisation and transfer price of land, and determining the owner of land use rights by public bidding.

Development of a property project

Land for property development

Under the “Interim Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Grant and Transfer of the Right to Use State-owned Land in Urban Areas” (Order of the State Council No. 55) (the “**Interim Regulations on Grant and Transfer**”) (《中華人民共和國城鎮國有土地使用權出讓和轉讓暫行條例》(國務院令第55號)) promulgated and enforced by the State Council on 19 May 1990, a system of grant and transfer of the right to use state-owned land is adopted. A land user shall pay a premium to the state as consideration for the grant of the land use rights within a certain term, and the land user may transfer, lease, mortgage or otherwise commercially use the land use rights within the term of use. Under the Interim Regulations on Grant and Transfer and the Urban Real Estate Law, the land administration authority under the local government of the relevant city or county shall enter into a land grant contract with the land user for the grant of the land use rights. The land user shall pay the land use right premium as provided for by the land grant contract. After payment in full of the land use right premium, the land user shall register with the land administration authority and obtain a land use right certificate evidencing the acquisition of land use rights. The Development Regulations provide that land use rights for a site intended for property development shall be obtained through government grant, except for land use rights which may be obtained through allocation pursuant to the PRC laws or the stipulations of the State Council.

Under the “Regulations on the grant of State-owned Land for Construction Use Rights through Competitive Bidding, Auction and Listing-for-Sale” (Order of MLR No. 39) (《招標拍賣掛牌出讓國有建設用地使用權規定》(國土資源部令第39號)) enacted by MLR on 28 September 2007, and effective on 1 November 2007, land for industrial use (including land for warehouses, but excluding land for mining), commercial use, tourism, entertainment and commodity housing development or one parcel of land having more than two competing applicants shall be transferred by way of competitive bidding, public auction or listing-for-sale. The procedures are as follows:

- (i) The land authority under the people’s government of the city and county (the “**Grantor**”) shall make an announcement at least 20 days prior to the date of the proposed competitive bidding, auction or listing-for-sale. The announcement should include basic particulars such as land parcel, the qualification requirement of the bidder and auction applicants, methods and criteria on confirming the winning tender or winning bidder, and other conditions such as the deposit for the bid.
- (ii) With respect to applicants who satisfy the requirements set out in the announcement, the Grantor shall inform them to attend tender, auction or listing-for-sale.
- (iii) After determining the winning tender or the winning bidder by either competitive bidding, auction or listing-for-sale, the grantor shall issue the bid winning notice to the winning tender or enter into a letter of confirmation with the winning bidder. The grantor should return other bidding or auction applicants their bidding or tender deposits.
- (iv) The Grantor and the winning tender or winning bidder shall enter into a contract for the grant of state-owned construction land use rights according to the time set out in the bid winning notice or letter of confirmation. The deposit of the bid paid by the winning tender or winning bidder will be used to set-off part of the land use right grant premium for the grant of the state-owned construction land use rights.
- (v) The winning tender or winning bidder should apply for registration and the land use rights certificate after paying off the total land grant premium in accordance with the state-owned construction land use rights grant contract. The relevant land use rights certificates will not be issued prior to full payment of the appropriate land use right grant premium, and no land use rights certificates will be issued pro rata based on partial payment received.

On 13 May 2011, the MLR promulgated the “Opinions on Upholding and Improving the System for the Transfer of Land by Competitive Bidding, Auction and Listing-for-Sale” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2011] No. 63) (《關於堅持和完善土地招標拍賣掛牌出讓制度的意見》(國土資發[2011]63號)), which adjusted and improved the system for the transfer of land by means of public bidding, auction and listing. Local administrative departments shall, based on the development of the local

land market and residential construction, choose proper procedures and policies for granting land parcels: (i) Where land use rights are granted by “restricting the housing price and bidding on the land price”, the competent land and resources departments of cities and counties shall, before granting land use rights, together with the competent administrative departments in charge of housing construction, commodity prices and planning, determine the sale conditions for houses according to relevant policies, and reasonably determine the sales price cap and the area standards for each housing unit on land parcels which will be granted, based on the sale price of commodity housing in the same region where the land parcels are located, then include the sale conditions, price caps and area standards in the plans for the grant of land use rights as restrictive conditions, and after reporting the same to the government and obtaining its approval, publicly grant the land use rights by means of listing or auction. Whoever meets the conditions and offers the highest bid for the land not less than base price shall be the winning bidder. The sales price cap of housing accepted by the winning bidder, and the strike price of land, etc., shall be specified in the bid winning notice and the land use rights grant contract. (ii) Where land use rights are granted by “restricting the land price and bidding on the housing price”, the competent land and resources departments of cities and counties shall, before granting land use rights, determine the grant price of land parcels and the sales price cap for the house (which shall be lower than the market price of commodity houses in the same region with equal conditions) based on factors such as compensation for expropriation of land and removal and relocation of residents relating to land parcels to be granted, the pre-development cost of the land, the benchmark price and market price of other land parcels within the same region, the market land price, the conditions for the grant of land use rights, housing sales price, the housing price control goals determined by the government, etc., then include these prices into the plans for the grant of land use rights, and after reporting the same to the government and obtaining its approval, publicly grant land use rights by means of listing or auction. Whoever provides the lowest sale price for houses (i.e., the highest sale price when developers sell houses) shall be the winning bidder. The promised sales price for houses provided by the winning bidder, and the strike price of land, etc., shall be specified in the bid winning notice and the land use right grant contract. (iii) Where land use rights are granted by “building certain areas of affordable housing in the land used for commodity housing”, the competent land and resources departments of cities and counties shall, together with the administrative departments in charge of housing construction, planning, housing management and security housing, determine the area, number of units, construction progress, conditions and price for government recovery, and methods for the allocation of land area, etc., for low-income housing, economical housing and other affordable housing on the land parcels which are planned to be granted, then include these qualifications in the plans for the grant of land use rights, and after reporting the same to the government and obtaining its approval, write them into the announcement and other documents for the grant of land use rights, and organise the listing and auction of the land. The strike price and the promise to build certain area of affordable housing made by the winning bidder shall be specified in the bid winning notice and the land use right grant contract. (iv) Where land use rights are granted by selecting “the optimal overall conditions for land utilisation”, the competent land and resources departments of cities and counties shall determine procedures for granting land use rights and bid assessment standards based on certain conditions, including, the standards for land utilisation, the conditions of the region where the land parcels are located and the governmental requirements for development and construction, and then, after determining the lawful base price, view factors which may affect the development and utilisation of land as bid assessment conditions such as land price, delivery time, development and construction periods, requirements for construction, economic efficiency of the proposed use, and the performance of the bidder under previous grant contracts, etc., reasonably determine each factor’s weight and organise competitive bidding. After comprehensive assessment of the bids, the land use rights shall be granted to the bidder who offers the optimal overall conditions for land utilisation. When the winning bidder is determined, it shall be disclosed to the public and the conditions for the development and utilisation of the aforesaid land shall be specified in the bid winning notice and the land use rights grant contract.

On 24 July 2019, the Ministry of Natural Resources issued “Implementing Rules of the Interim Regulations on Real Estate Registration” (Order of the Ministry of Natural Resources No. 5) (《不動產登記暫行條例實施細則》(自然資源部令第5號)) which specifies detailed provisions relating to the procedures of real estate registration and materials required for such registration.

According to the “Notice of the Ministry of Land and Resources on Strengthening the Administration of Land Supply and Promoting the Sustainable Sound Development of Real Estate Market” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2003] No. 356) (《關於加強土地供應管理促進房地產市場持續健康發展的通知》(國土資發[2003]356號)) issued by MLR on 24 September 2003 and amended on 3 December 2010, land use for luxurious commodity houses shall be stringently controlled and applications for land used for building villas will not be accepted.

On 12 December 2006, the MLR and the NDRC issued the 2006 version of the “Catalogue of Restricted Projects for Land Use” (《限制用地項目目錄(2006年版)》) and the 2006 version of the “Catalogue of Prohibited Projects for Land Use” (《禁止用地項目目錄(2006年版)》) (together with the catalogue of Restricted Projects for Land Use (2006 version), the “Catalogue of Restricted Projects for Land Use”), which restricted the area of a parcel of land granted for low-density and large-size commodity housing (projects with a plot ratio less than 1.0 and GFA more than 144 sq.m. for each set) and prohibited the use of land for villa and golf course development. On 10 November 2009, the MLR issued the supplement to the 2006 version of the “Catalogue of Restricted Projects for Land Use” (《限制用地項目目錄(2006年本增補本)》), which restricted the area of a parcel of land granted for commodity housing development to 7 hectares in small cities, 14 hectares in medium-size cities and 20 hectares in large cities. From year 2010 to 2012, the MLR issued several notices restating that the supply of the land to be developed for government-subsidized housing, housing required for transformation of shanty towns and medium and small size ordinary commercial housing shall be no less than 70% of the total land supply for housing constructions.

On 23 May 2012, MLR and NDRC jointly issued the “Circular on the Distribution and Implement of the Catalogue for Restricted Projects for Land Use (2012 Version)” and the “Catalogue for Prohibited Projects for Land Use (2012 Version)” (《關於發佈實施限制用地項目目錄(2012年本)和禁止用地項目目錄(2012年版)的通知》). In this circular, (i) MLR and NDRC set forth a ceiling for the land granted by local governments for the development of residential housing as follows: seven hectares for small cities and towns, 14 hectares for medium-sized cities and 20 hectares for large cities, and the plot ratio of residential housing projects shall not be less than 1; (ii) theme parks and large living area residential housing projects (referring to those residential housing projects with a floor area over 144 square meters per single set) shall not occupy farmland or occupy farmland in disguised forms; and (iii) property development projects for villas and golf courses projects are listed in the catalogue for prohibited land use projects.

Under the Urgent Notice, the land authority should rigidly execute the “Model Text of the State-owned Land Use Rights Grant Contract” (《國有土地使用權出讓合同示範文本》) and “Model Text of the State-owned Land Use Rights Grant Supplementary Agreement (for Trial Implementation)” (《國有土地使用權出讓合同補充協議示範文本(試行)》) jointly enacted by the MLR and the SAIC. The documents of the land grant should ascertain the requirement of planning, construction and land use such as the restriction of the dwelling size, plot ratio and the time limit of starting and completion. All these should be agreed in the land grant contract. On 29 April 2008, MLR and SAIC jointly issued the “Notice regarding Distribution of the Model Text for Grant of State-owned Land for Construction Use Rights Contract” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2008] No. 86) (《關於發佈國有建設用地使用權出讓合同示範文本的通知》(國土資發[2008]86號)). The Notice replaces the previous model text with the model text for contracts contained in the Notice.

In November 2009, the Ministry of Finance, MLR, the PBOC, the PRC Ministry of Supervision and the PRC National Audit Office jointly promulgated the “Notice on Further Enhancing the Revenue and Expenditure Control over Land Grant” (Cai Zong [2009] No. 74) (the “**Notice on Further Enhancing the Revenue and Expenditure Control over Land Grant**”) (《關於進一步加強土地出讓收支管理的通知》(財綜[2009]74號)). The notice raises the minimum down payment on land use right grant premiums to 50% of the total premium and requires the land use right grant premium to be fully paid within one year after the signing of a land grant contract, subject to limited exceptions.

On 8 March 2010, MLR promulgated the “Circular on Strengthening Real Estate Land Supply and Supervision” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2010] No. 34) (the “**Guo Tu Zi Fa [2010] No. 34**”) (《關於加強房地產用地供應和監管有關問題的通知》(國土資發[2010]34號)). Under this circular, the price for a given land granted is required to be at least 70% of the benchmark price for land in the

surrounding locality and the bidding deposit is required to be equal to at least 20% of the applicable minimum land grant premium. This circular has made further strict provisions on land grant contract administration. The land grant contract shall be executed within 10 working days after the land grant deal is closed, the down payment of 50% of the land use right grant premium shall be paid within one month after the date of land grant contract, and the remaining fee shall be paid in accordance with provisions of the land grant contract within one year.

On 21 September 2010, the MLR and Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development jointly promulgated the “Notice on Further Strengthening Control and Regulation of Land and Construction of Property Development” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2010] No. 151) (“**Circular 151**”) (《關於進一步加強房地產用地和建設管理調控的通知》(國土資發[2010]151號)), which stipulates, among other things, that: (i) at least 70% of land designated for construction of urban housing must be used for affordable housing, housing for resettlement of shanty towns and small to medium-sized ordinary commercial housing; in areas with high housing prices, the supply of land designated for small to medium-sized, price-capped housing must be increased; (ii) developers and their controlling shareholders are prohibited from participating in land auctions before rectifying any misconduct, including (1) illegal transfer of land use rights; (2) failing to commence required construction within one year from the delivery of land under land grant contracts due to developers’ own reasons; (3) non-compliance with the land development requirements specified in land grant contracts; and (4) crimes such as swindling land by forging official documents and illegal land speculation; (iii) development and construction of projects of low-density and large-sized housing must be strictly limited and the plot ratio of the planned GFA to the total site area of residential projects must be more than 1:1; and (iv) grant of two or more parcels of land as a bundle are prohibited.

According to the “Circular on Issues Pertaining to the Strengthened Implementation of Real Estate Land Use Regulatory Policies and the Healthy Development of Land Market” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2010] No. 204) (《關於嚴格落實房地產用地調控政策促進土地市場健康發展有關問題的通知》(國土資發[2010]204號)) promulgated by MLR on 19 December 2010, (i) for the lands granted through bidding, auctions and listing-for-sale process, if the premium rate is more than 50%, or the total amount of price or the price per unit has made a new record, the government of the cities and counties shall submit a compendium of abnormal transaction of real estate land to the MLR and the land resources department of the local government; and (ii) if a parcel of land is idle for more than one year or the relevant land developer breaches the terms of the relevant land grant contracts or relevant laws or regulations, the developer will be disqualified from obtaining land through the bidding process.

On 26 January 2011, the General Office of the State Council issued the “Circular of the General Office of the State Council on Issues Concerning Further Properly Regulating and Controlling the Real Estate Market” (Guo Ban Fa [2011] No. 1) (the “**Guo Ban Fa [2011] No. 1**”) (《國務院辦公廳關於進一步做好房地產市場調控工作有關問題的通知》(國辦發[2011]1號)), under which the supply of lands for government-subsidized housing, housing required for transformation of shanty towns and medium and small size ordinary commercial housing is no less than 70% of the total supply of land.

On 19 July 2012, the MLR and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development jointly issued the “Urgent Notice to Further Tighten Up Real Property Land Administration and Consolidate the Achievement of Macroeconomic Control of Real Property Market” (Guo Tu Zi Dian Fa [2012] No. 87) (the “**Guo Tu Zi Dian Fa [2012] No. 87**”) (《關於進一步嚴格房地產用地管理鞏固房地產市場調控成果的緊急通知》(國土資電發[2012]87號)) to strengthen the enforcement of macroeconomic policy in the real property market. Local governments are required to secure residential land supplies, especially land to be used for the development of government-subsidized residential units. Local governments are also required to strictly implement macroeconomic control policies in the real property market. The qualifications of bidders shall be examined in a strict manner and the provision that “land grant premium shall not be paid by bank loans” shall be implemented. Two or more parcels of land shall not be granted as a bundle and undeveloped land shall not be granted. According to the aforesaid Notice, the land grant contract shall be executed within 10 business days of completing the land grant, and a down payment of 50% of the land grant premium shall be paid, with the remaining balance payable in installments within one year. For any land (including land used for service housing, residences or commercial and residential complexes) the strike price of which is expected to become the highest total price

or unit price in history, or the premium rate of which will exceed 50%, the competent departments of land and resources at the municipal and county level shall adjust the land grant program in a timely manner and grant such land by “restricting the housing price and bidding on the land price”, building auxiliary affordable housing or public infrastructure and other methods. With regard to users who have committed acts such as failing to make payment for land grant premium, leaving land idle, hoarding land for speculation, developing land in excess of their actual development capacity or failing to fulfil a land use contract, the land administration authority under the local government of the relevant city or county shall forbid them from participating in land bidding within a certain period of time.

On 26 February 2013, the General Office of the State Council issued the “Circular of the General Office of the State Council on Continuing the Regulation of Real Estate Market” (Guo Ban Fa [2013] No. 17) (《國務院辦公廳關於繼續做好房地產市場調控工作的通知》(國辦發[2013]17號)) to promote the supply of common commercial houses and residential lands. Under this Offering Circular, the total supply of housing lands in 2013 shall not be less than the actual average supply in the last five years in principle. In part of the hot-spot cities and regional key cities in which the housing demand and supply contradiction is urgent and the rising pressure on housing prices is larger as well as in the cities of which the completion rates of supply plans for housing lands in the last two years are on the low side, the annual total supply of housing lands shall be increased and the proportion in annual land supply plans shall be improved. For the purpose of enhancing the information disclosure in respect of the land markets, the people’s governments at the municipal and county levels shall promulgate the annual supply plans of housing lands at the first quarter to stabilise the anticipation of land market. All districts shall continue to take effective measures to improve the manners for land assignment and actually prevent any high-priced lands from disturbing the anticipation of land market.

On 1 April 2017, the MLR and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development jointly issued the “Circular of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and the Ministry of Land and Resources on Tightening the Management and Control over Intermediate Residential Properties and Land Supply” (Jian Fang [2017] No. 80) (《住房城鄉建設部、國土資源部關於加強近期住房及用地供應管理和調控有關工作的通知》(建房[2017]80號)), which requires all the housing and urban-rural development departments of all provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the central government and the departments of land and resources to (i) make reasonable arrangements for the supply of housing land. In cities featuring obvious contradiction between the supply of and demand for housing or under pressure due to increasing housing prices and more housing land, in particular the land for ordinary commercial houses, shall be supplied to a reasonable extent, and the housing land supply shall be reduced or even suspended in cities requiring a lot of destocking of real estate. According to the commercial housing inventory cycle, all the local authorities shall adjust the scale, structure and time sequence of housing land supply in due time, and shall stop the supply of land to real estate having a cycle of more than 36 months; reduce the supply of land to those having a cycle of 18-36 months; increase the supply of land to those having a cycle of 6-12 months; and increase and accelerate the supply of land to those having a cycle of less than six months; (ii) grasp the scientific pace of construction and sales of new real estate. Speed up the construction of commercial housing projects. Strengthen the management of the pre-sale of commercial real estate. Increase the effective supply of real estate for leasing; and (iii) provide more housing security.

On 6 July 2019, the General Office of the State Council issued the “Guiding Opinions on the Improvement of the Secondary Market for the Transfer, Lease and Mortgage of the Land Use Rights” (Guo Ban Fa [2019] No. 34) (《國務院辦公廳關於完善建設用地使用權轉讓、出租、抵押二級市場的指導意見》(國辦發[2019]34號)), which put forward the main tasks of improving the secondary market of land use rights, including (i) the perfection of transferring rules of land use rights; (ii) the improvement of rental market management of land use rights; (iii) the improvement of mortgage mechanism of land use rights; (iv) the innovation of operation model of land market and the standardisation of market order; and (v) the enhancement of service system and supervision.

Property project development

Commencement of property projects and idle land

Under the Urban Real Estate Law, those who have obtained the land use rights must develop the land in accordance with the terms of use and within the period of commencement prescribed in the land use rights grant contract. According to the “Measures on Disposing Idle Land” (Order of the MLR No. 53) (《閒置土地處置辦法》(國土資源部令第53號)) issued by MLR on 1 June 2012, under the following circumstances, a parcel of state-owned land for construction use shall be defined as “idle land”:

- if the holder of the land use right fails to start the construction and development thereof within one year after the commencement date of the construction and development work as agreed upon and prescribed in the contract for fee-based use of State-owned land for construction use, or the decision on allocation of State-owned land for construction use; and
- if the construction and development have been started but the area of land that is under construction and development is less than one third of the total area of land that should have been under construction and development or the amount invested is less than 25% of the total investment, and the construction and development of the land has been suspended for more than one year.

If a parcel of land is identified as idle land by a competent department of land and resources, unless otherwise prescribed by the new Measures on Disposing of Idle Land, the land shall be disposed of in the following ways:

- where the land has remained idle for more than one year, the competent department of land and resources at the municipal or county level shall, with the approval of the people’s government at the same level, issue a Decision on Collecting Charges for Idle Land to the holder of the land use right and collect the charges for idle land at the rate of 20% of the land grant premium or allocation fee; and the said charges for idle land shall not be included in the production cost by the holder of the land use right; and
- where the land has remained idle for more than two years, the competent department of land and resources at the municipal or county level shall, with the approval of the people’s government at the same level, issue a Decision on Taking Back the Right to Use the State-owned Land for Construction Use to the holder of the land use right.

On 3 January 2008, the State Council reiterated the above-mentioned policies in the “Notice on Enhancing the Economical and Intensive Use of Land” (Guo Fa [2008] No. 3) (《關於促進節約集約用地的通知》(國發[2008]3號)). This notice states, among other things, that MLR and other authorities are required to research and commence the drafting of implementation rules concerning the levy of land added price (增值地價) on idle land. On 22 January 2017, the MLR issued “the construction of land use rights to transfer, lease, mortgage secondary market pilot program notice” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2017] No. 12) (《國土資源部印發<關於完善建設用地使用權轉讓、出租、抵押二級市場的試點方案>的通知》(國土資發[2017]12號)), which states that land collection fees are strictly levied for the idle land.

On 26 February 2013, the State Council issued the “Circular on Continuing the Regulation of Real Estate Market” (Guo Ban Fa [2013] No. 17) (the “**Guo Ban Fa [2013] No. 17**”) (《關於繼續做好房地產市場調控工作的通知》(國辦發[2013]17號)), pursuant to which, any real estate development enterprises that violate laws and regulations such as having idle lands, driving up land prices, hoarding properties for speculation and driving up prices of houses, the relevant departments shall establish cooperative mechanisms, and investigate and impose appropriate penalties more strictly. The land and resource departments shall forbid such enterprises to take part in the land bidding. Moreover, the banking financial institutions shall not offer loans to such enterprises for their new projects, the securities regulatory departments shall not approve the listing, refinancing and restructuring of such enterprises, and the banking regulatory departments shall not allow such enterprises to obtain financing through trust plans.

On 12 September 2014, MLR promulgated the “Guiding Opinions of the Ministry of Land and Resources on Promoting the Economical and Intensive Utilisation of Land” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2014] No. 119) (《國土資源部關於推進土地節約集約利用的指導意見》) (國土資發[2014]119號), which requires the relative land and resources departments to strictly implement the provisions of forfeiture of idle land or imposing the charges for idle land in accordance with regulations, and accelerate the identification, public disclosure and disposition of idle land.

Planning of property projects

According to the “Urban and Rural Planning Law of the People’s Republic of China” (replacing the previous “City Planning Law of the People’s Republic of China” (《中華人民共和國城鄉規劃法》) since January 2008, and amended on 24 April 2015 and 23 April 2019, the “Administrative Measures on Planning of Grant and Transfer of Urban State-owned Land Use Rights” (Order of the Ministry of Construction No. 22) (《城市國有土地使用權出讓轉讓規劃管理辦法》(建設部令第22號)) enacted by the Ministry of Construction on 4 December 1992, enforced on 1 January 1993 and amended on 26 January 2011, (i) for any land that was obtained through government allocation, the property developer shall apply for an Opinion on Construction Project’s Site Selection (選址意見書); and (ii) for any land that was obtained through land grant, the property developer shall apply for a construction land planning permit after signing a land grant contract. After obtaining a construction land planning permit, a property developer shall organise the necessary planning and the design work with regard to planning and design requirements, and apply for a construction works planning permit from city planning authority with the relevant approval documents.

Construction of property projects

According to “the Decision of the State Council on Reform of the Investment System” (《國務院關於投資體制改革的決定》(國發[2004]20號)) issued by the State Council on 16 July 2004, a record filing system of enterprise investment projects outside the The Investment Projects Subject to Government Verification and Approval Catalogue (《政府核准的投資項目目錄》) shall be implemented unless otherwise stipulated by the State, and enterprises shall file a record of such investment projects with the local government department in charge of investment on the principle of dependency.

After obtaining the “construction work planning permit”, a property developer shall apply for a construction permit from the housing and urban-rural development authority above the county level according to the “Measures for the Administration of Construction Permits for Construction Projects” (The Order of Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development No. 18) (《建築工程施工許可管理辦法》(住房和城鄉建設部令第18號)) enacted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development on 25 June 2014 and enforced on 25 October 2014 and amended on 28 September 2018.

On 17 November 2007, the General Office of the State Council issued the “Circular of on Strengthening and Regulating the Administration on Newly-commenced Projects” (Guo Ban Fa [2007] No. 64) (《國務院辦公廳關於加強和規範新開工項目管理的通知》(國辦發[2007]64號)), which set forth the conditions that shall be met by various investment projects when they are commenced as follows:

1. the projects shall be subject to the industrial policies, development and construction plans, land supply policies and market-access criteria of the PRC.
2. the formalities of approval, ratification or filing of the projects must have been completed.
3. the location and distribution of the projects within the planning area must be in line with the urban and rural planning, and relevant planning approval formalities for the projects have gone through in accordance with urban and rural planning law.
4. the approval of use of the land, which is subject to application, must be obtained, the contract of compensated use of the state-owned land shall have been signed or the decision on the allocation of the state-owned land has been obtained, and the land for the construction of profit-making investment projects shall be gained by means of biddings auctions or listing-for-sale in accordance with relevant provisions.
5. the examination and approval of environmental impact assessment must have been completed in accordance with the provisions on the category administration of environmental impact assessment as well as examinations and approval of environmental impact assessment at different levels.
6. the energy-saving appraisal and examination of the fixed asset investment projects must have been completed in accordance with relevant provisions.
7. the construction unit must have, prior to the commencement of the construction projects, acquired the construction permit or work-start report in accordance with relevant provisions of the Construction Law, and taken specific measures which can guarantee the quality and safety of the construction projects.
8. the projects must meet other relevant requirements as specified by the laws and regulations of the State.

According to the “Law on Environmental Impact Assessment of PRC” (《中華人民共和國環境影響評價法》) promulgated by the Standing Committee of the Ninth National People’s Congress on 28 October 2002 and subsequently amended on 29 December 2018, before commencing construction, a real estate developer shall prepare an environmental impact assessment report or an environmental impact registration form for submission to the relevant PRC environmental authorities and obtain approval from the relevant PRC environmental authorities to be filed in the relevant environmental protection department.

On 9 May 2012, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development promulgated the “Circular on issuance of the special plan of “Twelfth five-year” Energy Conservation of Construction” (Jian Ke [2012] No. 72) (《關於印發“十二五”建築節能專項規劃的通知》(建科[2012]72號)). Pursuant to this notice, construction projects that fail to comply with regulations or mandatory standards of energy conservation and emissions reduction, will not be granted a construction works planning permit and a construction permit.

The “Circular of the Ministry of Land and Resources and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development on Further Strengthening the Administration and Control of the Land-Use and Construction of Real Estates” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2010] No. 151) (《國土資源部、住房和城鄉建設部關於進一步加強房地產用地和建設管理調控的通知》(國土資發[2010]151號)) prohibits companies or individuals from changing the planning and construction conditions without due authorisation after a land grant. If property developers apply for a change of land planning and construction conditions do not commence construction on schedule, land authorities shall take back the land and re-grant the land use right. Pursuant to the “Urgent Notice on Further Tightening the Management of Land for Real Estate and Consolidating the Achievements of Regulation and Control of the Real Estate Market” (Guo Tu Zi Dian Fa [2012] No. 87) (《國土資源部住房城鄉建設部關於進一步嚴格房地產用地管理鞏固房地產市場調控成果的緊急通知》(國土資電發[2012]87號)) issued on 19 July 2012, residential construction projects are required to commence within one year from the land delivery date that is stipulated in the land allocation decision or land grant contract, and should be completed within three years from the date of commencement.

Completion of property projects

According to the Development Regulation, the “Regulation on the Quality Management of Construction Projects” (Order of the State Council No. 279) (《建設工程質量管理條例》(國務院令第279號)) enacted and enforced by the State Council on 30 January 2000, and implemented on 7 October 2017 and 23 April 2019, and the “Administrative Measures for Reporting Details Regarding Acceptance Examination Upon Completion of Buildings and Municipal Infrastructure” (Order of the Ministry of Construction No. 2) (《房屋建築和市政基礎設施工程竣工驗收備案管理辦法》) (建設部令第2號) enacted by the Ministry of Construction in April 2000 and amended on 19 October 2009 and the “Circular on the Issuance of the Rules for Acceptance Examination Upon Completion of Buildings and Municipal Infrastructure” (Jian Zhi [2013] No. 171) (《關於印發房屋建築和市政基礎設施工程竣工驗收規定的通知》(建質[2013]171號)) enacted and enforced by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development on 2 December 2013, after completion of a project, a property developer shall apply for an acceptance examination performed by the property development authority at or above the county level and report details of the acceptance examination, upon which the certificate of completion is issued. For a housing estate or other building complex project, an acceptance examination shall be conducted upon completion of the whole project and where such a project is developed in phases, separate acceptance examinations may be carried out for each completed phase.

Property transactions

Transfer of property

According to the Urban Real Estate Law and the “Provisions on Administration of Transfer of Urban Real Estate” (Order of the Ministry of Construction No. 96) (《城市房地產轉讓管理規定》) (建設部令第96號) enacted by the Ministry of Construction on 7 August 1995 and revised on 15 August 2001, a property owner may sell, grant or otherwise legally transfer a property to another person or legal entity. When transferring a building, the ownership of the building and the land use rights attached to the site on which the building is situated are transferred simultaneously. The parties to a transfer shall enter into a property transfer contract in writing and register the transfer with the property administration authority having jurisdiction over the location of the property within 90 days of the execution of the transfer contract.

Where the land use rights were originally obtained by way of grant, the real property may only be transferred on the condition that: (i) the land use right grant premium has been paid in full for the grant of the land use rights as provided by the land grant contract and a land use rights certificate has been obtained; and (ii) The investment and development in accordance with the transfer contract, which is a housing construction project, should complete more than 25% of the total investment; if it is a whole land development project, construction work has been carried out as planned, water supply, sewerage, electricity supply, heat supply, access roads, telecommunications and other infrastructure or utilities have been made available, and the site has been levelled and made ready for industrial or other construction purposes. In addition, if the construction of the real estate has been completed, the real estate should be transferred after the property ownership certificate is obtained.

Sale of commodity properties

Under the “Regulatory Measures on the Sale of Commodity Properties” (Order of the Ministry of Construction No. 88) (《商品房銷售管理辦法》(建設部令第88號)) enacted by the Ministry of Construction on 4 April 2001 and effective 1 June 2001, sale of commodity properties can include both pre-completion sales and post-completion sales.

Permit of pre-sale of commodity properties

According to the Development Regulations and the “Regulatory Measures on the Pre-sale of Commodity Properties”(the “**Pre-sale Measures**”)(《城市商品房預售管理辦法》) enacted by the Ministry of Construction on 15 November 1994 and revised on 15 August 2001 and 20 July 2004, respectively, the pre-sale of commodity properties shall be subject to a permit system, under which a property developer intending to sell a commodity building before its completion shall make the necessary pre sale registration with the property development authority of the relevant city or county to obtain a permit of pre-sale of commodity properties. A commodity building may only be sold before completion provided that: (A) the land use right grant premium has been paid in full for the grant of the concerned land use rights and a land use rights certificate has been issued; (B) a permit for construction work planning and a construction permit have been obtained; (C) the funds calculated by the commodity properties for pre-sale invested in the development and construction represent 25% or more of the total investment in the project and the progress of work and the completion and completion date has been ascertained; and (D) the pre-sale has been registered and a pre-sale permit of commodity properties has been obtained. In addition, regulations of certain local governments, such as Guangdong and Tianjin, have set forth additional conditions to be satisfied in connection with the application for a pre-completion sale permit.

According to the “Regulations on Administration of Pre-Sale of Commodity Properties of Guangdong Province” (《廣東省商品房預售管理條例》) enacted by the Standing Committee of Guangdong Provincial People’s Congress on 22 August 1998 and revised on 14 October 2000 and 23 July 2010, and 25 September 2014, and the “Notice on Adjusting Conditions of Image and Progress for Commodity Building Pre-sale Project in Guangdong Province” (Yue Jian Fang Zi (2001) No. 2) (《關於調整我省商品房預售項目工程形象進度條件的通知》(粵建房字(2001)2號)) issued by the Guangdong Provincial Construction Bureau in January 2001, the following conditions must be fulfilled in connection with the pre-sale of commodity properties in Guangdong: (A) the property developer has obtained a real property development qualification certificate and a business license; (B) the construction quality and safety monitoring procedures have been performed; (C) the structural construction and the roof sealing must have been completed in respect of properties of seven or fewer stories, and at least two-third of the structural construction must have been completed in respect of properties of more than seven stories; (D) a special property pre-sale account with a commercial bank in the place where the project is located has been opened; and (E) the properties, pre-sale project and its land use rights are free from any third party rights. According to the “Notice of Shanghai Housing Security and Housing Management Department on the Issues of Adjusting the Pre-Sale Standards of Commodity Properties” (《上海市住房保障房屋管理局關於調整商品房項目預售標準有關問題通知》) implemented on 27 October 2010, the Shanghai local government has adjusted the completion progress level for pre-sale of commodity residential housing projects to the completion of the roof sealing of the main structures and the acceptance examinations with regards to projects obtained the construction permit after 1 July 2010. According to the “Notice of Beijing Municipal Commission

of Housing and Urban-Rural Development on the Issues of Further Enhancing the Pre-Sale Approval of Commodity Properties in Beijing” (Jing Jian Fa [2013] No. 12) (《北京市住房和城鄉建設委員會關於進一步加強本市商品房預售許可管理有關問題的通知》(京建法[2013]12號)) implemented on 13 June 2013, regarding (i) property development projects whose land use right grant contract is signed after 1 August 2013; (ii) non-residential houses such as commercial houses and office buildings; and (iii) residential houses with average GFA more than 140 sq.m. of a suit, the roof sealing of the main structures must have been completed in respect of properties of seven or fewer stories, and at least half of the structural construction must have been completed in respect of properties of more than seven stories.

Management of pre-sale proceeds of commodity properties

According to the Pre-Sale Measures, the proceeds obtained by a property developer from the pre-sale of commercial houses must be used for the construction of the relevant projects. The specific measures for the supervision on proceeds from the pre-sale of commodity properties shall be formulated by the property administration departments.

Conditions of the sale of post-completion commodity properties

Under the “Regulatory Measures on the Sale of Commodity Properties” (Order of the Ministry of Construction No. 88) (《商品房銷售管理辦法》(建設部令第88號)), commodity properties may be put to post-completion sale only when the following pre-conditions have been satisfied: (A) the real estate development enterprise offering to sell the post-completion properties shall have an business license and a qualification certificate of a property developer; (B) the enterprise has obtained a land use rights certificate or other approval documents of land use; (C) the enterprise has the permit for construction project planning and the permit for construction; (D) the commodity properties have been completed and have been inspected and accepted as qualified; (E) the relocation of the original residents has been well settled; (F) the supplementary essential facilities for supplying water, electricity, heating, gas, communication, etc., have been made ready for use, and other supplementary essential facilities and public facilities have been made ready for use, or the schedule for construction and delivery date thereof have been specified; and (G) the property management plan has been enacted.

Before the post-completion sale of a commodity building, a property developer must submit the Real Estate Development Project Manual (房地產開發項目手冊) and other documents showing that the pre-conditions for post-completion sale have been fulfilled to the property development authority to complete the formality of filling.

Regulations on sale of commodity properties

According to the Development Regulations and the Pre-Sale Measures, for the pre-sale of a commodity property, the developer shall sign a contract for the pre-sale of the commodity property with the purchaser. The developer shall, within 30 days after signing the contract, apply for registration and recording of the contract for pre-sale of commodity property to the relevant administrative departments governing the property and the land administration department of the city or County Governments. The property administration departments are supposed to take the initiative to apply network information technology to gradually implement web-based registration of pre-sale contracts.

Pursuant to the “Circular of the General Office of the State Council on Forwarding the Opinion of the Ministry of Construction and Other Department on Doing a Good Job of Stabilizing House Prices” (Guo Ban Fa [2005] No. 26) (“**Guo Ban Fa [2005] No. 26**”) (《國務院辦公廳轉發建設部等部門關於做好穩定住房價格工作意見的通知》(國辦發[2005]26號)) on 9 May 2005, several regulations concerning commodity properties sales were implemented:

- The advance buyer is prohibited from conducting any transfer of such commodity property offered for pre-sale or under construction. Before completion and delivery of an pre-sale commodity property to the advance buyer, and before the advance buyer obtains the individual property ownership certificate, the property administration department shall not handle any transfer of the commodity building. If the name of the applicant for property ownership is inconsistent with the name of the advance buyer in the advance sales contract, the property ownership registration administration shall not accept the application of real estate ownership.

- A real-name system for house purchases should be applied; and an immediate archival filing network system should be carried out for the pre-sale contracts for commodity properties.

On 13 April 2010, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development issued the “Notice on Issues Relating to the Further Strengthening of Real Estate Market Regulation and Improvement of the Pre-sale System for Commodity Housing” (Jian Fang [2010] No. 53) (《關於進一步加強房地產市場監管完善商品住房預售制度有關問題的通知》(建房[2010]53號)), which stipulates: (i) a property developer should disclose, within 10 days of the receipt of a pre-sale permit, all the properties approved for pre-sale and the price of each unit, and should sell the properties at prices which are the same as the prices submitted in the pre-sale proposal; and (ii) the plan for pre-sale of commodity properties submitted by the property developer with provisional qualification certificate when applying for the “pre-sale permit” should identify a body bearing all responsibilities relating to the qualification of the commodity property after the bankruptcy, and such body should submit a letter of guarantee.

On 16 March 2011, the NDRC issued the “Circular on Promulgating the Rules on Sales of Commercial Houses at Clearly Marked Prices” (Fa Gai Jia Ge [2011] No. 548) (《關於發佈商品房銷售明碼標價規定的通知》(發改價格[2011]548號)). According to this circular, the seller of the commodity property is required to make known to the public the price and relevant fees relating to the commodity property and other factors affecting the price thereof. The price of each unit of a commodity property must be marked explicitly. After the permit of pre-sale of commodity properties is obtained or the filling for sale of the completed commodity properties has been completed, the seller thereof shall make known to the public all the commodity properties available for sale at one time and each unit of the commodity property shall be sold at the price registered. The seller is also required to mark out the commodity properties sold and if the price thereof is also marked, it shall be the actual price.

According to the “Notice on Conducting Special Inspections of the Sale of Commodity Houses with Marked Prices” (Fa Gai Ban Jia Jian [2011] No. 1050) (《關於開展商品房銷售明碼標價專項檢查的通知》(發改辦價檢[2011]1050號)), issued by the General Office of the NDRC on 11 May 2011, real estate developers who fail to mark a price on each unit in accordance with the relevant regulations will incur a fine of RMB5,000 for each unit sold. If real estate developers are found to have committed price fraud, they will be ordered to correct it, illegal gains will be confiscated and fines will be imposed. In serious cases, real estate developers will be ordered to suspend business.

Mortgages of property

Under the Urban Real Estate Law and the Civil Code of the People’s Republic of China (No. 45 Order of the President of the PRC) (《中華人民共和國民法典》,主席令第45號) issued by the National People’s Congress on 28 May 2020 and enforced on 1 January 2021, and the “Measures on the Administration of Mortgage of Real Estate in Urban Areas” (Order of the Ministry of Construction No. 98) (《城市房地產抵押管理辦法》(建設部令第98號)) enacted by the Ministry of Construction on 9 May 1997 and revised on 15 August 2001, “mortgage” refers to the act of a debtor, or a third party, who, without transferring the occupancy of the properties, charges those properties as security for the creditor’s rights. When the debtor fails to pay his debt, the creditor has a right to obtain compensation, in accordance with the stipulations of this law, by converting the properties into money or seek preferential payments from the proceeds of the auction or sale of the concerned properties. The creditor’s rights that the mortgagor has mortgaged must not exceed the value of the properties mortgaged. After being mortgaged, the amount of value of the properties that exceeded the creditor’s rights can be mortgaged for a second time, but the sum of the mortgage shall not exceed the value of the balance. When a mortgage is created on the ownership of a building on state-owned land legally obtained, a mortgage shall be simultaneously created on the land use rights of the land where the building is erected. When the land use rights of state-owned lands acquired through a grant is mortgaged, the buildings on the land shall also be mortgaged at the same time. The land use rights of town and village enterprises cannot be mortgaged individually. When the buildings of the town and village enterprises are mortgaged, the land use rights occupied by the buildings shall also be mortgaged at the same time. The mortgagor and the mortgagee shall sign a mortgage contract in writing. Within 30 days after a property mortgage contract has been signed, both the parties must register the mortgage with the

competent property administration authority. If a mortgage is created on the real estate in respect of which a property ownership certificate has been legally obtained, the registration authority shall make an entry under the “third party rights” item on the original real estate ownership certificate and then issue a Certificate of Third Party Rights to Real Estate (房屋他項權證) to the mortgagee. If a mortgage is created on the commodity properties put to pre-completion sale or under construction, the registration authority shall record the details of the commodity property put to pre-sale or under construction on the mortgage contract. If construction of a real property is completed during the term of a mortgage, the parties involved shall re-register the mortgage of the real property after the issuance of the certificates evidencing the ownership of the property.

Lease of buildings

On 1 December 2010, “Administrative Measures for Commodity Housing Leasing” (Order of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development No. 6) (《商品房屋租賃管理辦法》(住房和城鄉建設部令第6號)) were issued by Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, according to which, the parties to a real estate lease shall apply for lease registration with the competent departments of the municipality directly under the Central Government, cities and counties where the commodity housing is located within 30 days after the contract is signed.

Property Financing

The PBOC issued the “Circular on Further Strengthening the Management of Real Estate Related Credit” (Yin Fa [2003] No. 121) (《關於進一步加強房地產信貸業務管理的通知》(銀發[2003]121號)) on 5 June 2003 to specify the requirements for banks to provide loans for the purposes of property development and individual home mortgage as follows:

- (a) the property loan by commercial banks to real estate enterprises shall be granted only under the title of “property development loan” and it is strictly forbidden to extend such loans as current capital loan for a property development project or other loan item. No project loan shall be granted to property projects which have not obtained the land use rights certificates, construction land planning permit, construction works planning permit and construction work commencement permit;
- (b) commercial banks shall not grant loans to property developers to pay off land use right grant premium; and
- (c) commercial banks may only provide mortgage loans to individual buyers when the main structural buildings have been topped out. When a borrower applies for individual housing loans for his first residential unit, the down payment remains at 20%. In respect of his loan application for the additional purchase of residential unit(s), the percentage of the first installment shall be increased.

Pursuant to the “Guidance on Risk Management of Property Loans of Commercial Banks” (Yin Jian Fa [2004] No. 57) (《商業銀行房地產貸款風險管理指引》(銀監發[2004]57號)) issued by CBRC on 30 August 2004, any property developer applying for property development loans shall have at least 35% of the capital funds required for the development.

According to the “Notice of the People’s Bank of China on the Adjustment of Commercial Bank Housing Loan Policies and the Interest Rate of Excess Reserve Deposit” (Yin Fa [2005] No. 61) (《中國人民銀行關於調整商業銀行住房信貸政策和超額準備金存款利率的通知》(銀發[2005]61號)) enacted by the PBOC on 16 March 2005, effective on 17 March 2005, the down payment for individual housing increased from 20% to 30% in cities and areas where property prices grow too quickly. The commercial banks can independently determine scope of such property price rise according to specific situations in different cities or areas.

On 24 May 2006, the State Council passed the “Circular on the Opinion of the Ministry of Construction and Other Departments on Adjusting the Housing Supply Control Structure and Stabilizing the Housing Prices” (Guo Ban Fa [2006] No. 37) (《國務院辦公廳轉發建設部等部門關於調整住房供應結構穩定住房價格意見的通知》(國辦發[2006]37號)). The regulations provide the following:

- (a) The tightening of the control of advancing loan facilities. The commercial banks are not allowed to advance their loan facilities to property developers who do not have the required 35% or more of the total capital for the construction projects. The commercial banks should be prudent in granting loan facilities and revolving credit facilities in any form to the property developers who have a large number of idle land and unsold commodity properties. Banks should not accept mortgages of commodity properties remaining unsold for three years or longer.
- (b) From 1 June 2006 and onward, purchasers need to pay a minimum of 30% of the purchase price as down payment, except for apartments with a floor area of 90 sq.m. or less for residential purposes, for which the existing requirement of 20% of the purchase price as down payment remains unchanged.

On 27 September 2007, the PBOC and the CBRC issued the “Circular on Strengthening the Credit Management for Commercial Real Property” (Yin Fa [2007] No. 359) (《關於加強商業性房地產信貸管理的通知》(銀發[2007]359號)), with a supplement issued in December 2007. The circular aims to tighten the control over property loans from commercial banks to prevent excessive credit granting. The measures adopted include:

- for a first time home buyer, increasing the minimum amount to 30% of the purchase price as down payment where the property has a unit floor area of 90 sq.m. or more and the purchaser is buying the property for their own residence;
- for a second time home buyer who has purchased a home with a loan, increasing (i) the minimum amount of down payment to 40% of the purchase price and (ii) the minimum mortgage loan interest rate to 110% of the relevant PBOC benchmark bank lending interest rate;
- for a commercial property buyer, (i) requiring banks not to finance any purchase of pre-sold properties, (ii) increasing the minimum amount of down payment to 50% of the purchase price, (iii) increasing the minimum mortgage loan interest rate to 110% of the relevant PBOC benchmark bank lending interest rate and (iv) limiting the terms of such bank loans to no more than 10 years, although commercial banks are allowed flexibility based on its risk assessment;
- for a buyer of commercial/residential dual-purpose properties, increasing the minimum amount of down payment to 45% of the purchase price, with the other terms to be decided by reference to commercial properties; and
- prohibiting commercial banks from providing loans to property developers who have been found by relevant government authorities to be holding excessive amounts of land and properties.

In addition, commercial banks are also prohibited from providing loans to projects that have less than 35% of capital funds (proprietary interests), or where there is failure to obtain land use rights certificates, construction land planning permits, construction works planning permits and construction permits. Commercial banks are also prohibited from accepting commercial houses that have been vacant for more than three years as collateral for loans. In principle, property development loans provided by commercial banks should only be used for projects in areas where the commercial bank is located. Commercial banks may not provide loans to property developers to finance the payment of land use rights grant fees.

On 29 July 2008, the PBOC and the CBRC issued the “Notice on Promoting Economization of Land Use in Finance” (Yin Fa [2008] No. 214) (《關於金融促進節約集約用地的通知》(銀發[2008]214號)), under which, commercial banks are prohibited from providing loans (i) for projects that fall within the Catalogue for Prohibited Land Use Project (and, if extended, any such loan must be withdrawn gradually); (ii) to property developers to finance the payment of land use rights grant premium; (iii) to property developers that hold idle land for two years and prohibited commercial banks from extending other loans (including asset management business) secured by such idle land to the property developers.

In addition, commercial banks are required to be prudent when extending loans for restricted projects for land use and when extending loans to the property developers where the development and construction of the land has not commenced within the prescribed time in the land grant contract or where the development and construction of the land has commenced but the area of the development and construction that has commenced is less than one-third of the total area to be developed and constructed or the invested amount is less than 25% of the total amount of investment.

According to the notice on “Issues on Enlarging the Floating Range of the Downward Movement of Interest Rates for Individual Mortgage Loans” (Yin Fa [2008] No. 302) (《關於擴大商業性個人住房貸款利率下浮幅度等有關問題的通知》(銀發[2008]302號)) issued by the PBOC on 22 October 2008 and effective on 27 October 2008, the PRC government lowered the minimum interest rate for individual mortgage loans to 70% of the corresponding PBOC benchmark bank lending rates. Further, the minimum down payment ratio of residential properties was lowered to 20%.

On 7 January 2010, the General Office of the State Council issued a “Circular on Facilitating the Stable and Healthy Development of Property Market” (Guo Ban Fa [2010] No. 4) (《關於促進房地產市場平穩健康發展的通知》(國辦發[2010]4號)), adopting a series of measures to strengthen and improve the regulation of the property market, stabilise market expectations and facilitate the stable and healthy development of the property market. These include, among others, measures to increase the supply of affordable housing and ordinary commodity housing, provide guidance for the purchase of property, restrain speculation of property, and strengthen risk prevention and market supervision. Additionally, it explicitly requires a family (including a borrower, his or her spouse and children under 18), that has already purchased a residence through mortgage financing and has applied to purchase a second or additional residences through mortgage financing, to pay a minimum down payment of 40% of the purchase price.

On 17 April 2010, the State Council issued the “Circular on Restraining the Housing Price from Increasing Rapidly for Some Cities” (Guo Fa [2010] No. 10) (“**Guo Fa [2010] No. 10**”) (《關於堅決遏制部分城市房價過快上漲的通知》(國發[2010]10號)) which provides the following:

- a household (including the borrower, his or her spouse and any minor children) that borrows a mortgage loan for the purchase of its first residential property, of which the building area is more than 90 square meters, must make a down payment of not less than 30% of the purchase price;
- a household that borrows a mortgage loan for the purchase of its second residential property must make a down payment of not less than 50% of the purchase price and pay a mortgage rate which is not lower than 110% of the benchmark lending interest rate;
- the down payment proportion and mortgage rate applicable to the purchase of a household’s third residential property or beyond shall be significantly increased at the sole discretion of the commercial banks according to their risk controlling principles;
- in regions where commodity housing prices are too high, have increased too rapidly or where commodity housing is in short supply, commercial banks may suspend the grant of mortgage loans to any third-time (or beyond) home buyers if they deem it appropriate according to the risks involved, and may suspend the grant of mortgage loans to any non-residential home buyers who are unable to provide proof of payment of local taxes or social security contributions covering a period of one year or more. Local governments may, based on the circumstances, impose temporary restrictions during a certain period of time on the number of properties that can be purchased;
- commercial banks are prohibited from providing loans for new development projects to real estate developers who have been found to be leaving their land idle and speculating on land.

On 26 May 2010, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the PBOC and the CBRC jointly issued the “Circular on Regulating the Criteria for Identifying the Second Residential Properties in Connection with Personal Commercial Housing Loans” (Jian Fang [2010] No. 83) (《關於規範商業性個人住房貸款中第二套住房認定標準的通知》(建房[2010]83號)), which provides, among others, that the number of residential properties owned by an individual property purchaser who is applying for mortgage loans is required to be determined by taking into account the total number of residential properties owned by the family of such purchaser (including the purchaser and his or her spouse and children under the age of 18 years). In addition, the circular depicts a number of circumstances under which different credit policies shall be applied in connection with purchases of the second or additional residential property.

On 29 September 2010, the PBOC and the CBRC issued the “Notice on the Improvement of Differential Residential Credit Policies” (Yin Fa [2010] No. 275) (《關於完善差別化住房信貸政策有關問題的通知》(銀發[2010]275號)). The notice provides that:

- commercial banks in the PRC must not extend loans for the purchase of third or subsequent residence or to non-residents without proof of tax or social insurance payments covering more than one year;
- the minimum down payment for a primary residence must be 30% or more of the purchase price;
- the minimum down payment for a second residence must not be less than 50% of the purchase price of the property and the loan interest rate must not be lower than 110% of the benchmark lending interest rate;
- all commercial banks in the PRC must strengthen the management of consumer credit to ensure it is not used for the purchase of housing properties;
- all commercial banks in the PRC must stop extending new real estate property loans, or extending existing loans, to real estate developers that hold idle land, that have changed the land use or land status, that have delayed the commencement date or completion date of construction, or that have delayed the launch of sales of property projects for speculative purposes.

On 26 January 2011, the State Council issued the “Notice on Further Strengthening Regulation and Control of Real Property Markets” (Guo Ban Fa [2011] No. 1) (《關於進一步做好房地產市場調控工作有關問題的通知》(國辦發[2011]1號)), which: (i) imposes a minimum down payment of at least 60% of the total purchase price with a minimum mortgage lending interest rate of 110% of the benchmark rate published by the PBOC for the purchase of a second residential property; and (ii) in municipalities directly under the central government, cities specifically designated in the state plans (計劃單列市), provincial capitals, and cities where the housing prices are overly high or increasing at an excessively high rate, purchasers (including their spouses and minor children) that are local residents with two or more residential properties, non-residents with one or more residential properties, or non-residents that are unable to provide documentation certifying payment of local tax or social security for longer than a specified time period, are not permitted to purchase any residential properties in the administrative region of such cities. In order to implement the Notice on Further Strengthening Regulation and Control of Real Property Markets, certain cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Qingdao and Jinan, have promulgated measures to restrict the number of residential properties each family is allowed to purchase.

On 26 February 2013, the State Council issued the “Notice on Continuing to Regulating the Real Estate Market” (Guo Ban Fa [2013] No. 17) (《關於繼續做好房地產市場調控工作的通知》(國辦發[2013]17號)), pursuant to which, in cities where the housing price are increasing at an excessively high rate, the local counterparts of the PBOC may further increase down payment ratios and interest rates for loans to purchase second properties in accordance with the price control policies and targets of the corresponding local governments.

On 19 July 2013, the PBOC issued the “Notice on Further Advancing the Market-based Interest Rate Reform” (《關於進一步推進利率市場化改革的通知》), which stipulates that since 20 July 2013, the control on the lending interest rate for financial institutions was removed and the bottom limit of 0.7 times of the benchmark lending rate was suspended. Financial institutions may determine the lending rate level at their own discretion according to commercial principles. Meanwhile, however, such notice mentioned that the floating band of the interest rate in respect of loans for personal housing will remain the same and unadjusted; also, the differential housing credit policies will continue to be strictly implemented.

On 10 May 2013, SAFE issued the Notice No. 21. According to Notice No. 21, direct investment in China shall be managed by registration. Institutions and individuals involved in direct investment in China shall go through registration with SAFE and its branches. See “Regulation – B. Foreign-invested real estate enterprises and foreign-invested real estate projects”.

On 29 September 2014, the PBOC and CBRC jointly issued the “Circular of the People’s Bank of China and the China Banking Regulatory Commission on Further Improving Financial Services for Housing Consumption” (Yin Fa [2014] No. 287) (《中國人民銀行、中國銀行業監督管理委員會關於進一步做好住房金融服務工作的通知》(銀發[2014]287號)). According to this Circular, persons who have paid off the loan of its first residence and are applying for a loan for a second residence to improve their living conditions may receive a loan with an interest rate at 70% of the relevant benchmark lending interest rate. In cities where “restrictive measures for purchasing houses” have been lifted or are not applicable, families owning two or more residences for which there is no outstanding mortgage and are applying to buy another residence on loan, banking financial institutions shall decide on the percentage of down payment and interest rate by prudently evaluating the borrower’s solvency, credit status and other factors. Banking financial institutions may, according to local urbanisation plans, grant housing loans to non-local residents who meet policy requirements. Meanwhile, banking financial institutions shall shorten their loan approval times, set interest rates in a reasonable manner and give priority to meeting the needs of resident families to buy on loan their first ordinary residence for self-use or ordinary residence for the improvement of living conditions.

On 12 January 2018, the CBRC issued the “Key Work Points on Rectify Chaos in the Banking Industry in 2018” (《2018年整治銀行業市場亂象工作要點》), which states that the CBRC has decided to further sort out the chaos in the banking industry, includes violation of policies of the real estate industry, such as an institution provides, directly or indirectly, different kinds of on-balance-sheet and off-balance-sheet financing services, or support or channels with its own credit for real estate enterprises to cover their land purchase expenses.

On 11 May 2018, the NDRC and the Ministry of Finance promulgated the No. 706 Circular. According to the No. 706 Circular, (i) enterprises intending to borrow medium and long-term foreign debts shall have concrete business in fact, raise funds in a market-oriented way in accordance with laws and regulations, and meanwhile, work out a plan for the repayment of the principal and interest of foreign debts according to their respective credit status, and implement safeguards for the repayment of debts. Any enterprise is banned from, in any name, requesting the local government or a department affiliated thereto to provide guarantee or undertake liability for debt repayment for its market-oriented fundraising; (ii) the raised funds will be mainly used to support innovation development, green development, strategic emerging industries, high-end equipment manufacturing industry, “One Belt One Road” construction and international cooperation in capacity; (iii) an enterprise that intends to borrow medium and long-term foreign debts is required to establish the thorough and standardised corporate governance structure, the decision-making management mechanism and the financial management system; (iv) it is necessary to form the market-oriented investment return mechanism and create sustainable, stable and feasible expected financial yields, for fund raising-based investment projects financially aided by funds of foreign debts; (v) an enterprise that intends to borrow medium and long-term foreign debts is required to prudentially select financing instruments, reasonably hold foreign exchange position, in order to effectively prevent and control foreign debt risks; (vi) an enterprise that intends to borrow medium and long-term foreign debts is required to standardise its information disclosure. It should be clarified in the relevant documents that the relevant debts shall be repaid by the bond-issuing enterprises as the independent legal person; (vii) for the

enterprises undertaking government investment projects in accordance with laws and regulations, the finance departments shall promptly appropriate the funds in accordance with the provisions and the approved budget; (viii) for the enterprises, underwriters, audit firms, law firms and other subjects involving illegal financing and guarantee provided by local governments and the principals thereof, the punishment shall be strengthened.

Insurance of a property project

There are no mandatory provisions in PRC laws, regulations or government rules that require a property developer to have insurance policies for its property projects.

In light of the “Construction Law of the People’s Republic of China” (《中華人民共和國建築法》) enacted by the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress on 1 November 1997 and amended on 22 April 2011 and 23 April 2019, construction enterprises must maintain accident and casualty insurance for workers engaged in dangerous operations. In the “Opinions of the Ministry of Construction on Strengthening the Insurance of Accidental Injury in the Construction Work” (Jian Zhi [2003] No. 107) (《關於加強建築意外傷害保險工作的指導意見》(建質[2003]107號)) enacted by the Ministry of Construction on 23 May 2003, the Ministry of Construction further emphasized the importance of insurance to cover accidental injury in construction work and put forward detailed guidance.

Construction companies shall pay the insurance premium at their own costs and purchase various types of work-related injury insurance for the employees engaging in dangerous operations throughout the construction period. The requirements for insurance for all the aforementioned risks shall cease immediately after the completion and acceptance upon inspection of construction.

Major taxes applicable to property developers

Income tax

According to the “PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law” (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》) which was promulgated by the National People’s Congress on 16 March 2007 and became effective on 1 January 2008 and amended on 24 February 2017 and 29 December 2018, a uniform income tax rate of 25% is applied towards PRC enterprises, foreign-invested enterprises and foreign enterprises which have set up production and operation facilities in the PRC as well as PRC enterprises.

Furthermore, pursuant to the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law and the Implementation Rules on the Enterprise Income Tax (《企業所得稅法實施條例》) promulgated by the State Council on 6 December 2007 and became effective on 1 January 2008, and amended on 23 April 2019, a withholding tax rate of 10% will be applicable to any dividend payable by foreign-invested enterprises to their non-PRC enterprise investors. In addition, pursuant to the Arrangement between Mainland China and Hong Kong for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (《內地和香港特別行政區關於對所得避免雙重徵稅和防止偷漏稅的安排》) signed on 21 August 2006 and applicable in Hong Kong to income derived in any year of assessment commencing on or after 1 April 2007 and in Mainland China to any year commencing on or after 1 January 2007, a company incorporated in Hong Kong will be subject to withholding income tax at a rate of 5% on dividends it receives from its PRC subsidiaries if it holds a 25% or more of equity interest in each such PRC subsidiary at the time of the distribution, or 10% if it holds less than a 25% equity interest in that subsidiary. According to the Notice of the State Administration of Taxation, or SAT on issues regarding the Administration of Dividend Provisions in Tax Treaties (《國家稅務總局關於執行稅收協定股息條款有關問題的通知》), which was promulgated on 20 February 2009, recipients of dividends paid by PRC enterprises must satisfy certain requirements in order to obtain a preferential income tax rate pursuant to a tax treaty. One such requirement is that the taxpayer must be the “beneficiary owner” of relevant dividends. In order for a corporate recipient of dividends paid by a PRC enterprise to enjoy preferential tax treatment pursuant to a tax treaty, such recipient must be the direct owner of a certain proportion of the share capital of the PRC enterprise at all times during the 12 months preceding its receipt of the dividends. On 14 October 2019, SAT issued the Announcement of the State Taxation Administration on Issuing the “Administrative Measures for Entitlement to Treaty Benefits for

Non-resident Taxpayers” (<國家稅務總局關於發佈《非居民納稅人享受協定待遇管理辦法》的公告>), became effective on 1 January 2020, which applies to non-resident taxpayers with tax payment obligations within the territory of China who need entitlement to treaty benefits. According to the Administrative Measures for Entitlement to Treaty Benefits for Non-resident Taxpayers, where non-resident taxpayers judge by themselves that they meet the conditions for entitlement to treaty benefits, they may obtain such entitlement themselves at the time of making tax declarations, or at the time of making withholding declarations via withholding agents. At the same time, they shall collect, gather and retain relevant materials for future reference in accordance with the provisions of these Measures, and shall accept the follow-up administration of tax authorities. Also, tax authorities at all levels shall carry out follow-up administration of non-resident taxpayers' entitlement to treaty benefits, accurately implement treaties, and prevent the abuse of treaties and the risk of tax avoidance and evasion.

Value added tax

Pursuant to the “Interim Regulation of the People’s Republic of China on Value Added Tax” (Order of State Council No. 691) (《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例》(國務院令第691號)), issued by the State Council on 13 December 1993, and amended by the “Decision of the State Council to Repeal the Interim Regulation of the People’s Republic of China on Business Tax and Amend the Interim Regulation of the People’s Republic of China on Value-Added Tax” (Order of State Council No. 691) (《國務院關於廢止《中華人民共和國營業稅暫行條例》和修改《中華人民共和國增值稅暫行條例》的決定》(國務院令第691號)) on 19 November 2017, for taxpayers selling property and transferring the land use rights, the value-added tax rate is 11%.

On 4 April 2018, the MOF and the SAT promulgated the Notice of the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation on Adjusting Value-added Tax Rates (《財政部、稅務總局關於調整增值稅稅率的通知》(財稅[2018]32號)), which was became effective on 1 May 2018. Pursuant to the notice, the tax rates of 17% and 11% applicable to any taxpayer’s VAT taxable sale or import of goods shall be adjusted to 16% and 10%, respectively.

On 20 March 2019, the MOF, SAT and GAC promulgated the Announcement of the Ministry of Finance, the State Administration of Taxation and the General Administration of Customs on the Policy of Deepening the Reform of Value-Added Tax (《財政部、稅務總局、海關總署關於深化增值稅改革有關政策的公告》(財政部、稅務總局、海關總署公告2019年第39號)), which was became effective on 1 April 2019. Pursuant to the notice, the tax rates of 16% and 10% applicable to any taxpayer’s VAT taxable sale or import of goods shall be adjusted to 13% and 9%, respectively.

Land appreciation tax

According to the requirements of the “Provisional Regulations of The People’s Republic of China on Land Appreciation Tax” (the “**Land Appreciation Provisional Regulations**”) (Order of State Council No. 138) (《中華人民共和國土地增值稅暫行條例》(國務院令第138號)), which was promulgated on 13 December 1993 and amended on 8 January 2011, and the “Detailed Implementation Rules on the Provisional Regulations of The People’s Republic of China on Land Appreciation Tax” (Cai Fa Zi [1995] No. 6) (“**Land Appreciation Detailed Implementation Rules**”) (《中華人民共和國土地增值稅暫行條例實施細則》(財法字[1995]6號)), any appreciation gained from taxpayer’s transfer of property shall be subject to LAT. LAT is set at four different rates: 30% on appreciation not exceeding 50% of the sum of deductible items; 40% on appreciation exceeding 50% but not exceeding 100% of the sum of deductible items; 50% on appreciation exceeding 100% but not exceeding 200% of the sum of deductible items; and 60% on appreciation exceeding 200% of the sum of deductible items. The deductible items include but are not limited to the following:

- amount paid for obtaining the land use rights;
- costs and expenses for development of land;
- costs and expenses of new buildings and ancillary facilities, or estimated prices of old buildings and constructions;
- related tax payable for transfer of property; and
- other deductible items as specified by the Ministry of Finance.

After the issuance of the “Land Appreciation Provisional Regulations” and its implementation rules, due to the relatively long period required for property development and transfer, many districts, while they were implementing the regulations and rules, did not mandatorily require the real estate enterprises to declare and pay LAT. Therefore, in order to assist the local tax authorities in the collection of LAT, the Ministry of Finance, State Administration of Taxation, the MLR had separately and jointly issued several notices to restate the following: after the land use rights grant contracts are signed, the taxpayers should declare the tax to the local tax authorities where the property is located, and pay LAT in accordance with the amount as calculated by the tax authority and within the specified time limit. For those who fail to acquire proof of tax payment or tax exemption from the tax authorities, the property administration authority shall not process the relevant title change procedures, and shall not issue the property title certificate.

The State Administration of Taxation also issued the “Notice issued by State Administration of Taxation in respect of the Serious Handling of Administration Work in relation to the Collection of Land Appreciation Tax” (Guo Shui Han [2002] No. 615) (《關於認真做好土地增值稅徵收管理工作的通知》(國稅函[2002]615號)) on 10 July 2002 to request local tax authorities to modify the management system of LAT collection and operation procedures, to build up a proper tax return system for LAT, to improve the methods of pre-levying for the pre-sale of property. That notice also pointed out that the preferential policy of LAT exemption for first time transfer of properties under property development contracts signed before 1 January 1994 or project proposal that has been approved and for which capital was injected for development is expired, and that such tax shall be levied again.

The State Administration of Taxation issued the “Notice of State Administration of Taxation in respect of the Strengthening of Administration Work in relation to the Collection of Land Appreciation Tax” (Guo Shui Han [2004] No. 938) (《關於加強土地增值稅管理工作的通知》(國稅函[2004]938號)) on 2 August 2004 and the “Notice of State Administration of Taxation in respect of the Further Strengthening of Administration Work in relation to the Collection of Land Appreciation Tax and Land Use Tax in Cities and Towns” (Guo Shui Fa [2004] No. 100) (《關於進一步加強城鎮土地使用稅和土地增值稅徵收管理工作的通知》(國稅發[2004]100號)) on 5 August 2004. The aforesaid notices point out that the administration work in relation to the collection of LAT should be further strengthened. The preferential policy of LAT exemption for the first time transfer of properties under property development contracts signed before 1 January 1994 is expired and such tax shall be levied again. Where such taxes were still not levied, the situation should be corrected immediately. Also, the notice required that the system of tax declaration and tax sources registration in relation to LAT should be further improved and perfected.

On 2 March 2006, the Ministry of Finance and State Administration of Taxation issued the “Notice of Certain Issues Regarding Land Appreciation Tax” (Cai Shui [2006] No. 21) (《關於土地增值稅若干問題的通知》(財稅[2006]21號)), which was amended on 1 January 2015. The notice clarifies the relevant issues regarding LAT as follows:

Tax Collection and Exemption in the Sale of Ordinary Standard Residential Properties

Where any developers build ordinary standard residential properties and commercial properties, the value of land appreciation shall be assessed respectively. No retroactive adjustment will be made in respect of ordinary standard residential properties for which application for tax exemption has been filed before the notice is issued and for which LAT exemption has been granted by the tax authority on the basis of the standards of ordinary residential properties originally set down by the people’s government of the province, autonomous region or municipality directly under the central government.

Advance Collection and Settlement of LAT

- All regions shall further improve the measures for the advance collection of LAT, and decide the advance collection rate in a scientific and reasonable manner, and adjust it at a proper time according to the level of value appreciation in the property industry and market conditions within the region and on the basis of the specific property categories, namely, ordinary standard residential properties, non-ordinary standard residential properties and commercial properties. After a project is completed, the relevant settlement shall be handled in a timely manner, with any overpayment refunded or any underpayment being made up.

- If any tax pre-payment is not paid within the advance collection period, overdue fines will apply as at the day following the expiration of the prescribed advance collection period.
- As to any property project that has been completed and gone through the acceptance, where the floor area of the property as transferred makes up 85% or more in the saleable floor area, the tax authority may require the relevant taxpayer to conduct the settlement of LAT on the transferred property according to the matching principles regarding the proportion between the income generated from the transfer of property and the deductible items. The specific method of settlement shall be prescribed by the local tax authority.

On 28 December 2006, the State Administration of Taxation issued the “Notice on the Administration of the Settlement of Land Appreciation Tax of Property Development Enterprises” (Guo Shui Fa [2006] No. 187) (《關於房地產開發企業土地增值稅清算管理有關問題的通知》) (國稅發[2006]187號)) which came into effect on 1 February 2007 and amended on 15 June 2018. The notice sets out further provisions concerning the settlement of LAT by property developers by clarifying issues on responsibility for the settlement of LAT, requirements, materials to be submitted, auditing and verification, recognition of revenue of indirect sale and self-use properties, deductible items and the handling of transfer after tax is imposed and settled, etc. Local provincial tax authorities can formulate their own implementation rules according to the notice and local situation.

Pursuant to the notice described above, a property developer shall settle and clear the LAT payment of its development projects that meet certain criteria with the tax authorities in accordance with the applicable LAT tax rates. LAT shall be settled for projects approved by the competent authorities; and for projects developed in different stages, LAT shall be settled in stages. LAT must be settled if (i) the property development project has been completed and fully sold; (ii) the property developer transfers the whole incompleting development project; or (iii) the land-use rights with respect to the project is transferred directly. In addition, the relevant tax authorities may require the developer to settle LAT if either of the following criteria is met: (a) for completed property development projects, the transferred GFA represents more than 85% of total saleable GFA, or the proportion represented is less than 85%, but the remaining saleable GFA has been leased out or used by the developer; (b) the project has not been sold out for more than three years after obtaining the sale or pre-sale permit; (c) the developer applies for cancellation of the tax registration without having settled the relevant LAT; or (d) other conditions stipulated by the tax authorities.

The notice above also indicates that if a property developer satisfies any of the following criteria, the tax authorities will levy and collect LAT as per the levying rate no lower than the advance collection rate with reference to the bearing rate of LAT of local enterprises with a similar development scale and income level: (i) failure to maintain account book as required by law or administrative regulation; (ii) destroying the account book without authorisation or refusing to provide taxation information; (iii) the accounts are disorganised or illegible, or cost materials, income vouchers and cost vouchers are damaged and incomplete, making it difficult to determine transferred income or amount of deductible items; (iv) failure to go through LAT settlement within the prescribed period without being remedied within the period required by the relevant tax authorities; (v) the basis for tax calculation as submitted is obviously low without justifiable cause. Local provincial tax authorities can formulate their own implementation rules according to the notice and local situation.

To further strengthen LAT collection, in May 2009, the State Administration of Taxation released the “Rules on the Administration of the Settlement of Land Appreciation Tax” (Guo Shui Fa [2009] No. 91) (《土地增值稅清算管理規程》) (國稅發[2009]91號)), which became effective on 1 June 2009. The rules reiterated the circumstances under which LAT must be settled, the criteria that are to be met for relevant tax authorities to require the settlement of LAT and the circumstances under which the tax authorities shall levy and collect LAT as prescribed by the rules. The rules further stipulate detailed procedures for the examination and verification of settlement of LAT to be carried out by relevant tax authorities.

On 25 May 2010, the State of Administration of Taxation issued the “Notice on Strengthening of Administration work with respect to the Collection of Land Appreciation Tax” (Guo Shui Fa [2010] No. 53) (《關於加強土地增值稅徵管工作的通知》(國稅發[2010]53號)) which specifies the advance collection rate of LAT in different regions in China. According to this circular, except for governmental-subsidized housing, the advance collection rate of LAT should not be less than 2% in provinces of China’s eastern region, 1.5% in provinces of China’s central and northeastern regions, and 1% in provinces of China’s western region. The local government should apply the proper advance collection rate on the basis of the specific property category (regions should be divided in accordance with the relevant documents of the State Council).

On 20 June 2013, the State of Administration of Taxation issued the “Notice on Further Improving the Collection and Administration on the Collection of Land Appreciation Tax” (Shui Zong Fa [2013] No. 67) (《關於進一步做好土地增值稅徵管工作的通知》(稅總發[2013]67號)), pursuant to which, competent tax authorities shall settle the outstanding projects backlogged in recent years, improve efficiency, urge enterprises to conduct self-settlement within the allotted time, and enforce the consequences on those failing to conduct self-settlement.

On 25 April 2016, the State Administration of Taxation and the Ministry of Finance issued the “Circular on Issues concerning the Taxation Basis for Deed Tax, House Property Tax, Value-Added Tax of Land and Individual Income Tax Following the Collection of Value-Added Tax in lieu of Business Tax” (Cai Shui [2016] No. 43) (《關於營改增後契稅、房產稅、土地增值稅、個人所得稅計稅依據問題的通知》(財稅[2016]43號)), which provides that the transfer of property subject to the value-added tax of land shall exclude value-added tax. Where VAT input tax is included in the list of items for deduction of value-added tax of land and is allowed to be deducted from calculation of VAT output tax under the Interim Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Value-Added Tax of Land and other relevant regulations, the VAT input tax shall be exempt from deductible items; otherwise, the VAT input tax shall be calculated in deduction.

On 7 July 2016, the State Administration of Taxation issued the “Circular of the State Administration of Taxation on Revising the Land Valued-added Tax Returns” (Shui Zong Fa [2016] No. 309) (《國家稅務總局關於修訂土地增值稅納稅申報表的通知》(稅總函[2016]309號)), which clarifies that the amount paid for the acquisition of land use rights should be defined as the land-transferring fees actually paid and the relevant fees paid in accordance with the unified provisions of the State for the land use rights required by the taxpayer for the acquisition of the real estate development project.

On 10 November 2016, the State Administration of Taxation issued the “Announcement of the State Administration of Taxation on Several Provisions concerning the Levy and Administration of Land Appreciation Tax after the Collection of Value-added Tax in Lieu of Business Tax” (Announcement of the State Administration of Taxation [2016] No. 70) (《國家稅務總局關於營改增後土地增值稅若干徵管規定的公告》(國家稅務總局公告2016年第70號)), which clarifies levy standards such as (i) recognition of taxable income under LAT after the collection of VAT in lieu of business tax; (ii) recognition of taxable income under LAT on acts deemed as sales of real estate after the collection of VAT in lieu of business tax; (iii) deduction of tax relating to transfer of real estate; (iv) calculation for Settlement of LAT before and after the collection of VAT in lieu of business tax; (v) recognition of invoices for expenditure of the construction and installation engineering cost after the collection of VAT in lieu of business tax; and (vi) deduction and calculation relating to transfer of old houses.

Deed tax

Pursuant to the “Interim Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Deed Tax” (Order of the State Council No. 224) (《中華人民共和國契稅暫行條例》(國務院令第224號)) enacted by the State Council on 7 July 1997 and enforced on 1 October 1997, and amended on 2 March 2019, the transferee, whether an entity or individual, of the title to a land site or building in the PRC shall have to pay deed tax. The rate of deed tax is 3% to 5%. Provincial, regional or municipal governments directly under the central government may, within the aforesaid range, determine and report their effective tax rates to the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation for the record.

Urban land use tax

Pursuant to the “Provisional Regulations of the People’s Republic of China Governing Land Use Tax in Cities and Towns” (Order of State Council No. 483) (《中華人民共和國城鎮土地使用稅暫行條例》(國務院令第483號)) enacted by the State Council on 27 September 1988 and revised on 31 December 2006, 8 January 2011 and 7 December 2013 and 2 March 2019, respectively, the land use tax in respect of urban land is levied according to the area of the relevant land. The annual tax shall be between RMB0.6 and RMB30.0 per sq.m. for urban land, calculated according to the tax rate determined by local tax authorities.

Buildings tax

Under the “Interim Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Buildings Tax” (Guo Fa [1986] No. 90) (《中華人民共和國房產稅暫行條例》(國發[1986]90號)) enacted by the State Council on 15 September 1986, enforced on 1 October 1986, and amended on 8 January 2011, buildings tax is 1.2% if it is calculated on the basis of the residual value of a building, and 12% if it is calculated on the basis of the rental.

Farmland use tax

Pursuant to the “Law of the People’s Republic of China on Farmland Occupation Tax” (《中華人民共和國耕地佔用稅法》) enacted by the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress promulgated on 29 December 2018 and effective on 1 September 2019, the enterprises and individuals who build buildings, structures or engage in non-agricultural development on cultivated land are cultivated land occupation tax payers, and must pay cultivated land occupation tax.

Stamp duty

Under the “Interim Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Stamp Duty” (Order of the State Council No. 11) (《中華人民共和國印花稅暫行條例》(國務院令第11號)) enacted by the State Council on 6 August 1988, enforced on 1 October 1988, and amended on 8 January 2011, for property rights transfer instruments, including those in respect of property ownership transfer, the rate of stamp duty is 0.05% of the amount stated therein; for permits and certificates relating to rights, including property title certificates and land use rights certificates, stamp duty is levied at RMB5 per item.

Municipal maintenance tax

Under the “Interim Regulations of the People’s Republic of China on Municipal Maintenance Tax” (《中華人民共和國城市維護建設稅暫行條例》) (國務院令第588號) enacted by the State Council on 8 February 1985 and amended on 8 January 2011, any taxpayer, whether an entity or individual, of product tax, value-added tax or business tax is required to pay municipal maintenance tax. The tax rate shall be 7% for a taxpayer whose domicile is in an urban area, 5% for a taxpayer whose domicile is in a county or a town, and 1% for a taxpayer whose domicile is not in any urban area or county or town. Under the “Notice of the State Council on Unifying the System of Urban Maintenance and Construction Tax and Educational Surcharges Paid by Domestic and Foreign-invested Enterprises and Individuals” (Guo Fa [2010] No. 35) (《國務院關於統一內外資企業和個人城市維護建設稅和教育費附加制度的通知》(國發[2010]35號)) issued by the State Council, foreign-invested enterprises, foreign enterprises and foreigners shall be subject to the urban maintenance tax as the domestic enterprises from 1 December 2010.

Education surcharge

Under the “Interim Provisions on Imposition of Education Surcharge” (Order of the State Council No. 588) (《徵收教育費附加的暫行規定》) (國務院令第588號) enacted by the State Council on 28 April 1986, revised on 7 June 1990, 20 August 2005 and 8 January 2011, a taxpayer, whether an entity or individual, of product tax, value-added tax or business tax is required to pay an education surcharge, unless such taxpayer is instead required to pay a rural area education surcharge as provided by the “Notice of the State Council on Raising Funds for Schools in Rural Areas” (Guo Fa [1984] No. 174) (《國務院關於籌措農村學校辦學經費的通知》(國發[1984]174號)). Under the “Notice of the State Council on Extending the Urban Maintenance and Construction Tax and Educational Surcharges from Chinese to Foreign-funded Enterprises and Citizens” (Guo Fa

[2010] No. 35) (《國務院關於統一內外資企業和個人城市維護建設稅和教育費附加制度的通知》(國發[2010]35號)), foreign-invested enterprises foreign enterprises and individual foreigners shall be subject to the education surcharge as the domestic enterprises from 1 December 2010.

Measures on adjusting the structure of housing supply and stabilising housing price

The General Office of the State Council enacted the “Circular on Stabilizing Housing Price” (Guo Ban Fa Ming Dian [2005] No. 8) (《國務院辦公廳關於切實穩定住房價格的通知》)(國辦發明電[2005]8號)) on 26 March 2005, requiring measures to be taken to restrain the housing price from increasing too fast and to promote the healthy development of the property market.

On 9 May 2005, the General Office of State Council issued Guo Ban Fa [2005] No. 26 (《國務院辦公廳轉發建設部等部門關於做好穩定住房價格工作意見的通知》(國辦發[2005]26號)), which provides the following:

Intensifying the planning and control and improving the supply structure of houses

Where the housing prices are increasing excessively and where the supply of ordinary commodity houses is in the medium or low price range, and economical houses are insufficient, construction of residential properties should mainly involve projects of ordinary commodity houses in the medium or low price range and economical houses. The construction of low-density, upmarket houses shall be strictly controlled. With respect to construction projects of medium-or low-price ordinary commodity houses, before any grant of land, the municipal planning authority shall, according to the level of control required, set out conditions for planning and design, such as the height of buildings, plot ratio and green space. The property authority shall, in collaboration with other relevant authorities, set forth such controlling requirements as sale price, type and apartment sizes. Such conditions and requirements will be set out as preconditions to land grants to ensure an effective supply of medium or small-sized houses at moderate and low prices. The local government must intensify the supervision of planning permits for property development projects. Housing projects that have not commenced within two years must be examined again, and those that turn out to not be in compliance with the planning permits will be revoked.

Intensifying the control over the supply of land and rigorously enforcing the administration of land

Where the price of land for residential use and residential properties increases too rapidly, the proportion of land for residential use to the total land supply should be appropriately raised, and the land supply for the construction of ordinary commodity houses in the medium-or low-price range and economical house should be increased. Land supply for villa construction continues to be suspended, and land supply for high-end housing property construction is strictly restricted.

Rectifying and regulating for an orderly market

The buyer of a pre-completion commodity property is prohibited from conducting any transfer of the pre-sale commodity property that he has bought that is still under construction. A real name system for property purchase should be applied, and an immediate archival filing network system for advance sales contracts of commodity properties should be carried out.

On 24 May 2006, Guo Ban Fa [2006] No. 37 provides the following:

(a) Adjusting the Housing Supply Structure

- Developers must focus on providing small-to medium-sized ordinary commodity properties at low-to mid-level prices to cater to the demands of local residents.
- As at 1 June 2006, newly approved and newly commenced residential construction projects must have at least 70% of the total construction work area designated for small apartments with floor areas of 90 sq.m. or below (including economically affordable apartments). If municipalities directly under the central government, cities specifically designated in the state plans (計劃單列市) or provincial capital cities (省會城市) have special reasons to adjust such prescribed ratio, they must obtain special approval from the Ministry of Construction. Construction projects that have been approved but have not yet obtained a construction permit must follow the prescribed ratio.

(b) Further adjustments by tax, loan and land policies

- From 1 June 2006, business tax will be levied on the full amount of the sale proceeds on conveyance of residential properties within a period of five years from the date of purchase. If an individual sells his ordinary standard apartment after five or more years from the date of purchase, business tax will normally be exempted. If an individual sells his non-ordinary apartment after five or more years from the date of purchase, business tax will be levied on the balance between the selling price and the purchase price.
- Commercial banks are not allowed to advance loan facilities to property developers who do not have the required 35% minimum of the total capital for the construction projects. Commercial banks should be prudent in granting loan facilities and/or revolving credit facilities in any form to the property developers who have a large number of idle lands and unsold commodity apartments. Banks shall not accept mortgages of commodity apartments remaining unsold for three years or more.
- At least 70% of the total land supply for residential property development must be used for developing small-to-medium-sized low-cost public housing. Based on the restrictions of residential property size ratio and residential property price, land supply will be granted by way of auction to the property developer who offers the highest bid. Land supply for villa construction will continue to be suspended, and land supply for low-density and large-area housing property construction will be restricted.
- The relevant authorities will levy a higher land idle fee against those property developers who have not commenced the construction work for longer than one year from the commencement date stipulated in the construction contract and will order them to set a date for commencing the construction work and a date of completion. The relevant authorities will confiscate, without compensation, the land from those property developers who have not commenced the construction work beyond two years from the commencement date stipulated in the construction contract without proper reasons. The relevant authorities will dispose of the idle land of those property developers who have suspended construction work for one year without an approval, who have invested less than one-fourth of the total proposed investment and who have developed less than one-third of the total proposed construction area.

(c) Reasonably Monitoring the Scope and Progress of Demolition of Urban Housing

- The management and reasonable control of the scope and progress of the demolition of urban housing should be strengthened to halt “excessive property growth triggered by passive means” (被動性住房需求的過快增長).

(d) Further Rectifying and Regulating the Order of the Property Market

- In order to ensure that the prescribed ratio regarding types and sizes is followed, the relevant authorities will need to re-examine the approval of those construction projects which have been granted planning permits but have not been commenced. The relevant authorities will ensure that no planning permit (規劃許可證), construction permit (施工許可證) or pre-sale permit (商品房預售許可證) are issued to those construction projects which do not satisfy the regulatory requirements, in particular, the prescribed ratio requirement. If the property developers, without an approval, alter the architectural design, the construction items, and exceed the prescribed ratio, the relevant authorities have the power to dispose of commodity properties (住房) and to confiscate the land in accordance with the law.

- The property administration authority and the administration of industry and commerce will investigate illegal dealings, such as contract fraud cases in accordance with the law. The sale of pre-completion commodity apartments without satisfying all the conditions is prohibited and an administrative penalty will be imposed on offenders in accordance with the law. For property developers who hoard properties for speculation, or maliciously manipulate and drive up housing prices, the relevant authorities will impose substantial administrative penalties, including revoking the business licenses of serious offenders and pursuing personal liability for individuals concerned.

(e) *Gradually relieving the housing demands for low-income families*

- To expedite the establishment of low-cost public housing supply system in various cities and counties; to monitor and regulate the construction of economically affordable apartments; to aggressively develop the second-hand property market and property rental market.

(f) *Improving information disclosure system and system for collecting property statistics*

On 6 July 2006, the Ministry of Construction promulgated a “supplemental Opinion on Carrying Out the Residential Property Size Ratio in Newly-Built Residential Buildings” (Jian Zhu Fang [2006] No. 165) (the “**Supplemental Opinion**”) (《關於落實新建住房結構比例要求的若干意見》(建住房[2006]165號)). The Supplemental Opinion provides the following:

- As at 1 June 2006, of the newly approved and newly commenced construction projects in different cities, including town and counties, at least 70% of the total construction area must be used for building small apartments with unit floor area of sq.m. or below (including economically affordable apartments). The relevant authorities in different localities must strictly follow the prescribed ratio requirement in their respective locality.
- The relevant authorities must ensure the conditions of newly built commodity apartments including the planning and the design, and must ensure that the property size ratio is adhered to. If a property developer has not followed the ratio requirement without providing proper reasons, the town planning authorities will not issue a planning permit. If the property developer has not followed the requirements of the planning permit, the relevant authority reviewing the planning documents will not issue a certification, the construction authority will not issue a construction permit, and the property authority will not issue a permit for pre-sale of the commodity apartments.

In the case of construction projects that were granted approval before 1 June 2006, but that were not granted a construction work permit by that date, the relevant local governments must ascertain the details of the projects and ensure that the prescribed residential property size ratio requirement is complied with.

On 27 September 2007, the PBOC and the CBRC further tightened mortgage lending by PRC banks, by increasing the amount of down payment required before seeking mortgage financing. See “Regulation – Legal supervision relating to property sector in the PRC – Property financing”.

In January 2010, the General Office of the State Council issued a “Circular on Facilitating the Stable and Healthy Development of Property Market” (Guo Ban Fa [2010] No. 4) (《關於促進房地產市場平穩健康發展的通知》(國辦發[2010]4號)), adopting a series of measures to strengthen and improve the regulation of the property market, stabilise market expectations and facilitate the stable and healthy development of the property market. These include, among others, measures to increase the supply of affordable housing and ordinary commodity housing, provide guidance for the purchase of property, restrain speculation of property, and strengthen risk prevention and market supervision. Additionally, it explicitly requires a family (including a borrower, his or her spouse and children under 18), that has already purchased a residence through mortgage financing and has applied to purchase a second or additional residences through mortgage financing, to pay a minimum down payment of 40% of the purchase price. And it will continue to implement the differential housing tax policy.

In March 2010, the MLR published the Notice on Increasing the Supply of Land for Real Estate Development and the Tightening of Regulation (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2010] No. 34) (《關於加強房地產用地供應和監管有關問題的通知》(國土資發[2010]34號)), which requires: (i) that the minimum land use right grant premium payable shall not be less than 70% of the benchmark price for land of the same grade as that of the lot to be granted; (ii) that the competitive bid bond shall not be less than 20% of the minimum land use right grant premium; and (iii) that 50% of the total land use right grant premium must be paid within one month of the signing of the contract as down payment with the remainder to be paid by the time agreed in the contract, but in any event no later than one year after the signing of the contract. If a real estate developer fails to pay the land use right grant premium when due or is found to be leaving the land idle, hoarding or speculating on land, or to have undertaken land development beyond its capacity or failed to perform its obligations under the land grant contract, the relevant municipal or county administrative authority shall prohibit it from participating in any competitive bidding for land within a certain period of time.

The Guo Fa [2010] No. 10 which was issued In April 2010, provides the following:

- Increased strict differential housing credit policies. For families that purchase the first self-use house with the construction area of over 90 square meters (including the borrower, spouse and underaged children thereof, the same below), the down payment proportion of the loan shall not be lower than 30%; the down payment proportion of the loan for purchase of the second house shall not be lower than 50% and the interest rate on the loan shall not be lower than 1.1 times of the benchmark interest rate; the down payment proportion and the interest rate shall be raised substantially for loans to buy a third house or above and the specific proportion and interest rate shall be determined by commercial banks in light of risk management principle.
- In areas where the price of commercial houses is too high and rises too fast and where there is tension in house supply, the commercial banks may suspend granting loans for the purchase of the third house or more in light of risk status; suspend granting house purchase loans for non-residents who cannot provide local tax certificates or certificates on payment of social insurance for more than one year. The local people's government may take provisional measures according to the situation to limit the number of houses that can be purchased within a certain period.
- While adhering to and improving the existing system for land competitive bidding, auction and listing-for-sale, explore other methods for land transfer such as "comprehensive evaluation", "one-time bidding" and "two-way quotations" to restrain the rampant rise in transfer price of residential land.
- The land supply for security housing, shantytown transformation and small and middle-sized ordinary commercial housing shall not be lower than 70% of the total land supply for residential construction and shall be given priority.
- With regard to real estate development enterprises that having idle land or speculate on land, the commercial bank shall not grant loans to them for new development projects and the securities regulatory departments shall suspend the approval of its listing, refinancing and material asset restructuring.

According to Guo Ban Fa [2011] No. 1 which was issued on 26 January 2011, local governments shall effectively perform their duties of promoting the steady and healthy development of the real estate market, strictly carry out the Guo Fa Document No. 10 and its supporting policies, and effectively keep housing prices at a reasonable level. The business tax policy with respect to housing transfer by individuals shall be adjusted, and the whole amount of the income from transfer of a privately-owned housing unit which was purchased less than 5 years ago shall be taxed. For a household which uses a housing loan to buy the second home, the down payment shall not be less than 60 per cent., and the loan interest rate shall not be lower than 1.1 times of the benchmark interest rate. All regions shall increase the effective supply of land, and strictly implement the requirements that the land supply for the construction of affordable housing, transformation of shanty towns into residential housing, and small and medium-sized ordinary commercial housing is not less than 70 per cent. of the total land supply.

The State Council recently approved on a trial basis the launch of a property tax scheme in selected cities in January 2011. The detailed measures will be formulated by the governments of the pilot provinces, autonomous regions or municipalities directly under the central government. On 27 January 2011, the governments of Shanghai and Chongqing issued their respective measures for implementing pilot property tax schemes, which became effective on 28 January 2011.

Pursuant to the Guo Tu Zi Dian Fa [2012] No. 87 issued on 19 July 2012, all regions shall do their best to secure the supply of land for affordable housing projects, and further enhance the supply of land for common commercial housing. For any land (including land used for service housing, residences or commercial and residential complexes) the strike price of which is expected to become the highest total price or unit price in history, or the premium rate of which will exceed 50%, the competent departments of land and resources at the municipal and county level shall adjust the land grant program in a timely manner and grant land by “restricting the housing price and bidding on the land price”, building auxiliary affordable housing or public infrastructure and other methods. The competent departments of land and resources at provincial level shall pay close attention to land-granting announcements issued by counties and cities, be kept informed of the detailed information on the land plot to be granted in a timely manner, and urge counties and cities to strictly implement the recording system for abnormal transactions of land plots.

The Guo Ban Fa [2013] No. 17 which was issued on 26 February 2013, provides the following:

- Continue to strictly implement the restriction measures for purchasing commercial houses. The municipalities directly under the Central Government, the municipalities specifically designated in the state plan and the provincial capitals in which the restriction measures have been implemented shall improve the existing restriction measures for purchasing houses on the base of the strict implementation of the Circular of the General Office of the State Council on Issues Concerning Further Properly Regulating and Controlling the Real Estate Market (Guo Ban Fa [2011] No. 1). The areas under purchase restrictions shall cover all the administrative regions of the cities; the housing types under restricted purchase restrictions shall include all the newly-built commercial houses and secondhand houses; the examinations for qualification for purchasing houses shall be conducted before the signing of purchase (subscription) contracts; non-residential households that have one or more sets of houses and non-residential households that fail to provide the local tax-paid vouchers or certifications of social insurance payment for the required period, shall be suspended from purchasing houses in such administrative areas. The cities in which housing demand is high or otherwise facing a heavy rising pressure on housing prices shall take more strict measures for purchasing houses on the basis of the requirements mentioned above; other cities where housing prices rise too fast, the provincial people’s governments shall require such cities to promptly take measures including restriction measures for purchasing houses.
- Continue to strictly implement the differentiated housing credit policies. The banking financial institutions shall properly implement the policies of down-payment proportion and interest rates of loans for the first home buyers and strictly implement the housing credit policies for purchasing the second house (and more). With regard to the cities in which the housing prices rise too fast, the local branches of the People’s Bank may increase the down-payment proportion and interest rates of loans for the second house purchasers in accordance with the goals to control the prices of newly-built commercial houses and the requirements of the people’s governments of the cities.
- The individual income taxes shall be levied on gains generated from selling self-owned houses at the rate of 20% in accordance with law if the original value of such houses can be verified through historical information such as tax filings and property registration. Building on the experience of the pilot cities on reforming the real estate taxes of individual housing property, accelerate the popularization and expansion of the pilots.

- With regard to the common commercial house projects in which the small- and medium-sized suites reach 70% of the total number of suites that shall be constructed, the banking financial institutions shall give priority to their requests for loan on the condition that they meet the credit conditions.

On 22 December 2016, the Central Economic Work Conference put forward the standpoint that “house is for people to live in, not for people to speculate in”. The meeting first releases a clear signal that housing should be returned to its residential attribute and investment speculation in real estate market should be restrained. According to this policy, the PRC government may strictly limit the flow of funds to speculative investment of house-purchase and it would be more difficult for house buyers to finance for investment purpose.

On 13 February 2017, the Asset Management Association of China issued the “Circular on Issuing the No. 4 Administrative Rules for Filing of Private Asset Management Plans by Securities and Futures Institutions” (《關於發佈〈證券期貨經營機構私募資產管理計劃備案管理規範第4號〉的通知》), which provides that where securities and futures institutions are to establish private asset management plans, and make investment in common residential real estate projects located in cities where property prices are soaring, such plans shall not be registered. Private asset management plans may not finance real estate developers through, among others, entrusted loan, trust plan and transfer of the right to earnings (the beneficiary right) of assets for paying land acquisition price or replenishing working capital; and not directly or indirectly facilitate any violation or illegality, such as granting loans used as down payments.

On 7 April 2017, the China Banking Regulatory Commission issued the “Guiding Opinions of the China Banking Regulatory Commission on Risk Prevention and Control for the Banking Sector” (《中國銀監會關於銀行業風險防控工作的指導意見》(銀監發[2017]6號)), which requires that all banks and other financial institutions acting in concert should insist on category-based regulation and the implementation of city-based policy, and prevent risks in the real estate field.

On 18 July 2017, NDRC, the China Securities Regulatory Commission, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Ministry of Public Security, MLR, the State Administration of Taxation, SAIC, the PBOC issued the “Notice on speeding up the development of housing rental market in large and medium-sized cities where the population inflows” (Jian Fang [2017] No. 153) (《關於在人口淨流入的大中城市加快發展住房租賃市場的通知》(建房[2017]153號)), it encouraged the development of house leasing business as well as encouraged real estate development enterprises, brokerage agencies, property services companies set up subsidiaries to expand housing rental business. It required local Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development work with the relevant departments to jointly build a government housing rental trading platform to regulate the housing rental information release, transaction and credit management. It also encouraged local government to increase the supply of new rental housing through provide land to construct rental housing, provide rooms to lease in the new commercial housing projects, etc., and make full use of stock rooms for the lease of housing.

On 21 August 2017, the Ministry of Land and Resources and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development issued the “Pilot Program of Building Residential Houses on Collectively-owned Construction Land for Rental Purpose” (Guo Tu Zi Fa [2017] No. 100) (《利用集體建設用地建設租賃住房試點方案》(國土資發[2017]100號)), which determined to carry out the pilot program of building residential houses on collectively-owned construction land for rental purpose in the first batch of 13 cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Hefei and other cities. It intended to build a housing system for both purchase and rent as well as build a construction land market unified urban and rural. It required local government to improve the utilisation of stock land as well as to promote the stable and healthy development of real estate through improving the approval process of the pilot project, building a collective rental housing construction and operation system, improving the service and supervision system as well as exploring the way to protect the tenant to obtain basic public services under the premise of the voluntary implementation of the rural village-level collective economic organisations.

According to the guidelines proposed in the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the decisions and arrangements made at the Central Economic Work Conference and the 2018 Report on Government Work, it is required to accelerate forming a housing system that ensures supply through multiple sources, provides housing support through multiple channels and encourages both housing purchase and renting.

On 11 January 2019, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development issued the “Letter on Opinions of Pilot Program of Building Residential Houses on Collectively-owned Construction Land for Rental Purpose in Fuzhou and Other Five Cities* (Zi Ran Zi Ban Han [2019] No. 57) 《關於福州等5個城市利用集體建設用地建設租賃住房試點實施方案意見的函》(自然資辦函[2019]57號), which approved the pilot program of building residential houses on collectively-owned construction land for rental purposes in five cities including Fuzhou, Nanchang, Qingdao, Haikou and Guiyang. It required the government to supervise the project site selection, project construction and operation management. The pilot cities must standardise the approval and supervision procedures, and financial institutions are strictly prohibited from illegally providing “rental loans”.

On 1 March 2018, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development issued the “Circular on Issuing the Administrative Measures for Local Governmental Shantytown Renovation Special Bonds (for Trial Implementation)” (Cai Yu [2018] No. 28) (《試點發行地方政府棚戶區改造專項債券管理辦法》的通知(財預[2018]28號)), which grants local governments the authority to engage in appropriate debt financing to the Shantytown Renovation project.

On 24 April 2018, the China Securities Regulatory Commission and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-rural Development jointly issued the Circular on Promoting the Asset-backed Securitization of House Leasing (Zheng Jian Fa [2018] No. 30) (“**Circular No. 30**”) (《中國證監會、住房城鄉建設部關於推進住房租賃資產證券化相關工作的通知》(證監發[2018]30號)). Circular No. 30 outlines basic conditions for the asset-back securitisation (ABS) of house leasing business, one of which reads “the property runs normally and generates continuous and stable cash flow”. Further, it is made clear in Circular No. 30 that priority support will be given to the ABS of house leasing projects carried out in core areas supported by state policies, such as large and medium-sized cities and the Xiongan New Area, and in cities where the pilot program to use collective construction land to build houses for leasing purposes is in place. In addition, Circular No. 30 standardises procedures for applying for the ABS of house leasing, accepting and examining these applications and issuing the ABS products, and it also optimises formalities concerning the completion acceptance, record-filing and transactions of rental-oriented residential houses involved in the securitisation of house rental business. Furthermore, Circular No. 30 calls for tightening supervision and administration of house leasing securitisation and sets out concrete requirements in respect of reasonably valuating the property used for house leasing business and intensifying intermediary agencies’ and initiators’ responsibilities.

Policies of taxation on residential property

On 22 October 2008, the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation issued the “Notice on the Adjustments to Taxation on Real Property Transactions” (Cai Shui [2008] No. 137) (《關於調整房地產交易環節稅收政策的通知》(財稅[2008]137號)), pursuant to which, from 1 November 2008, individuals who are to sell or purchase residential properties are temporarily exempted from stamp duty and individuals who are to sell residential properties are temporarily exempted from land value added tax.

On 29 September 2010, the Ministry of Finance, State Administration of Taxation Bureau and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development issued the “Notice on Adjustment of Preferential Policies for Deed Tax and Individual Income Tax for Real Estate Transaction” (Cai Shui [2010] No. 94) (《關於調整房地產交易環節契稅個人所得稅優惠政策的通知》(財稅[2010]94號)), ruling that, (i) where an individual purchases an ordinary residential property being the only residential property for the family (including the purchaser, his/her spouse, and their minor children), a 50% reduction of deed tax is allowed; (ii) where an individual purchases an ordinary residential property with a total GFA under 90 sq.m (including a total GFA of 90 sq.m.) and being the only residential property for the family, the deed tax will be levied at the rate of 1%.

On 20 December 2008, the General Office of the State Council issued the “Several Opinions on Facilitating the Healthy Development of the Real Estate Market” (Guo Ban Fa [2008] No. 131) (《關於促進房地產市場健康發展的若干意見》(國辦發[2008]131號)) which aims to, among other things, encourage the consumption of ordinary residential units and support property developers in changing market conditions. Pursuant to the opinion, in order to encourage the consumption of ordinary residential units, from 20 December 2008 to 31 December 2009, (i) business tax will be imposed on the full amount of the sale price, upon the transfer of a non-ordinary residential unit by an individual within two years from the purchase date; (ii) for the transfer of a non-ordinary residential unit which has been held by the purchaser for more than two years from the purchase date and a ordinary residential unit which has been held by the purchaser for two years or less from the purchase date, the business tax is to be levied on the difference between the sale price and the purchase price; (iii) and in the case of an ordinary residential unit, business tax is fully exempted if that transfer occurs after two years from the purchase date. Furthermore, individuals with an existing ordinary residential unit that is smaller than the average size for their locality may buy a second ordinary residential unit under favourable loan terms similar to first-time buyers. In addition, support for property developers to deal with the changing market is to be provided by increasing credit financing services to “low-to medium-level price” or “small- to medium-sized” ordinary commercial housing projects, particularly those under construction, and providing financial support and other related services to property developers with good credit standing for merger and acquisition activities.

On 26 January 2011, the State Council issued the “Notice on Further Strengthening Regulation and Control of Real Property Markets” (Guo Ban Fa [2011] No. 1) (《關於進一步做好房地產市場調控工作有關問題的通知》(國辦發[2011]1號)), under which the transfer of all residential properties purchased and held by individuals for less than five years shall be subject to business tax based on total sale price from such transfer.

According to the “Circular on Adjusting Policies of Business Tax on Individual Transfer of Houses” (Cai Shui [2015] No. 39) (《關於調整個人住房轉讓營業稅政策的通知》(財稅[2015]39號)) issued by the State Administration of Taxation and Ministry of Finance on 30 March 2015, (i) business tax is to be levied on the entire sales proceeds upon the transfer of a residence by an individual within two years from the date of purchase; (ii) in the case of a non-ordinary residence, the business tax is to be levied on the difference between the sale income and the purchase price if that transfer occurs no less than two years after the purchase date and (iii) for the transfer of a ordinary residence no less than two years from the date of purchase, the business tax is exempted.

On 29 September 2010, the Ministry of Finance, State Administration of Taxation Bureau and the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development issued the “Notice on Adjustment of Preferential Policies for Deed Tax and Individual Income Tax for Real Estate Transaction” (Cai Shui [2010] No. 94) (《關於調整房地產交易環節契稅個人所得稅優惠政策的通知》(財稅[2010]94號)), ruling that where an individual sells his/her residential property and purchases another residential property within one year, the individual income tax will not be reduced or exempted.

On 26 February 2013, the General Office of the State Council issued the “Notice of the General Office of the State Council on Further Improving Regulation of the Real Estate Market” (Guo Ban Fa [2013] No.17) (《關於繼續做好房地產市場調控工作的通知》(國辦發[2013]17號)), which among others, provides that the gains generated from the sale of a self-owned property shall be subject to individual income tax at a rate of 20%, if the original value of such property can be verified through historical information such as tax filings and property registration.

LEGAL OVERVIEW OF THE HOTEL SECTOR IN THE PRC

A. Foreign-invested hotel project

According to the Guidance Catalogue, a special control measure of admittance of foreign investment industry, which is the Negative List of Admittance of Foreign Investment Industry (the “**Negative List**”), has been implemented on the effective date of the Guidance Catalogue. According to the Negative List, provided that a restrictive measure shall be equally implemented on the domestic and foreign enterprise, or the category does not fall into the category of “Restricted Foreign Investment Industry” thereunder, there will be no special control measure of

admittance of foreign investment industry on the aforesaid category for a foreign-invested enterprise. According to the Negative List, the property development business, the construction and operations of common and economic hotels and high-end hotels, premium office buildings, large theme parks and international conference centers, property transactions in the secondary market and property intermediaries, large theme parks, golf courses and villas have not fallen within the category of “Restricted Foreign Investment Industry” nor the “Prohibited Foreign Investment Industry”. A foreign-invested enterprise in the hotel business should fill and submit the establishment filling application form for foreign-invested enterprise online, before the issuance of the business license, or within 30 days after the issuance of the business license, after the receipt of pre-approval of name of the foreign-invested enterprise from the administration of industry and commerce.

Hotel management

The procedures involved in hotel construction in China, including obtaining approval for land use, project planning and project construction, shall also be subject to the aforementioned regulations relating to property project development. There is currently no special authority in China responsible for the daily management of hotel business. The supervision of daily management of hotel business belongs to different authorities in accordance with the respective business scopes of different hotels. The supervision mainly includes the following:

Legal supervision on security and fire control

Pursuant to the “Measures for the Control of Security in the Hotel Industry” (《旅館業治安管理辦法》) issued by the Ministry of Public Security on 10 November 1987, and amended on 8 January 2011 and then on 29 November 2020, a hotel can operate only after obtaining an approval from the local public security bureau and a business license has been granted. The hotel enterprise should make a filing with the local public security bureau and its branches in the county or city if the hotel enterprise wants to make any change including closing, transferring or merging of business, changing the place of business and name, etc. Pursuant to the “Provisions on the Administration of Fire Control Safety of State Organs, Organisations, Enterprises and Institutions” (Order of the Ministry of Public Security No. 61) (《機關、團體、企業、事業單位消防安全管理規定》) (公安部令第61號) enacted by the Ministry of Public Security on 14 November and enforced on 1 May 2002, the “Fire Prevention Law of the PRC” (《中華人民共和國消防法》) enacted by the Standing Committee of National People’s Congress on 28 October 2008 and amended on 23 April 2019, hotels (or motels) are units which require special supervision on fire control and safety. When a hotel is under construction, renovation or re-construction, a fire control examination procedure is required, and when the construction, renovation or re-construction project is completed, a hotel can only open for business after passing a fire control inspection.

Supervision on public health

According to relevant regulations and rules in relation to public health, hotels fall in the scope of public health supervision. The operating enterprise should gain a sanitation license. The measures for granting and managing a sanitation license are formulated by the public health authority of the province, autonomous region, and municipality directly under the central government. The sanitation license is signed by the relevant public health administration and the public health and epidemic prevention institutions granting the license. The sanitation license should be reviewed once every two years.

Supervision on food hygiene

According to the relevant regulations and rules in relation to food hygiene supervision, hotels operating catering services should obtain catering service licenses. Catering service licenses are granted by food hygiene supervision administrative bodies above county level. The purchasing, reserving and processing of food, tableware, and service should meet the relevant requirements and standards of food hygiene.

Supervision on entertainment

According to the “Regulation on the Administration of Entertainment Venues” (Order of the State Council No. 458) (《娛樂場所管理條例》(國務院令第458號)) enacted by the State Council on 29 January 2006 and enforced on 1 March 2006 and amended on 6 February 2016 and then on 29 November 2020, hotels that operate singing, dancing and game places for profits should apply to the relevant local competent departments for culture administration for entertainment commercial operation approval. The relevant local competent departments for entertainment administration shall issue a license for entertainment business operations, which verifies the number of consumers acceptable to the entertainment venue according to the prescriptions set down by the competent department governing entertainment administration under the State Council if it approves the relevant local application. According to the regulations concerning broadcast, movies and TV, hotels allowed to provide service to foreigners above two-star or the second rank of the national standards may apply to the local broadcast and television administration of the county or above for setting ground equipment receiving satellite signal to receive entertainment programs from abroad. After finishing setting ground equipment and gaining the approval from broadcast and television administration from the relevant provincial, regional and municipal government, the permit of receiving foreign television program from satellite is issued and the issuance of the permit should be filed with the state security administration.

Supervision on disposition of sewage and pollutants

According to the “Measures for the Administration of City and Town’s Sewage discharging and Permit”, (Order of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development No. 21) (《城鎮污水排入排水管網許可管理辦法》(住房和城鄉建設部令第21號)) issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development on 22 January 2015 and effective on 1 March 2015, hotels that have been using the city sewage system for water drainage should apply for a city water-draining permit.

Supervision on special equipment security

Elevators (lifts or escalators), boilers and pressure containers and so on are special equipment. According to the “Regulations on Security Supervisal of Special Equipment” (Order of the State Council No. 373) (《特種設備安全監察條例》(國務院令第373號)) enacted by the State Council on 11 March 2003 and enforced on 1 June 2003, as amended on 24 January 2009, hotels should register with the special equipment security supervision authority of municipal government or city which has set up districts, and should apply for inspection regularly with the special equipment examination institution a month before the expiration of security examination according to the requirement of regular examination by technical security standard. On 29 June 2013, the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress issued the “Special Equipment Safety Law of the People’s Republic of China” (《中華人民共和國特種設備安全法》). Hotels using special equipment shall (i) before or within 30 days after such special equipment is put into use, handle registration with the department in charge of the supervision and administration of special equipment safety, and obtain the registration certificate for use; and (ii) establish a safety administration system covering work post responsibilities, handling of potential hazards and emergency rescue, and formulate operating procedures to ensure the safe operation of special equipment.

Supervision on the sale of tobacco

According to laws and regulations in relation to the sale of tobacco, hotels that sell tobacco should apply to the tobacco monopoly administration for a Tobacco Monopoly Retail License (煙草零售專營許可證).

LEGAL OVERVIEW OF THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTOR IN THE PRC

A. Foreign-invested real estate management enterprises

According to the Guidance Catalogue, property management falls within the category of permitted foreign-invested industries. According to the Guidance Catalogue and the relevant requirements set out under the laws and the administrative regulations on foreign-invested enterprises, the registration of foreign-invested real estate management enterprises shall be legally handled by the department for market regulation under the State Council or departments

for market regulation under local people's governments authorized thereby. A foreign investor or foreign-invested enterprise shall submit its investment information to the competent department of commerce through the enterprise registration system and the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System.

Joint mechanism for stimulating honesty and punishing dishonesty of real estate management industry

According to the "Regulation on Real Estate Management" (Order of State Council No. 307) (《物業管理條例》(國務院令第307號)) enacted by the State Council on 8 June 2003 and enforced on 1 September 2003, as amended on 26 August 2007 and effective on 1 October 2007 and amended on 6 February 2016 and further amended on 19 March 2018, the state implements a joint mechanism for stipulating honesty and punishing dishonesty of real estate management industry. According to the "Circular of the General Office of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development on cancellation of the qualifications of real estate management enterprises" (Jian Fang Ban [2017] No. 75) 《住房城鄉建設部辦公廳關於做好取消物業服務企業資質核定相關工作的通知》(建辦房[2017]75號), the state will by establishing a credit information sharing platform and regularly release credit status of real estate management enterprises to the public to establish a joint mechanism for stimulating honesty and punishing dishonesty and to build a supervision system on real estate management market based on credit.

Employment of a real estate service enterprise

According to the Regulation on Real Estate Management, owners may engage or dismiss a property management company with the consent of more than half of the owners who, in aggregate, hold more than 50% of the total non-communal area of the building. If, before the formal employment of a property management by the owners or the general meeting, the construction unit is to employ a real estate management enterprise, it shall enter into a preparation stage property services contract in writing with the real estate management enterprise.

LEGAL OVERVIEW OF THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR IN THE PRC

A. Foreign-invested construction enterprise

According to the Guidance Catalogue, construction business falls within the category of permitted foreign investment industries. According to the Foreign Investment Law of the People's Republic of China (No. 26 Order of the President of the PRC) (the "**Foreign Investment Law**") (《中華人民共和國外商投資法》,主席令第26號) issued by the National People's Congress on 15 March 2019 and became effective on 1 January 2020, fields not included in the negative list shall be managed under the principle that domestic investment and foreign investment shall be treated uniformly. According to the Implementing Regulations of the Foreign Investment Law of the People's Republic of China (No. 723 Order of the State Council) (《中華人民共和國外商投資法實施條例》,國務院令第723號) issued by the State Council on 26 December 2019 and became effective on 1 January 2020, the registration of foreign-invested enterprises shall be legally handled by the department for market regulation under the State Council or departments for market regulation under local people's governments authorized thereby. A foreign investor or foreign-invested enterprise shall submit its investment information to the competent department of commerce through the enterprise registration system and the National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System.

Qualification of a construction enterprise

According to "Construction Law of the People's Republic of China" and the "Provisions on the Administration of Qualifications of Enterprises in Construction Industry" (Order of the Ministry of Construction No. 22) (《建築業企業資質管理規定》(住房和城鄉建設部令第22號)) enacted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development on 22 January 2015 and amended on 13 September 2016 and 22 December 2018, the enterprises in the construction industry shall be classified into different qualification classes pursuant to, amongst other things, the amount of its registered capital, professional personnel, technical equipment and performance records of completed construction works. A construction enterprise can engage in construction activities within its approved scope after obtaining the construction qualification certificate.

According to the above-mentioned provisions, the qualifications will be divided into three categories, namely that for undertaking the whole of a construction project, that for undertaking a specialised contract and that for undertaking a labour service by subcontract. The categories of qualifications for undertaking the whole of a construction project, undertaking a specialised contract and undertaking a labour service by subcontract are divided into several qualification types according to the nature of the project and technical features. Each qualification type is further divided into several classes according to the prescribed conditions.

The following qualifications of construction enterprises shall be licensed by the administrative department in charge of housing and urban-rural development under the State Council: (i) the extra grade and first grade qualifications of sequence for general contracting for construction as well as second grade qualification for general contracting for railway projects; (ii) the first grade qualification of sequence for professional contracting in respect of highways, water carriage, water resources, railways and civil aviation as well as the second grade qualification for professional contracting in respect of railways and civil aviation; the first grade qualification for professional contracting involving several specialties. Other kinds of qualifications of construction enterprises shall be licensed by the administrative departments in charge of housing and urban-rural development of the people's governments of provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the Central Government, and the cities where industrial and commercial registration of the enterprises are handled.

The term of validity of certificate for the qualification of enterprise in construction industry is five years.

Legal supervision relating to real estate brokerage in the PRC

On 20 January 2011, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the NDRC and the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security collectively jointly issued the "Measures for the Administration of Real Estate Brokerage" (Order of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security No. 8) (《房地產經紀管理辦法》(住房和城鄉建設部、國家發展和改革委員會、人力資源和社會保障部令第8號)), which came into effect on 1 April 2011, amended on 1 March 2016, according to which, the State shall implement a professional qualification system for real estate brokers, and real estate brokerage institutions and their branches shall, within 30 days from the date of receipt of the business license, complete the filing in front of the competent construction (real estate) departments of the municipalities directly under the central government, cities and counties where the institution is located.

On 11 May 2011, Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and the NDRC jointly issued the "Notice of Strengthening the Administration of Real Estate Brokerage and Further Standardize the Order of Real Estate Transactions" (Jian Fang [2011] No. 68) (《關於加強房地產經紀管理進一步規範房地產交易秩序的通知》(建房[2011]68號)), to strengthen the administration of the real estate brokerage institutions and the brokers. The Notice also requires property developers and real estate brokerage institutions to sell or pre-sell commodity houses strictly in compliance with sales programs and the declared prices.

Regulation on foreign exchange registration of offshore investment by PRC residents

Pursuant to Circular No. 75, (a) a PRC resident, including a PRC resident natural person or a PRC company, shall register with the local branch of SAFE before it establishes or controls an overseas special purpose vehicle ("SPV"), for the purpose of overseas equity financing with domestic enterprises assets or equity held by it (including convertible debt financing); (b) when a PRC resident contributes the assets of or its equity interests in a domestic enterprise into an SPV, or engages in overseas financing after contributing assets or equity interests into an SPV, such PRC resident shall register his or her interest in the SPV and the change thereof with the local branch of SAFE; and (c) when the SPV undergoes a material event which is not related to "round-trip" investment outside the PRC, such as change in share capital or merger and acquisition, the PRC resident shall, within 30 days of the occurrence of such event, register such change with the local branch of SAFE.

On 4 July 2014, SAFE issued the “State Administration of Foreign Exchange’s Notice on Relevant Issues Concerning Foreign Exchange Administration for PRC Residents to Engage in Financing and Investment Overseas and Inbound Investment via Special Purpose Vehicles” (Hui Fa [2014] No. 37) (“**Circular No. 37**”) (《國家外匯管理局關於境內居民通過特殊目的公司境外投融資及返程投資外匯管理有關問題的通知》(匯發[2014]37)), which repealed the Circular No. 75. Pursuant to the Circular No. 37, (i) “Special Purpose Vehicles” (the “**SPV**”) stipulated in Circular No. 37 is defined as an offshore enterprise directly established or indirectly controlled by domestic residents (including domestic institutions and domestic resident individuals) for the purpose of financing or investment using the assets or equity interests in domestic enterprises they legally hold or the assets or equity interests they legally hold overseas; (ii) “Round-trip Investment” stipulated in Circular No. 37 is defined as direct investment activities carried out in the PRC by domestic residents via SPVs directly or indirectly, i.e. establish a foreign-invested enterprise or project (hereafter referred to as “foreign-invested enterprise”) by such means as new establishment, acquisition etc., and obtain the interest such as ownership, right of control, right of management and operation of the foreign-invested enterprise, etc.; (iii) prior to making capital contributions to an SPV with assets or equity interests legally hold in the PRC or abroad, a domestic resident shall go through the procedures for registration of offshore investment with SAFE or a local branch of SAFE (the “**Foreign Exchange Bureau**”), and the domestic resident cannot conduct the follow-up matters until the offshore investment registration has completed; (iv) after a registered offshore SPV becomes the subject of basic information changes such as changes in domestic resident individual shareholders, name, term of operation or material changes such as capital increase, capital reduction, equity transfer, equity swap involving domestic resident individual, or merger, division, a domestic resident shall timely go through the procedures for amendment registration of the offshore investment with the Foreign Exchange Bureau, and the domestic resident cannot conduct the follow-up matters (including the repatriation of profits and dividends) until the amendment registration of offshore investment has completed; (v) when an unlisted SPV carries out equity interests incentive plans with its shares or share options etc. for directors, supervisors, senior management and other employees who were employed by or have a labour relationship with a domestic enterprise directly or indirectly controlled by the SPV, related domestic resident individuals can go through the procedures for registration of the SPV with the Foreign Exchange Bureau before exercising their option or other rights; (vi) a domestic enterprise directly or indirectly controlled by a domestic resident can make loans to a registered SPV in accordance with current laws and regulations if there is a real and reasonable demand; (vii) a domestic resident can convert Renminbi into foreign currency and remit the same out of China for the purpose of the establishment, stock buyback and delisting of the SPV etc. if there is a real and reasonable demand.

Under Circular No. 37, failure to comply with the registration procedures set forth above may result in penalties, including restrictions on the PRC subsidiary’s foreign exchange activities and its ability to distribute dividends to the SPV.

TAXATION

The following summary of certain tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of Notes is based upon applicable laws, regulations, rulings and decisions in effect as of the date of this Offering Circular, all of which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect). This discussion does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the Notes and does not purport to deal with consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which may be subject to special rules. Persons considering the purchase of Notes should consult their own tax advisers concerning the tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes.

You should consult your professional advisers on the possible tax consequences of buying, holding or selling any Notes under the laws of your country of citizenship, residence or domicile.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Payments of interest and principal on the Notes will not be subject to taxation in the British Virgin Islands and no withholding will be required on the payment of interest and principal to any holder of the Notes nor will gains derived from the disposal of the Notes be subject to British Virgin Islands income or corporation tax, provided that the payments are made to persons who are not resident in the British Virgin Islands.

No estate, inheritance, succession or gift tax, rate, duty, levy or other charge is payable by persons who are not resident in the British Virgin Islands with respect to the Notes.

There are currently no withholding taxes or exchange control regulations in the British Virgin Islands applicable to the Issuer.

If neither the Issuer nor any subsidiary holds an interest in real estate in the British Virgin Islands, no stamp duty is payable in respect of the issue of the Notes or on an instrument of transfer in respect of the Notes.

HONG KONG

Withholding Tax

No withholding tax is payable in Hong Kong in respect of payments of principal or interest on the Notes or in respect of any capital gains arising from the sale of the Notes.

Profits Tax

Hong Kong profits tax is chargeable on every person carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong in respect of profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong from such trade, profession or business (excluding profits arising from the sale of capital assets).

Interest on the Notes may be deemed to be profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong from a trade, profession or business carried on in Hong Kong in the following circumstances:

- (i) interest on the Notes is derived from Hong Kong and is received by or accrues to a corporation carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong;
- (ii) interest on the Notes is derived from Hong Kong and is received by or accrues to a person, other than a corporation, carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong and is in respect of the funds of that trade, profession or business;
- (iii) interest on the Notes is received by or accrues to a financial institution (as defined in the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) of Hong Kong (the "IRO")) and arises through or from the carrying on by the financial institution of its business in Hong Kong; or
- (iv) interest on the Notes is received by or accrues to a corporation, other than a financial institution, and arises through or from the carrying on in Hong Kong by the corporation of its intra-group financing business (within the meaning of section 16(3) of the IRO).

Sums received by or accrued to a financial institution by way of gains or profits arising through or from the carrying on by the financial institution of its business in Hong Kong from the sale, disposal and redemption of Notes will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax. Sums received by or accrued to a corporation, other than a financial institution, by way of gains or profits arising through or from the carrying on in Hong Kong by the corporation of its intra-group financing business (within the meaning of section 16(3) of the IRO) from the sale, disposal or other redemption of Notes will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax.

Sums derived from the sale, disposal or redemption of Notes will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax where received by or accrued to a person, other than a financial institution, who carries on of a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong and the sum has a Hong Kong source unless otherwise exempted. The source of such sums will generally be determined by having regard to the manner in which the Notes are acquired and disposed of.

In certain circumstances, Hong Kong profits tax exemptions (such as concessionary tax rates) may be available. Investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors to ascertain the applicability of any exemptions to their individual position.

Stamp Duty

No Hong Kong stamp duty will be chargeable upon the issue or transfer of a Note.

PRC TAXATION

The following summary of certain PRC tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of Notes is based upon applicable laws, rules and regulations in effect as of the date of this Offering Circular, all of which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect). This discussion does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the Notes and does not purport to deal with consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which may be subject to special rules. Persons considering the purchase of Notes should consult their own tax advisers concerning the tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of Notes, including such possible consequences under the laws of their country of citizenship, residence or domicile.

Under the PRC EIT Law and implementation regulations issued by the State Council, if we are treated as a PRC “resident enterprise” (as described under “Risk Factors – Risks relating to the PRC – We may be treated as a PRC resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes, which may subject us to PRC income taxes on our worldwide income and PRC withholding taxes on distributions we pay on the Notes”), PRC income tax at the rate of 10% (or a lower treaty rate, if any) may be withheld from interest payments to investors that are “non-resident enterprises” and that do not have an establishment or place of business in the PRC, or that have such establishment or place of business but the relevant interest income is not effectively connected with the establishment or place of business, if such interest would be treated as derived from sources within the PRC. Any gain realised on the transfer of the Notes by such investors may be subject to a 10% (or a lower treaty rate, if any) PRC income tax if we were treated as a PRC resident enterprise and such gain would be regarded as income derived from sources within the PRC.

If we were treated as a PRC resident enterprise, and if consequently interest income or gain from the transfer of Notes would be regarded as derived from sources within the PRC, the tax and withholding tax rates applicable to non-resident individuals might be up to 10% (or a lower treaty rate, if any).

We currently do not intend to withhold PRC taxes from interest payments. However, as advised by our PRC legal counsel, there is uncertainty as to whether we will be treated as a PRC “resident enterprise” for the purpose of the EIT Law. If we were treated as a PRC “resident enterprise”, the interest we pay in respect of the Notes, and the gain any investor may realise from the transfer of the Notes, might be treated as income derived from sources within the PRC and subject to PRC tax as described above.

No PRC stamp tax will be chargeable upon the issue or transfer of a Security (if the documents in respect of the issue and the transfer (a) will not be executed within the PRC; and (b) will not be governed or interpreted under PRC law).

THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TAX (“FTT”)

On 14 February 2013, the European Commission published a proposal (the “**Commission’s Proposal**”) for a Directive for a common FTT in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the “**participating Member States**”). However, Estonia has since stated that it will not participate.

The Commission’s Proposal has very broad scope and could, if introduced, apply to certain dealings in the Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances.

Under the Commission’s Proposal the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in the Notes where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A party may be deemed to be, “established” in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is the subject of the transaction is issued in a participating Member State.

However, the Commission’s Proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States and the legality and scope of the tax is uncertain. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains unclear. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate.

Prospective holders of the Notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

FATCA

Pursuant to certain provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, commonly known as FATCA, a “foreign financial institution” may be required to withhold on certain payments it makes (“**foreign passthru payments**”) to persons that fail to meet certain certification, reporting, or related requirements. The Issuer may be a foreign financial institution for these purposes. A number of jurisdictions have entered into, or have agreed in substance to, intergovernmental agreements with the United States to implement FATCA (“**IGAs**”), which modify the way in which FATCA applies in their jurisdictions. Under the provisions of IGAs as currently in effect, a foreign financial institution in an IGA jurisdiction would generally not be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA from payments that it makes. Certain aspects of the application of the FATCA provisions and IGAs to instruments such as the Notes, including whether withholding would ever be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as the Notes, are uncertain and may be subject to change. Even if withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as the Notes, such withholding would not apply prior to the date that is two years after the date on which final regulations defining foreign passthru payments are published in the U.S. Federal Register. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding how these rules may apply to their investment in the Notes. In the event any withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on the Notes, no person will be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the withholding.

SALE AND SUBSCRIPTION

The Issuer and the Company have entered into a subscription agreement with The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Securities Limited, UBS AG Hong Kong Branch (incorporated in Switzerland with limited liability), China CITIC Bank International Limited, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C. (incorporated in Delaware, U.S.A. with limited liability), The Bank of East Asia, Limited, CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited, China Everbright Bank Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Branch (a branch of a joint stock company incorporated in the People’s Republic of China), J.P. Morgan Securities plc, ABCI Capital Limited, Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited, Haitong International Securities Company Limited, China Securities (International) Corporate Finance Company Limited and Silk Road International Capital Limited as the Joint Lead Managers dated 21 April 2021 (the “**Subscription Agreement**”) pursuant to which and subject to certain conditions contained in the Subscription Agreement, the Issuer has agreed to sell to the Joint Lead Managers, and each of the Joint Lead Managers have agreed to severally, but not jointly, subscribe and pay for the aggregate principal amount of the Notes set forth opposite its name below:

Joint Lead Managers	Principal amount
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	U.S.\$56,000,000
China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Securities Limited.....	U.S.\$56,000,000
UBS AG Hong Kong Branch.....	U.S.\$56,000,000
China CITIC Bank International Limited.....	U.S.\$56,000,000
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	U.S.\$16,000,000
Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.....	U.S.\$16,000,000
The Bank of East Asia, Limited.....	U.S.\$16,000,000
CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited	U.S.\$16,000,000
China Everbright Bank Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Branch.....	U.S.\$16,000,000
J.P. Morgan Securities plc.....	U.S.\$16,000,000
ABCI Capital Limited	U.S.\$16,000,000
Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited.....	U.S.\$16,000,000
Haitong International Securities Company Limited	U.S.\$16,000,000
China Securities (International) Corporate Finance Company Limited	U.S.\$16,000,000
Silk Road International Capital Limited	U.S.\$16,000,000
Total.....	<u>U.S.\$400,000,000</u>

The Subscription Agreement provides that the Issuer and the Company will jointly and severally indemnify the Joint Lead Managers and their affiliates against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes. The Subscription Agreement provides that the obligations of the Joint Lead Managers are subject to certain conditions precedent and entitles the Joint Lead Managers to terminate it in certain circumstances prior to payment being made to the Issuer.

The Joint Lead Managers and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities (“**Banking Services or Transactions**”). The Joint Lead Managers and their respective affiliates may have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various Banking Services and/or Transactions with the Issuer and the Company for which they have received, or will receive, fees and expenses.

In connection with the offering of the Notes, the Joint Lead Managers and/or their respective affiliates, or affiliates of the Issuer or the Company, may place orders, receive allocations and purchase Notes for their own account (without a view to distributing such Notes) and such orders and/or allocations of the Notes may be material. Such entities may hold or sell such Notes or purchase further Notes for their own account in the secondary market or deal in any other securities of the Issuer or the Company, and therefore, they may offer or sell the Notes or other securities otherwise than in connection with the offering of the Notes. Accordingly, references herein to the Notes being ‘offered’ should be read as including any offering of the Notes to the Joint Lead Managers and/or their respective affiliates, or affiliates of the Issuer or the Company for their own account. Such entities are not expected to disclose such transactions or the extent of any such investment, otherwise than in accordance with any legal or regulatory obligation to do so. Furthermore, it is possible that only a limited number of investors may subscribe for a significant proportion of the Notes. If this is the case, liquidity of trading in the Notes may be constrained (see “Risk Factors – Risks Relating to the Guarantee and the Notes – An active trading market for the Notes may not develop”). The Issuer, the Company and the Joint Lead Managers are under no obligation to disclose the extent of the distribution of the Notes amongst individual investors.

Some of the Joint Lead Managers and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with the Issuer and/or the Company. The Joint Lead Managers have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Joint Lead Managers and their respective affiliates make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and may at any time hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may involve securities and instruments of the Issuer and/or the Company, including the Notes. Certain of the Joint Lead Managers or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Issuer and/or the Company routinely hedge their credit exposure to the Issuer and/or the Company consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such Joint Lead Managers and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in the Issuer's and/or the Company's securities, including potentially the Notes offered hereby. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Notes offered hereby. The Joint Lead Managers and their affiliates may make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views (positive or negative) in respect of the Notes or other financial instruments of the Issuer or the Company, and may recommend to their clients that they acquire long and/or short positions in the Notes or other financial instruments.

In connection with the issue of the Notes, any of the Joint Lead Managers as Stabilisation Manager or any person acting on behalf of the Stabilisation Manager may, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and directives, over-allot the Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail, but in so doing, the Stabilisation Manager or any person acting on behalf of the Stabilisation Manager shall act as principal and not as agent of the Issuer or the Company. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilisation Manager or any person acting on behalf of the Stabilising Manager will undertake stabilisation action. Any loss resulting from over-allotment and stabilisation will be borne, and any profit arising therefrom shall be beneficially retained by the Joint Lead Managers in the manner agreed among them.

SELLING RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO THE OFFERING

GENERAL

The distribution of this Offering Circular and the offering and sales of the Notes in other jurisdictions are subject to restrictions and may not be made except as permitted under the applicable securities laws of such jurisdictions pursuant to registration with or authorisation by the relevant securities regulatory authorities or an exemption therefrom.

No action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction by the Issuer, the Company or the Joint Lead Managers that would, or is intended to, permit a public offering of the Notes, or possession or distribution of this Offering Circular or any other offering material, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Persons into whose hands this Offering Circular comes are required by the Issuer, the Company and the Joint Lead Managers to comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in which they purchase, offer, sell or deliver Notes or have in their possession, distribute or publish this Offering Circular or any other offering material relating to the Notes, in all cases at their own expense.

UNITED STATES

The Notes and the Guarantee have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and, subject to certain exceptions, may not be offered or sold within the United States. The Notes and the Guarantee are being offered and sold only outside of the United States in offshore transactions in accordance with Regulation S.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of the Notes and the Guarantee, an offer or sale of the Notes or Guarantee within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors

Each Joint Lead Manager has represented and agreed that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Offering Circular in relation thereto to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision, the expression “retail investor” means a person who is one (or more) of the following:

- (a) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
- (b) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (the “**Insurance Distribution Directive**”), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II.

PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS

Each Joint Lead Manager has represented and agreed that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Offering Circular in relation thereto to any retail investor in the United Kingdom. For the purposes of this provision, the expression “retail investor” means a person who is one (or more) of the following:

- (a) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the “**EUWA**”); or
- (b) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “**FSMA**”) and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA.

UNITED KINGDOM

Each of the Joint Lead Managers has represented, warranted and agreed that:

- (a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated in the United Kingdom any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer or the Guarantor; and
- (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

HONG KONG

Each of the Joint Lead Managers has represented, warranted and agreed that:

- (a) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in Hong Kong, by means of any document, any Notes other than (i) to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the “SFO”) and any rules made under the SFO; or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong (the “C(WUMP)O”) or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the C(WUMP)O; and
- (b) it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Notes, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” as defined in the SFO and any rules made under the SFO.

SINGAPORE

Each of the Joint Lead Managers has acknowledged that this Offering Circular has not been and will not be registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, each of the Joint Lead Managers has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold any Notes or caused the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell any Notes or cause the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this Offering Circular or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (1) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289 of Singapore, as modified or amended from time to time (the “SFA”)) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (2) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275, of the SFA, or (3) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the Notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities or securities-based derivatives contracts (each term as defined in Section 2(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (i) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (iii) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (iv) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (v) as specified in Regulation 37A of the Securities and Futures (Offer of Investments) (Securities and Securities-based Derivatives Contracts) Regulations 2018 of Singapore.

Singapore SFA Product Classification: In connection with Section 309B of the SFA and the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 of Singapore (the "**CMP Regulations 2018**"), the Issuer has determined the classification of the Notes as prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the CMP Regulations 2018) and Excluded Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products).

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Each Joint Lead Manager has represented, warranted and agreed that it has not made and will not make any invitation to the public in the British Virgin Islands to subscribe for any of the Notes.

CANADA

The Notes may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws, for investment only and not with a view to resale or redistribution, and that are "accredited investors", as defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions or subsection 73.3(1) of the Securities Act (Ontario), and are "permitted clients", as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations. Any resale of the Notes must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable Canadian securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this offering memorandum (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1 CLEARING SYSTEMS

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through the facilities of Euroclear and Clearstream. Only Notes evidenced by the Global Certificate have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream. The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) code of the Issuer is 213800EAGXDYG9QWS896. Certain trading information with respect to the Notes is set forth below:

ISIN: XS2293578832

Common Code: 229357883

AUTHORISATIONS

The Issuer has obtained all necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in connection with the issue and performance of its obligations under the Notes, the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement. The issue of the Notes was authorised by the resolutions of the board of directors of the Issuer on 10 March 2021. The Guarantor has obtained all necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in connection with the giving and performance of the Guarantee and performance of its obligations under the Notes, the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement. The giving of the Guarantee was authorised by a corporate resolution of the Guarantor dated 10 March 2021.

NDRC REGISTRATION

Pursuant to the Notice on Promoting the Reform of the Filing and Registration System for Issuance of Foreign Debt by Corporates (國家發展改革委關於推進企業發行外債備案登記制管理改革的通知(發改外資[2015]2044號)) promulgated by the NDRC on 14 September 2015 which came into effect immediately, the Guarantor has received an Enterprise Foreign Debt Filing Registration Certificate on 30 September 2020.

LISTING OF THE NOTES

Application will be made to the SEHK for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Notes by way of debt securities issues to Professional Investors only. It is expected that dealing in, and listing of, the Notes on the SEHK will commence on or about 6 May 2021. Listing of the Notes on the SEHK is conditional upon satisfaction of the requirements of the SEHK. The SEHK takes no responsibility for the correctness of any statements made on opinions or reports contained in this Offering Circular. Admission of the Notes to the official list of the SEHK is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of the Notes or us.

AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Copies of the latest annual and interim reports and accounts of the Company and our Green Finance Framework may be obtained free of charge, and copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement will be available for inspection, at the office of the Company at Suite 601, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong during normal business hours, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding.

RELIANCE ON CERTIFICATES, ETC.

The Trustee may rely without liability to Holders, the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other person on any certificate signed by any Authorised Signatory (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Guarantor or the Issuer and on any report, information, confirmation or certificate from or any opinion or advice of any accountants, auditors, legal advisers, valuers, auctioneers, surveyors, brokers, financial advisers, financial institution or any other expert, whether or not addressed to the Trustee and whether their liability in relation thereto is limited (by its terms or by any engagement letter relating thereto entered into by the Trustee or any other person or in any other manner) by reference to a monetary cap, methodology or otherwise limited or excluded. The Trustee may accept and shall be entitled to rely on any such report, information, confirmation, certificate, opinion or advice, in which case such report, information, confirmation, certificate, opinion or advice shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Holders.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The consolidated financial statements of the Company for each of the fiscal years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 included in this Offering Circular have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers, Certified Public Accountants, Hong Kong, as stated in their reports dated 20 March 2019, 24 March 2020 and 23 March 2021.

LITIGATION

Except as disclosed in this Offering Circular, there are no legal or arbitration proceedings against or affecting us, any of our subsidiaries or any of our assets, nor are we aware of any proceedings or threatened proceedings, which are or might be material in the context of this issue of the Notes or the Guarantee.

NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE

There has been no adverse changes, or any development reasonably likely to involve an adverse change, in the condition (financial or otherwise) of our general affairs since 31 December 2020, other than as disclosed in this Offering Circular, that is material in the context of the issue of the Notes or the Guarantee.

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- (1) Our audited consolidated financial statements set out herein have been reproduced from our annual reports as at and for the years ended 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020 and page references are references to pages set forth in such annual reports. The audited consolidated financial statements have not been prepared for the inclusion in this Offering Circular.

To the Shareholders of Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited
(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

OPINION

What we have audited

The consolidated financial statements of Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") set out on pages 128 to 270, which comprise:

- * the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2020;
- * the consolidated income statement for the year then ended;
- * the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- * the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- * the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended; and
- * the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

Our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2020, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matters identified in our audit are summarised as follows:

- * Recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests
- * Valuation of investment properties

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<p><i>Recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests (collectively, the "Counterparties")</i></p> <p>Refer to note 22 to the consolidated financial statements</p> <p>As at 31 December 2020, the balance of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties is RMB40,866 million, and the accumulated allowance amounting to RMB130 million has been recognised.</p> <p>Such amounts were provided to the Counterparties for the launch and development of the projects of real estate.</p> <p>The Group took into account reasonable and substantiated historical data such as principal and interest payment schedule, ageing, repayment history, subsequent repayment and financial information of the Counterparties, and available forward-looking information to determine whether or not the credit risk has significantly increased since initial recognition and to calculate expected credit losses.</p> <p>The assessment of the recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties involves significant management judgements and estimates as it involves the consideration of a number of factors including historical data and forward-looking information.</p>	<p>We obtained an understanding of the management's internal control and assessment process of recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties and assessed the inherent risk of material misstatement by considering the degree of estimation uncertainty and level of other inherent risk factors such as complexity, subjectivity and changes.</p> <p>We evaluated the outcome of prior period assessment of the recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties to assess the effectiveness of management's estimation process.</p> <p>We evaluated and tested the key controls over the recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties.</p> <p>We had interviews with the management to get knowledge of each Counterparty and the status of projects cooperated with or developed by the Counterparties. We performed site visit to the projects of real estate, on a sample basis, to collaborate with the understanding from management.</p>

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
	<p>We examined the historical data used by the Group to determine whether or not the credit risk has significantly increased since initial recognition and to calculate expected credit losses.</p> <p>We inquired with management and challenged the reasonableness of their judgements on the recoverability of amounts due from Counterparties, the adequacy of the impairment provision and adjustment due to the current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors, primarily based on the information and evidence collected by management for the purpose of their assessment.</p> <p>We assessed the adequacy of the disclosures related to recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.</p> <p>We found the judgements and estimates made by the management in the assessment of recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties were supportable in light of available evidences.</p>

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<i>Valuation of investment properties</i>	
Refer to note 12 to the consolidated financial statements	We obtained an understanding of the management's internal control and assessment process of the valuation of investment properties and assessed the inherent risk of material misstatement by considering the degree of estimation uncertainty and level of other inherent risk factors such as complexity, subjectivity and changes.
The Group's investment properties were measured at fair value and carried at RMB12,056 million as at 31 December 2020 with a fair value loss of RMB156 million for the year then ended. The fair values of investment properties were determined by the Group based on the valuations performed by independent professional valuers (the "Valuers") engaged by the Group.	We evaluated and tested the key controls over the valuation of investment properties.
The Group's investment property portfolio mainly included completed investment properties in Mainland China, Hong Kong and the United States and investment properties under development in Mainland China.	We assessed the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the Valuers.
* Completed investment properties: the valuation of these was derived using the income capitalization method and comparison approach; the relevant key assumptions included capitalization rates, prevailing market rents and price per square feet.	We obtained the valuation report of each property and assessed the appropriateness of the valuation methods applied.
* Investment properties under development: the valuation of these was derived using the residual method; the relevant key assumptions included capitalization rates, prevailing market rents, development costs to completion and developer's profit margin.	We assessed the reasonableness of relevant key assumptions used in valuation including capitalization rates, and prevailing market rents by gathering and analysing the data of comparable properties in the market and characteristics of the Group's properties such as location, size, occupancy rate, current rental and age.
All the relevant key assumptions were influenced by the prevailing market conditions and each property's characteristics.	We checked the assumption on development costs to completion of investment property under development with the approved budget, whose reasonableness was assessed by comparison with the actual cost of completed investment properties of the Group.
We focus on this area due to the significant quantum to the consolidated financial statements, and relevant key assumptions in valuation involved significant judgements and estimates.	We assessed the reasonableness of the assumption on developer's profit margin by reference to the range of estimated and empirical developer's profit margin in the industry.
	We involved our internal valuation specialists to assist us in assessing the methodologies used by the Valuers and compared the valuations of investment properties, on a sample basis, to our independently formed market expectations.
	In light of the above, we found the significant judgements and estimates made by management on relevant key assumptions were in the acceptable range.

OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 405 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- * Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- * Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- * Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- * Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- * Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- * Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Chan Kwong Tak.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 23 March 2021

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	2,475,703	1,775,320
Right-of-use assets	8	140,286	190,869
Land use rights	9	177,320	180,566
Intangible assets	10	108,746	29,582
Goodwill	11	147,415	195,708
Investment properties	12	12,055,798	13,328,198
Investments in joint ventures	14	21,218,447	17,355,309
Investments in associates	15	6,696,748	6,846,347
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	17	6,751,919	2,715,647
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	18	5,063,770	6,446,074
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	22	12,289,424	12,841,234
Deferred income tax assets	33	1,772,655	1,439,498
Total non-current assets		68,898,231	63,344,352
Current assets			
Prepayments for land use rights	21	–	2,228,844
Properties under development	19	74,718,502	60,378,181
Inventories, at cost		667,794	457,001
Land development cost recoverable	20	1,268,872	1,234,217
Completed properties held for sale	23	18,074,742	18,353,178
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	18	11,160	266,304
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	22	51,197,152	61,163,136
Contract assets		923,600	2,708,018
Restricted bank deposits	24	4,799,837	2,511,683
Cash and cash equivalents	25	39,129,442	31,054,201
Total current assets		190,791,101	180,354,763
Total assets		259,689,332	243,699,115

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Capital	26	27,329,232	27,329,232
Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme	26	(179,840)	(167,227)
Reserves	28	400,974	(1,132,536)
Retained earnings	27	26,098,570	23,877,717
		53,648,936	49,907,186
Non-controlling interests		16,256,391	15,703,909
Total equity		69,905,327	65,611,095
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	32	56,269,855	74,611,619
Lease liabilities	8	97,418	130,257
Trade and other payables	34	18,269	18,581
Deferred income tax liabilities	33	3,312,966	2,946,869
Total non-current liabilities		59,698,508	77,707,326
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	32	25,933,873	9,295,332
Lease liabilities	8	50,513	64,223
Trade and other payables	34	57,527,155	55,010,743
Contract liabilities	35	34,318,360	25,458,320
Income tax payable		12,065,543	10,500,972
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	36	190,053	51,104
Total current liabilities		130,085,497	100,380,694
Total liabilities		189,784,005	178,088,020
Total equity and liabilities		259,689,332	243,699,115

Approved by the Board of Directors on 23 March 2021.

LI Ming
Executive Director

WANG Honghui
Executive Director

The notes on pages 136 to 270 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Revenue	6	56,510,626	50,926,490
Cost of sales	39	(46,053,384)	(40,704,418)
Gross profit		10,457,242	10,222,072
Interest and other income	37	2,393,988	2,770,938
Other gains — net	38	1,334,593	698,520
Fair value (losses)/gains on investment properties	12	(156,045)	373,381
Selling and marketing expenses	39	(1,293,120)	(1,270,120)
Administrative expenses	39	(1,815,995)	(1,919,326)
Operating profit		10,920,663	10,875,465
Finance costs	41	(2,110,906)	(2,393,714)
Share of results of joint ventures		982,999	1,519,370
Share of results of associates		257,558	415,361
Profit before income tax		10,050,314	10,416,482
Income tax expense	42	(5,367,439)	(6,250,215)
Profit for the year		4,682,875	4,166,267
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		2,866,283	2,656,277
Non-controlling interests		1,816,592	1,509,990
		4,682,875	4,166,267
Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company during the year (expressed in RMB)			
Basic earnings per share	43	0.376	0.349
Diluted earnings per share	43	0.376	0.349

The notes on pages 136 to 270 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Profit for the year		4,682,875	4,166,267
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be re classified subsequently to profit or loss			
Fair value (losses)/gains on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax		(20,609)	25,794
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss			
Fair value gains on property, plant and equipment transferred to investment properties		–	17,808
Currency translation differences		760,361	108,282
Deferred hedging gains and losses		(62,017)	–
Other comprehensive income for the year		677,735	151,884
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		5,360,610	4,318,151
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
— Owners of the Company		3,552,705	2,497,211
— Non-controlling interests		1,807,905	1,820,940
		5,360,610	4,318,151

The notes on pages 136 to 270 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Note	Attributable to owners of the Company				Non-controlling interests				
		Share capital RMB'000	Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Other Reserves RMB'000	Retained Earnings RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Capital instrument RMB'000	Perpetual subordinated guaranteed capital securities RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
Balance at 31 December 2019		27,329,232	(167,227)	(1,132,536)	23,877,717	49,907,186	981,000	4,364,526	10,358,383	65,611,095
Profit for the year		-	-	-	2,866,283	2,866,283	266,554	206,286	1,343,752	4,682,875
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	(20,609)	-	(20,609)	-	-	-	(20,609)
Deferred hedging gains and losses		-	-	(62,017)	-	(62,017)	-	-	-	(62,017)
Currency translation differences		-	-	769,048	-	769,048	-	(220,337)	211,650	760,361
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	686,422	2,866,283	3,552,705	266,554	(14,051)	1,555,402	5,360,610
Transactions with owners of the company										
Dividends relating to 2019		-	-	-	(181,298)	(181,298)	-	-	-	(181,298)
Dividends relating to 2020	44	-	-	-	(416,333)	(416,333)	-	-	-	(416,333)
Expenses on share-based payment	28	-	-	223,719	-	223,719	-	-	-	223,719
Transfer from retained earnings	28	-	-	47,799	(47,799)	-	-	-	-	-
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	26	-	2,218	(2,218)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	26	-	(14,831)	-	-	(14,831)	-	-	-	(14,831)
Distribution relating to capital instrument		-	-	-	-	-	(266,554)	-	-	(266,554)
Distribution relating to non-controlling interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	(626,012)	-	(626,012)
Distribution relating to capital securities		-	-	-	-	-	-	(206,286)	-	(206,286)
Issue of capital instrument		-	-	-	-	-	3,378,000	-	-	3,378,000
Contribution from non-controlling interests		-	-	627,755	-	627,755	-	-	1,266,964	1,894,719
Capital reduction of subsidiaries		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,460,000)	(3,460,000)
Cancellation of convertible preferred shares issued by the subsidiary		-	-	(44,001)	-	(44,001)	-	-	44,001	-
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of the company		-	(12,613)	853,054	(645,430)	195,011	3,111,446	(206,286)	(2,775,047)	325,124
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of other acquisition		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	606,411	606,411
Decrease in non-controlling interest as a result of disposal of subsidiaries		-	-	(12,328)	-	(12,328)	-	-	(1,738,711)	(1,751,039)
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in subsidiaries		-	-	6,362	-	6,362	-	-	(253,236)	(246,874)
Total transactions with owners of the company		-	(12,613)	847,088	(645,430)	189,045	3,111,446	(206,286)	(4,160,583)	(1,066,378)
Balance at 31 December 2020		27,329,232	(179,840)	400,974	26,098,570	53,648,936	4,359,000	4,144,189	7,753,202	69,905,327

	Note	Attributable to owners of the Company				Non-controlling interests				Total equity RMB'000
		Share capital RMB'000	Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Other Reserves RMB'000	Retained Earnings RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Capital instrument RMB'000	Perpetual subordinated guaranteed capital securities RMB'000	Others RMB'000	
Balance at 31 December 2018		27,328,810	(178,317)	(1,313,848)	22,548,161	48,384,806	3,500,000	4,069,691	7,184,008	63,138,505
Profit for the year		–	–	–	2,656,277	2,656,277	289,874	407,971	812,145	4,166,267
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax		–	–	25,794	–	25,794	–	–	–	25,794
Fair value gains on property, plant and equipment transferred to investment properties		–	–	12,329	–	12,329	–	–	5,479	17,808
Currency translation differences		–	–	(197,189)	–	(197,189)	–	294,835	10,636	108,282
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax		–	–	(159,066)	2,656,277	2,497,211	289,874	702,806	828,260	4,318,151
Transactions with owners of the company										
Dividends relating to 2018		–	–	–	(489,258)	(489,258)	–	–	–	(489,258)
Dividends relating to 2019	44	–	–	–	(755,510)	(755,510)	–	–	–	(755,510)
Expenses on share-based payment	28	–	–	272,960	–	272,960	–	–	–	272,960
Transfer from retained earnings	28	–	–	81,953	(81,953)	–	–	–	–	–
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	26	422	–	(76)	–	346	–	–	–	346
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	26	–	12,120	(12,120)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	26	–	(1,030)	–	–	(1,030)	–	–	–	(1,030)
Distribution relating to capital instrument		–	–	–	–	–	(289,874)	–	–	(289,874)
Distribution relating to non-controlling interest		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(431,941)	(431,941)
Distribution relating to capital securities		–	–	–	–	–	–	(407,971)	–	(407,971)
Issue of capital instrument		–	–	–	–	–	3,168,900	–	–	3,168,900
Repayment of capital instrument		–	–	–	–	–	(3,500,000)	–	–	(3,500,000)
Contribution from non-controlling interests		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4,491,101	4,491,101
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of the company		422	11,090	342,717	(1,326,721)	(972,492)	(620,974)	(407,971)	4,059,160	2,057,723
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of business combination		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	409,204	409,204
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of other acquisition		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	235,566	235,566
Decrease in non-controlling interest as a result of disposal of subsidiaries		–	–	–	–	–	(2,187,900)	–	(2,299,330)	(4,487,230)
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in subsidiaries		–	–	(2,339)	–	(2,339)	–	–	(58,485)	(60,824)
Total transactions with owners of the company		422	11,090	340,378	(1,326,721)	(974,831)	(2,808,874)	(407,971)	2,346,115	(1,845,561)
Balance at 31 December 2019		27,329,232	(167,227)	(1,132,536)	23,877,717	49,907,186	981,000	4,364,526	10,358,383	65,611,095

The notes on pages 136 to 270 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	45	20,296,875	5,794,009
Interest paid		(4,615,849)	(5,088,722)
Income tax paid		(4,264,467)	(4,008,105)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		11,416,559	(3,302,818)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	7	(596,681)	(551,364)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		17,463	22,254
Proceeds from sale of investment properties		–	3,234
Purchases of investment properties		(26,442)	(86,398)
Purchases of intangible assets		(46,148)	(113)
Purchases of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(615,314)	(3,435,869)
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		579,296	135,476
Dividends received	37	226,121	232,314
Purchases of land use rights	9	–	(132,439)
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	49	(8,933)	(450,839)
Decrease due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries, net of cash disposed		(1,291,165)	(64,259)
Capital injection to joint ventures	14	(6,597,645)	(2,647,779)
Proceeds from disposal of joint ventures		338,088	1,722,364
Capital injection to associates	15	(822,584)	(160,047)
Proceeds from disposal of interests in associates		813,584	51,798
Dividends received from joint ventures and associates		230,492	697,260
Entrusted loans advanced		(4,793,876)	(25,403,881)
Repayment of entrusted loans		12,918,342	23,113,799
Interest received		1,949,422	2,390,318
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		2,274,020	(4,564,171)

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		39,553,849	40,045,123
Repayments of borrowings		(45,040,939)	(42,465,196)
Capital reduction from non-controlling interests		(3,460,000)	–
Capital injection from non-controlling interests		1,744,719	4,491,101
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		(626,012)	(431,941)
Dividends paid to the shareholders of the Company		(181,298)	(1,244,768)
Distribution relating to capital securities		(206,286)	(407,971)
Repayment of capital instrument		–	(3,500,000)
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme		(14,831)	(1,030)
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options		–	346
Issue of capital instruments	31	3,378,000	3,168,900
Consideration paid for transaction with non-controlling interests		(246,874)	(60,824)
Distribution relating to capital instrument		(266,554)	(289,874)
Net cash used in financing activities		(5,366,226)	(696,134)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		8,324,353	(8,563,123)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	25	31,054,201	39,208,481
Exchange (losses)/gains on cash and cash equivalents		(249,112)	408,843
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	25	39,129,442	31,054,201

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1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited (the “Company”) is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong on 12 March 2007. The address of its registered office is Suite 601, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong. The Company and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) are principally engaged in investment holding, property development and property investment in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”).

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”), unless otherwise stated. The Company’s shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 23 March 2021.

Following the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (the “COVID-19 outbreak”) in early 2020, a series of precautionary and control measures have been and continued to be implemented across China. COVID-19 affected the financial performance and position of the industry of real estate including the construction and delivery of properties, rental revenue and occupancy rate of investment properties, allowance for expected credit losses on trade and other receivables, fair value of investment properties and so on. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the Group kept continuous attention on the situation of the COVID-19 and react actively to its impact on the financial position and operating results of the Group. As at the date that the consolidated financial statements are authorised for issue, COVID-19 doesn’t have any material adverse impact on the financial position and operating result of the Group.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRS”) and requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance Cap. 622. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties, financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, which are carried at fair values.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in Note 5.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

3.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

(a) New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The group has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for their annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2020:

- *Definition of Material — amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8*
- *Definition of a Business — amendments to HKFRS 3*
- *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform — amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7*
- *Revised Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting*

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

(b) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Group

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 31 December 2020 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the group. These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

3.2 Subsidiaries

3.2.1 Consolidation

A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

(a) Business combinations

The Group applies the acquisition method to account for business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognised amounts of acquiree's identifiable net assets.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Subsidiaries (Continued)

3.2.1 Consolidation (Continued)

(a) Business combinations (Continued)

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date carrying value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is re-measured to fair value at the acquisition date; any gains or losses arising from such re-measurement are recognised in profit or loss.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the Group is recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration that is deemed to be an asset or liability is recognised in accordance with HKAS 39 either in profit or loss or as a change to other comprehensive income. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured, and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the total of consideration transferred, non-controlling interest recognised and previously held interest measured is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognised directly in the income statement.

Intra-group transactions, balances and unrealized gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Unrealized losses are also eliminated. When necessary, amounts reported by subsidiaries have been adjusted to conform with the Group's accounting policies.

(b) Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without change of control

Transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions — that is, as transactions with the owners of the subsidiary in their capacity as owners. The difference between fair value of any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying amount of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity.

(c) Disposal of interests in subsidiaries

When the Group ceases to have control, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value at the date when control is lost, with the change in carrying amount recognised in profit or loss. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate, joint venture or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Subsidiaries (Continued)

3.2.2 Separate financial statements

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less impairment. Cost includes direct attributable costs of investment. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the company on the basis of dividend received and receivable.

Impairment testing of the investments in subsidiaries is required upon receiving a dividend from these investments if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the subsidiary in the period the dividend is declared or if the carrying amount of the investment in the separate financial statements exceeds the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements of the investee's net assets including goodwill.

3.3 Joint arrangements

Under HKFRS 11 investments in joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures depending on the contractual rights and obligations of each investor. The Group has assessed the nature of its joint arrangements and determined them to be joint ventures. Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method.

Under the equity method of accounting, interests in joint ventures are initially recognised at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses and movements in other comprehensive income. When the Group's share of losses in a joint venture equals or exceeds its interests in the joint ventures (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the joint ventures), the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the joint ventures.

Unrealized gains on transactions between the Group and its joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the joint ventures. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of the joint ventures have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

3.4 Associates

An associate is an entity over which the Group has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method, the investment is initially recognised at cost, and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognise the investor's share of the profit or loss of the investee after the date of acquisition. The Group's investment in associates includes goodwill identified on acquisition.

If the ownership interest in an associate is reduced but significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where appropriate.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.4 Associates (Continued)

The Group's share of post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the consolidated income statement, and its share of post-acquisition movements in other comprehensive income is recognised in other comprehensive income with a corresponding adjustment to the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

The Group determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. If this is the case, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate and its carrying value and recognises the amount adjacent to 'share of profit of investments accounted for using equity method' in the consolidated income statement.

Profits and losses resulting from upstream and downstream transactions between the Group and its associate are recognised in the Group's financial statements only to the extent of unrelated investor's interests in the associates. Unrealized losses are eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of associates have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Gains or losses on dilution of equity interest in associates are recognised in the consolidated income statement.

When the Group begins to have significant influence but not control over another entity as a result of increasing its stake or having representation on the board, an existing investment becomes an associate for the first time, the investment in the associate is initially recognised at the cost of each purchase plus a share of investee's profits or losses which is recognised in the consolidated income statement and other comprehensive income which is recognised in other comprehensive income, and acquisition-related costs are deemed as part of the cost of investment. Any existing gains or losses recognised in respect of the previously held the investment are reversed to restate the investment to cost.

3.5 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the executive committee that makes strategic decisions.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.6 Foreign currency translation

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in RMB, which is the Company's functional and the Group's presentation currency.

The Group identifies the functional currency of each subsidiary for the purpose of defining that entity's foreign currency exposure. Different entities within the Group may have different functional currencies. Judgement is required in determining an entity's functional currency based on individual facts and circumstances.

(b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the consolidated income statement. All the foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the income statement within "other gains — net".

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. For example, translation differences on non-monetary assets and liabilities such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in profit or loss as part of the fair value gain or loss and translation differences on non-monetary assets such as equities classified as fair value through other comprehensive income are recognised in other comprehensive income.

(c) Group companies

The results and financial position of all the Group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (i) assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet;
- (ii) income and expenses for each income statement are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the rate on the dates of the transactions); and
- (iii) all resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.7 Properties

(a) Investment properties

Investment properties, principally comprising leasehold land and buildings, are held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, and that are not occupied by the Group. It also includes properties that are being constructed or developed for future use as investment properties. Land held under leases are classified and accounted for as investment property when the rest of the definition of investment property is met. Investment property is initially measured at cost, including related transaction costs and where applicable borrowing costs.

After initial recognition, investment property is carried at fair value, assessed annually by a professional independent valuer. Fair value is based on active market prices, adjusted, if necessary, for any differences in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. If such information is not available, the Group uses alternative valuation methods such as recent prices on less active markets or discounted cash flow projections. Investment property that is being redeveloped for continuing use as investment property, or for which the market has become less active, continues to be measured at fair value.

Property that is being constructed or developed as investment property is carried at fair value. Where fair value is not reliably determinable, such investment property under construction is measured at cost until either its fair value becomes reliably determinable or construction is completed (whichever is earlier).

The fair value of investment property reflects, among other things, rental income from current leases and assumptions about rental income from future leases in light of current market condition.

Subsequent expenditure is charged to the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are expensed in the consolidated income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

If an investment property becomes owner-occupied, it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment, and its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for accounting purposes.

If an item of property, plant and equipment becomes an investment property because its use has changed, any differences resulting between the carrying amount and the fair value of this item at the date of transfer is recognised in equity as a revaluation of property, plant and equipment under HKAS 16. However, if a fair value gain reverses a previous impairment loss, the gain is recognised in the consolidated income statement.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.7 Properties (Continued)

(b) Land use rights

Land in China mainland is state-owned and no individual land ownership right exists. The Group acquired the rights to certain land, and the premiums paid for such rights are recorded as land use rights. Land use rights are classified and accounted for in accordance to the intended use of respective properties as erected on the land.

For properties that are held for own use, corresponding land use rights are separately stated in the balance sheet, and are stated at cost and amortized over the use terms of 40 to 70 years using the straight-line method.

For properties that are held for development and subsequent sale, corresponding land use rights are accounted for as part of the development costs, and are accounted for under Note 3.13.

3.8 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the consolidated income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Buildings and leasehold improvements	5–50 years
Machinery	5–15 years
Vehicles	4–8 years
Office equipment	3–5 years
Electronic equipment	3 years

Leasehold improvements' estimated useful life is shorter of remaining lease term of or useful life. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 3.10).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amounts. These are recognised within "other gains — net", in the consolidated income statement.

Construction-in-progress represents buildings, machinery under construction and is stated at cost. Cost includes the costs of construction of buildings, the cost of plant and machinery, installation, testing and other direct costs incurred during the development period. No provision for depreciation is made on construction-in-progress until such time as the relevant assets are completed and ready for intended use. The carrying amount of a construction-in-progress is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 3.10). When the assets concerned get ready for their intended use, the costs are depreciated in accordance with the policy as stated above.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.9 Goodwill

Goodwill arises on the acquisition of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures and represents the excess of the consideration transferred over the Group's interest in net fair value of the net identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the acquiree and the fair value of the non-controlling interests in the acquiree.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is allocated to each of the cash-generating units ("CGUs"), or groups of CGUs, that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Each unit or group of units to which the goodwill is allocated represents the lowest level within the entity at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. Goodwill is monitored at the operating segment level.

Goodwill impairment reviews are undertaken annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate a potential impairment. The carrying value of goodwill is compared to the recoverable amount, which is the higher of value in use and the fair value less costs of disposal. Any impairment is recognised immediately as an expense and is not subsequently reversed.

3.10 Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life or are not yet available for use are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

3.11 Financial assets

3.11.1 Classification

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through OCI, or through profit or loss), and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss or OCI. For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, this will depend on whether the Group has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI).

The Group reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets (Continued)

3.11.2 Recognition and derecognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

3.11.3 Measurement

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVPL are expensed in profit or loss.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. There are three measurement categories into which the Group classifies its debt instruments:

- **Amortised cost:** Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss and presented in other gains/(losses), together with foreign exchange gains and losses. Impairment losses are presented as separate line item in the statement of profit or loss.
- **FVOCI:** Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognised in other gains/(losses). Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in other gains/(losses) and impairment expenses are presented as separate line item in the statement of profit or loss.
- **FVPL:** Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVPL. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at FVPL is recognised in profit or loss and presented net within other gains/(losses) in the period in which it arises.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets (Continued)

3.11.3 Measurement (Continued)

Equity instruments

The Group subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value. Where the Group's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments in OCI, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss following the derecognition of the investment. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognised in profit or loss as other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVPL are recognised in other gains/(losses) in the statement of profit or loss as applicable. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

3.11.4 Impairment

The Group assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost and FVOCI. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

For trade receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach permitted by HKFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables, see Note 5(g) for further details.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the balance sheet where the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts, and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The Group has also entered into arrangements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or the termination of a contract.

3.12 Derivatives and hedging activities

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at the end of each reporting period. The accounting for subsequent changes in fair value depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The Group designates certain derivatives as either:

- hedges of the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or a firm commitment (fair value hedges),
- hedges of a particular risk associated with the cash flows of recognised assets and liabilities and highly probable forecast transactions (cash flow hedges), or
- hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation (net investment hedges).

At the inception of the hedging, the Group documents the economic relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, including whether changes in the cash flows of the hedging instruments are expected to offset changes in the cash flows of hedges items. The Group documents its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking its hedge transactions.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.12 Derivatives and hedging activities (Continued)

The full fair value of a hedging derivative is classified as a non-current asset or liability when the remaining maturity of the hedged item is more than 12 months; it is classified as a current asset or liability when the remaining maturity of the hedged item is less than 12 months. Trading derivatives are classified as a current asset or liability.

(i) Cash flow hedges that qualify for hedge accounting

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in cash flow hedge reserve within equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss within other gains/(losses).

Where option contracts are used to hedge forecast transactions, the Group designates only the intrinsic value of the options as the hedging instrument.

Gains or losses relating to the effective portion of the change in intrinsic value of the options are recognised in the cash flow hedge reserve within equity. The changes in the time value of the options that relate to the hedged item ("aligned time value") are recognised within other comprehensive income in the costs of hedging reserve within equity.

When forward contracts are used to hedge forecast transactions, the Group generally designates only the change in fair value of the forward contract related to the spot component as the hedging instrument. Gains or losses relating to the effective portion of the change in the spot component of the forward contracts are recognised in the cash flow hedge reserve within equity. The change in the forward element of the contract that relates to the hedged item ("aligned forward element") is recognised within other comprehensive income in the costs of hedging reserve within equity. In some cases, the entity may designate the full change in fair value of the forward contract (including forward points) as the hedging instrument. In such cases, the gains or losses relating to the effective portion of the change in fair value of the entire forward contract are recognised in the cash flow hedge reserve within equity.

Amounts accumulated in equity are reclassified in the periods when the hedged item affects profit or loss, as follows:

- Where the hedged item subsequently results in the recognition of a non-financial asset (such as inventory), both the deferred hedging gains and losses and the deferred time value of the option contracts or deferred forward points, if any, are included within the initial cost of the asset. The deferred amounts are ultimately recognised in profit or loss as the hedged item affects profit or loss (for example through cost of sales).
- The gain or loss relating to the effective portion of the interest rate swaps hedging variable rate borrowings is recognised in profit or loss within finance cost at the same time as the interest expense on the hedged borrowings.

When a hedging instrument expires, or is sold or terminated, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative deferred gain or loss and deferred costs of hedging in equity at that time remains in equity until the forecast transaction occurs, resulting in the recognition of a non-financial asset such as inventory. When the forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss and deferred costs of hedging that were reported in equity are immediately reclassified to profit or loss.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.12 Derivatives and hedging activities (Continued)

(ii) Net investment hedges

Hedges of net investments in foreign operations are accounted for similarly to cash flow hedges.

Any gain or loss on the hedging instrument relating to the effective portion of the hedge is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in reserves in equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss within other gains/(losses).

Gains and losses accumulated in equity are reclassified to profit or loss when the foreign operation is partially disposed of or sold.

(iii) Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting

Certain derivative instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting. Changes in the fair value of any derivative instrument that does not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised immediately in profit or loss and are included in other gains/(losses).

3.13 Inventories

(a) Properties under development

Properties under development are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is determined by reference to estimated sales proceeds of the properties sold in the ordinary course of business less costs to complete development and estimated selling expenses.

Development costs of properties comprise land use rights, construction costs, borrowing costs and professional fees as incurred during the development period. On completion, all development costs of the properties are transferred to completed properties held for sale.

Costs to fulfill a contract comprise the development cost and land use right cost directly related to an existing contract that will be used to satisfy performance obligations in the future. The costs to fulfill a contract are recorded in properties under development if they are expected to be recovered. The amount is amortised on a systematic basis, consistent with the pattern of revenue recognition of the contract to which the asset relates.

(b) Completed properties held for sale

Completed properties held for sale are completed properties remaining unsold at the balance sheet date and are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable values. Cost comprises development costs attributable to the unsold properties. Net realizable values is determined by reference to the sale proceeds of properties sold in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses, or by management estimates based on prevailing marketing conditions.

(c) Other inventories

Other inventories mainly comprise raw materials for upfitting, food and beverages and hotel consumables. Goods are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost, calculated on the weighted average basis, comprises invoiced price, delivery and other direct costs relating to purchases. Net realizable value is determined on the basis of anticipated sales proceeds less estimated selling expenses.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.14 Trade and other receivables and prepayments

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection of trade and other receivables and prepayments is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables and prepayments are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value. The Group holds the trade and other receivables and prepayments with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. See Note 3.11 for further information about the Group's accounting for trade and other receivables and prepayments, and Note 5(g) for a description of the Group's impairment policies.

3.15 Contract assets and contract liabilities

Upon entering into a contract with a customer, the Group obtains rights to receive consideration from the customer and assumes performance obligations to transfer goods or provide services to the customer.

The combination of those rights and performance obligations gives rise to a net asset or a net liability depending on the relationship between the remaining rights and the performance obligations. The contract is an asset and recognised as contract assets if the measure of the remaining rights exceeds the measure of the remaining performance obligations. Conversely, the contract is a liability and recognised as contract liabilities if the measure of the remaining performance obligations exceeds the measure of the remaining rights.

The Group recognises the incremental costs of obtaining a contract with a customer within contract assets if the Group expects to recover those costs.

3.16 Cash and cash equivalents

In the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

3.17 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental cost directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

3.18 Capital securities and capital instrument

Capital securities and capital instrument with no contracted obligation to repay its principal nor to pay any distribution are classified as part of equity.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.19 Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

3.20 Borrowings and Borrowing costs

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortized cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalization. All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

3.21 Current and deferred income tax

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred income tax. Tax is recognised in the income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

3.21.1 Current income tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries/territories where the Company and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.21 Current and deferred income tax (Continued)

3.21.2 Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realized or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

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

Deferred income tax liabilities are provided on taxable temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates, except for deferred income tax liability where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Generally the Group is unable to control the reversal of the temporary difference for associates. Only where there is an agreement in place that gives the Group the ability to control the reversal of the temporary difference not recognised.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised on deductible temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint arrangements only to the extent that it is probable the temporary difference will reverse in the future and there is sufficient taxable profit available against which the temporary difference can be utilized.

3.21.3 Offsetting

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

3.22 Employee benefits

(a) Employee leave entitlements

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employee up to the balance sheet date. Employee entitlements to sick leave and maternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave.

(b) Bonus entitlements

Expected costs of bonus payments are recognised as liabilities when constructive obligations are present, as a result of services rendered by employees and reliable estimations of the obligations can be made.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.22 Employee benefits (Continued)

(c) Retirement benefits

In accordance with the rules and regulations in the PRC, the PRC based employees of the Group participate in various defined contribution retirement plans organized by the relevant municipal and provincial governments in the PRC under which the Group and the PRC based employees are required to make monthly contributions to these plans calculated as a percentage of the employees' salaries.

The municipal and provincial governments undertake to assume the retirement benefit obligations of all existing and future retired PRC based employees payable under the plans described above. Other than the monthly contributions, the Group has no further obligation for the payment of retirement and other post retirement benefits of its employees. The assets of these plans are held separately from those of the Group in independently administrated funds managed by the PRC government.

The Group also participates in a pension scheme under the rules and regulations of the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Ordinance ("MPF Scheme") for all employees in Hong Kong. The contributions to the MPF Scheme are based on minimum statutory contribution requirement of the lower of 5% of eligible employees' relevant aggregate income and HKD1,500. The assets of this pension scheme are held separately from those of the Group in independently administered funds.

The Group's contributions to the defined contribution retirement schemes are expensed as incurred.

3.23 Share-based payments

The Group operates a number of equity-settled, share-based compensation plans, including "share option scheme" and Restricted Share Award Scheme, under which the entity receives services from employees as consideration for equity instruments (options and shares) of the Group.

- **Share option scheme**

The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the options is recognised as an expense. The total amount to be expensed is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted:

- including any market performance conditions (e.g. the entity's share price),
- excluding the impact of any service and non-market performance vesting conditions (e.g. profitability, sales growth targets and remaining an employee of the entity over a specified time period), and
- including the impact of any non-vesting conditions (e.g. the requirement for employees to save or holdings shares for a specific period of time).

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.23 Share-based payments (Continued)

- **Share option scheme (Continued)**

The total expense is recognised over the vesting period, which is the period over which all of the specified vesting conditions are to be satisfied. At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to vest based on the non-marketing vesting conditions. The impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, is recognised in the consolidated income statement, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

The cash subscribed for the shares issued when the options are exercised is credited to share capital, net of any directly attributable transaction costs.

- **Restricted Shares Award Scheme**

The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of these share-based awards is recognised as an expense. The total amount to be expensed is determined by reference to the fair value of the shares awarded at the grant date.

When Trustee purchases the Company's shares from the open market, the consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental costs, is presented as "Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme" in the consolidated statement of changes in equity and deducted from total equity. When the Trustee transfers the Company's shares to grantees upon vesting, the related costs of the awarded shares are credited to "Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme" with a corresponding adjustment to the share capital.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimates of the number of these share-based awards that are expected to become vested. The impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, is recognised in the consolidated income statement, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

3.24 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.24 Provisions (Continued)

Financial guarantee contracts are contracts that require the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payments when due, in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Such financial guarantees are given to banks, financial institutions and other bodies on behalf of subsidiaries or associates to secure loans, overdrafts and other banking facilities.

Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the financial statements at fair value on the date the guarantee was given. The fair value of a financial guarantee at the time of signature is zero because all guarantees are agreed on arm's length terms, and the value of the premium agreed corresponds to the value of the guarantee obligation. No receivable for the future premiums is recognised. Subsequent to initial recognition, the company's liabilities under such guarantees are measured at the higher of the amount determined in accordance with the expected credit loss model under HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments and the amount initially recognised loss, where appropriate, the accumulated amount of income recognised in accordance with the principles of HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Any increase in the liability relating to guarantees is reported in the consolidated income statement within other operating expenses.

Where guarantees in relation to loans or other payables of subsidiaries or associates are provided for no compensation, the fair values are accounted for as contributions and recognised as part of the cost of the investment in the financial statements of the Group.

3.25 Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sales of properties and services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. Revenue is shown, net of discounts and after eliminating sales with the Group companies. The Group recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured; when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity; and when specific criteria have been met for each of the Group's activities, as described below.

(a) Sales of properties and construction services

Revenues are recognised when or as the control of the asset is transferred to the customer. Depending on the terms of the contract and the laws that apply to the contract, control of the asset may transfer over time or at a point in time. Control of the asset is transferred over time if the Group's performance:

- provides all of the benefits received and consumed simultaneously by the customer; or
- creates and enhances an asset that the customer controls as the Group performs; or
- do not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

If control of the asset transfers over time, revenue is recognised over time of the contract by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the asset.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.25 Revenue recognition (Continued)

(a) Sales of properties and construction services (Continued)

The progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation is measured based on the Group's efforts or inputs to the satisfaction of the performance obligation, by reference to the contract costs incurred up to the end of reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each contract.

For property development and sales contract for which the control of the property is transferred at a point in time, revenue is recognised when the customer obtains the physical possession or the legal title of the completed property and the Group has present right to payment and the collection of the consideration is probable.

In determining the transaction price, the Group adjusts the promised amount of consideration for the effect of a financing component if it is significant.

For construction services, the Group's performance creates or enhances an asset or work in progress that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced, thus the Group satisfies a performance obligation and recognises revenue over time, by reference to completion of the specific transaction assessed on the basis of the actual costs incurred up to the end of the reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each contract.

(b) Rental income

Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease terms.

(c) Property management and agency fee income

Property management and agency fee income is recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered.

(d) Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method. When a loan and receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income.

(e) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.26 Leases

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group.

Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. The Group allocates the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of real estate for which the Group is a lessee, it has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components and instead accounts for these as a single lease component.

Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable,
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date,
- amounts expected to be payable by the Group under residual value guarantees,
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising that option.

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the Group, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.26 Leases (Continued)

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Group:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received,
- uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for leases held by the Group, which does not have recent third party financing, and
- makes adjustments specific to the lease, e.g. term, country, currency and security.

The Group is exposed to potential future increases in variable lease payments based on an index or rate, which are not included in the lease liability until they take effect. When adjustments to lease payments based on an index or rate take effect, the lease liability is reassessed and adjusted against the right-of-use asset.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability,
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received,
- any initial direct costs, and
- restoration costs.

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Group is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life. While the Group revalues its land and buildings that are presented within property, plant and equipment, it has chosen not to do so for the right-of-use buildings held by the Group.

Payments associated with short-term leases of equipment and vehicles and all leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less without a purchase option. Low-value assets comprise IT equipment and small items of office furniture.

Lease income from operating leases where the Group is a lessor is recognised in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term (Note 12). Initial direct costs incurred in obtaining an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the underlying asset and recognised as expense over the lease term on the same basis as lease income. The respective leased assets are included in the balance sheet based on their nature. The Group did not need to make any adjustments to the accounting for assets held as lessor as a result of adopting the new leasing standard.

3.27 Dividend distribution

Provision is made for the amount of any dividend declared, being appropriately authorised and no longer at the discretion of the entity, on or before the end of the reporting period but not distributed at the end of the reporting period.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

4.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, cash flow interest rate risk and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance. The board of directors reviews and approves policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarized below.

(a) Market risk

(i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities which are not denominated in the Group's functional currency. Majority of the Group's foreign currency transactions and balances are denominated in Hong Kong dollars ("HKD") and United States dollars ("USD"). The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, management of the Group monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

Conversion of RMB into foreign currency is subject to the rules and regulations of the foreign exchange control, as promulgated by the PRC government.

As at 31 December 2020, if RMB had weakened/strengthened by 5% against HKD and USD with all other variable held constant, post-tax profit for the year of the Group would have been RMB620,176,000 lower/higher (2019: RMB972,222,000 lower/higher), mainly as the result of the foreign exchange losses/gains on translation of HKD/USD dominated borrowings, net of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of HKD/USD dominated cash and cash equivalents.

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

The Group's interest rate risk arises from long-term borrowings with prevailing market interest rates. Such risk is partly offset by cash held at prevailing market interest rates. During 2020 and 2019, the Group's borrowings at prevailing market interest rates were denominated in RMB, HKD and USD.

The Group's fair value interest rate risk relates primarily to its fixed rate borrowing and other payables. The Group currently does not utilize any derivative contracts to hedge its exposure to interest rate risk. However, management will consider hedging significant interest rate exposure should the need arise.

As at 31 December 2020, if interest rates have increased/decreased by 50 basis points with all other variables held constant, the Group's post-tax profit, after taking into account the impact of interest capitalization, would decrease/increase by approximately RMB24,494,000 (2019: RMB27,697,000).

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument would fail to discharge the obligation under the terms of financial instrument and cause a financial loss to the Group. The Group considered the probability of default upon initial recognition of asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an on-going basis throughout each reporting period. To assess whether there's a significant increase in credit risk, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition. It considers available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information.

Especially the following indicators are incorporated:

- internal credit rating
- actual or expected significant adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant change to the borrower's ability to meet its obligations
- actual or expected significant changes in the operating results of the borrower
- significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same borrower
- significant changes in the expected performance and behaviour of the borrower, including changes in the payment status of borrowers in the Group and changes in the operating results of the borrower.

(i) Cash in banks

The Group expects that there is no significant credit risk associated with cash deposits at banks since they are substantially deposited with state-owned banks and other medium or large size listed banks. Management does not expect that there will be any significant losses from non-performance by these counterparties.

(ii) Trade receivables and contract assets

The Group applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses prescribed by HKFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for trade receivables and contract assets. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected credit loss also incorporate forward-looking information.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) Credit risk (Continued)

(ii) Trade receivables and contract assets (Continued)

As at 31 December 2020, the loss allowance was determined as follows for trade receivables and contract assets:

	Within 6 months RMB'000	Between 6 months to 1 year RMB'000	Between 1 year to 2 years RMB'000	Between 2 years to 3 years RMB'000	Over 3 years RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Expected loss rate	1.3%	1.9%	5.3%	20.3%	88.9%	3.0%
Gross carrying amount — trade receivables	2,765,858	865,767	606,844	80,743	54,328	4,373,540
Gross carrying amount — contract assets	935,689	—	—	—	—	935,689
Loss allowance						
— trade receivables and contract assets	47,371	16,877	32,383	16,374	48,282	161,287

As at 31 December 2019, the loss allowance was determined as follows for trade receivables and contract assets:

	Within 6 months RMB'000	Between 6 months to 1 year RMB'000	Between 1 year to 2 years RMB'000	Between 2 years to 3 years RMB'000	Over 3 years RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Expected loss rate	0.8%	1.1%	4.2%	15.7%	86.4%	2.1%
Gross carrying amount — trade receivables	2,331,900	976,052	609,144	146,346	52,534	4,115,976
Gross carrying amount — contract assets	2,720,107	—	—	—	—	2,720,107
Loss allowance						
— trade receivables and contract assets	39,813	11,061	25,729	23,003	45,415	145,021

Trade receivables and contract assets are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Group. The Group made written-off of RMB30,697,000 for trade receivables and contract assets during the year ended 31 December 2020.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) Credit risk (Continued)

(iii) Other receivables

The Group uses three categories for other receivables which reflect their credit risk and how the loss provision is determined for each of those categories.

A summary of the assumptions underpinning the Group's expected credit loss model is as follows:

Category	Company definition of category	Basis for recognition of expected credit loss provision
Stage one	Customers have a low risk of default and a strong capacity to meet contractual cash flows.	12 months expected losses. Where the expected lifetime of an asset is less than 12 months, expected losses are measured at its expected lifetime.
Stage two	Receivables for which there is a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.	Lifetime expected losses.
Stage three	Receivables for which there is a credit loss since initial recognition.	Lifetime expected losses.

The Group accounts for its credit risk by appropriately providing for expected losses on a timely basis. In calculating the expected credit loss rates, the Group considers historical loss rates for each category of receivables and adjusts for forward looking macroeconomic data.

Since credit risk has not significantly increased after initial recognition, the loss allowance recognised was therefore limited to 12 months expected losses.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) Credit risk (Continued)

(iii) Other receivables (Continued)

As at 31 December 2020, the loss allowance was determined as follows for other receivables:

	Entrusted loans to and amount due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests RMB'000	Receivables from other third parties excluding prepayments RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Carrying amount of other receivables	40,866,247	10,297,810	51,164,057
Expected credit loss rate	0.32%	0.90%	0.43%
Loss allowance	129,838	92,499	222,337
Other receivables, net	40,736,409	10,205,311	50,941,720

As at 31 December 2019, the loss allowance was determined as follows for other receivables:

	Entrusted loans to and amount due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests RMB'000	Receivables from other third parties excluding prepayments RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Carrying amount of other receivables	50,169,294	12,538,780	62,708,074
Expected credit loss rate	0.30%	0.75%	0.39%
Loss allowance	152,319	94,043	246,362
Other receivables, net	50,016,975	12,444,737	62,461,712

Other receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Group. The Group made written-off of RMB747,000 for other receivables during the year ended 31 December 2020.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) Credit risk (Continued)

(iv) Financial guarantee

The Group has policies in place to ensure that sales are made to purchasers with an appropriate financial strength and appropriate percentage of down payments. The Group has arranged bank financing for certain purchasers of the Group's property units and provided guarantees to secure obligations of such purchasers for repayments. If a purchaser defaults on the payment of its mortgage loan during the guarantee period, the bank holding the guarantee may demand the Group to repay the outstanding principal of the loan and any interest accrued thereon. Under such circumstances, the Group is able to forfeit the customer's deposit and resell the property to recover any amounts paid by the Group to the bank. In this regard, the directors consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

The Group also provides guarantees to certain related parties of the Group to obtain borrowings after assessing the credit history of these related parties. The Group closely monitors the repayment progress of the relevant borrowings by these related parties. In the opinion of the directors of the Group, the related party transactions were carried out in the normal course of business and at terms mutually negotiated between the Group and the respective related parties. The directors consider that the likelihood of default in payments is minimal and the financial guarantees measured at fair value is immaterial.

(c) Liquidity risk

Cash flow forecasting is performed in the operating entities of the Group in and aggregated by Group Finance. Group Finance monitors rolling forecasts of the Group's liquidity requirements to ensure it has sufficient cash to meet operational needs while maintaining sufficient headroom on its undrawn committed borrowing facilities at all times so that the Group does not breach borrowing limits or covenants (where applicable) on any of its borrowing facilities. Such forecasting process takes into consideration the Group's debt financing plans, covenant compliance, compliance with internal balance sheet ratio targets.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(c) Liquidity risk (continued)

The table below analyses the Group's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amount disclosed in the table is the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 year RMB'000	Between 1 and 2 years RMB'000	Between 2 and 5 years RMB'000	Over 5 years RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 31 December 2020					
Borrowings	29,413,230	19,752,537	30,862,855	13,468,844	93,497,466
Lease liabilities	51,769	39,075	44,337	37,885	173,066
Trade and other payables excluding statutory liabilities	54,341,506	–	18,269	–	54,359,775
	83,806,505	19,791,612	30,925,461	13,506,729	148,030,307
At 31 December 2019					
Borrowings	13,545,683	32,861,491	34,064,087	17,202,000	97,673,261
Lease liabilities	72,950	45,352	66,335	42,271	226,908
Trade and other payables excluding statutory liabilities	51,223,546	–	18,581	–	51,242,127
	64,842,179	32,906,843	34,149,003	17,244,271	149,142,296

The amounts have not included financial guarantee contracts:

- which the Group could be required to settle under the arrangement for the full guaranteed amount if that amount is claimed by the counterparty to the guarantee for loans procured by the purchasers of the Group's properties (Note 46(a)). Such guarantees terminate upon the earlier of (i) issuance of the real estate ownership certificate which will generally be available within an average period of two to three years upon the completion of guarantee registration; or (ii) the satisfaction of mortgaged loan by the purchasers of properties;
- which the Group make for its cooperation parties' bank borrowings (Note 46(b)). Such guarantees terminate upon the repayment of relevant bank borrowings.

Based on expectations at the end of the reporting period, the Group considers that it is more likely than not that no amount will be payable under the arrangement.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.2 Capital risk management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Total capital is calculated as "equity" as shown in the consolidated balance sheet plus net debt.

The gearing ratios at 31 December 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Total borrowings (Note 32)	82,203,728	83,906,951
Less: cash and cash equivalents (Note 25)	(39,129,442)	(31,054,201)
Net debt	43,074,286	52,852,750
Total equity	69,905,327	65,611,095
Total capital	112,979,613	118,463,845
Gearing ratio	38%	45%

4.3 Fair value estimation

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value, by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

The following table presents the Group's assets or liabilities that are measured at fair value at 31 December 2020 and 2019. See Note 12 for disclosures of the investment properties that are measured at fair value.

	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 31 December 2020				
Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 18)	11,160	889,956	4,173,814	5,074,930
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 17)	488,890	573,004	5,690,025	6,751,919
	500,050	1,462,960	9,863,839	11,826,849
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 36)	–	(190,053)	–	(190,053)
At 31 December 2019				
Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 18)	266,304	1,195,096	5,250,978	6,712,378
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 17)	48,164	656,483	2,011,000	2,715,647
	314,468	1,851,579	7,261,978	9,428,025
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 36)	–	(51,104)	–	(51,104)

There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the period.

During the period there were no significant changes in the business or economic circumstances that may affect the fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

(a) Financial instruments in Level 1

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in Level 1. Instruments included in Level 1 comprise primarily the listed United States and HKSE equity investments classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

(b) Financial instruments in Level 2

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in Level 2. Instruments included in Level 2 comprise primarily equity fund investments and other unlisted equity securities, for equity fund investments, the underlying portfolio invested by equity fund are all listed equity shares, the valuation of equity fund is determined based on the quoted market price of listed equity shares. The unlisted equity security is the convertible preferred shares issued by a listed company, comparison method was used for the valuation of convertible preferred shares, which is mainly based on the fair value of ordinary share of comparable companies.

(c) Financial instruments in Level 3

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in Level 3.

The Group's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

There were no changes in valuation techniques during the year.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

(c) Financial instruments in Level 3 (Continued)

The following table presents the changes in Level 3 instruments for the year ended 31 December 2020.

	Financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income and through profit or loss RMB'000
Financial assets in Level 3	
Opening balance	7,261,978
Addition	616,000
Increase due to disposal of a subsidiary (Note 17)	3,643,025
Fair value gains	127,017
Decrease due to disposal of a subsidiary	(1,169,231)
Currency translation difference	(92,088)
Disposal	(522,862)
Closing balance	9,863,839

The following table presents the changes in Level 3 instruments for the year ended 31 December 2019.

	Financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income and through profit or loss RMB'000
Financial assets in Level 3	
Opening balance	2,684,069
Additions	3,222,833
Fair value gains	128,609
Increase due to disposal of a subsidiary	2,000,000
Decrease due to disposal of a subsidiary	(812,081)
Currency translation difference	40,494
Disposal	(1,946)
Closing balance	7,261,978

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

(d) Information about level 3 fair value measurements

The following tables summarise the quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in level 3 fair value measurement of equity fund investments and unlisted equity investments.

As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, the underlying portfolio invested by equity fund are all properties located in Mainland China, United States and Hong Kong, the valuation of equity fund investment is determined based on the valuation of properties.

Description	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Range/value	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Unlisted fund investments which principally invests in residential and commercial real estate	Market Approach	Premium or discount for quality of properties (e.g. view, level, size and condition of the properties)	-10% to 10%	The higher discount rate, the lower fair value
		Lack of marketability discount	13% to 25%	The higher discount rate, the lower fair value
Unlisted fund investments which invests in real estate project	Market approach	Premium or discount for quality of properties (e.g. location, view, size, condition and time of the properties)	-3% to 20%	The higher discount rate, the lower fair value

As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, the significant unlisted equity investments are mainly include perpetual and preferred equity instruments issued by Associates of the Group .

Description	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Range/value	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Unlisted equity investments	Income Approach	Discount rate	1.16%–6.68%	The higher discount rate, the lower fair value

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

4.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

(e) Valuation process

The finance department of the Group includes a team that performs the valuations of level 3 financial instruments required for financial reporting purposes. The Group's finance department reviews the valuations performed by the independent valuers for financial reporting purposes and reports directly to the senior management. Discussions of valuation processes and results are held between the management and valuers after each valuation by the independent qualified valuers, which is normally done once every six months, in line with the Group's interim and annual reporting dates.

The components of the level 3 instruments mainly include investments in private investment funds and unlisted companies. As these instruments are not traded in an active market, their fair values have been determined using various applicable valuation techniques, including discounted cash flows and comparable transactions approaches. Major assumptions used in the valuation include historical financial results, assumptions about future growth rates, estimate of discount rate and recent market transactions etc. The fair values of these instruments determined by the Group requires significant judgement, including the financial performance of the investee company, market value of comparable properties as well as discount rate, etc.

5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

(a) Estimate of fair value of investment properties

The fair value of investment properties is determined by using valuation technique. Details of the judgment and assumptions have been disclosed in Note 12.

(b) Income taxes and land appreciation tax ("LAT")

The Group is primarily subject to various PRC taxes, as it is principally engaged in property development in the PRC. Significant judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Company recognises liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred income tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

The implementation and settlement of LAT varies among various tax jurisdictions in cities of the PRC. LAT is levied at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of land value, being the proceeds from sales of properties less deductible expenditures including land use rights, borrowing costs, business taxes, property development and other related expenditures. These taxes are incurred upon transfer of property ownership.

5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

(b) Income taxes and land appreciation tax (“LAT”) (Continued)

Significant judgment is required in determining the extent of land appreciation and its related taxes. The Group recognised LAT based on management’s best estimates according to the understanding of the tax rules. The final tax outcome could be different from the amounts that were initially recorded, and these differences will impact the consolidated income statement in the periods in which such taxes are finalized with local tax authorities.

(c) Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax assets relating to certain temporary differences and tax losses are recognised when management considers it probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences or tax losses can be utilized. The outcome of their actual utilization may be different.

(d) Estimations for total properties construction cost

The Group estimates properties construction cost upon recognition of respective costs of sales. Such estimates are substantiated by detailed budgetary information as developed by the management, and will be assessed periodically, as the constructions progress. Should these estimates depart from their actual finalized costs, such differences would affect the accuracy of costs of sales recognised.

(e) Revenue recognition

Revenue from sales of properties is recognised over time when the Group’s performance do not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date; otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the buyer obtains control of the completed property. The Group may not change or substitute the property unit or redirect the property unit for another use due to the contractual restrictions with the customer and thus the property unit does not have an alternative use to the Group. However, whether there is an enforceable right to payment depends on the terms of sales contract and the interpretation of the applicable laws that apply to the contract. Such determination requires significant judgments. The Group has obtained legal counsel opinion regarding the enforceability of the right to payment for sales contracts. Management uses judgments, based on legal counsel opinion, to classify sales contracts into those with right to payment and those without the right.

The Group recognises property development revenue over time by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation at the reporting date. The progress is measured based on the Group’s efforts or inputs to the satisfaction of the performance obligation, by reference to the contract costs incurred up to the end of reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each property unit in the contract. The Group calculated the cost allocation based on type of properties, gross and saleable floor areas. Significant judgments and estimations are required in determining the completeness of the estimated total costs and the accuracy of progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation at the reporting date. Changes in cost estimates in future periods can have effect on the Group’s revenue recognised. In making the above estimations, the Group relies on past experience and work of contractors and, if appropriate, surveyors.

5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

(f) Estimated impairment of assets

The Group tests at least annually whether assets have suffered any impairment in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 3.10. Assets are also reviewed for impairment, whenever events or changes in circumstances that may cause the carrying amounts of the assets to exceed their recoverable amounts. The recoverable amount of an asset or a cash generating unit is determined as the higher of cash generating unit's fair value less cost to sell and its value-in-use which requires the use of assumptions and estimates. In 2020, based on such reviews the directors have determined that certain of Group's properties under development (Note 19) and completed properties held for sale (Note 23) were impaired, and relevant provision had been made.

(g) Impairment of financial assets

The loss allowances for financial assets are based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rates. The Group uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the Group's past history, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period. Details of the key assumptions and inputs used are disclosed in the tables in Note 4.

(h) Determination of the lease term

In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated).

6 SEGMENT INFORMATION

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the chief operating committee (the “Committee”) that are used to make strategic decisions.

The Committee considers the business from both a geographic and product perspective. From the product perspective, management considers the performance of property development and property investment. Property development businesses are further segregated geographically.

Other operations as carried out by the Group mainly include property management services, property sales agency services, as well as upfitting services. These are not included within the reportable operating segments, as they are not included in the reports provided to the Committee. The results of these operations are included in the “All other segments” column.

The Committee assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of operating profit. This measurement basis excludes the effects of non-recurring expenditure from the operating segments. Finance costs and corporate finance income are not included in the result for each operating segment that is reviewed by the Committee, as they are driven by activities of the central treasury function, which manages the cash position of the Group. The measure also excludes the effects of any unrealized gains/losses from investments in joint ventures and associates as well as fair value gains/losses from investment properties and corporate overheads. Other information provided to the Committee, except as noted below, is measured in a manner consistent with that in the financial statements.

Total segment assets exclude corporate cash and cash equivalents, investments in joint ventures and associates, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and deferred income tax assets, all of which are managed on a central basis. Total segment liabilities exclude borrowings, deferred income tax liabilities and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, all of which are managed on a central basis as well. These are part of the reconciliation to total balance sheet assets and liabilities.

Transactions between segments are carried out at arm’s length. The revenue from external parties reported to the Committee is measured in a manner consistent with that in the consolidated income statement.

6 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The segment information provided to the Committee for the reportable segments for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	Property development						Investment property	All other segments	Total
	Beijing	Bohai Rim Region	Eastern China	Southern China	Central China	Western China			
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2020									
Total revenue	5,498,635	7,537,069	16,055,887	8,850,958	8,031,296	3,673,354	503,070	10,333,100	60,483,369
Inter-segment revenue	-	(29,762)	-	-	-	-	(9,374)	(3,933,607)	(3,972,743)
Revenue (from external customers)	5,498,635	7,507,307	16,055,887	8,850,958	8,031,296	3,673,354	493,696	6,399,493	56,510,626
Segment operating profit	655,830	2,300,445	2,712,843	1,342,111	957,140	243,170	312,774	2,033,037	10,557,350
Depreciation and amortization (Note 39)	(15,696)	(528)	(282)	(6,758)	(1,550)	(3,585)	(438)	(120,112)	(148,949)
Year ended 31 December 2019									
Total revenue	6,239,431	11,554,307	8,756,308	10,753,054	3,785,238	2,031,744	696,250	11,149,096	54,965,428
Inter-segment revenue	(1,031)	(238)	-	(18,518)	-	-	(18,077)	(4,001,074)	(4,038,938)
Revenue (from external customers)	6,238,400	11,554,069	8,756,308	10,734,536	3,785,238	2,031,744	678,173	7,148,022	50,926,490
Segment operating profit	552,761	2,429,396	928,427	2,796,985	272,810	231,966	290,719	2,967,479	10,470,543
Depreciation and amortization (Note 39)	(15,100)	(2,396)	(3,890)	(6,051)	(281)	(492)	(475)	(237,843)	(266,528)
As at 31 December 2020									
Total segment assets	23,829,030	25,071,789	26,666,760	29,019,396	16,134,961	5,288,440	11,725,479	80,000,922	217,736,777
Additions to non-current assets (other than financial instruments and deferred income tax assets)	1,169	1,006	41	1,456	1,256	1,060	271,081	885,628	1,162,697
Total segment liabilities	13,415,767	20,901,800	15,995,054	16,635,162	8,117,380	3,271,978	1,439,601	24,300,516	104,077,258
As at 31 December 2019									
Total segment assets	23,309,429	19,037,321	27,147,888	19,627,381	7,602,302	6,912,262	13,968,275	88,409,442	206,014,300
Additions to non-current assets (other than financial instruments and deferred income tax assets)	3,198	513	2,269	1,634	631	122	829,306	2,015,760	2,853,433
Total segment liabilities	9,825,876	14,728,753	16,909,639	9,102,388	2,193,862	3,075,154	691,947	34,655,477	91,183,096

6 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

A reconciliation of segment operating profit to profit before income tax is provided as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Segment operating profit	10,557,350	10,470,543
Corporate finance income	59,663	71,177
Corporate overheads	(874,898)	(738,156)
Fair value (losses)/gains on investment properties (Note 12)	(156,045)	373,381
Other gains — net (Note 38)	1,334,593	698,520
Finance costs (Note 41)	(2,110,906)	(2,393,714)
Share of results of joint ventures	982,999	1,519,370
Share of results of associates	257,558	415,361
Profit before income tax	10,050,314	10,416,482

6 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Reportable and other segments' assets and liabilities are reconciled to total assets and liabilities as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Total segment assets	217,736,777	206,014,300
Corporate cash and cash equivalents	437,856	2,615,636
Investments in joint ventures (Note 14)	21,218,447	17,355,309
Investments in associates (Note 15)	6,696,748	6,846,347
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 17)	6,751,919	2,715,647
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 18)	5,074,930	6,712,378
Deferred income tax assets (Note 33)	1,772,655	1,439,498
Total assets per consolidated balance sheet	259,689,332	243,699,115
Total segment liabilities	104,077,258	91,183,096
Current borrowings (Note 32)	25,933,873	9,295,332
Non-current borrowings (Note 32)	56,269,855	74,611,619
Deferred income tax liabilities (Note 33)	3,312,966	2,946,869
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 36)	190,053	51,104
Total liabilities per consolidated balance sheet	189,784,005	178,088,020

For the year ended 31 December 2020, included in the revenue of sales of properties, RMB44,378,836,000 was recognised as a point in time, RMB5,238,601,000 was recognised over time.

The Company is incorporated in Hong Kong, with most of its major subsidiaries domiciled in the PRC. Revenues from external customers of the Group are mainly derived in the PRC for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019.

As at 31 December 2020, total non-current assets other than financial instruments and deferred income tax assets located in the PRC is RMB42,772,506,000 (2019: RMB38,178,235,000), the total of these non-current assets located in Hong Kong is RMB6,536,000 (2019: RMB431,394,000) and in the United States is RMB241,421,000 (2019: RMB1,292,270,000).

For the year ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, the Group does not have any single customer with the transaction value over 10% of the total external sales.

7 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings and leasehold improvements RMB'000	Machinery RMB'000	Vehicles RMB'000	Office equipment RMB'000	Electronic equipment RMB'000	Construction in progress RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2020							
Opening net book amount	713,872	2,425	12,692	35,978	46,373	963,980	1,775,320
Additions	3,844	959	2,982	8,306	10,490	570,100	596,681
Acquisition of subsidiaries	–	82	39	54	811	–	986
Transfer	211,360	–	–	–	–	(211,360)	–
Transfer from properties under development (Note 19)	–	–	–	–	–	211,360	211,360
Transfer to properties under development (Note 19)	–	–	–	–	–	(23,948)	(23,948)
Disposals	(8,701)	(96)	(2,214)	(1,530)	(1,561)	(1,138)	(15,240)
Depreciation charge (Note 39)	(29,950)	(380)	(4,313)	(14,514)	(12,317)	–	(61,474)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(5,369)	–	(57)	(281)	(2,275)	–	(7,982)
Closing net book amount	885,056	2,990	9,129	28,013	41,521	1,508,994	2,475,703
At 31 December 2020							
Cost	1,035,337	6,664	55,305	122,813	115,846	1,508,994	2,844,959
Accumulated depreciation	(150,281)	(3,674)	(46,176)	(94,800)	(74,325)	–	(369,256)
Net book amount	885,056	2,990	9,129	28,013	41,521	1,508,994	2,475,703
Year ended 31 December 2019							
Opening net book amount	692,996	333,134	14,023	51,435	54,204	1,266,451	2,412,243
Additions	48,145	12,117	1,879	26,191	9,520	453,512	551,364
Acquisition of subsidiaries	160	605	663	2,723	852	–	5,003
Transfer	1,086,679	207,661	–	–	–	(1,294,340)	–
Transfer from properties under development (Note 19)	–	–	–	–	–	1,018,867	1,018,867
Transfer to Investment properties	(47,276)	–	–	–	–	–	(47,276)
Disposals	(4,873)	(3,439)	(186)	(13,160)	(5,417)	–	(27,075)
Depreciation charge (Note 39)	(35,619)	(31,851)	(3,029)	(15,909)	(9,972)	–	(96,380)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(1,026,340)	(515,802)	(658)	(15,302)	(2,814)	(480,510)	(2,041,426)
Closing net book amount	713,872	2,425	12,692	35,978	46,373	963,980	1,775,320
At 31 December 2019							
Cost	839,399	6,040	56,251	122,947	113,233	963,980	2,101,850
Accumulated depreciation	(125,527)	(3,615)	(43,559)	(86,969)	(66,860)	–	(326,530)
Net book amount	713,872	2,425	12,692	35,978	46,373	963,980	1,775,320

7 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Depreciation expense of RMB51,232,000 (2019: RMB67,528,000) has been charged in “cost of sales”, RMB10,242,000 (2019: RMB28,852,000) in “administrative expenses”.

Construction in progress as at 31 December 2020 represents building being constructed and debugged mainly in Beijing, Dalian, Hangzhou, and Suzhou with intent use of senior housing or health care related services.

As at 31 December 2020, property, plant and equipments of the Group with carrying values of RMB80,027,000 (2019: RMB80,194,000), respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group’s borrowings.

8 LEASES

(a) Amounts recognised in the balance sheet

The balance sheet shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	As at 31 December 2020 RMB'000	As at 1 January 2020 RMB'000
Right-of-use assets		
Buildings	140,210	190,472
Equipment	76	153
Vehicles	–	244
Total right-of-use assets per consolidated balance sheet	140,286	190,869
Lease liabilities		
Current	50,513	64,223
Non-current	97,418	130,257
Total lease liabilities per consolidated balance sheet	147,931	194,480

The Group has land lease arrangement with mainland China government and leasehold land in Hong Kong.

Decrease of the right-of-use assets during this financial year is RMB50,583,000, mainly due to the amortization of land-use rights.

8 LEASES (Continued)

(b) Amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss

The statement of profit or loss shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets		
Buildings	(77,660)	(152,825)
Equipment	(76)	(115)
Vehicles	(244)	(352)
Total	(77,980)	(153,292)
Interest expense (Note 41)	11,117	72,222

(c) The Group's leasing activities and how these are accounted for

The Group mainly leases various offices. Rental contracts are typically made for fixed periods of 15 months to 15 years.

Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

9 LAND USE RIGHTS

The Group's interests in land use rights represent prepaid operating lease payments in the PRC which are held on leases of less than 50 years(including 50 years). The movements are as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	180,566	235,794
Addition	-	132,439
Transfer from properties under development (Note 19)	-	340,391
Amortization charge (Note 39)	(3,246)	(5,056)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	-	(523,002)
At end of the year	177,320	180,566

As at 31 December 2020, land use rights of the Group with carrying values of RMB4,979,000 (2019: RMB5,112,000), respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

10 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	29,582	453,278
Addition	46,148	113
Acquisition of subsidiaries	39,265	–
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	–	(412,009)
Amortization charge (Note 39)	(6,249)	(11,800)
At end of the year	108,746	29,582

11 GOODWILL

	RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2020	
Opening net book amount	195,708
Acquisition of subsidiaries	29,744
Derecognition of goodwill (Note 39)	(78,037)
Closing net book amount	147,415
At 31 December 2020	
Cost	272,942
Impairment charge	(125,527)
Net book amount	147,415
Year ended 31 December 2019	
Opening net book amount	514,039
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(324,463)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	35,560
Derecognition of goodwill (Note 39)	(29,428)
Closing net book amount	195,708
At 31 December 2019	
Cost	321,235
Impairment charge	(125,527)
Net book amount	195,708

Goodwill was generated from business combination and allocated to a cash generated unit or a group of cash generated units, from the acquisition date, that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Derecognition of goodwill allocated to a cash generated unit or a group of cash generated units was recognised due to disposal of the relevant properties.

11 GOODWILL (Continued)

Goodwill is allocated to the Group's cash generating units identified according to operating segment. An operating segment level summary of the goodwill allocation is presented below:

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Property management contracts and customer relationship (i)	54,804	54,804
Property development (ii)	27,307	81,677
Other (iii)	65,304	59,227
	147,415	195,708

- (i) Goodwill relating to property management contracts and customer relationship arised from the acquisition of property management companies.
- (ii) Goodwill relating to property development arised from the acquisition of properties development companies,the impairment of such goodwill is considered together with the impairment of the inventories of the Group.
- (iii) Such goodwill raised from the acquisition of companies engaged in other fields, the impairment of such goodwill is considered together with the impairment of the inventories and intangible assets of the Group.

As of 31 December 2020 and 2019, the management performed impairment assessment on the goodwill. The recoverable amount of goodwill is determined based on value-in-use calculations, these calculations use cash flow projections based on management's financial budgets covering periods of no more than 5 years. The Group expects cash flows beyond such periods will be similar to that of the respective final forecast years on existing scale.

Key assumptions applied in the impairment test for the other goodwill include the expected growth in revenue and gross margin, operating costs, selling and administrative expenses and discount rates and so on. Management determined these key assumptions based on past performance and its expectation on market development. Management believes that any reasonably possible change in any of these key assumption on which recoverable amounts are based may cause carrying amounts of goodwill to exceed their recoverable amounts. The results of the tests undertaken as at 31 December 2020 indicated no impairment charge was necessary.

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Completed investment properties RMB'000	Investment properties under development RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At fair value			
Year ended 31 December 2020			
At beginning of the year	8,271,198	5,057,000	13,328,198
Additions	6,390	20,052	26,442
Transfer from completed properties held for sale	241,815	–	241,815
Disposal of interests in a subsidiary (Note 48)	(1,366,572)	–	(1,366,572)
Currency translation differences	(18,040)	–	(18,040)
Fair value (losses)/gains recognised in profit or loss	(157,993)	1,948	(156,045)
At end of the year	6,976,798	5,079,000	12,055,798
Year ended 31 December 2019			
At beginning of the year	11,051,632	5,153,701	16,205,333
Additions	–	86,398	86,398
Transfer from completed properties held for sale	718,858	–	718,858
Transfer from property, plant and equipment	65,084	–	65,084
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(3,726,858)	(373,674)	(4,100,532)
Currency translation differences	18,482	–	18,482
Fair value gains recognised in profit or loss	182,806	190,575	373,381
Disposal of an investment property	(2,369)	–	(2,369)
Others	(36,437)	–	(36,437)
At end of the year	8,271,198	5,057,000	13,328,198

(a) Amounts recognised in profit or loss for investment properties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Rental income (Note 6)	493,696	678,173
Direct operating expenses arising from investment properties that generate rental income	(53,968)	(91,313)
Direct operating expenses that did not generate rental income	(17,235)	(36,717)
	422,493	550,143

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs

	31 December 2020							
	Completed investment properties					Sub total RMB'000	Investment properties under development Beijing RMB'000	Total RMB'000
	Beijing RMB'000	Tianjin RMB'000	Dalian RMB'000	Hong Kong RMB'000	United States RMB'000			
Opening balance as at 1 January	5,754,689	346,000	466,000	412,238	1,292,271	8,271,198	5,057,000	13,328,198
Additions	463	-	5,927	-	-	6,390	20,052	26,442
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	-	-	-	(403,458)	(963,114)	(1,366,572)	-	(1,366,572)
Transfer from completed properties held for sale	239,455	-	-	-	-	239,455	-	239,455
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	7,964	(23,644)	(15,680)	-	(15,680)
Net gains or losses from fair value adjustment	(45,426)	(15,000)	(16,731)	(16,744)	(64,092)	(157,993)	1,948	(156,045)
Closing balance as at 31 December	5,949,181	331,000	455,196	-	241,421	6,976,798	5,079,000	12,055,798
Total gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2020 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year, under "Fair value gains on investment properties"	(45,426)	(15,000)	(16,731)	(16,744)	(64,092)	(157,993)	1,948	(156,045)
Change in unrealized gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2020 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year	(45,426)	(15,000)	(16,731)	(16,744)	(64,092)	(157,993)	1,948	(156,045)

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs

	31 December 2019										
	Completed investment properties						Investment properties under development				
	Beijing RMB'000	Tianjin RMB'000	Dalian RMB'000	Hangzhou RMB'000	Hong Kong RMB'000	United States RMB'000	Sub total RMB'000	Beijing RMB'000	Tianjin RMB'000	Wuhan RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Opening balance as at 1 January	5,637,646	342,000	460,000	2,977,000	355,808	1,279,178	11,051,632	4,844,000	246,026	63,675	16,205,333
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,425	119	63,854	86,398
Transfer from completed properties held for sale	-	718,858	-	-	-	-	718,858	-	-	-	718,858
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	-	(718,858)	-	(3,008,000)	-	-	(3,726,858)	-	(246,145)	(127,529)	(4,100,532)
Transfer from property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	65,084	-	65,084	-	-	-	65,084
Disposal of an investment property	(2,369)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,369)	-	-	-	(2,369)
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	(6,207)	24,689	18,482	-	-	-	18,482
Net gains or losses from fair value adjustment	117,425	4,000	6,424	69,000	(2,447)	(11,596)	182,806	190,575	-	-	373,381
Others	1,987	-	(424)	(38,000)	-	-	(36,437)	-	-	-	(36,437)
Closing balance as at 31 December	5,754,689	346,000	466,000	-	412,238	1,292,271	8,271,198	5,057,000	-	-	13,328,198
Total gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2019 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year, under "Fair value gains on investment properties"	117,425	4,000	6,424	69,000	(2,447)	(11,596)	182,806	190,575	-	-	373,381
Change in unrealized gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2019 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year	117,425	4,000	6,424	69,000	(2,447)	(11,596)	182,806	190,575	-	-	373,381

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

Valuation processes of the Group

The Group measures its investment properties at fair value. The investment properties were mainly revalued by DTZ Cushman & Wakefield Limited, BMI Appraisals Limited and Colliers International, independent qualified valuers not related to the Group, who hold recognised relevant professional qualifications and have recent experiences in the location and segments of the investment properties valued, at 31 December 2020. For all investment properties, their current use equates to the highest and best use.

The Group's finance department reviews the valuations performed by the independent valuers for financial reporting purposes and reports directly to the senior management. Discussions of valuation processes and results are held between the management and valuers after each valuation by the independent qualified valuers, which is normally done once every six months, in line with the Group's interim and annual reporting dates.

At each financial year end the finance department:

- Verifies all major inputs to the independent valuation report;
- Assess property valuations movements when compared to the prior year valuation report;
- Holds discussions with the independent qualified valuers.

Valuation techniques

Fair values of completed commercial properties in Beijing, Tianjin, Dalian, Hong Kong and the United States are generally derived using the income capitalization method. These valuation methods are based on the capitalization of the net income and reversionary income potential by adopting appropriate capitalization rates, which are derived from analysis of sale transactions and valuers' interpretation of prevailing investor requirements or expectations. The prevailing market rents adopted in the valuation have reference to recent lettings, within the subject properties and other comparable properties.

Fair value of under development commercial property in Beijing is generally derived from residual method. Residual method is essentially a means of valuing the land by reference to its development potential by deducting development costs together with developer's profit margin and risk from the estimated capital value of the proposed development assuming completion as at the date of valuation.

There were no changes to the valuation techniques during the year and there were no transfers between fair value hierarchy during the year.

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

Significant unobservable inputs used to determine fair value

- Completed investment properties

Description	Fair value at 31 Dec 2020 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Range of significant unobservable inputs		Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
			Prevailing market rents	Capitalization rates (%)	
Completed investment properties — Beijing	5,949,184	Income capitalization	RMB35 to RMB575 per month per square meter	6.25 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Tianjin	331,000	Income capitalization	RMB62 to RMB291 per month per square meter	3.50 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Dalian	455,195	Income capitalization	RMB67 to RMB112 per month per square meter	4.50 to 6.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — United States	241,419	Income capitalization	USD5 per month per square feet	6.00	N/A

- Investment properties under development

Description	Fair value at 31 Dec 2020 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Range of significant unobservable inputs			Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
			Prevailing market rents	Capitalization rates (%)	Cost to completion	
Investment properties under development — Beijing	5,079,000	Residual method taking reference to comparison approach	RMB421 to RMB702 per month per square meter	4.00 to 6.50	RMB13,804 per square meter	N/A

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

Significant unobservable inputs used to determine fair value

- Completed investment properties

Description	Fair value at 31 Dec 2019 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Range of significant unobservable inputs		Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
			Prevailing market rents	Capitalization rates (%)	
Completed investment properties — Beijing	5,754,691	Income capitalization	RMB35 to RMB575 per month per square meter	6.25 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Tianjin	346,000	Income capitalization	RMB62 to RMB291 per month per square meter	3.50 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Dalian	466,000	Income capitalization	RMB67 to RMB112 per month per square meter	4.50 to 6.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Hong Kong	412,237	Income capitalization	HKD60 to HKD70 per month per square feet	2.80 to 3.50	N/A
Completed investment properties — United States	340,439	Income capitalization	USD5 per month per square feet	6.00	N/A

Significant unobservable inputs used to determine fair value

- Investment properties under development

Description	Fair value at 31 Dec 2019 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Range of significant unobservable inputs		Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
			Prevailing market rents	Capitalization rates (%) Cost to completion	
Investment properties under development — Beijing	5,057,000	Residual method	RMB421 to RMB702 per month per square meter	4.00 to 6.50	RMB13,804 per square meter N/A

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

Prevailing market rents are estimated based on valuers' view of recent lettings, within the subject properties and other comparable properties. The lower the rents, the lower the fair value.

Capitalization rates are estimated by valuers based on the risk profile of the properties being valued. The higher the rates, the lower the fair value.

Premium or discount for quality of properties are estimated by valuers based on quality of properties, such as location, size, view, level and condition of the properties.

(c) Non-current assets pledged as security

As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, investment properties of the Group with carrying values of RMB3,505,421,300 and RMB3,615,439,000, respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

13 SUBSIDIARIES

The following is a list of the subsidiaries as at 31 December 2020 which, in the opinion of the directors, materially affect the results or assets of the Group:

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2020	2019	2020	2019
(1) Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited 遠洋控股集團(中國)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holding	RMB7,064,870	100%	100%	-	-
(2) 遠洋國際建設有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Renovation service in PRC	RMB600,000	100%	100%	-	-
(3) 北京遠盛置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(4) Beijing Yuankun Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京遠坤房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holding	RMB500,000	100%	100%	-	-
(5) 北京萬洋世紀創業投資管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holding	RMB341,000	100%	100%	-	-
(6) 北京碧城創業投資管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holding	RMB336,000	100%	100%	-	-
(7) Beijing Qianyuan Property Co., Ltd. 北京乾遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holdings in PRC	RMB300,000	100%	100%	-	-
(8) Beijing Yuan Yang Building Co., Ltd. 北京遠洋大廈有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment property in PRC	USD 30,000	72%	72%	28%	28%
(9) Beijing Wuhe Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京五河房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Land development in PRC	RMB100,000	75%	75%	25%	25%
(10) Beijing Jun De Land Development Company Limited 北京駿德置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holding	RMB90,000	100%	100%	-	-
(11) Beijing Dong Long Real Estate Development Co., Ltd. 北京東隆房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD 12,370	85.72%	85.72%	14.28%	14.28%
(12) Beijing Jin He Wan Sheng Real Estate Development Company Limited 北京金和萬盛房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Land development in PRC	RMB75,000	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
					2020	2019	2020	2019
(13)	Beijing Yuan Hao Land Development Company, Limited 北京遠豪置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB60,000	100%	100%	-	-
(14)	Beijing Tianlin Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京市天麟房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holding	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(15)	北京遠東新地置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holding	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(16)	Beijing Yin Gang Real Estate Development Company Limited 北京銀港房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holdings in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(17)	Beijing Yuan-lian Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京遠聯置地房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(18)	Tianjin Pulida Real Estate Construction and Development Company Limited 天津普利達房地產建設開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB420,000	100%	100%	-	-
(19)	天津宇華房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB800,000	100%	100%	-	-
(20)	Tianjin Yuanying Real Estate Development Company, Limited 天津市遠贏置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(21)	大連新悅置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD 241,000	100%	100%	-	-
(22)	大連匯洋置業有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD 66,122	100%	100%	-	-
(23)	大連廣宇置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD 363,200	100%	100%	-	-
(24)	大連世甲置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD 167,850	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2020	2019	2020	2019
(25) Dalian Sunny-Ocean Property Limited 大連明遠置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD 80,000	100%	100%	-	-
(26) Dalian Sky-Upright Property Limited 大連正乾置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD 76,860	100%	100%	-	-
(27) 大連源豐置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD 50,700	100%	100%	-	-
(28) 大連遠佳產業園開發有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD 35,000	100%	100%	-	-
(29) 遠洋地產(遼寧)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB70,000	100%	100%	-	-
(30) 長春東方聯合置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB200,000	100%	100%	-	-
(31) 青島遠豪置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	RMB150,000	100%	100%	-	-
(32) 遠洋地產(上海)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holding	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(33) 大連鑫融置業有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD 120,000	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
					2020	2019	2020	2019
(34)	天基房地產開發(深圳)有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	HKD 160,000	84.70%	84.70%	15.30%	15.30%
(35)	三亞南國奧林匹克花園有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB64,100	100%	100%	-	-
(36)	北京天江通譽置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment property in PRC	RMB4,123,112	100%	100%	-	-
(37)	天津遠頤房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(38)	大連利遠置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD 143,410	100%	100%	-	-
(39)	遠洋養老運營管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Senior housing service in PRC	RMB500,000	100%	100%	-	-
(40)	Tianjin Yuan-bin Real Estate Development Company, Limited 天津市遠濱房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	RMB600,000	100%	100%	-	-
(41)	大連宏宇置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2020	2019	2020	2019
(42) 北京遠山置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(43) 盈創再生資源有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Environmental technology in PRC	RMB361,670	96.19%	96.19%	3.81%	3.81%
(44) 上海銳盈置業有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	RMB145,000	100%	100%	-	-
(45) 深圳市樂安房地產有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(46) 北京遠新資產管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment property in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(47) 北京市佳利華經濟開發有限責任公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Senior housing service in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(48) Sino-Ocean Service Holding Limited 遠洋服務控股有限公司	Cayman Island, Limited liability company	Property Management in PRC	RMB99,829	67.57%	-	32.43%	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
					2020	2019	2020	2019
(49)	上海遠澤置業有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	RMB2,200,000	100%	100%	-	-
(50)	深圳市金楓房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	60%	60%	40%	40%
(51)	深圳市高誠達投資發展有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	80%	80%	20%	20%
(52)	三亞德商房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD 30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(53)	北京信馳置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(54)	南京金遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB33,330	70%	70%	30%	30%
(55)	上海椿萱茂養老服務有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Senior housing service in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(56)	湖北福星惠譽常青置業有限公司 ("Hubei Fuxing")	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	51%	51%	49%	49%
(57)	成都嘉昱房地產有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	60%	-	60%	-
(58)	杭州宜品房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB170,000	100%	100%	-	-
(59)	北京遠奧置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2020	2019	2020	2019
(60) 天津濱海房地產經營有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	60%	60%	40%	40%
(61) 秦皇島市海洋置業房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(62) 遠洋地產鎮江有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	55%	55%	45%	45%
(63) 瀋陽銀基新世紀置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB150,000	100%	100%	-	-
(64) 廣州市遠翔房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	RMB1,800,000	100%	100%	-	-
(65) 青島遠佳置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB666,670	100%	100%	-	-
(66) 北京遠川房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(67) 成都恆茂置地有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(68) 瀋陽宏景房地產開發有限公司 ("Liyang Hongjing")	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB300,000	40%	40%	60%	60%
(69) 台州環倫置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	40%	40%	60%	60%
(70) 南京遠乾置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
					2020	2019	2020	2019
(71)	西安遠洋中央公園置業有限責任公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD80,000	100%	100%	-	-
(72)	天津城投濱海房地產經營有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB200,000	64.28%	64.28%	35.72%	35.72%
(73)	中山市遠昇房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,400	75%	75%	25%	25%
(74)	重慶遠基房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB667,000	50%	50%	50%	50%
(75)	大連宏澤置業有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD15,106	100%	100%	-	-
(76)	福州世遠置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	50%	50%	50%	50%
(77)	山西明遠房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	80%	80%	20%	20%
(78)	貴州築宸府置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB12,500	80%	80%	20%	20%
(79)	秦皇島潤海房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB636,000	100%	100%	-	-
(80)	秦皇島潤濱房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB212,000	100%	100%	-	-
(81)	秦皇島潤鴻房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB21,200	100%	100%	-	-
(82)	秦皇島潤澤房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB21,200	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2020	2019	2020	2019
(83) 秦皇島潤港房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB21,200	100%	100%	-	-
(84) 秦皇島潤鑫房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB21,200	100%	100%	-	-
(85) 上海崇遠企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Investment holding	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(86) 茂名市錦繡河山房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB19,000	51%	51%	49%	49%
(87) 龍巖遠盛房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	51%	51%	49%	49%
(88) 上海潤翔商務諮詢有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Investment holding	RMB161,925	56.77%	56.77%	43.23%	43.23%
(89) 上海瓊海房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB229,325	41.03%	41.03%	58.97%	58.97%
(90) 上海雋品置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	51%	51%	49%	49%
(91) 杭州雋遠置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	51%	51%	49%	49%
(92) 蘇州奧遠房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	34%	34%	66%	66%
(93) 湖南樂住置業投資有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	95%	95%	5%	5%
(94) 石家莊遠俊房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	51%	51%	49%	49%
(95) 貴陽遠匯房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2020	2019	2020	2019
(96) 佛山昱辰房地產開發有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	50%	-	50%	-
(97) 大連盈合置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	51%	100%	-	-
(98) 宜興遠博置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(99) 大連峰景美墅地產發展有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB181,614	100%	100%	-	-
(100) Shengjing Guoxin (Beijing) Ecological Garden Co., Ltd. 盛景園信(北京)生態園林有限公司 (Note 49)	PRC Limited liability company	Landscaping in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	-	-	-
(101) Zhejiang Guoheng Xixi Real Estate Co., Ltd 浙江國恆西溪置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	-	-	-
(102) Wuhan Yuanhui Real Estate Co., Ltd 武漢元慧置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	70%	-	30%	-
(103) Shenzhen Tianheng Chuangxing Industrial Co., Ltd 深圳市天恆創興實業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	63.25%	-	36.75%	-
(104) Shenzhen Yuanguan Real Estate Co., Ltd 深圳市遠冠置業有限公司	PRC Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	63.25%	-	36.75%	-
(105) Sino-Ocean Land (Hong Kong) Limited 遠洋地產(香港)有限公司	Hong Kong Limited company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD 10	100%	100%	-	-
(106) Shine Wind Development Limited 羅勝發展有限公司	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	USD 10	100%	100%	-	-
(107) Mission Success Limited 穎博有限公司	Hong Kong Limited company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD -	100%	100%	-	-
(108) Dynamic Class Limited 昇能有限公司	Hong Kong Limited company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD -	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2020	2019	2020	2019
(109) Mega Precise Profits Limited	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	USD –	100%	100%	–	–
(110) Smart State Properties Limited	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	USD –	100%	100%	–	–
(111) Faith Ocean International Limited 信洋國際有限公司	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	USD –	100%	100%	–	–
(112) World Luck Corporation Limited 寰福有限公司	Hong Kong Limited company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD –	100%	100%	–	–
(113) Fame Gain Holdings Limited 名得控股有限公司	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	USD –	100%	100%	–	–
(114) Sino-Ocean Land Property Development Limited 遠洋地產國際發展有限公司	Hong Kong Limited company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD 20	100%	100%	–	–
(115) Fast Fame Capital Investment Limited 迅榮創富有限公司	Hong Kong Limited company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD –	100%	100%	–	–
(116) Steed Wind Limited 驥風有限公司	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	HKD –	50%	50%	50%	50%
(117) Max Star Ent. Ltd 盛星企業有限公司	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	RMB667,010	50%	50%	50%	50%
(118) Glory Soar Limited 軒騰有限公司	Hong Kong Limited company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD –	50%	50%	50%	50%
(119) Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance I Limited	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	HKD –	100%	100%	–	–
(120) Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance II Limited	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	HKD –	100%	100%	–	–
(121) Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance III Limited	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	HKD –	100%	100%	–	–
(122) Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited	BVI Limited company	Investment holding in BVI	HKD –	100%	100%	–	–
(123) New Advance Limited	Hong Kong Limited company	Property development in Hong Kong	HKD 1,000	100%	100%	–	–
(124) Rich Group Creation Limited	Hong Kong Limited company	Property development in Hong Kong	HKD –	100%	100%	–	–

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(a) Material non-controlling interests

The total non-controlling interest as at 31 December 2020 is RMB16,256,391,000 which mainly consists of non-controlling interest of RMB328,658,000 and non-controlling interest of RMB214,943,000 deriving from Hubei Fuxing and Liyang Hongjin, being 51% and 40% owned subsidiaries, respectively. The non-controlling interest in respect of other subsidiaries is not material.

Cash and short-term deposits held by Hubei Fuxing and Liyang Hongjin amounted to RMB477,446,000 in aggregate are held in China and are subject to local exchange control regulations. These local exchange control regulations provide for restrictions on exporting capital from the country, other than through normal dividends.

Set out below are the summarized financial information for each subsidiary that has non-controlling interests that are material to the Group.

Summarized balance sheet

	Hubei Fuxing		Liyang Hongjin	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Current				
Assets	3,104,483	2,619,749	443,755	530,449
Liabilities	(2,587,881)	(1,669,058)	(85,522)	(183,470)
Total current net assets	516,602	950,691	358,233	346,979
Non-current				
Assets	154,128	216,617	5	172
Liabilities	–	(289,000)	–	–
Total non-current net assets	154,128	(72,383)	5	172
Net assets	670,730	878,308	358,238	347,151
Accumulated non-controlling Interest	328,658	430,371	214,943	208,291

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(a) Material non-controlling interests (Continued) Summarized income statement

	Hubei Fuxing		Liyang Hongjing	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Revenue	527,762	2,567,705	171,926	773,795
(Losses)/profit before income tax	(271,479)	528,563	15,471	70,517
Income tax expense	63,901	(157,068)	(4,384)	(15,717)
Post-tax (losses)/profit	(207,578)	371,495	11,087	54,800
Total comprehensive income	(207,578)	371,495	11,087	54,800
Total comprehensive income allocated to non- controlling Interests	(101,713)	182,032	6,652	32,880

Summarized cash flows

	Hubei Fuxing		Liyang Hongjing	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities				
Cash generated from/(used) in operations	103,087	19,397	94,474	(176,968)
Interest paid	(41,075)	(69,490)	-	-
Income tax paid	-	(138,687)	-	-
Net cash generated from/(used) in operating activities	62,012	(188,780)	94,474	(176,968)
Net cash generated from investing activities	170,327	919,723	-	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(326,774)	(352,990)	-	-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(94,435)	377,953	94,474	(176,968)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	400,846	22,893	76,561	253,529
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	306,411	400,846	171,035	76,561

The information above is the amount before inter-company eliminations.

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	17,355,309	20,330,505
Capital injection (i)	6,597,645	2,648,574
Dividend	(88,193)	(611,301)
Disposal	(2,868,074)	(1,633,415)
Deemed disposal of joint ventures	(521,457)	(2,082,769)
Increase due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries	482,569	170,541
Decrease due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary (Note 48)	(716,419)	(2,870,370)
Share of results of joint ventures		
— after adjustment for unrealized profit or loss from inter-company transactions between the Group and the joint ventures	1,008,945	1,389,216
Currency translation difference	(31,878)	14,328
At end of the year	21,218,447	17,355,309

- (i) Capital injection to joint ventures mainly includes the subscription for the shares in Beijing Xingtaitonggang Properties Company Limited on 18 December 2020.

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

- (a) Following are the details of part of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2020, all of which are unlisted:

	Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2020	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(1)	Beijing Linlian Property Company Limited 北京麟聯置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB400,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Investment property development
(2)	Chengdu Qianhao Real Estate Company Limited 成都乾豪置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	USD329,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Investment property development
(3)	Chengdu Yingang Real Estate Company Limited 成都銀港置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB8,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Investment property development
(4)	北京遠騰置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,820,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(5)	深圳市遠盛業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB200,000	51%	51%	(i),(iv)	Investment management
(6)	北京遠洋新光商業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(7)	北京遠新房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(8)	北京遠洋新揚子資產管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB2,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(9)	鴻基偉業(北京)房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(10)	北京房地鑫洋房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	30%	30%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(11)	Tianjin Yijiahe Real Estate Company Limited 天津市億嘉合置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB80,000	51%	51%	(i),(iii)	Land and property development
(12)	南京綠洋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(13)	SOL Investment Fund LP	Cayman island	Limited Partnership	HKD2,679,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(14)	香河萬潤新元房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB85,000	20%	20%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(15)	北京穎暉置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Investment property development

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of part of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2020, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2020	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(16) 北京房地天銳鑫洋房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB41,180	30%	30%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(17) 上海新證財經信息諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB142,500	45%	45%	(ii),(v)	Investment management
(18) 中山市大信融佳商業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Land and property development
(19) 北京卓信瑞通投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	33%	33%	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(20) 天津旭浩房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB120,000	25%	25%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(21) 北京中聯置地房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB560,000	15%	49%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(22) 天津市遠銘置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	6%	42%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(23) 北京新揚子投資基金管理中心(有限合夥)	PRC	Limited Liability Partnership	RMB1,000,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(24) 廊坊市裕豐房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	23.5%	25.5%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(25) 北京房地銘洋房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	49%	49%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(26) 武漢遠正企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	15%	15%	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(27) 張家口富利嘉房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	60%	60%	(i),(iii)	Land and property development
(28) 河北川匯房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB5,000	51%	51%	(i),(iii)	Land and property development
(29) 石家莊永熹房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	20%	20%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(30) 深圳市遠康置地投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	65%	65%	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(31) 長春王府井遠洋商業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	40%	40%	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(32) 中山祥盛房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of part of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2020, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2020	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(33) 合肥永拓置業發展有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB400,000	25%	25%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(34) 深圳市國通厚德房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	70%	70%	(i),(iii)	Land and property development
(35) 鄭州建業十八城置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB200,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(36) 北京潭拓興業房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB300,000	10%	10%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(37) 北京遠創興茂置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	40%	40%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(38) 昆明吉興達房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB200,000	20%	20%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(39) 愛車(天津)房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB150,000	49.98%	49.98%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(40) 贏家(天津)房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB850,000	49.98%	49.98%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(41) 山西龍城遠洋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	44%	44%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(42) 北京創遠亦程置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(43) 太倉遠匯置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB200,000	34%	34%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(44) 北京遠和置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB810,000	25%	25%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(45) 杭州島洋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	49%	49%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(46) 河南優居房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	25.5%	25.5%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(47) 上海遠緒置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(48) 天津吉慶置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(49) 鄭州遠啟博奧企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	70%	70%	(i),(iv)	Land and property development

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of part of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2020, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2020	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(50) 北京遠創興城置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(51) 中山市遠聞房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB40,000	51%	51%	(i),(iii)	Land and property development
(52) 中山盛哲房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	30%	30%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(53) 重慶國際高爾夫俱樂部有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB96,290	42.5%	42.5%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(54) 西安恆正隆房地產有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	UDS132,274	34%	34%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(55) 北京穎融企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	70%	70%	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(56) 北京穎創企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	70%	70%	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(57) 長沙遠耀投資管理合夥企業	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB632,642	24.96%	24.96%	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(58) 北京樂優富拓投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	25%	25%	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(59) 嘉興金久房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB8,000	33%	33%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(60) 龍洋生命(開曼)有限公司	Cayman Island	Limited liability company	RMB6,500	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(61) SO CTCO Investments, L.P.	Cayman Islands	Limited Partnership	USD 100,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(62) 石家莊新聯遠鴻房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	31%	31%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(63) 石家莊州贊房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB5,000	31%	31%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(64) 西安遠瑞置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	60%	60%	(i),(iii)	Land and property development
(65) 溫州龍巖陵園有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	USD 66,700	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(66) 天津市遠馳房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB400,000	30%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(67) 北京費輝商業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	30%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of part of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2020, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2020	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(68) 北京睿鴻商業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	30%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(69) Sino-Ocean Meridian Holding, LLC	USA	Limited liability company	USD11,659	40%	40%	(ii),(iv)	Elderly care
(70) Sino-Ocean Meridian Fund I,LP	Cayman Islands	Limited Partnership	USD64,794	97.5%	97.5%	(i),(iv)	Elderly care
(71) TSKY Carirnhill Pte. Ltd	SG	Limited liability company	USD 20,000	30%	30%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(72) 杭州遠洋新河酒店置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	USD132,590	60%	60%	(i),(iii)	Investment property development
(73) 杭州遠洋運河商務區開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	USD143,210	60%	60%	(i),(iii)	Land and property development
(74) 杭州遠洋天祺置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	USD147,760	60%	60%	(i),(iii)	Land and property development
(75) 蘇州嶼秀房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB480,000	16.5%	16.5%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development
(76) Shandong Yuanquan Real Estate Company Limited 山東遠泉置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	51%	-	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(77) Hangzhou Yuanchen Real Estate Company Limited 杭州遠宸建祥置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	51%	-	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(78) Nanjing Yuanhong Real Estate Company Limited 南京遠鴻置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	60%	-	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(79) 北京建遠萬馨房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	51%	-	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(80) 深圳市恆裕國宏房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB101,000	51%	-	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(81) 無錫雅遠房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	50%	-	(iv)	Land and property development
(82) 北京商務中心區開發建設有限責任公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB681,000	47%	47%	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(83) 武漢設計之心建設發展有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	70%	70%	(ii),(iii)	Land and property development

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of part of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2020, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2020	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(84) 來安縣遠錦房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB12,000	30%	100%	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(85) 北京遠盛泰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	60%	100%	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(86) 天津市遠拓置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	58%	–	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(87) 山東遠舜置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,306,000	53.3%	–	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(88) 上海遠閱企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	60%	100%	(i),(v)	Land and property development
(89) 重慶遠香房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB32,000	30%	50%	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(90) 山東泰洋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	50%	–	(iv)	Land and property development
(91) 山東遠赫房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	60%	–	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(92) 北京遠景中安置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB2,100,000	31%	–	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(93) 濟南匯遠產業園開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	42%	–	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(94) 福州遠裕興置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	51%	–	(i),(iv)	Land and property development
(95) 北京盛霖市政園林有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	74.5%	–	(i),(v)	Landscaping Services
(96) 北京皇泰通港置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB9,500,000	64.79%	–	(i),(iii)	Investment property development
(97) PT MAKNA ALAM SEJAHTERA	Indonesian	Limited liability company	Rupiah 10,000,000	30%	–	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development
(98) 北京椿萱茂投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB300,000	70%	70%	(i),(v)	Elderly care
(99) Sunrise River Ventures Limited	BVI	Limited company	USD–	49%	49%	(ii),(v)	Landscaping Services
(100) 天津睿鴻企業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	40%	40%	(ii),(iv)	Land and property development

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

- (a) Following are the details of part of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2020, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)
- (i) Although the Group holds more than 50% of the equity shares of these entities, the Group exercises joint control under the contractual agreements in the strategic financial and operating policy decisions of these entities. Accordingly, these entities are considered as joint ventures of the Group by the directors.
 - (ii) Although the Group holds less than 50% of the equity shares of these entities, the Group exercises joint control under the contractual agreements in the strategic financial and operating policy decisions of these entities. Accordingly, these entities are considered as joint ventures of the Group by the directors.
 - (iii) Investments in these joint ventures provide more business opportunities in property development and investment properties.
 - (iv) Investments in these joint ventures provide more business opportunities in real estate investment activities.
 - (v) Investments in these joint ventures provide more business opportunities for the Group in other business activities.
 - (vi) As at 31 December 2020, the Group has the outstanding capital commitment to joint ventures amounting to RMB1,315,378,000 (2019:RMB271,125,000).
- (b) Individually immaterial joint venture
- The Group has interests in individually immaterial joint ventures that are accounted for using the equity method.

	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Aggregate carrying amount of individually immaterial joint ventures	21,218,447	17,355,309
Aggregate amounts of the Group's share of:		
Profit from continuing operations	982,999	1,519,370
Total comprehensive income	982,999	1,519,370

15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	6,846,347	7,177,355
Capital injection	822,584	164,009
Disposal	(768,312)	(32,729)
Transfer to financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	(457,177)	–
Dividend	(142,299)	(85,959)
Increase due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries	374,121	2,001,590
Decrease due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	–	(2,777,569)
Deemed disposal of associate	(223,472)	–
Share of results of associates — after adjustment for unrealized profit or loss from inter-company transactions between the Group and the associates	318,169	335,257
Currency translation difference	(73,213)	64,393
At end of the year	6,696,748	6,846,347

15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of part of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2020:

	Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2020	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Nature of the relationship	Principal activities
(1)	Guoshou Yuantong Real Estate Company Limited 國壽遠通置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB2,500,000	10%	10%	(i),(ii)	Investment property development
(2)	Beijing Shengyong Property Development and Investment Company Limited 北京盛永置業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB500,000	35%	35%	(ii)	Investment property development
(3)	CIGIS (China) Company Limited 建設綜合勘察研究設計院有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	35%	35%	(iii)	Survey and design
(4)	Chongqing Yuanteng Real Estate Development Limited 重慶遠騰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,100,000	42.5%	42.5%	(ii)	Land and property development
(5)	北京興佰君泰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB90,000	21%	21%	(ii)	Land and property development
(6)	北京達成光遠置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	23%	23%	(ii)	Land and property development
(7)	廣州宏軒房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB300,000	16.66%	16.66%	(i),(ii)	Land and property development
(8)	廣州宏嘉房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB300,000	16.66%	16.66%	(i),(ii)	Land and property development
(9)	廣州環啤房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB300,000	16.66%	16.66%	(i),(ii)	Land and property development
(10)	Beijing Capital Juda Limited. 首創鉅大有限公司	Cayman Islands	Limited liability company	HKD 20,345	9.9%	9.9%	(i),(ii)	Land and property development
(11)	重慶遠朗房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB233,540	50%	50%	(ii)	Land and property development
(12)	杭州北農房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(ii)	Land and property development
(13)	武漢遠駿置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	34%	34%	(ii)	Land and property development
(14)	天津中建致恆地產有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB70,000	42.86%	42.86%	(ii)	Land and property development
(15)	石家莊安聯房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	30%	30%	(ii)	Land and property development
(16)	江西軍邦房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	51%	51%	(ii)	Land and property development
(17)	成都青銅匯股權投資基金合夥企業(有限合夥)	PRC	Limited Liability Partnership	RMB700,000	42.86%	42.86%	(iv)	Investment management

15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of part of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2020: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2020	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Nature of the relationship	Principal activities
(18) 北京瑞成永創科技有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	22.2%	22.2%	(v)	Scientific research and technical services
(19) 廈門國遠同豐置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB98,000	51.02%	51.02%	(ii)	Land and property development
(20) 南昌國遠盈潤置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB98,000	49%	49%	(ii)	Land and property development
(21) 北京融德房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB687,000	49%	49%	(ii)	Land and property development
(22) Coldwest Fund I LP	Cayman Islands	Limited Partnership	USD105,000	47.62%	47.62%	(iv)	Investment management
(23) Delos China (HK) Limited	HK	Limited company	USD 16,000	25%	25%	(ii)	Healthy renovation service
(24) 北京融平企業管理服務有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB687,000	49%	49%	(iii)	Land and property development
(25) 上海棟鼎企業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	49%	49%	(iv)	Land and property development
(26) 北京誼誠置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	21%	21%	(ii)	Land and property development
(27) Fortune Joy Ventures Limited	BVI	Limited company	USD 580,000	49%	49%	(v)	Investment management
(28) 上饒市棕遠生態環境有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB320,000	28.98%	28.98%	(v)	Environmental governance
(29) 北京雲泰數通互聯網科技有限公司 (“Beijing Yuntai”)	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB252,000	30%	–	(v)	Data Center Services
(30) 北京遠創置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB300,000	51%	75%	(ii)	Land and property development
(31) 北京金開旭泰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000,000	16%	–	(i),(ii)	Land and property development
(32) 北京駿洋時代置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB32,000	51%	–	(ii)	Land and property development
(33) 納什空間創業科技(北京)有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB73,000	20%	–	(iv)	Office services
(34) Gemini Investments (Holdings) Limited 盛洋投資(控股)有限公司	Hong Kong	HK Listed company	HKD22,550	25%	69.23%	(vi)	Investment management
(35) 深圳市益田假日廣場有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB150,000	30%	–	(ii)	Investment property development

15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of part of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2020: (Continued)

Among the associates mentioned above, Beijing Capital Juda Limited and Gemini Investments (Holdings) Limited are listed on Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd, the quoted fair value and carrying amount thereof presented as below:

	Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Quoted market value		Carrying amount	
				2020	2019	2020	2019
				RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
(1)	Beijing Capital Juda Limited	PRC	Limited liability company	96,000	110,000	132,014	149,023
(2)	Gemini Investments (Holdings) Limited	Hong Kong	HK Listed company	181,000	–	154,095	–

Even though quoted market value of Beijing Capital Juda Limited is less than carrying amount, the fair value of net assets of the company attributable to the Group is higher than the carrying amount, no impairment charge is recognised for the investment.

- (i) Although the Group holds less than 20% of the equity shares of these entities, the Group exercises significant influence under the contractual agreements in the strategic financial and operating policy decisions of these companies.
- (ii) Investments in these associates provide more business opportunities in property development.

15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

- (a) Following are the details of part of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2020: (Continued)
- (iii) Investments in these associates provide more opportunities to involve in related services to support property development, such as architectural design and property management.
 - (iv) Investments in these associates provide more business opportunities in real estate investment activities.
 - (v) Investments in these associates provide more business opportunities in other activities.
 - (vi) As at 31 December 2020, the Group has the outstanding capital commitment to associates amounting to RMB296,244,000 (2019: RMB320,441,000).

(b) Individually immaterial associates

The Group has interests in individually immaterial associates that are accounted for using the equity method.

	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Aggregate carrying amount of individually immaterial associates	6,696,748	6,846,347
Aggregate amounts of the Group's share of:		
Profit from continuing operations	257,558	415,361
Total comprehensive income	257,558	415,361

16 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

	As at 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Financial assets		
Financial assets at amortised cost:		
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	63,486,576	74,004,370
Less: Prepayments	(8,320,514)	(7,559,614)
— Trade and other receivables and prepayments excluding prepayments	55,166,062	66,444,756
— Restricted bank deposits	4,799,837	2,511,683
— Cash and cash equivalents (Note 25)	39,129,442	31,054,201
— Contract assets	923,600	2,708,018
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 17)	6,751,919	2,715,647
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 18)	5,074,930	6,712,378
	111,845,790	112,146,683
Financial liabilities		
Liabilities at amortised cost:		
— Borrowings (Note 32)	82,203,728	83,906,951
— Lease liabilities (Note 8)	147,931	194,480
— Trade and other payables excluding tax payables	54,359,775	51,242,127
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 36)	190,053	51,104
	136,901,487	135,394,662

17 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(i) Classification of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) comprise:

- Equity securities which are not held for trading, and which the Group has irrevocably elected at initial recognition to recognise in this category. These are strategic investments and the Group considers this classification to be more relevant.

(ii) Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income

	As at 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Listed securities (a)	488,890	48,164
Unlisted securities (b)	6,263,029	2,667,483
	6,751,919	2,715,647
Less: Non-current portion	(6,751,919)	(2,715,647)
Current portion	–	–

(a) Investment in listed equity securities is stated at fair value based on the quoted price of the equity securities.

(b) Investment in unlisted equity securities are denominated in HKD and RMB. For the valuation of unlisted equity securities, please refer to Note 4.3.

The following table presents the changes in equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2020:

	Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income RMB'000
Opening balance	2,715,647
Fair value losses	(23,269)
Increase due to disposal of a subsidiary (Note 48)	3,643,025
Increase due to deemed disposal of an associate (Note 15)	457,177
Currency translation difference	(40,661)
Closing balance	6,751,919

17 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

(ii) Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (Continued)

The following table presents the changes in equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2019:

	Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income RMB'000
Opening balance	679,952
Additions	2,000,000
Fair value gains	20,427
Currency translation difference	15,268
Closing balance	2,715,647

18 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

(i) Classification of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Group classifies the following financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL):

- debt investments that do not qualify for measurement at either amortised cost or FVOCI,
- equity investments that are held for trading, and
- equity investments for which the entity has not elected to recognise fair value gains and losses through OCI.

18 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (Continued)

(i) Classification of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Continued)

Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVPL include the following:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Investment in fund investments	4,756,524	6,111,352
Investment in other unlisted equity securities	307,246	327,428
Investment in listed equity securities	11,160	266,304
Others	–	7,294
	5,074,930	6,712,378
Less: Non-current portion	(5,063,770)	(6,446,074)
Current portion	11,160	266,304

Changes in fair values of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in “other gains — net” in the income statement.

(ii) Amounts recognised in profit or loss

During the year, the following gains were recognised in profit or loss:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Fair value gains recognised in other gains	516,728	187,872

(iii) Risk exposure and fair value measurements

Information about the Group’s exposure to price risk is provided in 4.1. For information about the methods and assumptions used in determining fair value please refer to Note 4.3.

19 PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	60,378,181	54,655,796
Additions	63,341,934	34,522,513
Transfer from deposits for land use rights	–	177,165
Transfer from construction in progress	23,948	–
Acquisition of subsidiaries	–	12,020,221
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(8,345,752)	(2,739,385)
Provision for impairment	(262,720)	(106,973)
Transfer to property, plant and equipment (Note 7)	(211,360)	(1,018,867)
Transfer to land use rights (Note 9)	–	(340,391)
Transfer to completed properties held for sale	(39,965,841)	(36,339,661)
Recognised in cost of sales	(239,888)	(452,237)
At end of the year	74,718,502	60,378,181
Properties under development comprises:		
Land use rights	45,826,754	32,666,483
Construction costs and capitalized expenditure	21,215,934	19,415,825
Interest capitalized	7,675,814	8,295,873
	74,718,502	60,378,181

Properties under development are mainly located in the PRC. As at 31 December 2020, properties under development of approximately RMB8,975,042,000 (2019: RMB11,337,759,000) were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

All properties under development are expected to be completed within the normal operating cycle of the Group, in which RMB47,821,507,000 (2019: RMB44,571,757,000) is expected to be completed and available for sale more than twelve months after the balance sheet date.

20 LAND DEVELOPMENT COST RECOVERABLE

Land development cost recoverable refers to capitalized costs on primary land development projects. The land use right certificates belong to the government for these projects. Main activities for primary land development projects included house dismantlement and land leveling works, in order to make sure the land is connected to water, gas, and electric power supplies.

21 PREPAYMENTS FOR LAND USE RIGHTS

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Deposits to local land authorities	–	2,228,844

The prepayments were paid to local land authorities for land use rights as at 31 December 2019. The title of lands have been obtained by the Group and were transferred to properties under development.

22 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS

	As at	As at
	31 December	31 December
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade receivables (a)	4,224,342	3,983,044
Other receivables and prepayments (b)	59,262,234	70,021,326
	63,486,576	74,004,370
Less: non-current portion	(12,289,424)	(12,841,234)
Current portion	51,197,152	61,163,136

22 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(a) Trade receivables

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade receivables	4,373,540	4,115,976
Less: provision for impairment of trade receivables	(149,198)	(132,932)
	4,224,342	3,983,044
Less: non-current portion	–	–
Current portion	4,224,342	3,983,044

Proceeds from services and sales rendered are to be received in accordance with the term of respective agreement, and the credit term is brief, an ageing analysis of trade receivables at the respective balance sheet dates is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 6 months	2,765,858	2,331,900
Between 6 months to 1 year	865,767	976,052
Between 1 year to 2 years	606,844	609,144
Between 2 years to 3 years	80,743	146,346
Over 3 years	54,328	52,534
	4,373,540	4,115,976

As at 31 December 2020, no trade receivables (2019: nil) were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

Movements on the provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January	(132,932)	(113,315)
Provision for receivable impairment	(46,963)	(20,189)
Write-off	30,697	572
At 31 December	(149,198)	(132,932)

22 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(b) Other receivables and prepayments

	As at 31 December					
	2020			2019		
	Current RMB'000	Non-current RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Current RMB'000	Non-current RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Entrusted loans to third parties (i)	749,767	1,027,967	1,777,734	189,204	459,385	648,589
Entrusted loans to joint ventures (ii)	708,680	5,659,756	6,368,436	1,327,399	8,475,766	9,803,165
Entrusted loans to associates (iii)	160,384	3,434,933	3,595,317	725,589	706,156	1,431,745
Entrusted loans to non-controlling interests (iv)	312,700	325,000	637,700	512,700	325,000	837,700
Amounts due from third parties (i)	1,998,467	–	1,998,467	1,688,936	–	1,688,936
Amounts due from joint ventures (v)	18,329,200	–	18,329,200	18,654,638	–	18,654,638
Amounts due from associates (v)	2,944,124	–	2,944,124	8,901,985	–	8,901,985
Amounts due from non-controlling interests (v)	5,215,269	–	5,215,269	8,202,536	–	8,202,536
Tax prepayments	6,398,941	199,626	6,598,567	5,446,496	403,286	5,849,782
Receivables from government (vi)	2,702,459	–	2,702,459	2,516,377	–	2,516,377
Payment for the cooperation of potential properties development projects (vii)	2,048,222	1,025,010	3,073,232	3,916,922	2,260,317	6,177,239
Receivables from disposal of interest in subsidiaries	1,018,951	–	1,018,951	972,977	–	972,977
Other prepayments	1,304,815	417,132	1,721,947	1,709,832	–	1,709,832
Other receivables	3,303,168	200,000	3,503,168	2,612,934	259,253	2,872,187
Less: provision for impairment of other receivables	(222,337)	–	(222,337)	(198,433)	(47,929)	(246,362)
Other receivables and prepayments	46,972,810	12,289,424	59,262,234	57,180,092	12,841,234	70,021,326

22 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(b) Other receivables and prepayments (Continued)

- (i) Entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties represent amounts paid to joint ventures and associates' joint ventures and associates in order to support the development of real estate projects. As the Group has no direct equity interests in these companies to which the amounts paid are classified as entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties.

As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, entrusted loans to third parties comprised:

	As at 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Unsecured loans	1,777,734	648,589
Less: Non-current portion	(1,027,967)	(459,385)
	749,767	189,204

- Unsecured loans bear interest ramping from 5.50% to 13% per annum (2019: from 3.5% to 15%).

Amounts due from third parties are unsecured, interest free, and repayable on demand.

- (ii) Entrusted loans to joint ventures are unsecured, interest bearing from 3.38% to 13% per annum (31 December 2019: from 3.38% to 16%). RMB708,680,000 (31 December 2019: RMB1,327,399,000) of the balances are repayable within one year. The remaining balances of RMB5,659,756,000 (31 December 2019: RMB8,475,766,000) are repayable after one year and included in the non-current portion.
- (iii) Entrusted loans to associates are unsecured, interest bearing from 8% to 15% per annum (31 December 2019: from 8% to 15%). RMB160,384,000 (31 December 2019: RMB725,589,000) of the balances are repayable within one year. The remaining balances of RMB3,434,933,000 (31 December 2019: RMB706,156,000) are repayable after one year and included in the non-current portion.
- (iv) Entrusted loans to non-controlling interests are unsecured, bearing interest from 8% to 9% per annum (31 December 2019: from 8% to 10%). RMB312,700,000 (31 December 2019: RMB512,700,000) of the balances are repayable within one year. The remaining balances of RMB325,000,000 (31 December 2019: RMB325,000,000) are repayable after one year and included in the non-current portion.
- (v) Amounts due from joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests are unsecured, interest free, and repayable on demand.

22 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(b) Other receivables and prepayments (Continued)

(vi) Receivables from government mainly represent payment made for land development cost, some deposits paid to government to ensure the business activities of properties development, and the amounts paid to government with the intention of possible future cooperation in real estate project development, which will be subsequently reimbursed by the government.

(vii) Amounts mainly represent the payment for cooperation of potential properties development projects. As at 31 December 2020, such cooperation is still in negotiation stage.

RMB1,375,010,000 (2019: RMB4,475,117,000) out of the balance are unsecured, interest bearing from 5% to 8.8% (2019: from 5% to 11%). The remaining balances of RMB1,698,222,000 (2019: RMB1,702,122,000) are unsecured and interest free.

RMB2,048,222,000 (2019: RMB3,916,922,000) out of the balance are repayable on demand. The remaining balance of RMB1,025,010,000 (2019: RMB2,260,317,000) will be repayable in 2022 and included in the non-current portion.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the book value of each class of receivable mentioned above. The carrying amounts of the Group's trade and other receivables and prepayments are mainly denominated in RMB.

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables and prepayments approximate their respective fair values as at 31 December 2020 and 2019.

23 COMPLETED PROPERTIES HELD FOR SALE

All completed properties held for sale are located in the PRC on leasehold lands with lease terms between 40 to 70 years.

	As at 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Completed properties held for sale comprised:		
Land use rights	4,869,447	4,225,274
Construction costs and capitalized expenditure	10,537,928	10,432,959
Interest capitalized	2,667,367	3,694,945
	18,074,742	18,353,178

23 COMPLETED PROPERTIES HELD FOR SALE (Continued)

Movements on the provision for impairment of completed properties held for sale are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	620,733	678,245
Addition	176,525	313,912
Transfer from properties under development	–	170,180
Write-off upon sales of completed properties held for sale	(456,868)	(541,604)
At end of the year	340,390	620,733

As at 31 December 2020, RMB513,727,000 completed properties held for sale (2019: RMB3,010,113,000) were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

24 RESTRICTED BANK DEPOSITS

Restricted bank deposits are mainly denominated in RMB, which are guaranteed deposits for the mortgage loan facilities granted by the banks to the purchasers of the Group's properties, as well as for projects co-developed with third parties. The balances also include guaranteed deposits placed in the banks, as guaranteed funds of construction projects to meet certain local authorities' requirements. The effective interest rate on restricted bank deposits ranging from 0.35% to 2.175% for the year ended 31 December 2020.

25 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Cash at bank and in hand	34,086,609	30,862,813
Short-term bank deposits	5,042,833	191,388
Cash and cash equivalents	39,129,442	31,054,201
Denominated in:		
— RMB	35,422,378	25,990,454
— HKD	2,090,101	294,885
— USD	1,616,952	4,736,177
— Other currencies	11	32,685
	39,129,442	31,054,201

The Group's cash and cash equivalents denominated are deposited with banks in the Mainland China and Hong Kong, respectively. The conversion of the RMB denominated balances into foreign currencies, which are placed within the PRC, is subject to the rules and regulations of foreign exchange control promulgated by the PRC Government.

26 CAPITAL

	Number of ordinary shares	Share capital HKD'000	Equivalent share capital RMB'000	Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Opening balance 1 January 2020	7,616,095,657	30,413,634	27,329,232	–	27,329,232
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	–	–	–	–	–
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	–	–	–	–	–
	7,616,095,657	30,413,634	27,329,232	–	27,329,232
Restricted Share Award Scheme (a)					
Opening balance 1 January 2020	(49,800,640)	–	–	(167,227)	(167,227)
Shares purchased during the year	(5,221,555)	–	–	(14,831)	(14,831)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	657,450	–	–	2,218	2,218
	(54,364,745)	–	–	(179,840)	(179,840)
At 31 December 2020	7,561,730,912	30,413,634	27,329,232	(179,840)	27,149,392
Opening balance 1 January 2019	7,615,995,657	30,413,141	27,328,810	–	27,328,810
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	100,000	493	422	–	422
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	–	–	–	–	–
	7,616,095,657	30,413,634	27,329,232	–	27,329,232
Restricted Share Award Scheme (a)					
Opening balance 1 January 2019	(53,101,242)	–	–	(178,317)	(178,317)
Shares purchased during the year	(306,667)	–	–	(1,030)	(1,030)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	3,607,269	–	–	12,120	12,120
	(49,800,640)	–	–	(167,227)	(167,227)
At 31 December 2019	7,566,295,017	30,413,634	27,329,232	(167,227)	27,162,005

26 CAPITAL (Continued)

- (a) On 22 March 2010, the board of the Company resolved to adopt a Restricted Share Award Scheme, the purpose of the Scheme is to recognise and motivate the contribution of certain employees and to provide incentives and help the Group in retaining its existing employees and recruiting additional employees and to provide them with a direct economic interest in attaining the long-term business objectives of the Company.

Restricted Share Award Scheme was administered by an independent trustee appointed by the Group, the trustee shall purchase from the market such number of shares awarded as specified by the Board and shall hold such shares until they are vested in accordance with the Restricted Share Award Scheme Rules. When the selected employee has satisfied all vesting conditions specified by the Board at the time of making the award and become entitled to the shares forming the subject of the award, the trustee shall transfer the relevant vested shares to that employee.

Movements in the number of awarded shares for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

	Shares (thousands)
At 1 January 2020	658
Granted	68,663
Vested	(658)
At 31 December 2020	68,663
At 1 January 2019	4,580
Vested	(3,607)
Lapsed	(315)
At 31 December 2019	658

The fair value of the awarded shares was calculated based on the market price of the Company's shares at the respective grant date. The expected dividends during the vesting period have been taken into account when assessing the fair value of these awarded shares.

The weighted average fair value of awarded shares granted during the year ended 31 December 2020 was RMB3.54 per share(2019: nil per share).

The outstanding awarded shares as of 31 December 2020 were divided into several tranches on an equal basis as at their grant dates. The outstanding awarded shares will be exercised after a specified period ranging from one to three years from the grant date.

27 RETAINED EARNINGS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
At 1 January	23,877,717	22,548,161
Profit for the year	2,866,283	2,656,277
Dividends relating to 2018	–	(489,258)
Dividends relating to 2019 (Note 44)	(181,298)	(755,510)
Dividends relating to 2020 (Note 44)	(416,333)	–
Transfer to statutory reserve fund	(47,799)	(81,953)
At 31 December	26,098,570	23,877,717

28 RESERVES

	Merger reserve RMB'000	Statutory reserve RMB'000	Translation reserve RMB'000	Investment revaluation reserve RMB'000	Employee share option RMB'000	Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Other reserve RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	(763,427)	1,525,046	(387,228)	(1,092,650)	436,790	2,158	(853,225)	(1,132,536)
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(20,609)	-	-	-	(20,609)
Deferred hedging gains and losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	(62,017)	(62,017)
Currency translation differences	-	-	769,048	-	-	-	-	769,048
Expense on share-based payment	-	-	-	-	154,805	68,914	-	223,719
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	(2,218)	-	(2,218)
Transfer from retained earnings	-	47,799	-	-	-	-	-	47,799
Contribution from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	627,755	627,755
Cancellation of convertible preferred shares issued by the subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	(44,001)	(44,001)
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	(12,328)	(12,328)
Increase in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in a subsidiary from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,362	6,362
At 31 December 2020	(763,427)	1,572,845	381,820	(1,113,259)	591,595	68,854	(337,454)	400,974

28 RESERVES (Continued)

	Merger reserve RMB'000	Statutory reserve RMB'000	Translation reserve RMB'000	Investment revaluation reserve RMB'000	Employee share option RMB'000	Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Other reserve RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	(763,427)	1,443,093	(190,039)	(1,118,444)	167,464	10,720	(863,215)	(1,313,848)
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	25,794	-	-	-	25,794
Fair value gains on property, plant and equipment transferred to investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,329	12,329
Currency translation differences	-	-	(197,189)	-	-	-	-	(197,189)
Expense on share-based payment	-	-	-	-	269,402	3,558	-	272,960
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	-	-	-	-	(76)	-	-	(76)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	(12,120)	-	(12,120)
Transfer from retained earnings	-	81,953	-	-	-	-	-	81,953
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in a subsidiary from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,339)	(2,339)
At 31 December 2019	(763,427)	1,525,046	(387,228)	(1,092,650)	436,790	2,158	(853,225)	(1,132,536)

Statutory reserves represent reserves of the PRC incorporated companies which are set aside for future development purposes in accordance with the regulations in the PRC. The allocation is based on certain percentages of the companies' profit of the year, which is allocated on an annual basis.

29 SHARE OPTIONS

The establishment of the Group's share options schemes was approved on 3 September 2007 and 6 August 2018, respectively by the shareholders. The share option plan is designed to provide long-term incentives for senior managers and above to deliver long-term shareholder returns. Under the schemes, participants are granted options which only vest if certain performance standards are met. Participation in the plan is at the board's discretion and no individual has a contractual right to participate in the plan or to receive any guaranteed benefits.

Share options granted from 2015 to 2017 are granted to several directors and to selected employees, in which 40% of the options are exercisable after 1 year from the grant date; additional 30% of the options are exercisable after 2 years from the grant date, and remaining 30% of the options are exercisable after 3 years from the grant date.

Share options granted from 2018 to 2019 are granted to several directors and to selected employees, in which 50% of the options are exercisable after 1 year from the grant date, and remaining 50% of the options are exercisable after 2 years from the grant date.

Share options granted in 2020 are granted to several directors and to selected employees, in which 50% of the options are exercisable after 1 year from the grant date, and remaining 50% of the options are exercisable after 2 years from the grant date.

The options have a contractual option term of 5 years. The Group has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the options in cash.

Movements in the number of share options outstanding and their related weighted average exercise prices are as follows:

	Average exercise price in HK dollar per share HKD	Shares (thousands)
At 1 January 2020	3.66	928,334
Granted during the year	2.11	3,000
Lapsed during the year	4.02	(58,215)
At 31 December 2020	3.63	873,119

Out of the 873,119,000 outstanding options (2019: 928,334,000), 870,119,000 (2019: 281,275,000) were exercisable as at 31 December 2020.

As a result of the options exercised during the year ended 31 December 2020, Nil ordinary shares (2019: 100,000 ordinary shares) were issued by the Company. The weighted average price of the shares at 2019 was HK\$3.53 per share.

29 SHARE OPTIONS (Continued)

Share options outstanding as at 31 December 2020 have the following expiry dates and exercise prices:

Expiry date	Exercise price in HK dollar per share	Shares (thousands)
13 Apr 2021	3.800	84,490
24 Aug 2022	4.700	43,300
04 Sep 2023	3.960	233,800
27 Mar 2024	3.370	508,529
25 Mar 2025	2.106	3,000
		873,119

The directors of the Company have used the Binomial Model to determine the fair value of the options as at the respective grant dates, which is to be expensed over the relevant vesting period. The weighted average fair value of options granted during the year ended 31 December 2020 was RMB0.4965 per option (2019: RMB0.7145 per option).

The model inputs for options granted during the year ended 31 December 2020 included:

- (a) exercise price: HK\$2.106 (2019: HK\$3.37)
- (b) grant date: 25 March 2020 (2019: 27 March 2019)
- (c) expiry date: 25 March 2025 (2019: 27 March 2024)
- (d) share price at grant date: HK\$2.07 (2019: HK\$3.28)
- (e) expected price volatility of the company's share: 38.53% (2019: 38.26%)
- (f) expected dividend yields: 3.67% (2019: 5.00%)
- (g) risk-free interest rate: 0.72% (2019: 1.34%)

30 CAPITAL SECURITIES

On 21 September 2017, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure III Limited (“Sino-Ocean Land III”), a wholly owned subsidiary, issued perpetual subordinated guaranteed capital securities (“capital securities”), which are callable, with initial aggregate principal amount of USD 600,000,000.

The capital securities have no maturity date, and the payments of distribution of such capital securities can be deferred at the discretion of Sino-Ocean Land III. When Sino-Ocean Land III and the Company elects to declare dividends to their shareholders, Sino-Ocean Land III should make a distribution at an initiation rate of 4.9% per annum, as defined in the subscription agreement. Such capital securities are guaranteed by the Company.

31 CAPITAL INSTRUMENT

- (a) On 18 and 25 February 2020, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited (“Sino-Ocean Holding”), a wholly owned subsidiary, issued capital instruments, which are callable, as at 31 December 2020 the amounts raised is RMB3,378,000,000. The capital instrument have no maturity date, and the payments of distribution of such capital instrument can be deferred at the discretion of Sino-Ocean Holding. When Sino-Ocean Holding and the Company elect to declare dividends to their shareholders, Sino-Ocean Holding should make a distribution to the holders of the capital instrument at the distribution rate as defined in the subscription agreement.
- (b) On 26 June 2019, Sino-Ocean Holding issued a capital instrument, which is callable, as at 31 December 2020 the amounts raised is RMB981,000,000. The capital instrument have no maturity date, and the payments of distribution of such capital instrument can be deferred at the discretion of Sino-Ocean Holding. When Sino-Ocean Holding and the Company elect to declare dividends to their shareholders, Sino-Ocean Holding should make a distribution to the holders of the capital instrument at the distribution rate as defined in the subscription agreement.

32 BORROWINGS

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Non-current		
Bank borrowings (a)	20,627,366	20,305,097
Other borrowings (b)	35,642,489	54,306,522
Total non-current borrowings	56,269,855	74,611,619
Current		
Current portion of long-term bank borrowings (a)	3,317,423	1,165,063
Current portion of long-term other borrowings (b)	21,469,137	7,378,713
Short-term bank borrowings (a)	647,313	751,556
Short-term other borrowings (b)	500,000	–
Total current borrowings	25,933,873	9,295,332
Total borrowings	82,203,728	83,906,951

32 BORROWINGS (Continued)

- (a) As at 31 December 2020, bank borrowings amounting to RMB5,012,388,000 were secured by investment properties, properties under development, completed properties held for sale and equity interest in certain subsidiaries of the Group.

As at 31 December 2019, bank borrowings amounting to RMB3,541,981,000 were secured by investment properties, properties under development, completed properties held for sale and equity interest in certain subsidiaries of the Group.

- (b) Other borrowings

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bond issuance (i)	29,303,139	28,883,861
Guaranteed notes (ii)	21,890,554	20,691,260
Borrowings from trust companies (iii)	3,276,900	6,737,250
Asset-backed securitisation (iv)	2,564,173	5,174,774
Borrowings from a non-controlling interest (v)	576,860	198,090
	57,611,626	61,685,235
Less: non-current portion	(35,642,489)	(54,306,522)
Current portion	21,969,137	7,378,713

- (i) In 2020, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, issued bonds with a total principle amount of RMB500,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.70% per year of a term of two years.

In 2020, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, issued bonds with a total principle amount of RMB490,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.20% per year of a term of two years.

In 2020, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, issued bonds with a total principle amount of RMB2,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 3.35% per year of a term of three years.

In 2019, Shenzhen Tianheng Chuangxing Properties Company Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, issued bonds with a total principle amount of RMB2,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.35% to 5.78% per year of a term of three years, the amounts to RMB957,600,000 has been repaid in 2020.

In 2019, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, issued bonds with a total principle amount of RMB118,000,000 with coupon rate of 6.00% per year of a term of two years.

In 2019, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, issued bonds in an aggregate amount of RMB2,900,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB1,700,000,000 with coupon rate of 4.06% per year of a term of five years; (ii) RMB1,200,000,000 with coupon rate of 4.59% per year of a term of seven years.

In 2018, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB2,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 4.7%.

In 2018, the Company issued Medium-term Notes in an aggregate amount of RMB6,000,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB3,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.87% per year of a term of three years; (ii) RMB3,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.95% per year of a term of three years.

In 2017, the Company issued the first tranche Medium-term Notes in an aggregate amount of RMB4,000,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB2,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 4.77% per year of a term of three years; (ii) RMB2,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.05% per year of a term of five years, the first series of bond amounts to RMB2,000,000,000 has been repaid in 2020.

32 BORROWINGS (Continued)

(b) Other borrowings (Continued)

(i) (Continued)

In 2017, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB1,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 5.29%.

In 2016, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB4,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 3.50%.

In 2015, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB10,000,000,000. The first phase of the bonds is issued in August with an aggregate principal amount of RMB5,000,000,000 in three series: (i) RMB2,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 3.78%; (ii) RMB1,500,000,000 with maturity period of 7 years and annual interest rate of 4.15%; (iii) RMB1,500,000,000 with maturity period of 10 years and annual interest rate of 5.00%. The second phase of the bonds is issued in October with an aggregate principal amount of RMB5,000,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB2,000,000,000 with maturity period of 6 years and annual interest rate of 3.85%; (ii) RMB3,000,000,000 with maturity period of 10 years and annual interest rate of 4.76%, the first series of bond amounts to RMB2,000,000,000 has been repaid in 2020. The bonds are unsecured.

(ii) In January 2020, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance IV Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with a total principal amount of USD400,000,000 with a maturity period of 10 years and annual interest rate of 4.75%.

In August 2019, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance IV Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with a total principal amount of USD600,000,000 with a maturity period of 10 years and annual interest rate of 4.75%.

In January 2019, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance IV Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with a total principal amount of USD500,000,000 with a maturity period of 3 years and annual interest rate of 5.25%.

In July 2018, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance IV Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with principal amount of USD700,000,000 at interest rate equal to three-month USD London Interbank Offered Rate plus 2.30% due in 2021 (the "2021 Notes"). The Notes are unsecured and are guaranteed by the Company.

In January 2015, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance II Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with principal amount of USD 500,000,000 at a rate of 5.95% per annum due in 2027 (the "2027 Notes"). The notes are unsecured and guaranteed by the Company.

In July 2014, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance I Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with principal amount of USD700,000,000 at a rate of 6.00% per annum due in 2024 (the "2024 Notes").

(iii) Such loans bear interest rate from 4.2% to 6.7% per annum, and RMB1,906,900,000 of the loan portion (2019: RMB5,536,250,000) repayable after one year are included in non-current portion.

As at 31 December 2020, loans amounting to RMB1,632,900,000 were secured by properties under development and equity interests in a certain subsidiary of the Group.

As at 31 December 2019, loans amounting to RMB3,058,250,000 were secured by properties under development and equity interests in a certain subsidiary of the Group.

(iv) In September 2018, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited entered into asset-backed special agreement with a third-party financing company in the form of asset securitisation. Asset-backed securities are divided into priority level and subprime level with total principal of RMB2,710,000,000 and RMB143,000,000 respectively. The Group repurchased all the subprime level asset-backed securities in the year ended 31 December 2018. The priority level securities were guaranteed by Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, and secured by property, plant and equipment, land use rights and investment properties of the Group. As at 31 December 2020, RMB2,564,173,000 of the principal remained outstanding.

(v) Such Loan bears interest rate from 7.13% to 8.00% per annum, and RMB576,860,000 (2019: RMB198,090,000) repayable after one year are included in non-current portion.

32 BORROWINGS (Continued)

(c) The maturities of the Group's total borrowings at respective balance sheet dates are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020 Bank and other borrowings RMB'000	2019 Bank and other borrowings RMB'000
Total borrowings		
— Within 1 year	25,933,873	9,295,332
— Between 1 and 2 years	17,459,404	29,765,995
— Between 2 and 5 years	27,004,933	29,579,976
— Over 5 years	11,805,518	15,265,648
	82,203,728	83,906,951

(d) The Group's borrowings denominated in RMB, HKD and USD respectively are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Denominated in:		
— RMB	43,768,748	45,589,835
— HKD	13,756,489	13,943,021
— USD	24,678,491	24,374,095
	82,203,728	83,906,951

32 BORROWINGS (Continued)

- (e) The weighted average effective interest rates at the respective balance sheet dates are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bank borrowings	3.96%	4.83%
Other borrowings	5.53%	5.78%

- (f) The exposure of the Group's borrowings to interest-rate changes and the contractual repricing dates are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 6 months	20,878,490	22,677,592
Between 6 and 12 months	906,600	3,032,750
Between 1 and 5 years	60,418,638	58,196,609
	82,203,728	83,906,951

- (g) The fair value of non-current borrowings approximate their carrying amount, as the impact of discounting is not significant. The fair values are based on cash flows discounted using a rate based on the borrowing rate of 3.96% (2019: 4.83%) and are within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

33 DEFERRED INCOME TAX

The analysis of deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Deferred income tax assets:		
— to be recovered after more than 12 months	1,170,896	987,241
— to be recovered within 12 months	601,759	452,257
	1,772,655	1,439,498
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
— to be recovered after more than 12 months	(2,719,813)	(2,459,865)
— to be recovered within 12 months	(593,153)	(487,004)
	(3,312,966)	(2,946,869)
Deferred income tax liabilities, net	(1,540,311)	(1,507,371)

The gross movement on the deferred income tax account is as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	1,507,371	1,535,415
Recognised in the income statement (Note 42)	59,032	(547,271)
(Credited)/Charged to other comprehensive income	(4,503)	8,179
Acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 49)	11,113	653,145
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(32,702)	(142,097)
At end of the year	1,540,311	1,507,371

33 DEFERRED INCOME TAX (Continued)

The movement in deferred income tax assets and liabilities during the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, without taking into consideration the offsetting of balances within the same tax jurisdiction, is as follows:

Deferred income tax assets

	Recognition of expenses RMB'000	Unrealized gains RMB'000	Tax losses RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	1,299,689	77,348	155,968	3,003	1,536,008
Credited/(Charged) to income statement	438,261	(45,953)	1,553	-	393,861
Credited to other comprehensive income	-	-	-	4,503	4,503
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(11,507)	16,364	(15,324)	-	(10,467)
At 31 December 2020	1,726,443	47,759	142,197	7,506	1,923,905
At 1 January 2019	1,178,730	-	108,972	3,003	1,290,705
Credited to income statement	238,988	77,348	49,621	-	365,957
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(118,029)	-	(2,625)	-	(120,654)
At 31 December 2019	1,299,689	77,348	155,968	3,003	1,536,008

33 DEFERRED INCOME TAX (Continued)

Deferred income tax liabilities

	Depreciation difference RMB'000	Investment properties revaluation RMB'000	Property revaluation RMB'000	Unrealized gain RMB'000	Recognition of revenue over time RMB'000	Withholding taxes RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	(55,037)	(1,683,527)	(828,826)	–	(167,795)	(237,887)	(70,307)	(3,043,379)
(Charged)/credited to income statement	(7,254)	9,305	(27,212)	–	(348,693)	(73,039)	(6,000)	(452,893)
Acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 49)	–	–	(11,113)	–	–	–	–	(11,113)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	–	–	11,635	–	–	–	31,534	43,169
At 31 December 2020	(62,291)	(1,674,222)	(855,516)	–	(516,488)	(310,926)	(44,773)	(3,464,216)
At 1 January 2019	(55,037)	(1,749,643)	(483,156)	(55,860)	(186,396)	(237,887)	(58,141)	(2,826,120)
(Charged)/credited to income statement	–	(89,458)	200,298	55,860	18,601	–	(3,987)	181,314
Acquisition of subsidiaries	–	–	(653,145)	–	–	–	–	(653,145)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	–	155,574	107,177	–	–	–	–	262,751
Credited to other comprehensive income	–	–	–	–	–	–	(8,179)	(8,179)
At 31 December 2019	(55,037)	(1,683,527)	(828,826)	–	(167,795)	(237,887)	(70,307)	(3,043,379)

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for tax loss carry-forwards to the extent that the realization of the related benefit through the future profits is probable. These tax losses are going to expire within five years. The Group did not recognise deferred income tax assets of RMB1,053,360,000 (2019: RMB960,522,000) in respect of losses amounting to RMB4,213,440,000 (2019: RMB3,842,088,000) that can be carried forward against future taxable income.

At 31 December 2020, the Group recognised deferred tax liabilities of approximately RMB310,926,000 (2019: RMB237,887,000) for withholding taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of the Group's subsidiaries established in Mainland China. In the opinion of the directors, it is not probable that the remaining available unremitted earnings of the Group's subsidiaries will be distributed in the foreseeable future according to the distribution and reinvestment plans of the Group. The aggregate amount of temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries in Mainland China for which deferred tax liabilities have not been recognised totaled approximately RMB3,739,098,000 at 31 December 2020 (2019: RMB4,662,671,000).

34 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Trade payables (i)	19,685,589	17,789,750
Accrued expenses	6,915,241	3,308,010
Amounts due to joint ventures (ii)	7,979,029	8,791,353
Amounts due to associates (ii)	2,462,410	3,179,119
Amounts due to non-controlling interests (ii)	4,419,311	8,247,547
Amounts due to government	135,416	77,627
Other taxes payable	3,185,649	3,787,197
Deposits received	7,324,472	2,924,384
Other payables	5,438,307	6,924,337
	57,545,424	55,029,324
Less: non-current portion	(18,269)	(18,581)
Current portion	57,527,155	55,010,743

The carrying amounts of trade payables and other payables approximate their fair values.

- (i) An ageing analysis of the trade payables (including amounts due to related parties of trading in nature) is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Within 6 months	9,548,134	7,067,779
Between 6 months to 12 months	3,819,304	3,652,058
Between 1 year to 2 years	4,728,907	4,711,607
Between 2 years to 3 years	1,085,312	1,819,411
Over 3 years	503,932	538,895
	19,685,589	17,789,750

- (ii) Amounts due to joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests are unsecured, interest free, and repayable on demand.

35 CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Advances receipts directly coming from		
Customers	34,318,360	25,458,320
	34,318,360	25,458,320

36 FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Derivatives-held for trading		
— Forward foreign exchange contracts	686	51,104
Derivatives hedging instrument		
— Forward rate contract	189,367	—
	190,053	51,104

37 INTEREST AND OTHER INCOME

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest income:		
— Interest income from bank deposits	129,858	230,391
— Interest income from entrusted loans	1,949,422	2,203,619
Dividend income	226,121	232,314
Others	88,587	104,614
	2,393,988	2,770,938

38 OTHER GAINS — NET

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
(Losses)/gains on disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(338,396)	716,413
Gains on revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	486,219	228,937
(Losses)/gains on disposal of joint ventures and associates	(73,622)	108,018
Gains on deemed disposal of joint ventures and associates	64,072	107,513
Gains on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	87,896	32,379
Exchange gains/(losses)	1,213,393	(408,843)
Payment for the settlement of contracted obligations	(107,918)	(79,903)
Gains/(losses) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2,223	(4,821)
Gains on disposal of investment properties	—	865
Negative goodwill on business combinations	—	798
Other gains/(losses)	726	(2,836)
	1,334,593	698,520

39 EXPENSES BY NATURE

Expenses by nature comprised cost of sales, selling and marketing expenses and administrative expenses as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Cost of properties and land use rights sold:		
— Land use rights	18,192,150	14,347,125
— Capitalized interest	4,420,866	4,992,252
— Construction related cost	17,930,857	14,805,832
Cost of up fitting services rendered	2,895,285	3,674,757
Direct investment property expenses (Note 12)	71,203	128,030
Employee benefit expense (Note 40)	1,742,316	1,829,689
Consultancy fee	522,038	435,839
Auditor's remuneration	15,484	11,650
— Audit services	12,255	8,850
— Non-audit services	3,229	2,800
Depreciation (Note 7)	61,474	96,380
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Note 8)	77,980	153,292
Amortization of land use rights and intangible asset (Note 9, Note 10)	9,495	16,856
Advertising and marketing	1,074,244	1,007,917
Business taxes and other levies	364,455	370,757
Impairment charges	262,720	601,695
Derecognition of goodwill (Note 11)	78,037	29,428
Office expenditure	75,594	179,158
Properties maintenance expenses	895,891	1,000,995
Energy expenses	105,035	160,328
Others	367,375	51,884
	49,162,499	43,893,864

40 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

The employee benefits expense of the Group, including its directors' emoluments is as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Salaries, wages and bonuses	1,978,395	2,139,954
Retirement benefits contribution	44,373	198,434
Share options granted to directors and employees	154,805	269,402
Restricted Share Award Scheme	68,914	3,558
Other allowances and benefits	370,530	432,324
	2,617,017	3,043,672
Less: capitalized in properties under development	874,701	(1,213,983)
	1,742,316	1,829,689

The Group's employees participate in various retirement benefit plans organized by the relevant municipal and provincial government in the PRC under which the Group was required to make monthly contributions at rates ranging from 10% to 20%, depending on the applicable local regulations, of the employees' salary for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019.

In addition, the Group participates in a pension scheme under the rules and regulations of the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for all employees in Hong Kong. The contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme are based on minimum statutory contribution requirement of 5% of eligible employees' relevant aggregate income (with a cap of HKD30,000).

40 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE (Continued)

(a) Five highest paid individuals

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group for the year include three (2019: three) directors whose emoluments are reflected in the analysis shown in Note 53. The emoluments payable to the remaining two (2019: two) highest paid individuals during the year are as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Basic salaries and allowance	4,062	4,300
Bonuses	1,041	1,920
Retirement scheme contributions	257	253
Share-based payments	3,462	3,255
	8,822	9,728

The emoluments fell within the following bands:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
RMB3,477,000 (equivalent to HK\$4,000,000) to RMB4,346,000 (equivalent to HK\$5,000,000)	1	–
RMB4,346,000 (equivalent to HK\$5,000,000) to RMB5,215,000 (equivalent to HK\$6,000,000)	–	2
RMB5,215,000 (equivalent to HK\$6,000,000) to RMB6,084,000 (equivalent to HK\$7,000,000)	1	–
	2	2

- (b) During the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, no emoluments were paid by the Group to any of the above directors or the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for losses of office.

41 FINANCE COSTS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest expense:		
— Bank borrowings	1,027,805	1,346,499
— Other borrowings	3,792,991	3,817,131
— Lease Liabilities	11,117	72,222
Less: interest capitalized at a capitalization rate of 5.10% (2019: 5.50%) per annum	(2,721,007)	(2,842,138)
	2,110,906	2,393,714

42 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Majority of the Group entities are subjected to PRC enterprise income tax, which has been provided based on the statutory income tax rate of 25% of the assessable income of each of these Group entities for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019. Other Group entities are mainly subject to Hong Kong profits tax.

The amount of income tax expense charged to the income statement represents:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Current income tax:		
— PRC enterprise income tax	2,491,100	3,082,775
— PRC land appreciation tax	2,817,307	3,714,711
Deferred income tax (Note 33)	59,032	(547,271)
	5,367,439	6,250,215

42 INCOME TAX EXPENSE (Continued)

Taxation on the Group's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the enacted tax rate of the home country of the Group as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Profit before income tax	10,050,314	10,416,482
Adjust for: Share of results of joint ventures	(982,999)	(1,519,370)
Share of results of associates	(257,558)	(415,361)
	8,809,757	8,481,751
Tax calculated at a tax rate of 25%	2,202,439	2,120,438
Effect of higher tax rate for the appreciation of land in the PRC	2,112,980	2,786,033
Income not subject to tax	(17,239)	(30,315)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	760,560	1,029,447
Tax losses not recognised	442,972	429,910
Utilization of previously unrecognised tax losses and expenses	(360,610)	(212,075)
Reversal of previously recognised deferred income tax assets	92,679	54,034
Deductible temporary differences not recognised	60,619	22,843
Dividend withholding tax	73,039	49,900
Income tax expense	5,367,439	6,250,215

43 EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to owners of the company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year excluding ordinary shares purchased by the Company and held as share held for Restricted Share Award Scheme (Note 27).

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
Profit attributable to owners of the Company (RMB'000)	2,866,283	2,656,277
Profit used to determine basic earnings per share (RMB'000)	2,866,283	2,656,277
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	7,616,096	7,616,063
Basic earnings per share (RMB per share)	0.376	0.349

(b) Diluted

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to, assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. The Company has two categories of dilutive potential ordinary shares: share options and shares held for the Restricted Share Award Scheme. For the share options and shares held for the Restricted Share Award Scheme, a calculation is done to determine the number of shares that could have been acquired at fair value (determined as the average market share price of the Company's shares during the year) based on the monetary value of the subscription rights attached to outstanding share options and awarded shares. The number of shares calculated as above is compared with the number of shares that would have been issued assuming the exercise of the share options and awarded shares.

43 EARNINGS PER SHARE (Continued)

(b) Diluted (Continued)

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
Profit attributable to owners of the Company (RMB'000)	2,866,283	2,656,277
Profit used to determine diluted earnings per share (RMB'000)	2,866,283	2,656,277
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	7,616,096	7,616,063
Adjustment for:		
— share options (thousands)	—	—
— shares held for the Restricted Share Award scheme (thousands)	—	—
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings per share (thousands)	7,616,096	7,616,063
Diluted earnings per share (RMB per share)	0.376	0.349

44 DIVIDENDS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Interim dividend paid	416,333	755,510
Proposed final dividend of RMB0.075 (2019: RMB0.024) per ordinary share (a)	571,207	181,298

- (a) On 23 March 2021, the Company proposed a final dividend of RMB571,207,000 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

45 CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Cash generated from operations

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Profit for the year	4,682,875	4,166,267
Adjustments for:		
— Income tax expense (Note 42)	5,367,439	6,250,215
— Depreciation (Note 7)	61,474	96,380
— Amortization of land use rights (Note 9)	3,246	5,056
— Amortization of Intangible assets (Note 10)	6,249	11,800
— Amortization of Right-of-use Assets (Note 8)	77,980	153,292
— Valuation losses/(gains) on investment properties (Note 12)	156,045	(373,381)
— Share of results of joint ventures (Note 14)	(1,008,945)	(1,389,216)
— Share of results of associates (Note 15)	(318,169)	(335,257)
— Losses/(gains) on disposal of joint ventures and associate (Note 38)	73,622	(108,018)
— Gains on deemed disposal of joint ventures and an associate (Note 38)	(64,072)	(107,513)
— Dividend income (Note 37)	(226,121)	(232,314)
— Interest income (Note 37)	(1,949,422)	(2,390,318)
— Losses/(gains) on disposal of interests in subsidiaries (Note 38)	338,396	(716,413)
— Gains on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 38)	(87,896)	(32,379)
— (Gains)/losses on sale of property, plant and equipment (Note 38)	(2,223)	4,821
— Fair value gains on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 38)	(486,219)	(228,937)
— Impairment charges (Note 39)	262,720	601,695
— Derecognition of goodwill (Note 39)	78,037	29,428
— Finance costs (Note 41)	2,110,906	2,393,714
— Gains on acquisition of a subsidiary (Note 38)	—	(798)
— Gains on disposal of an investment property (Note 38)	—	(865)
— Exchange gains (Note 38)	(1,213,393)	(408,843)
— Share-based payments (Note 40)	223,719	272,960
	8,086,248	7,661,376

45 CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Continued)

(a) Cash generated from operations (Continued)

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Changes in working capital (excluding the effects of acquisition and exchange differences on consolidation):		
— Completed properties held for sale	(2,323,319)	(201,886)
— Inventories, at cost	253,450	(367,079)
— Amounts due from customers for contract work	1,777,510	(314,411)
— Trade and other receivables and prepayments	1,633,143	(7,878,647)
— Land development cost recoverable	(34,655)	(114,659)
— Prepayments for land use rights	1,034,084	(486,396)
— Trade and other payables	11,229,677	657,874
— Advance receipts from customers	11,043,137	(4,245,382)
— Properties under development	(10,114,246)	10,232,026
— Restricted bank deposits	(2,288,154)	851,193
Cash generated from operations	20,296,875	5,794,009

(b) In the consolidated cash flow statement, proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment comprise:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Net book amount (Note 7)	15,240	27,075
Gains/(losses) on disposal of property, plant and equipment (Note 38)	2,223	(4,821)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	17,463	22,254

45 CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Continued)

(c) The reconciliation of liabilities from financing activities

This section sets out an analysis of liabilities from financing activities and the movements in liabilities from financing activities for each of the periods presented.

	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Borrowings-repayable within one year (Note 32)	(25,933,873)	(9,295,332)
Borrowings-repayable after one year (Note 32)	(56,269,855)	(74,611,619)
Net debt	(82,203,728)	(83,906,951)
Gross debt — fixed interest rates	(55,134,637)	(58,196,609)
Gross debt — variable interest rates	(27,069,091)	(25,710,342)
Net debt	(82,203,728)	(83,906,951)

	Liabilities from financing activities		Total RMB'000
	Borrowing due within 1 year RMB'000	Borrowing due after 1 year RMB'000	
Net debt at 31 December 2019	(9,295,332)	(74,611,619)	(83,906,951)
Cash flows	10,181,630	(4,694,539)	5,487,091
Increase due to business combination (Note 49)	(1,000,000)	—	(1,000,000)
Decrease due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	333,417	1,378,808	1,712,225
Foreign exchange adjustments	630,639	1,988,939	2,619,578
Other non-cash movements	(26,784,227)	19,668,556	(7,115,671)
Net debt at 31 December 2020	(25,933,873)	(56,269,855)	(82,203,728)

Other non-cash movement is mainly the reclassification of long-term borrowing and borrowing within 1 year and the amortization of issuing cost of bond and guaranteed notes.

46 FINANCIAL GUARANTEES

- (a) The Group had the following financial guarantees as 31 December 2020 and 2019:

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Guarantees in respect of mortgage facilities for certain purchasers	9,799,686	9,595,026

As at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019, the Group provided guarantees in respect of mortgage facilities granted by certain banks relating to the mortgage loans arranged for certain purchasers of the Group's properties. Pursuant to the terms of the guarantees, upon default in mortgage payments by these purchasers, the Group is responsible to repay the outstanding mortgage principals together with accrued interest and penalty owed by the defaulted purchasers to the banks and the Group is entitled to take over the legal title and possession of the related properties. The Group's guarantee period starts from the dates of grant of the relevant mortgage loans and ends when the property purchasers obtain the "property title certificate" which is then pledged with the banks.

- (b) As at 31 December 2020, the Group provided guarantees amounted to approximately RMB3,307,590,000 for borrowings of joint ventures and third party. (2019:RMB1,059,420,000). Properties under development owned by these joint ventures and associates are the primary collateral of such borrowings.

47 COMMITMENTS

(a) Capital commitments

Capital commitments in respect of development costs attributable to properties under development and land use rights at the balance sheet date but not yet incurred are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Land use rights	–	–
Properties under development	11,451,720	7,842,456
Commitment of Investment	1,611,622	591,566
Contracted but not provided for	13,063,342	8,434,022

(b) Commitments to a joint venture

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Commitments to provide funding to a joint venture for its investment properties development	8,769,540	–

(c) Operating lease rental receivables

The future aggregate minimum lease rental receivables under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 1 year	290,407	325,455
Between 1 to 5 years	465,144	540,192
Over 5 years	96,775	261,565
	852,326	1,127,212

48 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN A SUBSIDIARY

During the year, the significant disposal of interests in a subsidiary of the Group are presented as below:

Disposal of Gemini Investments

In April 2020, Gemini Investments (Holdings) Limited (“Gemini Investments”), a subsidiary of the Group, agreed to issue a total of 180,556,000 subscription shares at the aggregate subscription price of HKD180,000,000 to Hongkong Presstar Enterprise Co., Limited, Trend Best Investment Limited and Glory Class Ventures Limited respectively, (together, the “Investors”).

The subscription shares represent approximately 28.60% of the total number of issued shares of Gemini Investments. Upon completion of the subscription, Gemini Investments is owned as to approximately 49.45% by the Group and controlled by the Group.

In July 2020, Gemini Investments changed its directorship and board committee composition. Upon completion of the change, the Group lost control over Gemini Investments as it has no power to govern the financial and operating policies of Gemini Investments, which became an associate of the Group.

The effect of disposal of interests in the subsidiary on the equity attributable to owners of the Company during the period is summarized as follows:

	As at 31 July 2020 RMB'000
Fair value of the Group’s remaining interests	357,377
Capital instrument investment in Gemini Investments measured as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	3,643,025
Carrying value of the Gemini Investments’s net assets disposed — shown as below	(4,308,840)
Losses on disposal of interests in Gemini Investments that resulted in loss of control	(308,438)

48 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN A SUBSIDIARY (Continued)

Disposal of Gemini Investments (Continued)

The assets and liabilities disposed of are as follows:

	As at 31 July 2020 RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	1,172,206
Property, plant and equipment	7,388
Investment properties	1,366,572
Investments in joint ventures	716,419
Properties under development	715,594
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2,765,075
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	413,920
Borrowings	(712,225)
Trade and other payables	(1,157,269)
Income tax payables	(2,064)
Deferred income tax assets	8,720
Deferred income tax liabilities	(25,533)
Non-controlling interests	(959,963)
Net assets disposed	4,308,840
Outflow of cash to dispose the subsidiary, net of cash disposed	
Proceeds received in cash	–
Cash and cash equivalents in the subsidiary disposed of	(1,172,206)
Net cash outflow on disposal	(1,172,206)

49 BUSINESS COMBINATION

During the year, the business combination of the Group is presented as below:

Acquisition of Shengjing Guoxin

The Group owned 49% equity stakes in Shengjing Guoxin, which is engaged in the landscaping for real estate development and accounted by way of equity method by the group.

In November 2020, in order to enhance the group's competitiveness in up fitting services and real estate project development and the synergy with Shengjing Guoxin, the Group acquired 51% of the equity interests of Shengjing Guoxin, at a consideration of RMB38,000,000. As a result of the acquisition, Shengjing Guoxin became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group.

The following table summarises the consideration paid for Shengjing Guoxin, the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date.

	As at 30 November 2020 RMB'000
Consideration:	
— Consideration transferred	38,000
— Book value of equity Interest in Shengjing Guoxin held before business combination	—
— Deemed disposal gains of equity Interest	18,610
Identifiable net assets acquired	(26,866)
Goodwill	29,744

Recognised amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities acquired

	RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	29,067
Property, plant and equipment	986
Intangible assets	39,265
Inventories, at cost	464,243
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	1,593,172
Trade and other payables	(754,474)
Borrowings	(1,000,000)
Income tax payables	(87)
Contract liabilities	(334,193)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(11,113)
Total identifiable net assets	26,866

49 BUSINESS COMBINATION (Continued)

Acquisition of Shengjing Guoxin (Continued)

The revenue included in the condensed consolidated income statement since 30 November contributed by Shengjing Guoxin was RMB81,236,000. Shengjing Guoxin also contributed loss of RMB3,806,000 over the same period.

Had Shengjing Guoxin been consolidated from 1 January 2020, the condensed consolidated income statement would show pro-forma revenue of RMB57,009,220,000 and profit of RMB4,760,741,000.

50 TRANSACTIONS WITH NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS WITHOUT CHANGE OF CONTROL

During the year ended 31 December 2020, the Group has acquired additional equity interests of its non-wholly owned subsidiaries and disposed of certain equity interests to its non-controlling shareholders through certain transactions with non-controlling interests which resulted in the total increase in non-controlling interests of RMB854,355,000 and total increase in net assets attributable to the owners of the Company of RMB634,117,000.

51 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Save as disclosed in elsewhere, the following is a summary of significant related party balances and transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business between the Group and its related parties during the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019:

(a) Provision of services to:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
— A shareholder	95,395	4,639
— Joint ventures	1,997,544	3,270,886
— Associates	537,067	833,095
	2,630,006	4,108,620

Provision of services mainly represent construction service, the terms of which are entered into with related parties in accordance with the terms of agreement.

51 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(b) Investment to a subsidiary of an associate:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Capital injection to Beijing Yuntai	380,000	–

(c) Transaction with joint ventures:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Gains on disposal of a joint venture to a joint venture	9,275	–

(d) Key management compensation:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020	2019
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	44,606	40,325
Post-employment benefits	5,143	3,469
Other long-term welfare	1,074	1,126
Share-based payments	24,294	45,745
	75,117	90,665

51 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

- (e) Year-end balances arising from sales and purchases of properties and services and disposal of interests in subsidiaries:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Receivables from related parties:		
— A shareholder	7,058	35,771
— Joint ventures	2,972,257	2,023,274
— Associates	357,532	258,967
	3,336,847	2,318,012
Other receivables from related parties:		
— A joint venture	—	—
Advance from related parties:		
— Joint ventures	182	—
— Associates	—	—
	182	—
Trade payables due to related parties:		
— A joint venture	8,021	37,836
— An associate	6,737	4,252
	14,758	42,088

- (f) Interest income

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Interest received:		
— Joint ventures	492,628	1,190,595
— Associates	349,933	323,018
	842,561	1,513,613

51 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(g) Loans to related parties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Joint ventures:		
At 1 January	9,803,165	11,516,089
Loans advanced during year	11,325,454	17,501,000
Loans repayments received	(12,218,187)	(19,528,323)
Decrease due to disposal of joint ventures	(2,316,515)	–
Increase due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	965,726	778,049
Decrease due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries	(1,191,207)	(463,650)
interest charged	(492,628)	(1,190,595)
Interest received	492,628	1,190,595
At 31 December (Note 22(b)(ii))	6,368,436	9,803,165
Associates:		
At 1 January	1,431,745	1,129,255
Loans advanced during year	2,863,727	1,814,210
Loans repayments received	(700,155)	(811,450)
Decrease due to deemed disposal of Associates	–	(402,895)
Increase due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	–	376,015
Decrease due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries	–	(673,390)
Interest charged	(349,933)	(323,018)
Interest received	349,933	323,018
At 31 December (Note 22(b)(iii))	3,595,317	1,431,745

51 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(h) Amounts due from related parties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Joint ventures:		
At 1 January	18,654,638	16,598,387
Amounts advanced during year	76,101,503	56,292,021
Repayments during year	(76,996,000)	(54,542,950)
Decrease due to deemed disposal of joint ventures	(229,549)	(672,869)
Increase due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	856,098	980,049
Decrease due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(14,101)	–
Decrease due to disposal of joint ventures	(43,389)	–
At 31 December (Note 22(b)(v))	18,329,200	18,654,638
Associates:		
At 1 January	8,901,985	9,723,159
Amounts advanced during year	1,631,050	7,689,906
Repayments during year	(7,737,329)	(9,744,890)
Increase due to deemed disposal of associates	414,533	–
Decrease due to deemed disposal of an associate	(266,115)	(329,765)
Increase due to disposal of subsidiaries	–	1,563,575
At 31 December (Note 22(b)(v))	2,944,124	8,901,985

51 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(i) Amounts due to related parties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Joint ventures:		
At 1 January	8,791,353	9,388,039
Amounts advanced during year	23,625,838	17,648,483
Repayments during year	(25,303,658)	(19,665,564)
Decrease due to deemed disposal of joint ventures	(212,849)	(538,638)
Decrease due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	(48,800)	(2,091)
Increase due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries	1,127,145	1,961,124
At 31 December (Note 34(ii))	7,979,029	8,791,353
Associates:		
At 1 January	3,179,119	4,274,001
Amounts advanced during year	2,932,020	6,550,590
Repayments during year	(3,648,729)	(7,215,109)
Decrease due to deemed disposal of an associate	–	(432,549)
Increase due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	–	2,186
At 31 December (Note 34(ii))	2,462,410	3,179,119

(j) Investment in limited partners' share issued by an associate

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Fair value of investment in limited partners' share issued by an associate	2,254,862	2,126,795

(k) Investment in capital instrument issued by associates

	Year ended 31 December	
	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Fair value of investments in capital instruments issued by associates	5,690,025	2,011,000

52 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY

Balance sheet of the Company

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investments in subsidiaries		3,421,198	3,428,410
Current assets			
Amounts due from subsidiaries		33,599,525	34,875,510
Other receivables		2,060	2,060
Cash and cash equivalents		197,777	384,395
		33,799,362	35,261,965
Total assets		37,220,560	38,690,375
EQUITY			
Capital	(a)	27,329,232	27,329,232
Reserves	(b)	876,596	426,789
Retained earnings	(c)	589,048	447,542
Total equity		28,794,876	28,203,563
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings		7,994,892	9,985,954
Current liabilities			
Other payables		430,792	500,858
		430,792	500,858
Total liabilities		8,425,684	10,486,812
Total equity and liabilities		37,220,560	38,690,375

Approved by the Board of Directors on 23 March 2021.

LI Ming
Executive Director

WANG Honghui
Executive Director

52 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

(a) Capital movement of the Company

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	27,329,232
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	–
At 31 December 2020	27,329,232
At 1 January 2019	27,328,810
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	422
At 31 December 2019	27,329,232

(b) Reserve movement of the Company

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	667,708
Share based payment	223,719
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	(14,831)
At 31 December 2020	876,596
At 1 January 2019	395,854
Share based payment	272,960
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	(76)
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	(1,030)
At 31 December 2019	667,708

52 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

(c) Retained earnings

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	447,542
Profit for the year	739,137
Dividends relating to 2019	(181,298)
Dividends relating to 2020	(416,333)
At 31 December 2020	589,048
At 1 January 2019	483,576
Profit for the year	1,208,734
Dividends relating to 2018	(489,258)
Dividends relating to 2019	(755,510)
At 31 December 2019	447,542

53 BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS

(a) Directors' emoluments

The remuneration of every director for the years is set out below:

	Emoluments paid or receivable in respect of a person's services as a director, whether of the Company or its subsidiary undertaking											
	Year ended 31 December											
	2020						2019					
	Fees	Salary and bonus	Employer's contribution to retirement benefit scheme	Other long-term welfare	Subtotal	Share-based payments	Fees	Salary and bonus	Employer's contribution to retirement benefit scheme	Other long-term welfare	Subtotal	Share-based payments
RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
<i>Chairman</i>												
Mr. Li Ming	-	7,233	3,872	1,074	12,179	14,455	-	6,310	1,715	1,126	9,151	23,715
<i>Executive directors</i>												
Mr. Wang Honghui (ii)	-	3,084	54	-	3,138	785	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Cui Hongjie (ii)	-	1,891	44	-	1,935	833	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Wen Haicheng (i)	-	1,227	30	-	1,257	-	-	3,410	126	-	3,536	5,889
Mr. Sum Pui Ying (i)	-	550	55	-	605	-	-	2,383	238	-	2,621	4,601
<i>Non-executive directors</i>												
Ms. Li Liling	-	-	-	-	-	107	-	-	-	-	-	174
Mr. Fu Fei	-	-	-	-	-	107	-	-	-	-	-	174
Mr. Fang Jun (i)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	422
Mr. Zhao Peng	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Hou Jun (ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Independent non-executive directors</i>												
Mr. Han Xiaojing	330	-	-	-	330	410	337	-	-	-	337	596
Mr. Suen Man Tak	330	-	-	-	330	410	337	-	-	-	337	495
Mr. Wang Zhifeng	330	-	-	-	330	410	337	-	-	-	337	495
Mr. Jin Qingjun	330	-	-	-	330	410	337	-	-	-	337	495
Ms. Lam Sin Lai Judy	330	-	-	-	330	410	337	-	-	-	337	493
	1,650	13,985	4,055	1,074	20,764	18,337	1,685	12,103	2,079	1,126	16,993	37,549

53 BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS(Continued)

(a) Directors' emoluments (Continued)

- (i) On 5 June 2020, Mr. Wen Haicheng, an executive director, has resigned.

On 25 March 2020, Mr. Sum Pui Ying, an executive director, has resigned.

On 14 April 2020, Mr. Fang Jun, a non-executive director, has resigned.

- (ii) On 25 March 2020, Mr. Wang Honghui was appointed as an executive director.

On 5 June 2020, Mr. Cui Hongjie was appointed as an executive director.

On 14 April 2020, Mr. Hou Jun was appointed as a non-executive director.

(b) Directors' material interests in transactions, arrangements or contracts

No significant transactions, arrangements and contracts in relation to the Group's business to which the Company was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

OPINION

What we have audited

The consolidated financial statements of Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") set out on pages 127 to 280, which comprise:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2019;
- the consolidated income statement for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

Our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2019, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matters identified in our audit are summarised as follows:

- Recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests
- Valuation of investment properties

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<p><i>Recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests (collectively, the "Counterparties")</i></p> <p>Refer to note 23 to the consolidated financial statements</p> <p>As at 31 December 2019, the balance of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties is RMB50,169 million, and loss allowance amounting to RMB152 million is recognised in profit or loss.</p> <p>Such amounts were provided to the Counterparties for the launch and development of the projects of real estate.</p> <p>The Group took into account reasonable and substantiated historical data such as principal and interest payment schedule, ageing, repayment history, subsequent repayment and financial information of the Counterparties, and available forward-looking information to determine whether or not the credit risk has significantly increased since initial recognition and to calculate expected credit losses.</p> <p>The assessment of the recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties involves significant management judgements and estimates as it involves the consideration of a number of factors including historical data and forward-looking information.</p>	<p>We had interviews with the management to get knowledge of each Counterparty and the status of projects cooperated with or developed by the Counterparties. We performed site visit to the projects of real estate, on a sample basis, to collaborate with the understanding from management.</p> <p>We examined the historical data used by the Group to determine whether or not the credit risk has significantly increased since initial recognition and to calculate expected credit losses.</p> <p>We had interviews with the management for the consideration of forward-looking information such as the forecasts of future economic conditions.</p> <p>We found the judgements and estimates made by the management in the assessment of recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties were supportable in light of available evidences.</p>

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<p><i>Valuation of investment properties</i></p> <p>Refer to note 13 to the consolidated financial statements</p> <p>The Group's investment properties were measured at fair value and carried at RMB13,328 million as at 31 December 2019 with a fair value gain of RMB373 million for the year then ended. The fair values of investment properties were determined by the Group based on the valuations performed by independent professional valuers (the "Valuers") engaged by the Group.</p> <p>The Group's investment property portfolio mainly included completed investment properties in Mainland China, Hong Kong and the United States and investment properties under development in Mainland China.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed investment properties: the valuation of these was derived using the income capitalization method and comparison approach; the relevant key assumptions included capitalization rates, prevailing market rents and price per square feet. • Investment properties under development: the valuation of these was derived using the residual method; the relevant key assumptions included capitalization rates, prevailing market rents, development costs to completion and developer's profit margin. <p>All the relevant key assumptions were influenced by the prevailing market conditions and each property's characteristics.</p> <p>We focus on this area due to the significant quantum to the consolidated financial statements, and relevant key assumptions in valuation involved significant judgements and estimates.</p>	<p>We assessed the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the Valuers.</p> <p>We obtained the valuation report of each property and assessed the appropriateness of the valuation methods applied.</p> <p>We assessed the reasonableness of relevant key assumptions used in valuation including capitalization rates, and prevailing market rents by gathering and analysing the data of comparable properties in the market and characteristics of the Group's properties such as location, size, occupancy rate, current rental and age.</p> <p>We checked the assumption on development costs to completion of investment property under construction with the approved budget, whose reasonableness was assessed by comparison with the actual cost of completed investment properties of the Group.</p> <p>We assessed the reasonableness of the assumption on developer's profit margin by reference to the range of estimated and empirical developer's profit margin in the industry.</p> <p>We involved our internal valuation specialists to assist us in assessing the methodologies used by the Valuers and compared the valuations of investment properties, on a sample basis, to our independently formed market expectations.</p> <p>In light of the above, we found the significant judgements and estimates made by management on relevant key assumptions were in the acceptable range.</p>

OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 405 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Chan Kwong Tak.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 24 March 2020

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	1,775,320	2,412,243
Right-of-use assets	9	190,869	–
Land use rights	10	180,566	235,794
Intangible assets	11	29,582	453,278
Goodwill	12	195,708	514,039
Investment properties	13	13,328,198	16,205,333
Investments in joint ventures	15	17,355,309	20,330,505
Investments in associates	16	6,846,347	7,177,355
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	18	2,715,647	679,952
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	19	6,446,074	3,961,645
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	23	12,841,234	15,520,575
Deferred income tax assets	34	1,439,498	1,145,474
Total non-current assets		63,344,352	68,636,193

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Current assets			
Prepayments for land use rights	22	2,228,844	2,160,585
Properties under development	20	60,378,181	54,655,796
Inventories, at cost		457,001	92,437
Land development cost recoverable	21	1,234,217	1,119,558
Completed properties held for sale	24	18,353,178	20,083,298
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	19	266,304	182,504
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	23	61,163,136	57,454,635
Contract assets		2,708,018	2,405,696
Restricted bank deposits	25	2,511,683	3,362,876
Cash and cash equivalents	26	31,054,201	39,208,481
Total current assets		180,354,763	180,725,866
Total assets		243,699,115	249,362,059
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Capital	27	27,329,232	27,328,810
Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme	27	(167,227)	(178,317)
Reserves	29	(1,132,536)	(1,313,848)
Retained earnings	28	23,877,717	22,548,161
		49,907,186	48,384,806
Non-controlling interests		15,703,909	14,753,699
Total equity		65,611,095	63,138,505

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	33	74,611,619	73,150,254
Lease liabilities	9	130,257	–
Trade and other payables	35	18,581	167,531
Deferred income tax liabilities	34	2,946,869	2,680,889
Total non-current liabilities		77,707,326	75,998,674
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	33	9,295,332	15,424,825
Lease liabilities	9	64,223	–
Trade and other payables	35	55,010,743	59,198,070
Contract liabilities	36	25,458,320	26,789,737
Income tax payable		10,500,972	8,665,309
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	37	51,104	146,939
Total current liabilities		100,380,694	110,224,880
Total liabilities		178,088,020	186,223,554
Total equity and liabilities		243,699,115	249,362,059

Approved by the Board of Directors on 24 March 2020

LI Ming
Executive Director

SUM Pui Ying
Executive Director

The notes on pages 136 to 280 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Revenue	7	50,926,490	41,422,099
Cost of sales	40	(40,704,418)	(33,135,597)
Gross profit		10,222,072	8,286,502
Interest and other income	38	2,770,938	2,542,684
Other gains — net	39	698,520	1,339,960
Fair value gains on investment properties	13	373,381	2,361,070
Selling and marketing expenses	40	(1,270,120)	(1,205,559)
Administrative expenses	40	(1,919,326)	(1,730,205)
Operating profit		10,875,465	11,594,452
Finance costs	42	(2,393,714)	(1,774,760)
Share of results of joint ventures		1,519,370	1,103,464
Share of results of associates		415,361	52,065
Profit before income tax		10,416,482	10,975,221
Income tax expense	43	(6,250,215)	(6,309,400)
Profit for the year		4,166,267	4,665,821
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		2,656,277	3,573,745
Non-controlling interests		1,509,990	1,092,076
		4,166,267	4,665,821
Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company during the year (expressed in RMB)			
Basic earnings per share	44	0.349	0.473
Diluted earnings per share	44	0.349	0.470

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Profit for the year		4,166,267	4,665,821
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Fair value gain/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax		25,794	(28,923)
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss			
Fair value gains on property, plant and equipment transferred to investment properties		17,808	–
Currency translation differences		108,282	(24,923)
Share of other comprehensive income of investments accounted for using the equity method	29	–	(1,463,874)
Other comprehensive income for the year		151,884	(1,517,720)
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		4,318,151	3,148,101
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
— Owners of the Company		2,497,211	1,851,135
— Non-controlling interests		1,820,940	1,296,966
		4,318,151	3,148,101

The notes on pages 136 to 280 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Note	Attributable to owners of the Company				Non-controlling interests				
		Share capital RMB'000	Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Other reserves RMB'000	Retained earnings RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Capital instrument RMB'000	Perpetual subordinated guaranteed capital securities RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
Balance at 31 December 2018		27,328,810	(178,317)	(1,313,848)	22,548,161	48,384,806	3,500,000	4,069,691	7,184,008	63,138,505
Profit for the year		-	-	-	2,656,277	2,656,277	289,874	407,971	812,145	4,166,267
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	25,794	-	25,794	-	-	-	25,794
Fair value gains on property, plant and equipment transferred to investment properties		-	-	12,329	-	12,329	-	-	5,479	17,808
Currency translation differences		-	-	(197,189)	-	(197,189)	-	294,835	10,636	108,282
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	(159,066)	2,656,277	2,497,211	289,874	702,806	828,260	4,318,151
Transactions with owners of the company										
Dividends relating to 2018		-	-	-	(489,258)	(489,258)	-	-	-	(489,258)
Dividends relating to 2019	45	-	-	-	(755,510)	(755,510)	-	-	-	(755,510)
Expenses on share-based payment	29	-	-	272,960	-	272,960	-	-	-	272,960
Transfer from retained earnings	29	-	-	81,953	(81,953)	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	27	422	-	(76)	-	346	-	-	-	346
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	27	-	12,120	(12,120)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	27	-	(1,030)	-	-	(1,030)	-	-	-	(1,030)
Distribution relating to capital instrument		-	-	-	-	-	(289,874)	-	-	(289,874)
Distribution relating to non-controlling interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(431,941)	(431,941)
Distribution relating to capital securities		-	-	-	-	-	-	(407,971)	-	(407,971)
Issue of capital instrument		-	-	-	-	-	3,168,900	-	-	3,168,900
Repayment of capital instrument		-	-	-	-	-	(3,500,000)	-	-	(3,500,000)
Contribution from non-controlling interests		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,491,101	4,491,101
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of the company		422	11,090	342,717	(1,326,721)	(972,492)	(620,974)	(407,971)	4,059,160	2,057,723
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of business combination		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	409,204	409,204
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of other acquisition		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,566	235,566
Decrease in non-controlling interest as a result of disposal of subsidiaries		-	-	-	-	-	(2,187,900)	-	(2,299,330)	(4,487,230)
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in subsidiaries	51	-	-	(2,339)	-	(2,339)	-	-	(58,485)	(60,824)
Total transactions with owners of the company		422	11,090	340,378	(1,326,721)	(974,831)	(2,808,874)	(407,971)	2,346,115	(1,845,561)
Balance at 31 December 2019		27,329,232	(167,227)	(1,132,536)	23,877,717	49,907,186	981,000	4,364,526	10,358,383	65,611,095

The notes on pages 136 to 280 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

	Attributable to owners of the Company					Non-controlling interests				
	Note	Share capital RMB'000	Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Other reserves RMB'000	Retained earnings RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Capital instrument RMB'000	Perpetual subordinated guaranteed capital securities RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
Balance at 1 January 2018		27,129,614	(140,746)	768,023	20,745,229	48,502,120	3,500,000	3,930,367	2,795,741	58,728,228
Adjustment on adoption of HKFRS 9, net of tax		-	-	(199,031)	199,031	-	-	-	-	-
Adjustment on adoption of HKFRS 15, net of tax		-	-	-	57,529	57,529	-	-	56,001	113,530
Restated balance at 1 January 2018		27,129,614	(140,746)	568,992	21,001,789	48,559,649	3,500,000	3,930,367	2,851,742	58,841,758
Profit for the year		-	-	-	3,573,745	3,573,745	175,000	198,913	718,163	4,665,821
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	(28,923)	-	(28,923)	-	-	-	(28,923)
Currency translation differences		-	-	(229,813)	-	(229,813)	-	195,959	8,931	(24,923)
Share of other comprehensive income of investments accounted for using the equity method	29	-	-	(1,463,874)	-	(1,463,874)	-	-	-	(1,463,874)
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	(1,722,610)	3,573,745	1,851,135	175,000	394,872	727,094	3,148,101
Transactions with owners of the company										
Dividends relating to 2017		-	-	-	(999,882)	(999,882)	-	-	-	(999,882)
Dividends relating to 2018	45	-	-	-	(938,280)	(938,280)	-	-	-	(938,280)
Expenses on share-based payment	29	-	-	71,680	-	71,680	-	-	-	71,680
Transfer from retained earnings	29	-	-	89,211	(89,211)	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	27	197,298	-	(35,380)	-	161,918	-	-	-	161,918
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	27	1,898	36,446	(38,344)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	27	-	(74,017)	-	-	(74,017)	-	-	-	(74,017)
Distribution relating to capital instrument		-	-	-	-	-	(175,000)	-	-	(175,000)
Distribution relating to non-controlling interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(347,175)	(347,175)
Distribution relating to capital securities		-	-	-	-	-	-	(255,548)	-	(255,548)
Contribution from non-controlling interests		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,097,500	2,097,500
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of the company		199,196	(37,571)	87,167	(2,027,373)	(1,778,581)	(175,000)	(255,548)	1,750,325	(458,804)
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of business combination		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	413,674	413,674
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of other acquisition		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,566,012	1,566,012
Decrease in non-controlling interest as a result of disposal of subsidiaries		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(68,891)	(68,891)
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in subsidiaries		-	-	(247,397)	-	(247,397)	-	-	(55,948)	(303,345)
Total transactions with owners of the company		199,196	(37,571)	(160,230)	(2,027,373)	(2,025,978)	(175,000)	(255,548)	3,605,172	1,148,646
Balance at 31 December 2018		27,328,810	(178,317)	(1,313,848)	22,548,161	48,384,806	3,500,000	4,069,691	7,184,008	63,138,505

The notes on pages 136 to 280 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	46	5,794,009	7,472,323
Interest paid		(5,088,722)	(3,721,491)
Income tax paid		(4,008,105)	(3,795,365)
Net cash used in operating activities		(3,302,818)	(44,533)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	8	(551,364)	(877,098)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	46	22,254	14,018
Proceeds from sale of investment properties		3,234	16,813
Purchases of investment properties		(86,398)	(805,327)
Purchases of intangible assets	11	(113)	(29,468)
Purchases of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		-	(8,725)
Purchases of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(3,435,869)	(634,359)
Redemption of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		-	6,717
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		135,476	7,579
Dividends received		232,314	248,043
Purchases of land use rights	10	(132,439)	(179,676)
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired		(450,839)	(1,151,357)
Proceeds from disposal of interests in subsidiaries, net of cash disposed		(64,259)	5,038,590
Capital injection to joint ventures		(2,647,779)	(5,147,711)
Proceeds from disposal of joint ventures		1,722,364	493
Capital injection to associates		(160,047)	(2,788,550)
Proceeds from disposal of interests in an associate		51,798	-
Dividends received from joint ventures and associates		697,260	542,812
Entrusted loans advanced		(25,403,881)	(22,262,541)
Repayment of entrusted loans		23,113,799	12,727,130
Interest received		2,390,318	2,188,857
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,564,171)	(13,093,760)

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		40,045,123	47,977,453
Repayments of borrowings		(42,465,196)	(22,055,932)
Amounts due to a non-controlling interest		–	5,000,000
Consideration paid for transactions with non-controlling interests		(60,824)	(303,345)
Capital injection from non-controlling interests		4,491,101	2,097,500
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		(431,941)	(347,175)
Dividends paid to the shareholders of the Company		(1,244,768)	(1,938,162)
Distribution relating to capital securities		(407,971)	(255,548)
Repurchase of capital instrument		(3,500,000)	–
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme		(1,030)	(74,017)
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options		346	161,918
Issue of capital securities		3,168,900	–
Distribution relating to capital instrument		(289,874)	(175,000)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		(696,134)	30,087,692
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents		(8,563,123)	16,949,399
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	26	39,208,481	21,968,819
Exchange gains on cash and cash equivalents		408,843	290,263
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	26	31,054,201	39,208,481

The notes on pages 136 to 280 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited (the “Company”) is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong on 12 March 2007. The address of its registered office is Suite 601, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong. The Company and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) are principally engaged in investment holding, property development and property investment in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”).

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”), unless otherwise stated. The Company’s shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 24 March 2020.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRS”). They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties, financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, which are carried at fair values.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in Note 6.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

3.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

(a) *New and amended standards adopted by the Group*

The following standards have been adopted by the Group for the first time for the financial year beginning on or after 1 January 2019:

- HKFRS 16 *Leases*
- *Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation — Amendments to HKFRS 9*
- *Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures — Amendments to HKAS 28*
- *Annual Improvements to HKFRS Standards 2015–2017 Cycle*
- *Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement — Amendments to HKAS 19*
- *Interpretation 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments*

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures (Continued)

(a) *New and amended standards adopted by the Group (Continued)*

The Group also elected to adopt the following amendments early.

- Definition of Material — Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8

The Group had to change its accounting policies as a result of adopting HKFRS 16. The Group elected to adopt the new rules retrospectively but recognised the cumulative effect of initially applying the new standard on 1 January 2019. This is disclosed in Note 4. Most of the other amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

(b) *New standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Group*

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 31 December 2019 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Group. These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

3.2 Subsidiaries

3.2.1 *Consolidation*

A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

(a) *Business combinations*

The Group applies the acquisition method to account for business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognizes any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognized amounts of acquiree's identifiable net assets.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date carrying value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is re-measured to fair value at the acquisition date; any gains or losses arising from such re-measurement are recognized in profit or loss.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Subsidiaries (Continued)

3.2.1 Consolidation (Continued)

(a) Business combinations (Continued)

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the Group is recognized at fair value at the acquisition date. Subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration that is deemed to be an asset or liability is recognized in accordance with HKAS 39 either in profit or loss or as a change to other comprehensive income. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured, and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the total of consideration transferred, non-controlling interest recognized and previously held interest measured is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognized directly in the income statement.

Intra-group transactions, balances and unrealized gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Unrealized losses are also eliminated. When necessary, amounts reported by subsidiaries have been adjusted to conform with the Group's accounting policies.

(b) Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without change of control

Transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions — that is, as transactions with the owners of the subsidiary in their capacity as owners. The difference between fair value of any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying amount of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity.

(c) Disposal of interests in subsidiaries

When the Group ceases to have control, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value at the date when control is lost, with the change in carrying amount recognized in profit or loss. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate, joint venture or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Subsidiaries (Continued)

3.2.2 *Separate financial statements*

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less impairment. Cost includes direct attributable costs of investment. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the company on the basis of dividend received and receivable.

Impairment testing of the investments in subsidiaries is required upon receiving a dividend from these investments if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the subsidiary in the period the dividend is declared or if the carrying amount of the investment in the separate financial statements exceeds the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements of the investee's net assets including goodwill.

3.3 Joint arrangements

Under HKFRS 11 investments in joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures depending on the contractual rights and obligations of each investor. The Group has assessed the nature of its joint arrangements and determined them to be joint ventures. Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method.

Under the equity method of accounting, interests in joint ventures are initially recognized at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognize the Group's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses and movements in other comprehensive income. When the Group's share of losses in a joint venture equals or exceeds its interests in the joint ventures (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the joint ventures), the Group does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the joint ventures.

Unrealized gains on transactions between the Group and its joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the joint ventures. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of the joint ventures have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.4 Associates

An associate is an entity over which the Group has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method, the investment is initially recognized at cost, and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognize the investor's share of the profit or loss of the investee after the date of acquisition. The Group's investment in associates includes goodwill identified on acquisition.

If the ownership interest in an associate is reduced but significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where appropriate.

The Group's share of post-acquisition profits or losses is recognized in the consolidated income statement, and its share of post-acquisition movements in other comprehensive income is recognized in other comprehensive income with a corresponding adjustment to the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

The Group determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. If this is the case, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate and its carrying value and recognizes the amount adjacent to 'share of profit of investments accounted for using equity method' in the consolidated income statement.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.4 Associates (Continued)

Profits and losses resulting from upstream and downstream transactions between the Group and its associate are recognized in the Group's financial statements only to the extent of unrelated investor's interests in the associates. Unrealized losses are eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of associates have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Gains or losses on dilution of equity interest in associates are recognized in the consolidated income statement.

When the Group begins to have significant influence but not control over another entity as a result of increasing its stake or having representation on the board, an existing investment becomes an associate for the first time, the investment in the associate is initially recognized at the cost of each purchase plus a share of investee's profits or losses which is recognized in the consolidated income statement and other comprehensive income which is recognized in other comprehensive income, and acquisition-related costs are deemed as part of the cost of investment. Any existing gains or losses recognized in respect of the previously held the investment are reversed to restate the investment to cost.

3.5 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the executive committee that makes strategic decisions.

3.6 Foreign currency translation

(a) *Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in RMB, which is the Company's functional and the Group's presentation currency.

The Group identifies the functional currency of each subsidiary for the purpose of defining that entity's foreign currency exposure. Different entities within the Group may have different functional currencies. Judgement is required in determining an entity's functional currency based on individual facts and circumstances.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.6 Foreign currency translation (Continued)

(b) *Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the consolidated income statement.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the income statement within "finance income or cost". All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the income statement within "other gains — net".

Changes in the fair value of monetary securities denominated in foreign currency classified as available-for-sale are analyzed between translation differences resulting from changes in the amortized cost of the security and other changes in the carrying amount of the security. Translation differences related to changes in amortized cost are recognized in profit or loss, and other changes in carrying amount are recognized in other comprehensive income.

Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities, such as equity instruments held at fair value through profit or loss, are recognized in profit or loss as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary items such as equities classified as fair value through other comprehensive income are included in other comprehensive income.

(c) *Group companies*

The results and financial position of all the group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (i) assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet;
- (ii) income and expenses for each income statement are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the rate on the dates of the transactions); and
- (iii) all resulting exchange differences are recognized in other comprehensive income.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.7 Properties

(a) *Investment properties*

Investment property, principally comprising leasehold land and buildings, is held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, and that is not occupied by the Group. It also includes properties that are being constructed or developed for future use as investment properties. Land held under operating leases are classified and accounted for as investment property when the rest of the definition of investment property is met. In such cases, the operating leases concerned are accounted for as if they were finance leases. Investment property is initially measured at cost, including related transaction costs and where applicable borrowing costs.

After initial recognition, investment property is carried at fair value, assessed annually by a professional independent valuer. Fair value is based on active market prices, adjusted, if necessary, for any differences in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. If such information is not available, the Group uses alternative valuation methods such as recent prices on less active markets or discounted cash flow projections. Investment property that is being redeveloped for continuing use as investment property, or for which the market has become less active, continues to be measured at fair value.

Property that is being constructed or developed as investment property is carried at fair value. Where fair value is not reliably determinable, such investment property under construction is measured at cost until either its fair value becomes reliably determinable or construction is completed (whichever is earlier).

The fair value of investment property reflects, among other things, rental income from current leases and assumptions about rental income from future leases in light of current market condition.

Subsequent expenditure is charged to the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are expensed in the consolidated income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

If an investment property becomes owner-occupied, it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment, and its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for accounting purposes. Property that is being constructed or developed for future use as investment property is classified as property, plant and equipment and stated at cost until construction or development is completed, at which time it is reclassified and subsequently accounted for as investment property.

If an item of property, plant and equipment becomes an investment property because its use has changed, any differences resulting between the carrying amount and the fair value of this item at the date of transfer is recognized in equity as a revaluation of property, plant and equipment under HKAS 16. However, if a fair value gain reverses a previous impairment loss, the gain is recognized in the consolidated income statement.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.7 Properties (Continued)

(b) *Land use rights*

Land in China mainland is state-owned and no individual land ownership right exists. The Group acquired the rights to certain land, and the premiums paid for such rights are recorded as land use rights. Land use rights are classified and accounted for in accordance to the intended use of respective properties as erected on the land.

For properties that are held for own use, corresponding land use rights are separately stated in the balance sheet, and are stated at cost and amortized over the use terms of 40 to 70 years using the straight-line method.

For properties that are held for development and subsequent sale, corresponding land use rights are accounted for as part of the development costs, and are accounted for under Note 3.12.

3.8 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the consolidated income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Buildings and leasehold improvements	5–50 years
Machinery	5–15 years
Vehicles	4–8 years
Office equipment	3–5 years
Electronic equipment	3 years

Leasehold improvements' estimated useful life is shorter of remaining lease term of or useful life. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 3.10).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amounts. These are recognized within "other gains — net", in the consolidated income statement.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.8 Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

Construction-in-progress represents buildings, machinery under construction and is stated at cost. Cost includes the costs of construction of buildings, the cost of plant and machinery, installation, testing and other direct costs incurred during the development period. No provision for depreciation is made on construction-in-progress until such time as the relevant assets are completed and ready for intended use. The carrying amount of a construction-in-progress is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 3.10). When the assets concerned get ready for their intended use, the costs are depreciated in accordance with the policy as stated above.

3.9 Goodwill

Goodwill arises on the acquisition of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures and represents the excess of the consideration transferred over the Group's interest in net fair value of the net identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the acquiree and the fair value of the non-controlling interests in the acquiree.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is allocated to each of the cash-generating units ("CGUs"), or groups of CGUs, that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Each unit or group of units to which the goodwill is allocated represents the lowest level within the entity at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. Goodwill is monitored at the operating segment level.

Goodwill impairment reviews are undertaken annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate a potential impairment. The carrying value of goodwill is compared to the recoverable amount, which is the higher of value in use and the fair value less costs of disposal. Any impairment is recognized immediately as an expense and is not subsequently reversed.

3.10 Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life or are not yet available for use are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets

3.11.1 Classification

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through OCI, or through profit or loss), and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss or OCI. For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, this will depend on whether the Group has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI).

The Group reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

3.11.2 Recognition and derecognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

3.11.3 Measurement

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVPL are expensed in profit or loss.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets (Continued)

3.11.3 Measurement (Continued)

Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. There are three measurement categories into which the Group classifies its debt instruments:

- **Amortised cost:** Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss and presented in other gains/(losses), together with foreign exchange gains and losses. Impairment losses are presented as separate line item in the statement of profit or loss.
- **FVOCI:** Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognised in other gains/(losses). Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in other gains/(losses) and impairment expenses are presented as separate line item in the statement of profit or loss.
- **FVPL:** Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVPL. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at FVPL is recognised in profit or loss and presented net within other gains/(losses) in the period in which it arises.

Equity instruments

The Group subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value. Where the Group's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments in OCI, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss following the derecognition of the investment. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognised in profit or loss as other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVPL are recognised in other gains/(losses) in the statement of profit or loss as applicable. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets (Continued)

3.11.4 Impairment

The Group assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost and FVOCI. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

For trade receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach permitted by HKFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables, see Note 5.1 for further details.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the balance sheet where the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts, and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The Group has also entered into arrangements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting but still allow for the related amounts to be set off in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or the termination of a contract.

3.12 Inventories

(a) Properties under development

Properties under development are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is determined by reference to estimated sales proceeds of the properties sold in the ordinary course of business less costs to complete development and estimated selling expenses.

Development costs of properties comprises land use rights, construction costs, borrowing costs and professional fees as incurred during the development period. On completion, all development costs of the properties are transferred to completed properties held for sale.

Costs to fulfill a contract comprise the development cost and land use right cost directly related to an existing contract that will be used to satisfy performance obligations in the future. The costs to fulfill a contract are recorded in properties under development if they are expected to be recovered. The amount is amortised on a systematic basis, consistent with the pattern of revenue recognition of the contract to which the asset relates.

(b) Completed properties held for sale

Completed properties held for sale are completed properties remaining unsold at the balance sheet date and are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable values. Cost comprises development costs attributable to the unsold properties. Net realizable values is determined by reference to the sale proceeds of properties sold in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses, or by management estimates based on prevailing marketing conditions.

(c) Other inventories

Other inventories mainly comprise raw materials for upfitting, food and beverages and hotel consumables. Goods are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost, calculated on the weighted average basis, comprises invoiced price, delivery and other direct costs relating to purchases. Net realizable value is determined on the basis of anticipated sales proceeds less estimated selling expenses.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.13 Trade and other receivables and prepayments

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection of trade and other receivables and prepayments is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables and prepayments are recognized initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value. The Group holds the trade and other receivables and prepayments with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. See Note 3.11 for further information about the Group's accounting for trade and other receivables and prepayments, and Note 5.1 for a description of the Group's impairment policies.

3.14 Contract assets and contract liabilities

Upon entering into a contract with a customer, the Group obtains rights to receive consideration from the customer and assumes performance obligations to transfer goods or provide services to the customer.

The combination of those rights and performance obligations gives rise to a net asset or a net liability depending on the relationship between the remaining rights and the performance obligations. The contract is an asset and recognised as contract assets if the measure of the remaining rights exceeds the measure of the remaining performance obligations. Conversely, the contract is a liability and recognized as contract liabilities if the measure of the remaining performance obligations exceeds the measure of the remaining rights.

The Group recognises the incremental costs of obtaining a contract with a customer within contract assets if the Group expects to recover those costs.

3.15 Cash and cash equivalents

In the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

3.16 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental cost directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

3.17 Capital securities and capital instrument

Capital securities and capital instrument with no contracted obligation to repay its principal nor to pay any distribution are classified as part of equity.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.18 Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade payables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

3.19 Borrowings and Borrowing costs

Borrowings are recognized initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortized cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalization. All other borrowing costs are recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

3.20 Current and deferred income tax

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred income tax. Tax is recognized in the income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

3.20.1 Current income tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries/territories where the Company and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.20 Current and deferred income tax (Continued)

3.20.2 *Deferred income tax*

Deferred income tax is recognized, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, deferred tax liabilities are not recognized if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realized or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

Deferred income tax liabilities are provided on taxable temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates, except for deferred income tax liability where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Generally the Group is unable to control the reversal of the temporary difference for associates. Only where there is an agreement in place that gives the Group the ability to control the reversal of the temporary difference not recognized.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized on deductible temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint arrangements only to the extent that it is probable the temporary difference will reverse in the future and there is sufficient taxable profit available against which the temporary difference can be utilized.

3.20.3 *Offsetting*

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

3.21 Employee benefits

(a) *Employee leave entitlements*

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognized when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employee up to the balance sheet date. Employee entitlements to sick leave and maternity leave are not recognized until the time of leave.

(b) *Bonus entitlements*

Expected costs of bonus payments are recognized as liabilities when constructive obligations are present, as a result of services rendered by employees and reliable estimations of the obligations can be made.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.21 Employee benefits (Continued)

(c) *Retirement benefits*

In accordance with the rules and regulations in the PRC, the PRC based employees of the Group participate in various defined contribution retirement plans organized by the relevant municipal and provincial governments in the PRC under which the Group and the PRC based employees are required to make monthly contributions to these plans calculated as a percentage of the employees' salaries.

The municipal and provincial governments undertake to assume the retirement benefit obligations of all existing and future retired PRC based employees payable under the plans described above. Other than the monthly contributions, the Group has no further obligation for the payment of retirement and other post retirement benefits of its employees. The assets of these plans are held separately from those of the Group in independently administrated funds managed by the PRC government.

The Group also participates in a pension scheme under the rules and regulations of the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Ordinance ("MPF Scheme") for all employees in Hong Kong. The contributions to the MPF Scheme are based on minimum statutory contribution requirement of the lower of 5% of eligible employees' relevant aggregate income and HKD1,500. The assets of this pension scheme are held separately from those of the Group in independently administered funds.

The Group's contributions to the defined contribution retirement schemes are expensed as incurred.

3.22 Share-based payments

The Group operates a number of equity-settled, share-based compensation plans, including "share option scheme" and Restricted Share Award Scheme, under which the entity receives services from employees as consideration for equity instruments (options and shares) of the Group.

- *Share option scheme*

The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the options is recognized as an expense. The total amount to be expensed is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted:

- including any market performance conditions (eg the entity's share price)
- excluding the impact of any service and non-market performance vesting conditions (eg profitability, sales growth targets and remaining an employee of the entity over a specified time period), and
- including the impact of any non-vesting conditions (eg the requirement for employees to save or holdings shares for a specific period of time).

The total expense is recognized over the vesting period, which is the period over which all of the specified vesting conditions are to be satisfied. At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to vest based on the non-marketing vesting conditions. The impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, is recognized in the consolidated income statement, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

The cash subscribed for the shares issued when the options are exercised is credited to share capital, net of any directly attributable transaction costs.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.22 Share-based payments (Continued)

- *Restricted Shares Award Scheme*

The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of these share-based awards is recognized as an expense. The total amount to be expensed is determined by reference to the fair value of the shares awarded at the grant date.

When Trustee purchases the Company's shares from the open market, the consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental costs, is presented as "Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme" in the consolidated statement of changes in equity and deducted from total equity. When the Trustee transfers the Company's shares to grantees upon vesting, the related costs of the awarded shares are credited to "Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme" with a corresponding adjustment to the share capital.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimates of the number of these share-based awards that are expected to become vested. The impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, is recognized in the consolidated income statement, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

3.23 Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognized even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognized as interest expense.

3.24 Financial guarantee liabilities

Financial guarantee contracts are contracts that require the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payments when due, in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Such financial guarantees are given to banks, financial institutions and other bodies on behalf of subsidiaries or associates to secure loans, overdrafts and other banking facilities.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.24 Financial guarantee liabilities (Continued)

Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the financial statements at fair value on the date the guarantee was given. The fair value of a financial guarantee at the time of signature is zero because all guarantees are agreed on arm's length terms, and the value of the premium agreed corresponds to the value of the guarantee obligation. No receivable for the future premiums is recognised. Subsequent to initial recognition, the company's liabilities under such guarantees are measured at the higher of the initial amount, less amortisation of fees recognised in accordance with IAS/HKAS 18, and the best estimate of the amount required to settle the guarantee. These estimates are determined based on experience of similar transactions and history of past losses, supplemented by management's judgement. The fee income earned is recognised on a straight-line basis over the life of the guarantee. Any increase in the liability relating to guarantees is reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss within other operating expenses.

Where guarantees in relation to loans or other payables of subsidiaries or associates are provided for no compensation, the fair values are accounted for as contributions and recognised as part of the cost of the investment in the financial statements of the company.

3.25 Contract work

When the outcome of a contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognized only to the extent of contract costs incurred that are likely to be recoverable by reference to the stage of completion.

When the outcome of a contract can be estimated reliably and it is probable that the contract will be profitable, contract revenue is recognized over the period of the contract. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected losses are recognized as expense immediately.

The Group uses the "percentage of completion method" to determine the appropriate amount to be recognized in a given period. Depending on the nature of contracts, the stage of completion is measured by reference to (a) the proportion of contract costs incurred for work performed to date to estimated total contract costs; (b) the amount of work certified by site engineers; or (c) completion of physical proportion of the contract work. Costs incurred in the year in connection with future activity on a contract are excluded from contract costs in determining the stage of completion. They are presented as inventories, prepayments or other assets, depending on their nature.

Contract work-in-progress is valued at the cost price of the work done, plus a part of the expected profit upon completion of the project in proportion to the progress made and less progress receivables and provisions. Provisions are recognized for expected losses on contract work-in-progress, as soon as they are foreseen, and deducted from the cost price. The cost price includes direct project costs, consisting of direct payroll costs, materials, costs of subcontracted work, other direct costs, rental charges and maintenance costs for the equipment used. The progress of a project is determined on the basis mentioned in preceding paragraph. Profits are not recognized unless a reliable estimate can be made of the result on completion of the project. The balance of the value of contract work-in-progress and progress receivables is determined on a project by project basis.

The Group presents as an asset the "amounts due from customers for contract work" for all contracts in progress for which costs incurred plus recognized profits exceed progress receivables. Progress receivables not yet paid by customers and retention are included within "contract assets".

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.26 Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sales of properties and services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. Revenue is shown, net of discounts and after eliminating sales with the Group companies. The Group recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured; when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity; and when specific criteria have been met for each of the Group's activities, as described below.

(a) *Sales of properties and construction services*

Revenues are recognised when or as the control of the asset is transferred to the customer. Depending on the terms of the contract and the laws that apply to the contract, control of the asset may transfer over the period or at a point in time. Control of the asset is transferred over the period if the Group's performance:

- provides all of the benefits received and consumed simultaneously by the customer; or
- creates and enhances an asset that the customer controls as the Group performs; or
- do not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

If control of the asset transfers over the period, revenue is recognised over the period of the contract by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the asset.

The progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation is measured based on the Group's efforts or inputs to the satisfaction of the performance obligation, by reference to the contract costs incurred up to the end of reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each contract.

For property development and sales contract for which the control of the property is transferred at a point in time, revenue is recognised when the customer obtains the physical possession or the legal title of the completed property and the Group has present right to payment and the collection of the consideration is probable.

In determining the transaction price, the Group adjusts the promised amount of consideration for the effect of a financing component if it is significant.

For construction services, the Group's performance creates or enhances an asset or work in progress that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced, thus the Group satisfies a performance obligation and recognises revenue over the period, by reference to completion of the specific transaction assessed on the basis of the actual costs incurred up to the end of the reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each contract.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.26 Revenue recognition (Continued)

(b) *Rental income*

Rental income is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease terms.

(c) *Property management and agency fee income*

Property management and agency fee income is recognized in the accounting period in which the services are rendered.

(d) *Interest income*

Interest income is recognized using the effective interest method. When a loan and receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income.

(e) *Dividend income*

Dividend income is recognized when the right to receive payment is established.

3.27 Leases

As explained in note 3.1 above, the Group has changed its accounting policy for leases where the Group is the lessee. The new policy is described below and the impact of the change in Note 4.

Until 31 December 2018, leases of property, plant and equipment where the Group, as lessee, had substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership were classified as finance leases. Finance leases were capitalised at the lease's inception at the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, were included in other short-term and long-term payables. Each lease payment was allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost was charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases was depreciated over the asset's useful life or over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the Group will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term.

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership were not transferred to the Group as lessee were classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) were charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

From 1 January 2019, leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.27 Leases (Continued)

Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. The Group allocates the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of real estate for which the Group is a lessee, it has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components and instead accounts for these as a single lease component.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date
- amounts expected to be payable by the Group under residual value guarantees
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising that option.

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the Group, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Group:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received
- uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for leases held by the Group, which does not have recent third party financing, and
- makes adjustments specific to the lease, eg term, country, currency and security.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.27 Leases (Continued)

The Group is exposed to potential future increases in variable lease payments based on an index or rate, which are not included in the lease liability until they take effect. When adjustments to lease payments based on an index or rate take effect, the lease liability is reassessed and adjusted against the right-of-use asset.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received
- any initial direct costs, and
- restoration costs.

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Group is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life. While the Group revalues its land and buildings that are presented within property, plant and equipment, it has chosen not to do so for the right-of-use buildings held by the Group.

Payments associated with short-term leases of equipment and vehicles and all leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Low-value assets comprise IT equipment and small items of office furniture.

Lease income from operating leases where the Group is a lessor is recognised in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term (Note 13). Initial direct costs incurred in obtaining an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the underlying asset and recognised as expense over the lease term on the same basis as lease income. The respective leased assets are included in the balance sheet based on their nature. The Group did not need to make any adjustments to the accounting for assets held as lessor as a result of adopting the new leasing standard.

3.28 Dividend distribution

Provision is made for the amount of any dividend declared, being appropriately authorised and no longer at the discretion of the entity, on or before the end of the reporting period but not distributed at the end of the reporting period.

4 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This note explains the impact of the adoption of HKFRS 16 Leases on the Group's financial statements and discloses.

As indicated in Note 3.1 above, the Group has adopted HKFRS 16 Leases retrospectively from 1 January 2019. The Group has applied the simplified transition approach and has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific transition provisions in the standard. The reclassifications and the adjustments arising from the new leasing rules are therefore recognised in the opening balance sheet on 1 January 2019.

On adoption of HKFRS 16, the Group recognised lease liabilities in relation to leases which had previously been classified as 'operating leases' under the principles of HKAS 17 Leases. These liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate as of 1 January 2019. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1 January 2019 was 5.7%.

(a) Practical expedients applied

In applying HKFRS 16 for the first time, the Group has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- applying a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics;
- relying on previous assessments on whether leases are onerous as an alternative to performing an impairment review — there were no onerous contracts as at 1 January 2019;
- accounting for operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at 1 January 2019 as short-term leases;
- excluding initial direct costs for the measurement of the right-of-use asset at the date of initial application, and
- using hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

The Group has also elected not to reassess whether a contract is, or contains a lease at the date of initial application. Instead, for contracts entered into before the transition date the Group relied on its assessment made applying HKAS 17 and Interpretation 4 determining whether an arrangement contains a lease.

4 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Measurement of lease liabilities

	2019 RMB'000
Operating lease commitments as at 31 December 2018	3,878,980
Discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate of at the date of initial application	2,527,818
Lease liability recognised as at 1 January 2019	2,527,818
Of which are:	
Current lease liabilities	247,437
Non-current lease liabilities	2,280,381
	2,527,818

(c) Measurement of right-of-use assets

Under the simplified transition method, the associated right-of-use assets were measured at the amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payment relating to that lease recognised in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2018.

(d) Adjustments recognised in the balance sheet on 1 January 2019

The change in accounting policy affected the following items in the balance sheet on 1 January 2019:

- right-of-use assets — increase by RMB2,563,533,000.
- prepayments — decrease by RMB35,715,000.
- lease liabilities — increase by RMB2,527,818,000.

(e) Lessor accounting

The Group did not need to make any adjustments to the accounting for assets held as lessor under operating leases as a result of the adoption of HKFRS 16.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, cash flow interest rate risk and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance. The board of directors reviews and approves policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarized below.

(a) *Market risk*

(i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from future commercial transactions and recognized assets and liabilities which are not denominated in the Group's functional currency. Majority of the Group's foreign currency transactions and balances are denominated in Hong Kong dollars ("HKD") and United States dollars ("USD"). The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, management of the Group monitor foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arises.

Conversion of RMB into foreign currency is subject to the rules and regulations of the foreign exchange control, as promulgated by the PRC government.

As at 31 December 2019, if RMB had weakened/strengthened by 5% against HKD and USD with all other variable held constant, post-tax profit for the year of the Group would have been RMB972,222,000 lower/higher (2018: RMB961,864,000 lower/higher), mainly as the result of the foreign exchange losses/gains on translation of HKD/USD dominated borrowings, net of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of HKD/USD dominated cash and cash equivalents.

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

The Group's interest rate risk arises from long-term borrowings with prevailing market interest rates. Such risk is partly offset by cash held at prevailing market interest rates. During 2019 and 2018, the Group's borrowings at prevailing market interest rates were denominated in RMB, HKD and USD.

The Group's fair value interest rate risk relates primarily to its fixed rate borrowing and other payables. The Group currently does not utilize any derivative contracts to hedge its exposure to interest rate risk. However, management will consider hedging significant interest rate exposure should the need arise.

As at 31 December 2019, if interest rates have increased/decreased by 50 basis points with all other variables held constant, the Group's post-tax profit, after taking into account the impact of interest capitalization, would decrease/increase by approximately RMB27,697,000 (2018: RMB23,874,000).

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) *Credit risk*

Credit risk refers to the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument would fail to discharge the obligation under the terms of financial instrument and cause a financial loss to the Group. The Group considered the probability of default upon initial recognition of asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an on-going basis throughout each reporting period. To assess whether there's a significant increase in credit risk, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition. It considers available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information.

Especially the following indicators are incorporated:

- internal credit rating
- actual or expected significant adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant change to the borrower's ability to meet its obligations
- actual or expected significant changes in the operating results of the borrower
- significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same borrower
- significant changes in the expected performance and behaviour of the borrower, including changes in the payment status of borrowers in the Group and changes in the operating results of the borrower.

(i) Cash in banks

The Group expects that there is no significant credit risk associated with cash deposits at banks since they are substantially deposited with state-owned banks and other medium or large size listed banks. Management does not expect that there will be any significant losses from non-performance by these counterparties.

(ii) Trade receivables and contract assets

The Group applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses prescribed by HKFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for trade receivables and contract assets. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected credit loss also incorporate forward-looking information.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) Credit risk (Continued)

(ii) Trade receivables and contract assets (Continued)

As at 31 December 2019, the loss allowance was determined as follows for trade receivables and contract assets:

	Within 6 months RMB'000	Between 6 months to 1 year RMB'000	Between 1 year to 2 years RMB'000	Between 2 years to 3 years RMB'000	Over 3 years RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Expected loss rate	0.8%	1.1%	1.7%	4.0%	7.0%	1.0%
Gross carrying amount — trade receivables	2,331,900	976,052	593,358	128,559	7,652	4,037,521
Gross carrying amount — contract assets	2,720,107	-	-	-	-	2,720,107
Loss allowance — trade receivables and contract assets	39,813	11,061	9,943	5,216	533	66,566

As at 31 December 2018, the loss allowance was determined as follows for trade receivables and contract assets:

	Within 6 months RMB'000	Between 6 months to 1 year RMB'000	Between 1 year to 2 years RMB'000	Between 2 years to 3 years RMB'000	Over 3 years RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Expected loss rate	0.8%	1.7%	3.0%	6.0%	7.0%	1.2%
Gross carrying amount — trade receivables	1,272,137	894,529	349,763	27,903	19,074	2,563,406
Gross carrying amount — contract assets	2,417,785	-	-	-	-	2,417,785
Loss allowance — trade receivables and contract assets	29,548	15,256	10,743	1,674	1,335	58,556

Trade receivables and contract assets are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Group. The Group made no written off for trade receivables and contract assets during the year ended 31 December 2019.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) *Credit risk (Continued)*

(iii) Other receivables

The Group uses three categories for other receivables which reflect their credit risk and how the loss provision is determined for each of those categories.

A summary of the assumptions underpinning the Group's expected credit loss model is as follows:

Category	Company definition of category	Basis for recognition of expected credit loss provision
Stage one	Customers have a low risk of default and a strong capacity to meet contractual cash flows.	12 months expected losses. Where the expected lifetime of an asset is less than 12 months, expected losses are measured at its expected lifetime.
Stage two	Receivables for which there is a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.	Lifetime expected losses.
Stage three	Receivables for which there is a credit loss since initial recognition.	Lifetime expected losses.

The Group accounts for its credit risk by appropriately providing for expected losses on a timely basis. In calculating the expected credit loss rates, the Group considers historical loss rates for each category of receivables and adjusts for forward looking macroeconomic data.

Since credit risk has not significantly increased after initial recognition, the loss allowance recognised was therefore limited to 12 months expected losses.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) Credit risk (Continued)

(iii) Other receivables (Continued)

As at 31 December 2019, the loss allowance was determined as follows for other receivables:

	Entrusted loans to and amount due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests RMB'000	Receivables from other third parties excluding prepayments RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Carrying amount of other receivables	50,169,294	12,538,780	62,708,074
Expected credit loss rate	0.30%	0.75%	0.39%
Loss allowance	152,319	94,043	246,362
Other receivables, net	50,016,975	12,444,737	62,461,712

As at 31 December 2018, the loss allowance was determined as follows for other receivables:

	Entrusted loans to and amount due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests RMB'000	Receivables from other third parties excluding prepayments RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Carrying amount of other receivables	53,593,425	9,792,311	63,385,736
Expected credit loss rate	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Loss allowance	55,390	30,262	85,652
Other receivables, net	53,538,035	9,762,049	63,300,084

Other receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Group. The Group made no written off for other receivables during the year ended 31 December 2019.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) *Credit risk (Continued)*

(iv) Financial guarantee

The Group has policies in place to ensure that sales are made to purchasers with an appropriate financial strength and appropriate percentage of down payments. The Group has arranged bank financing for certain purchasers of the Group's property units and provided guarantees to secure obligations of such purchasers for repayments. If a purchaser defaults on the payment of its mortgage loan during the guarantee period, the bank holding the guarantee may demand the Group to repay the outstanding principal of the loan and any interest accrued thereon. Under such circumstances, the Group is able to forfeit the customer's deposit and resell the property to recover any amounts paid by the Group to the bank. In this regard, the directors consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

The Group also provides guarantees to certain related parties of the Group to obtain borrowings after assessing the credit history of these related parties. The Group closely monitors the repayment progress of the relevant borrowings by these related parties. In the opinion of the directors of the Group, the related party transactions were carried out in the normal course of business and at terms mutually negotiated between the Group and the respective related parties. The directors consider that the likelihood of default in payments is minimal and the financial guarantees measured at fair value is immaterial.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(c) *Liquidity risk*

Cash flow forecasting is performed in the operating entities of the Group in and aggregated by Group Finance. Group Finance monitors rolling forecasts of the Group's liquidity requirements to ensure it has sufficient cash to meet operational needs while maintaining sufficient headroom on its undrawn committed borrowing facilities at all times so that the Group does not breach borrowing limits or covenants (where applicable) on any of its borrowing facilities. Such forecasting process takes into consideration the Group's debt financing plans, covenant compliance, compliance with internal balance sheet ratio targets.

The table below analyses the Group's and the Company's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amount disclosed in the table is the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 year RMB'000	Between 1 and 2 years RMB'000	Between 2 and 5 years RMB'000	Over 5 years RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 31 December 2019					
Borrowings	13,545,683	32,861,491	34,064,087	17,202,000	97,673,261
Lease liabilities	72,950	45,352	66,335	42,271	226,908
Trade and other payables excluding statutory liabilities	51,223,546	–	18,581	–	51,242,127
	64,842,179	32,906,843	34,149,003	17,244,271	149,142,296
At 31 December 2018					
Borrowings	19,815,080	16,160,629	50,664,482	15,791,756	102,431,947
Trade and other payables excluding statutory liabilities	57,464,653	–	167,531	–	57,632,184
	77,279,733	16,160,629	50,832,013	15,791,756	160,064,131

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(c) *Liquidity risk (Continued)*

The amounts have not included financial guarantee contracts:

- which the Group could be required to settle under the arrangement for the full guaranteed amount if that amount is claimed by the counterparty to the guarantee for loans procured by the purchasers of the Group's properties (Note 47(a)). Such guarantees terminate upon the earlier of (i) issuance of the real estate ownership certificate which will generally be available within an average period of two to three years upon the completion of guarantee registration; or (ii) the satisfaction of mortgaged loan by the purchasers of properties;
- which the Group make for its cooperation parties' bank borrowings (Note 47(b)). Such guarantees terminate upon the repayment of relevant bank borrowings.

Based on expectations at the end of the reporting period, the Group considers that it is more likely than not that no amount will be payable under the arrangement.

5.2 Capital risk management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Total capital is calculated as "equity" as shown in the consolidated balance sheet plus net debt.

The gearing ratios at 31 December 2019 and 2018 were as follows.

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Total borrowings (Note 33)	83,906,951	88,575,079
Less: cash and cash equivalents (Note 26)	(31,054,201)	(39,208,481)
Net debt	52,852,750	49,366,598
Total equity	65,611,095	63,138,505
Total capital	118,463,845	112,505,103
Gearing ratio	45%	44%

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.3 Fair value estimation

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value, by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- (a) Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1).
- (b) Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2).
- (c) Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

The following table presents the Group's assets or liabilities that are measured at fair value at 31 December 2019 and 2018. See Note 13 for disclosures of the investment properties that are measured at fair value.

	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 31 December 2019				
Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 19)	266,304	1,195,096	5,250,978	6,712,378
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 18)	48,164	656,483	2,011,000	2,715,647
	314,468	1,851,579	7,261,978	9,428,025
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 37)	–	(51,104)	–	(51,104)

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 31 December 2018				
Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 19)	379,147	1,080,933	2,684,069	4,144,149
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 18)	54,806	625,146	–	679,952
	433,953	1,706,079	2,684,069	4,824,101
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 37)	–	(146,939)	–	(146,939)

There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the period.

During the period there were no significant changes in the business or economic circumstances that may affect the fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

(a) *Financial instruments in Level 1*

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in Level 1. Instruments included in Level 1 comprise primarily the listed United States and HKSE equity investments classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

(b) *Financial instruments in Level 2*

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in Level 2. Instruments included in Level 2 comprise primarily equity fund investments and other unlisted equity securities, for equity fund investments, the underlying portfolio invested by equity fund are all listed equity shares, the valuation of equity fund is determined based on the quoted market price of listed equity shares. The unlisted equity security is the convertible preferred shares issued by a listed company, comparison method was used for the valuation of convertible preferred shares, which is mainly based on the fair value of ordinary share of comparable companies.

(c) *Financial instruments in Level 3*

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

The Group's policy is to recognize transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

There were no changes in valuation techniques during the year.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

(c) *Financial instruments in Level 3 (Continued)*

The following table presents the changes in Level 3 instruments for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income and through profit or loss RMB'000
Financial assets in Level 3	
Opening balance	2,684,069
Additions	3,222,833
Fair value gains	128,609
Increase due to disposal of a subsidiary	2,000,000
Decrease due to disposal of a subsidiary	(812,081)
Currency translation difference	40,494
Disposal	(1,946)
Closing balance	7,261,978

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

(c) *Financial instruments in Level 3 (Continued)*

The following table presents the changes in Level 3 instruments for the year ended 31 December 2018.

	Financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income and through profit or loss RMB'000
Financial assets in Level 3	
Opening balance	1,825,451
Additions	496,911
Fair value gains	301,795
Capital return	(6,717)
Currency translation difference	70,831
Disposal	(4,202)
Closing balance	2,684,069

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

(d) *Valuation process*

The finance department of the Group includes a team that performs the valuations of level 3 financial instruments required for financial reporting purposes. The Group's finance department reviews the valuations performed by the independent valuers for financial reporting purposes and reports directly to the senior management. Discussions of valuation processes and results are held between the management and valuers after each valuation by the independent qualified valuers, which is normally done once every six months, in line with the Group's interim and annual reporting dates.

The components of the level 3 instruments mainly include investments in private investment funds and unlisted companies. As these instruments are not traded in an active market, their fair values have been determined using various applicable valuation techniques, including discounted cash flows and comparable transactions approaches. Major assumptions used in the valuation include historical financial results, assumptions about future growth rates, estimate of discount rate and recent market transactions etc. The fair values of these instruments determined by the Group requires significant judgement, including the financial performance of the investee company, market value of comparable properties as well as discount rate, etc.

6 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

(a) **Estimate of fair value of investment properties**

The fair value of investment properties is determined by using valuation technique. Details of the judgment and assumptions have been disclosed in Note 13.

(b) **Income taxes and land appreciation tax ("LAT")**

The Group is primarily subject to various PRC taxes, as it is principally engaged in property development in the PRC. Significant judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Company recognizes liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred income tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

6 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

(b) Income taxes and land appreciation tax ("LAT") (Continued)

The implementation and settlement of LAT varies among various tax jurisdictions in cities of the PRC. LAT is levied at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of land value, being the proceeds from sales of properties less deductible expenditures including land use rights, borrowing costs, business taxes, property development and other related expenditures. These taxes are incurred upon transfer of property ownership.

Significant judgment is required in determining the extent of land appreciation and its related taxes. The Group recognized LAT based on management's best estimates according to the understanding of the tax rules. The final tax outcome could be different from the amounts that were initially recorded, and these differences will impact the consolidated income statement in the periods in which such taxes are finalized with local tax authorities.

(c) Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax assets relating to certain temporary differences and tax losses are recognized when management considers it probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences or tax losses can be utilized. The outcome of their actual utilization may be different.

(d) Estimations for total properties construction cost

The Group estimates properties construction cost upon recognition of respective costs of sales. Such estimates are substantiated by detailed budgetary information as developed by the management, and will be assessed periodically, as the constructions progress. Should these estimates depart from their actual finalized costs, such differences would affect the accuracy of costs of sales recognized.

(e) Revenue recognition

Revenue from sales of properties is recognised over the period when the Group's performance do not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date; otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the buyer obtains control of the completed property. The Group may not change or substitute the property unit or redirect the property unit for another use due to the contractual restrictions with the customer and thus the property unit does not have an alternative use to the Group. However, whether there is an enforceable right to payment depends on the terms of sales contract and the interpretation of the applicable laws that apply to the contract. Such determination requires significant judgments. The Group has obtained legal counsel opinion regarding the enforceability of the right to payment for sales contracts. Management uses judgments, based on legal counsel opinion, to classify sales contracts into those with right to payment and those without the right.

6 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

(e) Revenue recognition (Continued)

The Group recognises property development revenue over the period by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation at the reporting date. The progress is measured based on the Group's efforts or inputs to the satisfaction of the performance obligation, by reference to the contract costs incurred up to the end of reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each property unit in the contract. The Group calculated the cost allocation based on type of properties, gross and saleable floor areas. Significant judgments and estimations are required in determining the completeness of the estimated total costs and the accuracy of progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation at the reporting date. Changes in cost estimates in future periods can have effect on the Group's revenue recognised. In making the above estimations, the Group relies on past experience and work of contractors and, if appropriate, surveyors.

(f) Estimated impairment of assets

The Group tests at least annually whether assets have suffered any impairment in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 3.10. Assets are also reviewed for impairment, whenever events or changes in circumstances that may cause the carrying amounts of the assets to exceed their recoverable amounts. The recoverable amount of an asset or a cash generating unit is determined as the higher of cash generating unit's fair value less cost to sell and its value-in-use which requires the use of assumptions and estimates. In 2019, based on such reviews the directors have determined that certain of Group's properties under development (Note 20) and completed properties held for sale (Note 24) were impaired, and relevant provision had been made.

(g) Impairment of financial assets

The loss allowances for financial assets are based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rates. The Group uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the Group's past history, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period. Details of the key assumptions and inputs used are disclosed in the tables in Note 5.

(h) Determination of the lease term

In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated).

7 SEGMENT INFORMATION

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the chief operating committee (the "Committee") that are used to make strategic decisions.

The Committee considers the business from both a geographic and product perspective. From the product perspective, management considers the performance of property development and property investment. Property development businesses are further segregated geographically.

Other operations as carried out by the Group mainly include property management services, property sales agency services, as well as upfitting services. These are not included within the reportable operating segments, as they are not included in the reports provided to the Committee. The results of these operations are included in the "All other segments" column.

The Committee assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of operating profit. This measurement basis excludes the effects of non-recurring expenditure from the operating segments. Finance costs and corporate finance income are not included in the result for each operating segment that is reviewed by the Committee, as they are driven by activities of the central treasury function, which manages the cash position of the Group. The measure also excludes the effects of any unrealized gains from investments in joint ventures and associates as well as fair value gains from investment properties and corporate overheads. Other information provided to the Committee, except as noted below, is measured in a manner consistent with that in the financial statements.

Total segment assets exclude corporate cash and cash equivalents, investments in joint ventures and associates, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and deferred income tax assets, all of which are managed on a central basis. Total segment liabilities exclude borrowings, deferred income tax liabilities and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, all of which are managed on a central basis as well. These are part of the reconciliation to total balance sheet assets and liabilities.

Transactions between segments are carried out at arm's length. The revenue from external parties reported to the Committee is measured in a manner consistent with that in the consolidated income statement.

7 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The segment information provided to the Committee for the reportable segments for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

	Property development							Total
	Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei	Yangtze River Delta	Yangtze Mid-stream and Chengdu-Chongqing	Pearl River Delta	Others	Investment property	All other segments	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2019								
Total revenue	12,520,979	8,756,308	5,816,982	10,753,054	5,272,759	696,250	11,149,096	54,965,428
Inter-segment revenue	(1,269)	-	-	(18,518)	-	(18,077)	(4,001,074)	(4,038,938)
Revenue (from external customers)	12,519,710	8,756,308	5,816,982	10,734,536	5,272,759	678,173	7,148,022	50,926,490
Segment operating profit	2,395,490	918,890	505,025	2,806,522	586,417	290,719	2,967,480	10,470,543
Depreciation and amortization (Note 40)	(16,957)	(3,915)	(775)	(6,027)	(536)	(475)	(237,843)	(266,528)
Year ended 31 December 2018								
Total revenue	9,603,837	6,968,862	4,150,029	8,018,733	7,113,782	1,105,395	9,003,598	45,964,236
Inter-segment revenue	(81,416)	(218,170)	-	(53,424)	(9,561)	(28,805)	(4,150,761)	(4,542,137)
Revenue (from external customers)	9,522,421	6,750,692	4,150,029	7,965,309	7,104,221	1,076,590	4,852,837	41,422,099
Segment operating profit	1,638,437	1,161,292	271,029	2,523,464	1,435,041	747,944	679,916	8,457,123
Depreciation and amortization (Note 40)	(2,221)	(1,246)	(500)	(1,289)	(726)	(898)	(89,060)	(95,940)
As at 31 December 2019								
Total segment assets	29,136,779	27,139,851	14,467,982	19,635,419	13,256,552	13,968,275	88,409,442	206,014,300
Additions to non-current assets (other than financial instruments and deferred income tax assets)	3,593	2,441	753	1,462	118	829,306	2,015,760	2,853,433
Total segment liabilities	15,834,204	16,320,481	5,266,442	9,691,546	8,722,999	691,947	34,655,477	91,183,096
As at 31 December 2018								
Total segment assets	32,535,979	16,035,925	13,350,224	28,608,288	15,042,635	18,311,388	88,006,682	211,891,121
Additions to non-current assets (other than financial instruments and deferred income tax assets)	56	2,842	1,614	1,371	4,291	4,806,533	2,027,106	6,843,813
Total segment liabilities	22,233,398	7,320,687	6,733,471	15,732,406	10,041,201	1,324,583	31,434,901	94,820,647

7 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

A reconciliation of segment operating profit to profit before income tax is provided as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Segment operating profit	10,470,543	8,457,123
Corporate finance income	71,177	49,420
Corporate overheads	(738,156)	(613,121)
Fair value gains on investment properties (Note 13)	373,381	2,361,070
Other gains — net (Note 39)	698,520	1,339,960
Finance costs (Note 42)	(2,393,714)	(1,774,760)
Share of results of joint ventures	1,519,370	1,103,464
Share of results of associates	415,361	52,065
Profit before income tax	10,416,482	10,975,221

7 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Reportable and other segments' assets and liabilities are reconciled to total assets and liabilities as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Total segment assets	206,014,300	211,891,121
Corporate cash and cash equivalents	2,615,636	3,993,503
Investments in joint ventures (Note 15)	17,355,309	20,330,505
Investments in associates (Note 16)	6,846,347	7,177,355
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 18)	2,715,647	679,952
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 19)	6,712,378	4,144,149
Deferred income tax assets (Note 34)	1,439,498	1,145,474
Total assets per consolidated balance sheet	243,699,115	249,362,059
Total segment liabilities	91,183,096	94,820,647
Current borrowings (Note 33)	9,295,332	15,424,825
Non-current borrowings (Note 33)	74,611,619	73,150,254
Deferred income tax liabilities (Note 34)	2,946,869	2,680,889
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 37)	51,104	146,939
Total liabilities per consolidated balance sheet	178,088,020	186,223,554

For the year ended 31 December 2019, included in the revenue of sales of properties, RMB39,849,341,000 was recognised as a point in time, RMB3,250,954,000 was recognised over the period due to the adoption of HKFRS 15.

The Company is incorporated in Hong Kong, with most of its major subsidiaries domiciled in the PRC. Revenues from external customers of the Group are mainly derived in the PRC for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018.

As at 31 December 2019, total non-current assets other than financial instruments and deferred income tax assets located in the PRC is RMB38,178,235,000 (2018: RMB45,638,734,000), the total of these non-current assets located in Hong Kong is RMB431,394,000 (2018: RMB410,635,000) and in the United States is RMB1,292,270,000 (2018: RMB1,279,178,000).

For the year ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, the Group does not have any single customer with the transaction value over 10% of the total external sales.

8 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings and leasehold improvements RMB'000	Machinery RMB'000	Vehicles RMB'000	Office equipment RMB'000	Electronic equipment RMB'000	Construction in progress RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2019							
Opening net book amount	692,996	333,134	14,023	51,435	54,204	1,266,451	2,412,243
Additions	48,145	12,117	1,879	26,191	9,520	453,512	551,364
Acquisition of subsidiaries	160	605	663	2,723	852	-	5,003
Transfer	1,086,679	207,661	-	-	-	(1,294,340)	-
Transfer from properties under development (Note 20)	-	-	-	-	-	1,018,867	1,018,867
Transfer to Investment properties	(47,276)	-	-	-	-	-	(47,276)
Disposals	(4,873)	(3,439)	(186)	(13,160)	(5,417)	-	(27,075)
Depreciation charge (Note 40)	(35,619)	(31,851)	(3,029)	(15,909)	(9,972)	-	(96,380)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(1,026,340)	(515,802)	(658)	(15,302)	(2,814)	(480,510)	(2,041,426)
Closing net book amount	713,872	2,425	12,692	35,978	46,373	963,980	1,775,320
At 31 December 2019							
Cost	839,399	6,040	56,251	122,947	113,233	963,980	2,101,850
Accumulated depreciation	(125,527)	(3,615)	(43,559)	(86,969)	(66,860)	-	(326,530)
Net book amount	713,872	2,425	12,692	35,978	46,373	963,980	1,775,320
Year ended 31 December 2018							
Opening net book amount	292,089	4,309	14,985	27,896	63,236	858,873	1,261,388
Additions	54,969	1,946	4,862	48,890	6,674	759,757	877,098
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	344,461	882	183	503	118,845	464,874
Transfer	467,765	3,259	-	-	-	(471,024)	-
Transfer from Investment properties (Note 13)	46,639	-	-	-	-	-	46,639
Disposals	(5,642)	(76)	(1,262)	(757)	(1,360)	-	(9,097)
Depreciation charge (Note 40)	(16,961)	(20,332)	(4,670)	(20,058)	(14,644)	-	(76,665)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(145,863)	(433)	(774)	(4,719)	(205)	-	(151,994)
Closing net book amount	692,996	333,134	14,023	51,435	54,204	1,266,451	2,412,243
At 31 December 2018							
Cost	793,406	414,791	62,914	127,049	120,607	1,266,451	2,785,218
Accumulated depreciation	(100,410)	(81,657)	(48,891)	(75,614)	(66,403)	-	(372,975)
Net book amount	692,996	333,134	14,023	51,435	54,204	1,266,451	2,412,243

8 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Depreciation expense of RMB67,528,000 (2018: RMB59,255,000) has been charged in "cost of sales", RMB28,852,000 (2018: RMB17,410,000) in "administrative expenses".

Construction in progress as at 31 December 2019 and 2018 represents building and machinery being constructed and debugged mainly in Beijing, Dalian, Hangzhou, Guangzhou, Changzhou and Suzhou with intent use of senior housing or health care related services and operation of data centers.

As at 31 December 2019, Property, plant and equipments of the Group with carrying values of RMB80,194,000 (2018: RMB67,971,000), respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

9 LEASES

(a) Amounts recognised in the balance sheet

The balance sheet shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	As at 31 December 2019 RMB'000	As at 1 January 2019 RMB'000
Right-of-use assets		
Buildings	190,472	2,562,826
Equipment	153	634
Vehicles	244	73
Total right-of-use assets per consolidated balance sheet	190,869	2,563,533
Lease liabilities		
Current	64,223	247,437
Non-current	130,257	2,280,381
Total lease liabilities per consolidated balance sheet	194,480	2,527,818

For adjustments recognised on adoption of HKFRS 16 on 1 January 2019, please refer to Note 4.

Decrease of the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities during this year is mainly due to the disposal of the relevant business line (Note 49 (b)(c)).

9 LEASES (Continued)

(b) Amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss

The statement of profit or loss shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets		
Buildings	(152,825)	-
Equipment	(115)	-
Vehicles	(352)	-
Total	(153,292)	-
Interest expense (Note 42)	72,222	-

(c) The Group's leasing activities and how these are accounted for

The Group mainly leases various offices. Rental contracts are typically made for fixed periods of 15 months to 15 years.

Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

10 LAND USE RIGHTS

The Group's interests in land use rights represent prepaid operating lease payments in the PRC which are held on leases of less than 50 years (including 50 years). The movements are as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	235,794	59,535
Addition	132,439	179,676
Transfer from properties under development (Note 20)	340,391	–
Amortization charge (Note 40)	(5,056)	(3,417)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries (Note 49)	(523,002)	–
At end of the year	180,566	235,794

As at 31 December 2019, Land use rights of the Group with carrying values of RMB5,112,000 (2018: RMB5,245,000), respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

11 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	453,278	–
Addition	113	29,468
Acquisition of subsidiaries	–	439,668
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries (Note 49(a))	(412,009)	–
Amortization charge (Note 40)	(11,800)	(15,858)
At end of the year	29,582	453,278

12 GOODWILL

	RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2019	
Opening net book amount	514,039
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(324,463)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	35,560
Derecognition of goodwill (Note 40)	(29,428)
Closing net book amount	195,708
At 31 December 2019	
Cost	321,235
Impairment charge	(125,527)
Net book amount	195,708
Year ended 31 December 2018	
Opening net book amount	99,168
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	(9,582)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	578,963
Derecognition of goodwill (Note 40)	(154,510)
Closing net book amount	514,039
At 31 December 2018	
Cost	639,566
Impairment charge	(125,527)
Net book amount	514,039

Goodwill was generated from business combination and allocated to a cash generated unit or a group of cash generated units, from the acquisition date, that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Derecognition of goodwill allocated to a cash generated unit or a group of cash generated units was recognized due to disposal of the relevant properties.

12 GOODWILL (Continued)

Goodwill is allocated to the Group's cash generating units identified according to operating segment. An operating segment level summary of the goodwill allocation is presented below:

	As at 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Property development (i)	81,677	111,104
Other (ii)	114,031	402,935
	195,708	514,039

- (i) Goodwill relating to property development arised from the acquisition of properties development companies, the impairment of such goodwill is considered together with the impairment of the inventories of the Group.
- (ii) As at 31 December 2019, such goodwill mainly arised from the companies engaging in the provision of property management service.

The recoverable amount of goodwill is determined based on value-in-use calculations, these calculations use cash flow projections based on management's financial budgets covering periods of no more than 5 years. The Group expects cash flows beyond such periods will be similar to that of the respective final forecast years on existing scale.

Key assumptions applied in the impairment test include the expected growth in revenue and gross margin, operating costs, selling and administrative expenses and discount rates and so on. Management determined these key assumptions based on past performance and its expectation on market development. Management believes that any reasonably possible change in any of these key assumption on which recoverable amounts are based may cause carrying amounts of goodwill to exceed their receivable amounts. The results of the tests undertaken as at 31 December 2019 indicated no impairment charge was necessary.

13 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Completed investment properties RMB'000	Investment properties under development RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At fair value			
Year ended 31 December 2019			
At beginning of the year	11,051,632	5,153,701	16,205,333
Additions	–	86,398	86,398
Transfers from completed properties held for sale	718,858	–	718,858
Transfer from property, plant and equipment (a)	65,084	–	65,084
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries (Note 49)	(3,726,858)	(373,674)	(4,100,532)
Currency translation differences	18,482	–	18,482
Fair value gains recognized in profit or loss	182,806	190,575	373,381
Disposal of an investment property	(2,369)	–	(2,369)
Others	(36,437)	–	(36,437)
At end of the year	8,271,198	5,057,000	13,328,198

- (a) During the year, property, plant and equipment amounting to RMB47,276,000 was transferred to investment properties. The fair value gain on the transfer date amounting to RMB17,808,000 was recognized in other comprehensive income.

	Completed investment properties RMB'000	Investment properties under development RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At fair value			
Year ended 31 December 2018			
At beginning of the year	17,279,920	–	17,279,920
Additions	627,356	187,532	814,888
Acquisition of a subsidiary	–	122,169	122,169
Transfer from properties under development (Note 20)	–	3,041,522	3,041,522
Transfer from completed properties held for sale	874,450	–	874,450
Transfer to property, plant and equipment (Note 8)	(46,639)	–	(46,639)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(8,311,000)	–	(8,311,000)
Disposal of an investment property	(8,666)	–	(8,666)
Currency translation differences	87,180	–	87,180
Fair value gains	558,592	1,802,478	2,361,070
Others	(9,561)	–	(9,561)
At end of the year	11,051,632	5,153,701	16,205,333

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13 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(a) Amounts recognized in profit or loss for investment properties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Rental income (Note 7)	678,173	1,076,590
Direct operating expenses arising from investment properties that generate rental income	(91,313)	(136,176)
Direct operating expenses that did not generate rental income	(36,717)	(69,456)
	550,143	870,958

As at 31 December 2019, the Group had no unprovided contractual obligations for future repairs and maintenance (2018: nil).

13 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs

	31 December 2019										
	Completed investment properties						Investment properties under development				
	Beijing RMB'000	Tianjin RMB'000	Dalian RMB'000	Hangzhou RMB'000	Hong Kong RMB'000	United States RMB'000	Sub-total RMB'000	Beijing RMB'000	Tianjin RMB'000	Wuhan RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Opening balance as at 1 January	5,637,646	342,000	460,000	2,977,000	355,808	1,279,178	11,051,632	4,844,000	246,026	63,675	16,205,333
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,425	119	63,854	86,398
Transfer from completed properties held for sale	-	718,858	-	-	-	-	718,858	-	-	-	718,858
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries (Note 49)	-	(718,858)	-	(3,008,000)	-	-	(3,726,858)	-	(246,145)	(127,529)	(4,100,532)
Transfer from property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	65,084	-	65,084	-	-	-	65,084
Disposal of an investment property	(2,369)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,369)	-	-	-	(2,369)
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	(6,207)	24,689	18,482	-	-	-	18,482
Net gains or losses from fair value adjustment	117,425	4,000	6,424	69,000	(2,447)	(11,596)	182,806	190,575	-	-	373,381
Others	1,987	-	(424)	(38,000)	-	-	(36,437)	-	-	-	(36,437)
Closing balance as at 31 December	5,754,689	346,000	466,000	-	412,238	1,292,271	8,271,198	5,057,000	-	-	13,328,198
Total gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2019 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year, under "Fair value gains on investment properties"	117,425	4,000	6,424	69,000	(2,447)	(11,596)	182,806	190,575	-	-	373,381
Change in unrealized gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2019 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year	117,425	4,000	6,424	69,000	(2,447)	(11,596)	182,806	190,575	-	-	373,381

13 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

	31 December 2018										
	Completed investment properties					Investment properties under development					
	Beijing RMB'000	Tianjin RMB'000	Dalian RMB'000	Hangzhou RMB'000	Hong Kong RMB'000	United States RMB'000	Sub-total RMB'000	Beijing RMB'000	Tianjin RMB'000	Wuhan RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Opening balance as at 1 January	12,239,440	1,114,000	460,000	2,565,000	315,036	586,444	17,279,920	-	-	-	17,279,920
Additions	1,672	-	-	-	34,992	590,692	627,356	-	123,857	63,675	814,888
Acquisition of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122,169	-	122,169
Transfer from completed properties held for sale	-	596,084	-	278,366	-	-	874,450	-	-	-	874,450
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(7,197,000)	(1,114,000)	-	-	-	-	(8,311,000)	-	-	-	(8,311,000)
Transfer from properties under development (Note 20)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,041,522	-	-	3,041,522
Transfer to property, plant and equipment (Note 8)	-	-	-	-	(46,639)	-	(46,639)	-	-	-	(46,639)
Disposal of an investment property	-	-	-	-	-	(8,666)	(8,666)	-	-	-	(8,666)
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	15,190	71,990	87,180	-	-	-	87,180
Net gains or losses from fair value adjustment	593,534	(234,484)	(6,113)	129,708	37,229	38,718	558,592	1,802,478	-	-	2,361,070
Others	-	(19,600)	6,113	3,926	-	-	(9,561)	-	-	-	(9,561)
Closing balance as at 31 December	5,637,646	342,000	460,000	2,977,000	355,808	1,279,178	11,051,632	4,844,000	246,026	63,675	16,205,333
Total gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2018 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year, under "Fair value gains on investment properties"	593,534	(234,484)	(6,113)	129,708	37,229	38,718	558,592	1,802,478	-	-	2,361,070
Change in unrealized gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2018 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year	593,534	(234,484)	(6,113)	129,708	37,229	38,718	558,592	1,802,478	-	-	2,361,070

13 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

Valuation processes of the Group

The Group measures its investment properties at fair value. The investment properties were mainly revalued by DTZ Cushman & Wakefield Limited, BMI Appraisals Limited and Colliers International, independent qualified valuers not related to the Group, who hold recognized relevant professional qualifications and have recent experiences in the location and segments of the investment properties valued, at 31 December 2019. For all investment properties, their current use equates to the highest and best use.

The Group's finance department reviews the valuations performed by the independent valuers for financial reporting purposes and reports directly to the senior management. Discussions of valuation processes and results are held between the management and valuers after each valuation by the independent qualified valuers, which is normally done once every six months, in line with the Group's interim and annual reporting dates.

At each financial year end the finance department:

- Verifies all major inputs to the independent valuation report;
- Assess property valuations movements when compared to the prior year valuation report;
- Holds discussions with the independent qualified valuers.

Valuation techniques

Fair values of completed commercial properties in Beijing, Tianjin, Dalian, Hangzhou, Hong Kong and the United States are generally derived using the income capitalization method. These valuation methods are based on the capitalization of the net income and reversionary income potential by adopting appropriate capitalization rates, which are derived from analysis of sale transactions and valuers' interpretation of prevailing investor requirements or expectations. The prevailing market rents adopted in the valuation have reference to recent lettings, within the subject properties and other comparable properties.

Fair values of completed residential properties and commercial property in the United States is generally derived using the comparison approach by reference to recent sales price of comparable properties on a price per square feet basis, adjusted for a premium or a discount specific to the quality of the Group's building compared to the recent sales. Higher premium for higher quality buildings will result in a higher fair value measurement.

Fair value of under development commercial property in Beijing is generally derived from residual method. Residual method is essentially a means of valuing the land by reference to its development potential by deducting development costs together with developer's profit margin and risk from the estimated capital value of the proposed development assuming completion as at the date of valuation.

13 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

There were no changes to the valuation techniques during the year and there were no transfers between fair value hierarchy during the year.

Significant unobservable inputs used to determine fair value

- Completed investment properties

Description	Fair value at 31 Dec 2019 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Range of significant unobservable inputs		Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
			Prevailing market rents	Capitalization rates (%)	
Completed investment properties — Beijing	5,754,691	Income capitalization	RMB35 to RMB575 per month per square meter	6.25 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Tianjin	346,000	Income capitalization	RMB62 to RMB291 per month per square meter	3.50 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Dalian	466,000	Income capitalization	RMB67 to RMB112 per month per square meter	4.50 to 6.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Hong Kong	412,237	Income capitalization	HKD60 to HKD70 per month per square feet	2.80 to 3.50	N/A
Completed investment properties — United States	340,439	Income capitalization	USD5 per month per square feet	6.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — United States	951,831	Comparison approach	N/A	N/A	-20.00 to 10.00

Significant unobservable inputs used to determine fair value

- Investment properties under development

Description	Fair value at 31 Dec 2019 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Prevailing market rents	Range of significant unobservable inputs		Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
				Capitalization rates (%)	Cost to completion	
Investment properties under development — Beijing	5,057,000	Residual method	RMB421 to RMB702 per month per square meter	4.00 to 6.50	RMB13,804 per square meter	N/A

13 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

Significant unobservable inputs used to determine fair value

- Completed investment properties

Description	Fair value at 31 Dec 2018 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Range of significant unobservable inputs		Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
			Prevailing market rents	Capitalization rates (%)	
Completed investment properties — Beijing	5,637,646	Income capitalization	RMB31 to RMB555 per month per square meter	6.25 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Tianjin	342,000	Income capitalization	RMB61 to RMB325 per month per square meter	3.50 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Dalian	460,000	Income capitalization	RMB67 to RMB111 per month per square meter	4.50 to 6.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Hangzhou	2,977,000	Income capitalization	RMB87 to RMB538 per month per square meter	3.50 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Hong Kong	355,808	Income capitalization	HKD19 to HKD63 per month per square feet	2.30 to 3.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — United States	347,634	Income capitalization	USD5 per month per square feet	6.75	N/A
Completed investment properties — United States	931,544	Comparison approach	N/A	N/A	-20.00 to 16.00

Significant unobservable inputs used to determine fair value

- Investment properties under development

Description	Fair value at 31 Dec 2018 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Prevailing market rents	Range of significant unobservable inputs			Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
				Capitalization rates (%)	Estimated price	Cost to completion	
Investment properties under development — Beijing	4,844,000	Residual method taking reference to comparison approach	RMB441 to RMB735 per month per square meter	4.50 to 6.50	RMB11,186 to RMB75,346 per square meter	RMB14,992 per square meter	N/A
Investment properties under development — Tianjin	246,026	Comparison approach	N/A	N/A	RMB75 to RMB3,033 per square meter	N/A	-2.00 to 19.00
Investment properties under development — Wuhan	63,675	Comparison approach	N/A	N/A	RMB361 to RMB1,318 per square meter	N/A	0.00 to 10.00

13 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

Prevailing market rents are estimated based on valuers' view of recent lettings, within the subject properties and other comparable properties. The lower the rents, the lower the fair value.

Capitalization rates are estimated by valuers based on the risk profile of the properties being valued. The higher the rates, the lower the fair value.

Premium or discount for quality of properties are estimated by valuers based on quality of properties, such as location, size, view, level and condition of the properties.

(c) Non-current assets pledged as security

As at 31 December 2019 and 2018, investment properties of the Group with carrying values of RMB3,615,439,000 and RMB3,438,577,000, respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

As at 31 December 2018, investment properties of the Group with carrying values of RMB2,565,000,000, respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group's capital instrument.

14 SUBSIDIARIES

The following is a list of the subsidiaries as at 31 December 2019 which, in the opinion of the directors, materially affect the results or assets of the Group:

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2019	2018	2019	2018
(1) Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited 遠洋控股集團(中國)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB7,064,870	100%	100%	-	-
(2) 遠洋國際建設有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Renovation service in PRC	RMB600,000	100%	100%	-	-
(3) 北京遠盛置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(4) Beijing Yuankun Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京遠坤房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB500,000	100%	100%	-	-
(5) 北京萬洋世紀創業投資管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Consultant service in PRC	RMB341,000	100%	100%	-	-
(6) 北京碧城創業投資管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Consultant service in PRC	RMB336,000	100%	100%	-	-
(7) Beijing Qianyan Property Co., Ltd. 北京乾遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holdings in PRC	RMB300,000	100%	100%	-	-
(8) Beijing Yuan Yang Building Co., Ltd. 北京遠洋大廈有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment property in PRC	USD30,000	72%	72%	28%	28%
(9) Beijing Wuhe Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京五河房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Land development in PRC	RMB100,000	75%	75%	25%	25%
(10) Beijing Jun De Land Development Company Limited 北京駿德置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB90,000	100%	100%	-	-
(11) Beijing Dong Long Real Estate Development Co., Ltd. 北京東隆房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD12,370	85.72%	85.72%	14.28%	14.28%
(12) Beijing Jin He Wan Sheng Real Estate Development Company Limited 北京金和萬盛房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Land development in PRC	RMB75,000	100%	100%	-	-

14 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2019	2018	2019	2018
(13) Beijing Yuan Hao Land Development Company, Limited 北京遠豪置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB60,000	100%	100%	-	-
(14) Beijing Yuan He Real Estate Development Company Limited 北京遠河房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(15) Beijing Tianlin Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京市天麟房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(16) 北京遠東新地置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(17) Beijing Yin Gang Real Estate Development Company Limited 北京銀港房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Investment holdings in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(18) Beijing Yuan-lian Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京遠聯置地房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(19) Tianjin Pulida Real Estate Construction and Development Company Limited 天津普利達房地產建設開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB420,000	100%	100%	-	-
(20) Sino-Ocean Real Estate (Tianjin) Co., Ltd. 遠洋地產(天津)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Investment holding in PRC	RMB170,000	100%	100%	-	-
(21) 天津宇華房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(22) Tianjin Yuanying Real Estate Development Company, Limited 天津市遠贏置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(23) 大連新悅置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD241,000	100%	100%	-	-
(24) 大連匯洋置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD66,122	100%	100%	-	-
(25) 大連廣宇置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD363,200	100%	100%	-	-

14 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

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				2019	2018	2019	2018
(26) 大連世甲置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD167,850	100%	100%	-	-
(27) Dalian Sunny-Ocean Property Limited 大連明遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD80,000	100%	100%	-	-
(28) 大連永圖置業有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD119,500	100%	100%	-	-
(29) Dalian Sky-Upright Property Limited 大連正乾置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD76,860	100%	100%	-	-
(30) 大連至遠置業有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD69,754	100%	100%	-	-
(31) 大連源豐置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD50,700	100%	100%	-	-
(32) 大連遠佳產業園開發有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD35,000	100%	100%	-	-
(33) Dalian Kaimeng Real Estate Co., Ltd. 大連凱盟房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB150,000	100%	100%	-	-
(34) 大連通遠房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Land development in PRC	RMB8,000	100%	100%	-	-
(35) 遠洋地產(遼寧)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(36) 長春東方聯合置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB200,000	100%	100%	-	-
(37) 青島遠豪置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB150,000	100%	100%	-	-
(38) 遠洋地產(上海)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-

14 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2019	2018	2019	2018
(39) 上海遠望置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(40) 大連鑫融置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD120,000	100%	100%	-	-
(41) 遠洋地產(中山)開發有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	RMB720,000	100%	100%	-	-
(42) 中山市遠見房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(43) 天基房地產開發(深圳)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	HKD160,000	84.70%	84.70%	15.30%	15.30%
(44) 三亞南國奧林匹克花園有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB64,100	100%	100%	-	-
(45) 海南浙江椰香村建設開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB15,000	100%	100%	-	-
(46) 北京天江通譽置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Investment property in PRC	RMB4,123,112	100%	100%	-	-
(47) 天津遠頤房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(48) 大連利遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD143,410	100%	100%	-	-
(49) 中山市遠恆房地產開發有限公司 ("Zhongshan Yuanheng")	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB4,050,000	51%	51%	49%	49%
(50) 遠洋養老運營管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Senior housing service in PRC	RMB500,000	100%	100%	-	-
(51) Tianjin Yuan-bin Real Estate Development Company, Limited 天津市遠濱房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB600,000	100%	100%	-	-

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				2019	2018	2019	2018
(52) 大連宏宇置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(53) 北京遠山置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(54) 中山市博信房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	51%	-	49%
(55) 盈創再生資源有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Environmental technology in PRC	RMB361,670	96.19%	92.53%	3.81%	7.47%
(56) 青島遠洋華歐置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(57) 悅軒(天津)置業投資有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB350,000	100%	100%	-	-
(58) 上海銳盈置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB145,000	100%	100%	-	-
(59) 深圳市樂安房地產有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(60) 杭州雨潤華府房地產有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(61) 杭州遠鼎盛安置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB444,140	51%	51%	49%	49%
(62) 北京遠新資產管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Investment property in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(63) 中山市彩虹投資管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Investment management in PRC	RMB28,000	100%	100%	-	-
(64) 北京市佳利華經濟開發有限責任公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Senior housing service in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-

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				2019	2018	2019	2018
(65) 遠洋健康醫療投資管理(北京)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Health & medical service in PRC	RMB10,000	65%	65%	35%	35%
(66) Ocean Homeplus Property Service Corporation Limited 遠洋德家物業服務股份有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property Management in PRC	RMB104,000	100%	100%	-	-
(67) 上海遠匯置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB2,200,000	100%	100%	-	-
(68) 深圳市金楓房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	60%	60%	40%	40%
(69) 深圳市高誠達投資發展有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	80%	80%	20%	20%
(70) 三亞德商房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD30,000	100%	98.27%	-	1.73%
(71) 北京信馳置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(72) 南京金遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB33,330	70%	70%	30%	30%
(73) 杭州宸遠招盛置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	50%	50%	50%	50%
(74) 上海椿萱茂養老服務有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Senior housing service in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(75) 湖北福星惠譽常青置業有限公司 ("Hubei Fuxing")	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	51%	61%	49%	39%
(76) 北京遠創置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB300,000	75%	75%	25%	25%
(77) 杭州宜品房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB170,000	100%	100%	-	-

14 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

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				2019	2018	2019	2018
(78) 北京邦捨置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Apartment service in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(79) 北京遠奧置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(80) 天津濱海房地產經營有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	60%	60%	40%	40%
(81) 秦皇島市海洋置業房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(82) 遠洋地產鎮江有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	55%	55%	45%	45%
(83) 瀋陽銀基新世紀置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB150,000	100%	100%	-	-
(84) 廣州市遠翔房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB1,800,000	100%	100%	-	-
(85) 青島遠佳置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB666,670	100%	100%	-	-
(86) 北京遠川房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(87) 成都恆茂置地有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(88) 溧陽宏景房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB300,000	40%	40%	60%	60%
(89) 台州環命置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	40%	40%	60%	60%
(90) 河北遠坤房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-

14 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2019	2018	2019	2018
(91) 南京遠乾置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(92) 西安遠洋中央公園置業有限責任公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD80,000	100%	100%	-	-
(93) 天津城投濱海房地產經營有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB200,000	64.28%	64.28%	35.72%	35.72%
(94) 中山市遠昇房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,400	75%	75%	25%	25%
(95) 重慶遠香房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB32,108	50%	50%	50%	50%
(96) 重慶遠基房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB667,000	50%	50%	50%	50%
(97) 北京商務中心區開發建設有限責任公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Land development in PRC	RMB680,850	47%	47%	53%	53%
(98) 大連宏澤置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	USD15,000	100%	100%	-	-
(99) 福州世遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	50%	-	50%	-
(100) 山西明遠房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	80%	-	20%	-
(101) 貴州築宸府置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB-	80%	-	20%	-
(102) 秦皇島潤海房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB636,000	100%	-	-	-

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				2019	2018	2019	2018
(103) 秦皇島潤濱房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB212,000	100%	-	-	-
(104) 秦皇島潤鴻房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB21,200	100%	-	-	-
(105) 秦皇島潤澤房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB21,200	100%	-	-	-
(106) 秦皇島潤港房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB21,200	100%	-	-	-
(107) 秦皇島潤鑫房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB21,200	100%	-	-	-
(108) 上海崇遠企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	-	-	-
(109) 茂名市錦繡河山房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB19,000	51%	-	49%	-
(110) 龍巖遠盛房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB-	51%	-	49%	-
(111) 上海潤翔商務諮詢有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB161,925	56.77%	-	43.23%	-
(112) 上海攬海房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB229,325	41.03%	-	58.97%	-
(113) 上海雋品置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	51%	-	49%	-
(114) 杭州雋遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	51%	-	49%	-
(115) 昆明滇洱房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB12,500	70%	-	30%	-

14 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

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				2019	2018	2019	2018
(116) 蘇州奧遠房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	34%	-	66%	-
(117) 湖南樂住置業投資有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	95%	-	5%	-
(118) 石家莊遠俊房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB-	51%	-	49%	-
(119) 貴陽遠匯房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	-	-	-
(120) 天津遠洋匯基置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB-	100%	-	-	-
(121) 大連盈合置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB-	100%	-	-	-
(122) 宜興遠博置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	-	-	-
(123) 大連峰景美墅地產發展有限公司	PRC, Limited liability Company	Property development in PRC	RMB181,614	100%	-	-	-
(124) Sino-Ocean Land (Hong Kong) Limited 遠洋地產(香港)有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD10	100%	100%	-	-
(125) Gemini Investments (Holdings) Limited 盛洋投資(控股)有限公司	Hong Kong, HK Listed Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD22,550	69.23%	69.23%	30.77%	30.77%
(126) Shine Wind Development Limited 耀勝發展有限公司	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD10	100%	100%	-	-
(127) Mission Success Limited 穎博有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(128) Dynamic Class Limited 昇能有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(129) Mega Precise Profits Limited	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD-	100%	100%	-	-
(130) Smart State Properties Limited	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD-	100%	100%	-	-

14 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2019	2018	2019	2018
(131) Faith Ocean International Limited 信洋國際有限公司	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD-	100%	100%	-	-
(132) World Luck Corporation Limited 寰福有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(133) Fame Gain Holdings Limited 名得控股有限公司	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD-	100%	100%	-	-
(134) Sino-Ocean Land Property Development Limited 遠洋地產國際發展有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD20	100%	100%	-	-
(135) Fast Fame Capital Investment Limited 迅榮創富有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(136) Steed Wind Limited 驥風有限公司	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	HKD-	50%	50%	50%	50%
(137) Max Star Ent. Ltd 盛星企業有限公司	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	RMB667,010	50%	50%	50%	50%
(138) Glory Soar Limited 軒騰有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	50%	50%	50%	50%
(139) Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance I Limited	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(140) Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance II Limited	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(141) Sino-Ocean Land Treasure III Limited	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(142) Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(143) Ample Base Developments Limited 基博發展有限公司	BVI, Limited Company	Property development in Hong Kong	HKD-	100%	-	-	-
(144) Alpha Advent Ventures Limited	BVI, Limited Company	Property development in Hong Kong	HKD1,163	100%	-	-	-
(145) New Advance Limited	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Property development in Hong Kong	HKD1,000	100%	-	-	-

14 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(a) Material non-controlling interests

The total non-controlling interest as at 31 December 2019 is RMB15,703,909,000 which mainly consists of non-controlling interest of RMB2,039,252,000 and non-controlling interest of RMB430,371,000 deriving from Zhongshan Yuanheng and Hubei Fuxing being 51% and 51% owned subsidiaries, respectively. The non-controlling interest in respect of other subsidiaries is not material.

Cash and short-term deposits held by Zhongshan Yuanheng and Hubei Fuxing amounted to RMB403,184,000 in aggregate are held in China and are subject to local exchange control regulations. These local exchange control regulations provide for restrictions on exporting capital from the country, other than through normal dividends.

Set out below are the summarized financial information for each subsidiary that has non-controlling interests that are material to the Group.

Summarized balance sheet

	Zhongshan Yuanheng		Hubei Fuxing	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Current				
Assets	4,290,452	4,096,453	2,619,749	4,169,215
Liabilities	(155,278)	(383,869)	(1,669,058)	(3,442,983)
Total current net assets	4,135,174	3,712,584	950,691	726,232
Non-current				
Assets	26,565	404,344	216,617	652,534
Liabilities	-	-	(289,000)	(742,000)
Total non-current net assets	26,565	404,344	(72,383)	(89,466)
Net assets	4,161,739	4,116,928	878,308	636,766
Accumulated non-controlling Interest	2,039,252	2,017,295	430,371	248,339

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Summarized income statement

	Zhongshan Yuanheng		Hubei Fuxing	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Revenue	98,848	819,900	2,567,705	1,649,323
Profit before income tax	65,785	324,793	528,563	152,107
Income tax expense	(23,016)	(133,453)	(157,068)	(52,654)
Post-tax profit	42,769	191,340	371,495	99,453
Total comprehensive income	42,769	191,340	371,495	99,453
Total comprehensive income allocated to non-controlling interests	20,957	93,757	182,032	38,787

Summarized cash flows

	Zhongshan Yuanheng		Hubei Fuxing	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities				
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(320,395)	(3,507,382)	19,397	(303,714)
Interest paid	–	(267,137)	(69,490)	(40,878)
Income tax paid	(75,557)	–	(138,687)	(54,995)
Net cash used in operating activities	(395,952)	(3,774,519)	(188,780)	(399,587)
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	392,679	(267,853)	919,723	(127,064)
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities	–	3,950,000	(352,990)	227,000
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(3,273)	(92,372)	377,953	(299,651)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	5,611	97,983	22,893	322,544
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	2,338	5,611	400,846	22,893

The information above is the amount before inter-company eliminations.

15 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	20,330,505	14,720,119
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	–	1,503
Capital injection	2,648,574	6,047,711
Dividend	(611,301)	(490,773)
Disposal	(1,633,415)	(436)
Deemed disposal of joint ventures	(2,082,769)	–
Increase due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries (Note 49(e))	170,541	361,542
Decrease due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary (Note 49(a))	(2,870,370)	–
Share of results of joint ventures — after adjustment for unrealized profit or loss from inter-company transactions between the Group and the joint ventures	1,389,216	1,030,107
Share of other equity movement of equity accounted investee (i)	–	(1,463,874)
Currency translation difference	14,328	124,606
At end of the year	17,355,309	20,330,505

(i) This represents the share of the changes in other comprehensive income of the joint venture of the Group.

15 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2019, all of which are unlisted:

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(1) Beijing Linlian Property Company Limited 北京麟聯置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB400,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(2) Chengdu Qianhao Real Estate Company Limited 成都乾豪置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	USD329,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(3) Chengdu Yingang Real Estate Company Limited 成都銀港置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB8,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(4) 北京遠騰置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,820,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(5) 深圳市遠盛業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB200,000	51%	51%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(6) 北京遠洋新光商業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB5,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(7) 北京遠新房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(8) 北京遠洋新揚子資產管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB2,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(9) 鴻基偉業(北京)房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(10) 北京房地鑫洋房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	30%	30%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(11) Tianjin Yijiahe Real Estate Company Limited 天津市億嘉合置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB80,000	51%	51%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(12) 南京綠洋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(13) Gemini-Rosemont Realty LLC	USA	Limited liability Company	USD68,360	45%	45%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(14) SOL Investment Fund LP	Cayman island	Limited Liability Partnership	HKD2,679,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(15) 香河萬潤新元房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB85,000	20%	20%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(16) 北京穎暉置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development

15 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2019, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(17) 北京房地天銳鑫洋房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB41,180	30%	30%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(18) 上海新證財經信息諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB142,500	45%	45%	(ii), (v)	Consulting service
(19) 中山市大信融佳商業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	50%	25%	(iv)	Investment management
(20) 北京卓信瑞通投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	33%	33%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(21) 天津旭浩房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB120,000	25%	25%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(22) 北京紫金長寧房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB198,500	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(23) 北京中聯置地房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB560,000	49%	49%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(24) 信銀振華三號房地產私募投資基金	PRC	Limited Liability partnership	RMB8,100,000	33%	33%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(25) 天津市遠銘置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	42%	42%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(26) 北京新揚子投資基金管理中心(有限合夥)	PRC	Limited Liability partnership	RMB1,000,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(27) 廊坊市裕豐房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	25.5%	51%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(28) 北京房地銘洋房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	49%	49%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(29) 武漢遠慧企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	15%	15%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(30) 武漢遠正企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	15%	15%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(31) 張家口富利嘉房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	60%	60%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(32) 河北川匯房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB5,000	51%	51%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(33) 石家莊永熹房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	20%	20%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(34) 深圳市遠康置地投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	65%	65%	(i), (iv)	Investment management

15 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2019, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(35) 長春王府井遠洋商業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	40%	40%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(36) 中山祥盛房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(37) 深圳市奧益投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	55%	55%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(38) 合肥永拓置業發展有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB400,000	25%	25%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(39) 深圳市國通厚德房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	70%	70%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(40) 鄭州建業十八城置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB200,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(41) 北京潭拓興業房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB300,000	10%	10%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(42) 北京遠創興茂置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	40%	40%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(43) 昆明吉興遠房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB200,000	20%	55%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(44) 愛車(天津)房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB150,000	49.98%	49.98%	(iii)	Land and property development
(45) 贏家(天津)房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB850,000	49.98%	49.98%	(iii)	Land and property development
(46) 山西龍城遠洋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	44%	44%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(47) 成都嘉昱房地產有限責任公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	60%	60%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(48) 北京創遠亦程置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(49) 佛山昱辰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(50) 太倉遠匯置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB200,000	34%	34%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(51) 北京遠和置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB810,000	25%	25%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(52) 杭州雋洋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	49%	49%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development

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15 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2019, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(53) 珠海市遠致房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	70%	70%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(54) 河南優居房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	25.5%	51%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(55) 上海遠緒置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(56) 天津吉慶置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB30,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(57) 鄭州遠啟博奧企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	70%	70%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(58) 鄭州博鼎企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	55%	55%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(59) 北京遠創興城置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(60) 中山市遠聞房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB40,000	51%	50%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(61) 中山市遠隆房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	70%	70%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(62) 北京百思得科技服務有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	30%	30%	(ii), (v)	Sanitation service
(63) 中山盛哲房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB20,000	30%	30%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(64) 重慶國際高爾夫俱樂部有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB96,290	42.5%	42.5%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(65) 西安恆正隆房地產有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	34%	51%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(66) 遠洋邦置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB200,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(67) 北京穎融企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	70%	70%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(68) 北京穎創企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	70%	70%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(69) 長沙遠曜投資管理合夥企業	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB632,642	24.96%	49.92%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(70) 北京樂優富拓投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	25%	25%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management

15 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2019, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(71) 嘉興金久房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB8,000	33%	33%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(72) 龍洋生命(開曼)有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB184,600	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(73) SO CTCO Investments, L.P.	Cayman island	Limited liability company	USD100,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(74) 石家莊新聯遠鴻房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB100,000	31%	51%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(75) 石家莊州賀房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB5,000	31%	51%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(76) 河北裕悅房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	55%	55%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(77) 西安遠瑞置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	60%	60%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(78) 溫州龍巖陵園有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	USD66,700	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(79) 天津市遠馳房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB400,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(80) 北京睿輝商業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(81) 北京睿鴻商業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB1,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(82) 濟南全眾信息科技有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB50,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(83) Sino-Ocean Meridian Holding	USA	Limited liability company	USD33,333	40%	40%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(84) TSKY Carirnhill Pte. Ltd	SG	Limited liability company	USD20,000	30%	—	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(85) 杭州遠洋新河酒店置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	USD132,590	60%	100%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(86) 杭州遠洋運河南務區開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	USD143,210	60%	100%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development

15 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2019, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(87) 杭州遠洋天祺置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	USD147,760	60%	100%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(88) 太原吉飛通房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB10,000	51%	5%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(89) 蘇州嶼秀房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability company	RMB480,000	16.5%	16.5%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development

- (i) Although the Group holds more than 50% of the equity shares of these entities, the Group exercises joint control under the contractual agreements in the strategic financial and operating policy decisions of the these entities. Accordingly, these entities are considered as joint ventures of the Group by the directors.
- (ii) Although the Group holds less than 50% of the equity shares of these entities, the Group exercises joint control under the contractual agreements in the strategic financial and operating policy decisions of these entities. Accordingly, these entities are considered as joint ventures of the Group by the directors.
- (iii) Investments in these joint ventures provide more opportunities to explore business in property development and investment properties.
- (iv) Investments in these joint ventures provide more opportunities to explore business in real estate investment activities.
- (v) Investments in these joint ventures provide more opportunities for the Group to explore business in other business activities.
- (vi) As at 31 December 2019, the Group has the outstanding capital commitment to joint ventures amounting to RMB271,125,000. (2018: RMB579,425,000).

15 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(b) Individually immaterial joint venture

The Group has interests in individually immaterial joint ventures that are accounted for using the equity method.

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Aggregate carrying amount of individually immaterial joint ventures	17,355,309	20,330,505
Aggregate amounts of the Group's share of:		
Profit from continuing operations	1,519,370	1,103,464
Other comprehensive income	–	(1,463,874)
Total comprehensive income	1,519,370	(360,410)

16 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	7,177,355	4,562,962
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	–	20,022
Capital injection	164,009	2,788,550
Disposal	(32,729)	–
Dividend	(85,959)	–
Deemed disposal of associates	–	(267,492)
Increase due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries (Note 49(a))	2,001,590	–
Decrease due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary (Note 49(a))	(2,777,569)	–
Share of results of associates		
— after adjustment for unrealized profit or loss from inter-company transactions between the Group and the associates	335,257	(44,880)
Currency translation difference	64,393	118,193
At end of the year	6,846,347	7,177,355

16 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2019:

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Nature of the relationship	Principal activities
(1) Guoshou Yuantong Real Estate Company Limited 國壽遠通置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB2,500,000	10%	10%	(i),(ii)	Property development and investment services
(2) Beijing Shengyong Property Development and investment Company Limited 北京盛永置業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB500,000	35%	35%	(ii)	Property development and investment services
(3) CIGIS (China) Company Limited 建設綜合勘察研究設計院有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	35%	35%	(iii)	Survey and design
(4) Chongqing Yuanteng Real Estate Development Limited 重慶遠騰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,100,000	42.5%	42.5%	(ii)	Land and property development
(5) 北京興佰君泰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB90,000	21%	21%	(ii)	Land and property development
(6) 北京達成光遠置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	23%	23%	(ii)	Land and property development
(7) 廣州宏軒房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB300,000	16.66%	16.66%	(i),(ii)	Land and property development
(8) 廣州宏嘉房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB300,000	16.66%	16.66%	(i),(ii)	Land and property development
(9) 廣州環嶼房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB300,000	16.66%	16.66%	(i),(ii)	Land and property development
(10) 深圳遠景融資租賃有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	USD200,000	45%	45%	(iii)	Finance lease
(11) 中交地產(海口)有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB400,000	30%	30%	(ii)	Land and property development
(12) Beijing Capital Juda Limited. 首創鉅大有限公司	Cayman Island	Limited liability Company	HKD20,345	9.9%	9.9%	(i),(ii)	Land and property development
(13) China Logistics Property Holdings Co., Ltd 中國物流資產控股有限公司	Cayman Island	Limited liability Company	USD184	8.87%	8.87%	(i),(iii)	Operation of logistics
(14) 深圳市遠景置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	50.75%	38.25%	(ii)	Land and property development
(15) 重慶騰基物業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB3,000	49%	49%	(ii)	Land and property development
(16) 重慶遠朗房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB233,540	50%	50%	(ii)	Land and property development

16 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2019: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2019	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Nature of the relationship	Principal activities
(17) 杭州北農房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(ii)	Land and property development
(18) 武漢遠致置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	34%	34%	(ii)	Land and property development
(19) 長春市元亨房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	20%	20%	(ii)	Land and property development
(20) 天津遠卓商貿有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	15%	15%	(i),(iv)	Investment management
(21) 天津中建致恆地產有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB70,000	42.86%	42.86%	(ii)	Land and property development
(22) 石家莊安聯房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	30%	30%	(ii)	Land and property development
(23) 江西軍邦房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	51%	51%	(ii)	Land and property development
(24) 成都青銅區股權投資基金合夥企業(有限合夥)	PRC	Limited Liability partnership	RMB700,000	42.86%	42.86%	(iv)	Investment management
(25) 北京瑞成永創科技有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	22.2%	22.2%	(v)	Scientific research and technical services
(26) 廈門國遠同豐置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB98,000	51.02%	51.02%	(ii)	Land and property development
(27) 南昌國遠盈潤置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB98,000	49%	49%	(ii)	Land and property development
(28) 北京融德房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB687,000	49%	49%	(ii)	Land and property development
(29) Coldwest Fund I LP	Cayman Island	Limited liability Company	USD105,000	47.62%	47.62%	(iv)	Investment management
(30) Delos China (HK) Limited	HK	Limited liability Company	USD16,000	25%	25%	(ii)	Healthy renovation service
(31) 北京融平企業管理服務有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB687,000	49%	49%	(iii)	Land and property development
(32) 上海棟鼎企業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	49%	49%	(iv)	Land and property development
(33) 北京誼誠置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	21%	21%	(ii)	Land and property development

16 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2019: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held	Effective interest held	Nature of the relationship	Principal activities
				as at 31 December 2019	as at 31 December 2018		
(34) Fortune Joy Ventures Limited	BVI	Limited liability Company	RMB580,000	49%	100%	(v)	Investment management
(35) 上饒市棕遠生態環境有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB320,000	28.98%	-	(v)	Environmental governance

Among the associates mentioned above, Beijing Capital Juda Limited and China Logistics Property Holdings Co., Ltd are listed on Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd, the quoted fair value and carrying amount thereof presented as below:

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Quoted market value		Carrying amount	
			2019	2018	2019	2018
			RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
(1) Beijing Capital Juda Limited	PRC	Limited liability Company	110,000	116,771	149,023	154,319
(2) China Logistics Property Holdings Co., Ltd	PRC	Limited liability Company	780,990	728,915	1,046,678	985,387

Even though quoted market value of both of Beijing Capital Juda Limited and China Logistics Property Holdings Co., Ltd is less than carrying amount, the fair value of net assets of these two companies attributable to the Group is higher than the carrying amount, no impairment charge is recognised for these two investments.

- (i) Although the Group holds less than 20% of the equity shares of these entities, the Group exercises significant influence under the contractual agreements in the strategic financial and operating policy decisions of these companies.
- (ii) Investments in these associates provide more opportunities to explore business in property development.

16 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2019: (Continued)

- (iii) Investments in these associates provide more opportunities to involve in related services to support property development, such as architectural design and property management.
- (iv) Investments in these associates provide more opportunities to explore business in real estate investment activities.
- (v) Investments in these associates provide more opportunities to explore business in other activities.
- (vi) As at 31 December 2019, the Group has the outstanding capital commitment to associates amounting to RMB320,441,000. (2018: RMB137,861,000).

(b) Individually immaterial associates

The Group has interests in individually immaterial associates that are accounted for using the equity method.

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Aggregate carrying amount of individually immaterial associates	6,846,347	7,177,355
Aggregate amounts of the Group's share of:		
Profit from continuing operations	415,361	52,065
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	415,361	52,065

17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

	As at 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Financial assets		
Financial assets at amortised cost:		
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	74,004,370	72,975,210
Less: Prepayments	(7,559,614)	(7,158,187)
— Trade and other receivables and prepayments excluding prepayments	66,444,756	65,817,023
— Restricted bank deposits (Note 25)	2,511,683	3,362,876
— Cash and cash equivalents (Note 26)	31,054,201	39,208,481
— Contract assets	2,708,018	2,405,696
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 18)	2,715,647	679,952
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 19)	6,712,378	4,144,149
	112,146,683	115,618,177
Financial liabilities		
Liabilities at amortised cost:		
— Borrowings (Note 33)	83,906,951	88,575,079
— Lease liabilities (Note 9)	194,480	—
— Trade and other payables excluding tax payables	51,242,127	57,632,184
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 37)	51,104	146,939
	135,394,662	146,354,202

18 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(i) Classification of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) comprise:

- Equity securities which are not held for trading, and which the Group has irrevocably elected at initial recognition to recognise in this category. These are strategic investments and the Group considers this classification to be more relevant.

(ii) Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income

	As at 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Listed securities (a)	48,164	54,806
Unlisted securities (b)	2,667,483	625,146
	2,715,647	679,952
Less: Non-current portion	(2,715,647)	(679,952)
Current portion	–	–

(a) Investment in listed equity securities is stated at fair value based on the quoted price of the equity securities.

(b) Investment in unlisted equity securities are denominated in HKD and RMB. For the valuation of unlisted equity securities, please refer to Note 5.3.

19 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

(i) Classification of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Group classifies the following financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL):

- debt investments that do not qualify for measurement at either amortised cost or FVOCI, and
- equity investments that are held for trading, and
- equity investments for which the entity has not elected to recognise fair value gains and losses through OCI.

19 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (Continued)

(i) Classification of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Continued)

Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVPI include the following:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Investment in fund investments	6,111,352	3,225,309
Investment in other unlisted equity securities	327,428	532,711
Investment in listed equity securities	266,304	238,484
Others	7,294	6,982
Derivatives — held-for-trading		
Leveraged bond-linked notes	—	140,663
	6,712,378	4,144,149
Less: Non-current portion	(6,446,074)	(3,961,645)
Current portion	266,304	182,504

Changes in fair values of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in “other gains — net” in the income statement.

(ii) Amounts recognised in profit or loss

During the year, the following gains were recognised in profit or loss:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Fair value gains recognised in other gains	187,872	205,252

(iii) Risk exposure and fair value measurements

Information about the Group’s exposure to price risk is provided in Note 5.1. For information about the methods and assumptions used in determining fair value please refer to Note 5.3.

20 PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	54,655,796	47,767,443
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	–	(1,641,328)
Additions	34,522,513	37,452,750
Transfer from deposits for land use rights	177,165	4,150,121
Acquisition of subsidiaries	12,020,221	1,848,191
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(2,739,385)	(141,183)
Provision for impairment	(106,973)	(116,952)
Transfer to property, plant and equipment (Note 8)	(1,018,867)	–
Transfer to land use rights (Note 10)	(340,391)	–
Transfer to investment properties	–	(3,041,522)
Transfer to completed properties held for sale	(36,339,661)	(30,788,071)
Recognised in cost of sales	(452,237)	(833,653)
At end of the year	60,378,181	54,655,796
Properties under development comprises:		
Land use rights	32,666,483	31,643,756
Construction costs and capitalized expenditure	19,415,825	15,326,434
Interest capitalized	8,295,873	7,685,606
	60,378,181	54,655,796

Properties under development are mainly located in the PRC. As at 31 December 2019, properties under development of approximately RMB11,337,759,000 (2018: RMB14,495,605,000) were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

All properties under development are expected to be completed within the normal operating cycle of the Group, in which RMB44,571,757,000 (2018: RMB32,857,229,000) is expected to be completed and available for sale more than twelve months after the balance sheet date.

21 LAND DEVELOPMENT COST RECOVERABLE

Land development cost recoverable refers to capitalized costs on primary land development projects. The land use right certificates belong to the government for these projects. Main activities for primary land development projects included house dismantlement and land leveling works, in order to make sure the land is connected to water, gas, and electric power supplies.

22 PREPAYMENTS FOR LAND USE RIGHTS

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Deposits to local land authorities	2,228,844	2,160,585

The prepayments were paid to local land authorities for land use rights as at 31 December 2019 and 2018, respectively. Once the title of land is transferred to the Group, the land will be used to develop properties held for sale.

23 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade receivables (a)	3,983,044	2,516,939
Other receivables and prepayments (b)	70,021,326	70,458,271
	74,004,370	72,975,210
Less: non-current portion	(12,841,234)	(15,520,575)
Current portion	61,163,136	57,454,635

23 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(a) Trade receivables

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade receivables	4,037,521	2,563,406
Less: provision for impairment of trade receivables	(54,477)	(46,467)
	3,983,044	2,516,939
Less: non-current portion	-	-
Current portion	3,983,044	2,516,939

Proceeds from services and sales rendered are to be received in accordance with the term of respective agreement, and the credit term is very short, an ageing analysis of trade receivables at the respective balance sheet dates is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 6 months	2,331,900	1,272,137
Between 6 months to 1 year	976,052	894,529
Between 1 year to 2 years	593,358	349,763
Between 2 years to 3 years	128,559	27,903
Over 3 years	7,652	19,074
	4,037,521	2,563,406

As at 31 December 2019, no trade receivables (2018: nil) were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

Movements on the provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January	(46,467)	(45,178)
Provision for receivable impairment	(8,010)	(1,289)
At 31 December	(54,477)	(46,467)

23 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)
(b) Other receivables and prepayments

	As at 31 December					
	2019			2018		
	Current RMB'000	Non- current RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Current RMB'000	Non- current RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Entrusted loans to third parties (i)	189,204	459,385	648,589	1,064,219	1,821,995	2,886,214
Entrusted loans to joint ventures (ii)	1,327,399	8,475,766	9,803,165	2,264,638	9,251,451	11,516,089
Entrusted loans to associates (iii)	725,589	706,156	1,431,745	1,012,566	116,689	1,129,255
Entrusted loans to non-controlling interests (iv)	512,700	325,000	837,700	791,000	475,000	1,266,000
Amounts due from third parties (i)	1,688,936	-	1,688,936	2,698,956	-	2,698,956
Amounts due from joint ventures (v)	18,654,638	-	18,654,638	16,598,387	-	16,598,387
Amounts due from associates (v)	8,901,985	-	8,901,985	9,723,159	-	9,723,159
Amounts due from non-controlling interests (v)	8,202,536	-	8,202,536	7,775,365	-	7,775,365
Tax prepayments	5,446,496	403,286	5,849,782	4,271,512	1,616,282	5,887,794
Receivables from government (vi)	2,516,377	-	2,516,377	2,600,818	-	2,600,818
Payment for the cooperation of potential properties development projects (vii)	3,916,922	2,260,317	6,177,239	1,955,893	1,110,000	3,065,893
Receivables from disposal of interest in subsidiaries	972,977	-	972,977	863,472	-	863,472
Other prepayments	1,709,832	-	1,709,832	1,270,393	-	1,270,393
Other receivables	2,612,934	259,253	2,872,187	2,116,072	1,146,056	3,262,128
Less: provision for impairment of other receivables	(198,433)	(47,929)	(246,362)	(68,754)	(16,898)	(85,652)
Other receivables and prepayments	57,180,092	12,841,234	70,021,326	54,937,696	15,520,575	70,458,271

23 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(b) Other receivables and prepayments (Continued)

- (i) Entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties represent amounts paid to joint ventures and associates' joint ventures and associates in order to support the development of real estate projects. As the Group has no direct equity interests in these companies to which the amounts paid are classified as entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties.

As at 31 December 2019 and 2018, entrusted loans to third parties comprised:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Unsecured loans	648,589	2,173,089
Secured loans	–	713,125
	648,589	2,886,214
Less: Non-current portion	(459,385)	(1,821,995)
	189,204	1,064,219

- Unsecured loans bear interest ramping from 3.5% to 15% per annum (2018: from 3.5% to 15%).

Amounts due from third parties are unsecured, interest free, and repayable on demand.

- (ii) Entrusted loans to joint ventures are unsecured, interest bearing from 3.38% to 16% per annum (31 December 2018: from 3.38% to 16%). RMB1,327,399,000 (31 December 2018: RMB2,264,638,000) of the balances are repayable within one year. The remaining balances of RMB8,475,766,000 (31 December 2018: RMB9,251,451,000) are repayable after one year and included in the non-current portion.
- (iii) Entrusted loans to associates are unsecured, interest bearing from 8% to 15% per annum (31 December 2018: from 6.62% to 15%). RMB725,589,000 (31 December 2018: RMB1,012,566,000) of the balances are repayable within one year. The remaining balances of RMB706,156,000 (31 December 2018: RMB116,689,000) are repayable after one year and included in the non-current portion.
- (iv) Entrusted loans to non-controlling interests are unsecured, bearing interest from 8% to 10% per annum (31 December 2018: from 8% to 12%). RMB512,700,000 (31 December 2018: RMB791,000,000) of the balances are repayable within one year. The remaining balances of RMB325,000,000 (31 December 2018: RMB475,000,000) are repayable after one year and included in the non-current portion.
- (v) Amounts due from joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests are unsecured, interest free, and repayable on demand.

23 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(b) Other receivables and prepayments (Continued)

- (vi) Receivables from government mainly represent payment made for land development cost, some deposits paid to government to ensure the business activities of properties development, and the amounts paid to government with the intention of possible future cooperation in real estate project development, which will be subsequently reimbursed by the government.
- (vii) Amounts mainly represent the payment for cooperation of potential properties development projects. As at 31 December 2019, such cooperation is still in negotiation stage.

RMB4,475,117,000 (2018: RMB1,580,000,000) out of the balance are unsecured, interest bearing from 5% to 11% (2018: from 7% to 11%). The remaining balances of RMB1,702,122,000 (2018: RMB1,485,893,000) are unsecured and interest free.

RMB3,916,922,000 (2018: 1,955,893,000) out of the balance are repayable on demand. The remaining balance of RMB2,260,317,000 (2018: RMB1,110,000,000) will be repayable in 2022 and included in the non-current portion.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the book value of each class of receivable mentioned above. The carrying amounts of the Group's trade and other receivables and prepayments are mainly denominated in RMB.

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables and prepayments approximate their respective fair values as at 31 December 2019 and 2018.

24 COMPLETED PROPERTIES HELD FOR SALE

All completed properties held for sale are located in the PRC on leasehold lands with lease terms between 40 to 70 years, and are stated at cost less accumulated amortization of land use rights for the years ended 2019 and 2018, respectively.

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Completed properties held for sale comprised:		
Land use rights	4,225,274	5,354,222
Construction costs and capitalized expenditure	10,432,959	10,873,360
Interest capitalized	3,694,945	3,855,716
	18,353,178	20,083,298

24 COMPLETED PROPERTIES HELD FOR SALE (Continued)

Movements on the provision for impairment of completed properties held for sale are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	678,245	137,135
Addition	313,912	565,887
Transfer from properties under development	170,180	66,286
Write-off upon sales of completed properties held for sale	(541,604)	(91,063)
At end of the year	620,733	678,245

As at 31 December 2019, RMB3,010,113,000 completed properties held for sale (2018: RMB5,034,095,000) were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

25 RESTRICTED BANK DEPOSITS

Restricted bank deposits are mainly denominated in RMB, which are guaranteed deposits for the mortgage loan facilities granted by the banks to the purchasers of the Group's properties, as well as for projects co-developed with third parties. The balances also include guaranteed deposits placed in the banks, as guaranteed funds of construction projects to meet certain local authorities' requirements. The effective interest rate on restricted bank deposits ranging from 0.3% to 2.0115% for the year ended 31 December 2019.

26 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Cash at bank and in hand	30,862,813	35,363,241
Short-term bank deposits	191,388	3,845,240
Cash and cash equivalents	31,054,201	39,208,481
Denominated in:		
— RMB	25,990,454	33,076,277
— HKD	294,885	1,769,956
— USD	4,736,177	4,357,305
— Other currencies	32,685	4,943
	31,054,201	39,208,481

The Group's cash and cash equivalents denominated are deposited with banks in the Mainland China and Hong Kong, respectively. The conversion of the RMB denominated balances into foreign currencies, which are placed within the PRC, is subject to the rules and regulations of foreign exchange control promulgated by the PRC Government.

27 CAPITAL

	Number of ordinary shares	Share capital HKD'000	Equivalent share capital RMB'000	Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Opening balance 1 January 2019	7,615,995,657	30,413,141	27,328,810	-	27,328,810
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	100,000	493	422	-	422
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-	-	-	-	-
	7,616,095,657	30,413,634	27,329,232	-	27,329,232
Restricted Share Award Scheme (a)					
Opening balance 1 January 2019	(53,101,242)	-	-	(178,317)	(178,317)
Shares purchased during the year	(306,667)	-	-	(1,030)	(1,030)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	3,607,269	-	-	12,120	12,120
At 31 December 2019	(49,800,640)	-	-	(167,227)	(167,227)
At 31 December 2019	7,566,295,017	30,413,634	27,329,232	(167,227)	27,162,005
Opening balance 1 January 2018	7,564,608,657	30,169,687	27,129,614	-	27,129,614
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	51,387,000	240,423	197,298	-	197,298
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-	3,031	1,898	-	1,898
	7,615,995,657	30,413,141	27,328,810	-	27,328,810
Restricted Share Award Scheme (a)					
Opening balance 1 January 2018	(46,635,224)	-	-	(140,746)	(140,746)
Shares purchased during the year	(17,847,216)	-	-	(74,017)	(74,017)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	11,381,198	-	-	36,446	36,446
At 31 December 2018	(53,101,242)	-	-	(178,317)	(178,317)
At 31 December 2018	7,562,894,415	30,413,141	27,328,810	(178,317)	27,150,493

27 CAPITAL (Continued)

- (a) On 22 March 2010, the board of the Company resolved to adopt a Restricted Share Award Scheme. The purpose of the Scheme is to recognise and motivate the contribution of certain employees and to provide incentives and help the Group in retaining its existing employees and recruiting additional employees and to provide them with a direct economic interest in attaining the long-term business objectives of the Company.

Restricted Share Award Scheme was administered by an independent trustee appointed by the Group, the trustee shall purchase from the market such number of shares awarded as specified by the Board and shall hold such shares until they are vested in accordance with the Restricted Share Award Scheme Rules. When the selected employee has satisfied all vesting conditions specified by the Board at the time of making the award and become entitled to the shares forming the subject of the award, the trustee shall transfer the relevant vested shares to that employee.

Movements in the number of awarded shares for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

	Shares (thousands)
At 1 January 2019	4,580
Vested	(3,607)
Lapsed	(315)
At 31 December 2019	658
At 1 January 2018	16,873
Vested	(11,381)
Lapsed	(912)
At 31 December 2018	4,580

The fair value of the awarded shares was calculated based on the market price of the Company's shares at the respective grant date. The expected dividends during the vesting period have been taken into account when assessing the fair value of these awarded shares.

The weighted average fair value of awarded shares granted during the year ended 31 December 2019 was RMB nil per share (2018: RMB3.89 per share).

The outstanding awarded shares as of 31 December 2019 were divided into several tranches on an equal basis as at their grant dates. The outstanding awarded shares will be exercised after a specified period ranging from one to three years from the grant date.

28 RETAINED EARNINGS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
At 1 January	22,548,161	20,745,229
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 9, net of tax	-	199,031
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15, net of tax	-	57,529
Profit for the year	2,656,277	3,573,745
Dividends relating to 2017	-	(999,882)
Dividends relating to 2018 (Note 45)	(489,258)	(938,280)
Dividends relating to 2019 (Note 45)	(755,510)	-
Transfer to statutory reserve fund	(81,953)	(89,211)
At 31 December	23,877,717	22,548,161

29 RESERVES

	Merger reserve RMB'000	Statutory reserve RMB'000	Translation reserve RMB'000	Investment revaluation reserve RMB'000	Employee share option RMB'000	Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Other reserve RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	(763,427)	1,443,093	(190,039)	(1,118,444)	167,464	10,720	(863,215)	(1,313,848)
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	25,794	-	-	-	25,794
Fair value gains on property, plant and equipment transferred to investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,329	12,329
Currency translation differences	-	-	(197,189)	-	-	-	-	(197,189)
Expense on share-based payment	-	-	-	-	269,402	3,558	-	272,960
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	-	-	-	-	(76)	-	-	(76)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	(12,120)	-	(12,120)
Transfer from retained earnings	-	81,953	-	-	-	-	-	81,953
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in a subsidiary from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,339)	(2,339)
At 31 December 2019	(763,427)	1,525,046	(387,228)	(1,092,650)	436,790	2,158	(853,225)	(1,132,536)

29 RESERVES (Continued)

	Merger reserve RMB'000	Statutory reserve RMB'000	Translation reserve RMB'000	Investment revaluation reserve RMB'000	Employee share option RMB'000	Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Other reserve RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2018	(763,427)	1,353,882	39,774	573,384	142,509	42,339	(620,438)	768,023
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 9, net of tax	-	-	-	(199,031)	-	-	-	(199,031)
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(28,923)	-	-	-	(28,923)
Share of other comprehensive income of investments accounted for using the equity method	-	-	-	(1,463,874)	-	-	-	(1,463,874)
Currency translation differences	-	-	(229,813)	-	-	-	-	(229,813)
Expense on share-based payment	-	-	-	-	64,955	6,725	-	71,680
Expiry of share option	-	-	-	-	(4,620)	-	4,620	-
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	-	-	-	-	(35,380)	-	-	(35,380)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	(38,344)	-	(38,344)
Transfer from retained earnings	-	89,211	-	-	-	-	-	89,211
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in a subsidiary from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(247,397)	(247,397)
At 31 December 2018	(763,427)	1,443,093	(190,039)	(1,118,444)	167,464	10,720	(863,215)	(1,313,848)

Statutory reserves represent reserves of the PRC incorporated companies which are set aside for future development purposes in accordance with the regulations in the PRC. The allocation is based on certain percentages of the companies' profit of the year, which is allocated on an annual basis.

30 SHARE OPTIONS

The establishment of the Group's share options schemes was approved on 3 September 2007 and 6 August 2018, respectively by the shareholders. The share option plan is designed to provide long-term incentives for senior managers and above to deliver long-term shareholder returns. Under the schemes, participants are granted options which only vest if certain performance standards are met. Participation in the plan is at the board's discretion and no individual has a contractual right to participate in the plan or to receive any guaranteed benefits.

Share options granted from 2015 to 2017 are granted to several directors and to selected employees, in which 40% of the options are exercisable after 1 year from the grant date; additional 30% of the options are exercisable after 2 years from the grant date, and remaining 30% of the options are exercisable after 3 years from the grant date.

Share options granted from 2018 to 2019 are granted to several directors and to selected employees, in which 50% of the options are exercisable after 1 year from the grant date, and remaining 50% of the options are exercisable after 2 years from the grant date.

The options have a contractual option term of 5 years. The Group has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the options in cash.

Movements in the number of share options outstanding and their related weighted average exercise prices are as follows:

	Average exercise price in HK dollar per share	Shares
	HKD	(thousands)
At 1 January 2019	4.02	432,738
Granted during the year	3.37	508,529
Lapsed during the year	4.08	(12,833)
Exercised during the year	4.04	(100)
At 31 December 2019	3.66	928,334

Out of the 928,334,000 outstanding options (2018: 432,738,000), 281,275,000 (2018: 183,274,000) were exercisable as at 31 December 2019.

As a result of the options exercised during the year ended 31 December 2019, 100,000 ordinary shares (2018: 51,387,000 ordinary shares) were issued by the Company. The weighted average price of the shares at the time these options were exercised was HKD3.53 per share (2018: HKD3.16 per share).

30 SHARE OPTIONS (Continued)

Share options outstanding as at 31 December 2019 have the following expiry dates and exercise prices:

Expiry date	Exercise price in HK dollar per share	Shares (thousands)
27 August 2020	4.04	31,515
13 April 2021	3.80	92,790
24 August 2022	4.70	46,100
04 September 2023	3.96	249,400
27 March 2024	3.37	508,529
		928,334

The directors of the Company have used the Binomial Model to determine the fair value of the options as at the respective grant dates, which is to be expensed over the relevant vesting period. The weighted average fair value of options granted during the year ended 31 December 2019 was HKD0.7144 per option (2018: HKD0.7863 per option).

The model inputs for options granted during the year ended 31 December 2019 included:

- (a) exercise price: HKD3.37 (2018: HKD3.96)
- (b) grant date: 27 March 2019 (2018: 4 September 2018)
- (c) expiry date: 27 March 2024 (2018: 4 September 2023)
- (d) share price at grant date: HKD3.28 (2018: HKD3.96)
- (e) expected price volatility of the company's share: 38.26% (2018: 37.99%)
- (f) expected dividend yields: 5.00% (2018: 5.63%)
- (g) risk-free interest rate: 1.34% (2018: 2.12%)

31 CAPITAL SECURITIES

On 21 September 2017, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure III Limited (“Sino-Ocean Land III”), a wholly owned subsidiary, issued perpetual subordinated guaranteed capital securities (“capital securities”), which are callable, with initial aggregate principal amount of USD600,000,000.

The capital securities have no maturity date, and the payments of distribution of such capital securities can be deferred at the discretion of Sino-Ocean Land III. When Sino-Ocean Land III and the Company elects to declare dividends to their shareholders, Sino-Ocean Land III should make a distribution at an initiation rate of 4.9% per annum, as defined in the subscription agreement. Such capital securities are guaranteed by the Company.

32 CAPITAL INSTRUMENT

On 26 June 2019, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited (“Sino-Ocean Holding”), a wholly owned subsidiary, issued a capital instrument, which is callable, with an initial aggregate principal quota amount of RMB3,000,000,000, as at 31 December 2019 the amounts raised is RMB981,000,000.

The capital instrument have no maturity date, and the payments of distribution of such capital instrument can be deferred at the discretion of Sino-Ocean Holding. When Sino-Ocean Holding and the Company elect to declare dividends to their shareholders, Sino-Ocean Holding should make a distribution to the holders of the capital instrument at the distribution rate as defined in the subscription agreement.

33 BORROWINGS

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Non-current		
Bank borrowings (a)	20,305,097	21,900,632
Other borrowings (b)	54,306,522	51,249,622
Total non-current borrowings	74,611,619	73,150,254
Current		
Current portion of long-term bank borrowings (a)	1,165,063	4,317,089
Current portion of long-term other borrowings (b)	7,378,713	9,174,679
Short-term bank borrowings (a)	751,556	290,000
Short-term other borrowings (b)	–	1,643,057
Total current borrowings	9,295,332	15,424,825
Total borrowings	83,906,951	88,575,079

33 BORROWINGS (Continued)

- (a) As at 31 December 2019, bank borrowings amounting to RMB3,541,981,000 were secured by investment properties, properties under development, completed properties held for sale and equity interest in certain subsidiaries of the Group.

As at 31 December 2018, bank borrowings amounting to RMB9,290,840,000 were secured by investment properties, properties under development, completed properties held for sale and equity interest in certain subsidiaries of the Group.

(b) Other borrowings

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bond issuance (i)	28,883,861	26,396,455
Guaranteed notes (ii)	20,691,260	21,089,256
Borrowings from trust companies (iii)	6,737,250	8,892,400
Asset-backed securitisation (iv)	5,174,774	5,689,247
Borrowings from a non-controlling interest(v)	198,090	–
	61,685,235	62,067,358
Less: non-current portion	(54,306,522)	(51,249,622)
Current portion	7,378,713	10,817,736

- (i) In 2019, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, issued bonds with a total principle amount of RMB118,000,000 with coupon rate of 6.00% per year of a term of two years.

In 2019, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, issued bonds in an aggregate amount of RMB2,900,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB1,700,000,000 with coupon rate of 4.06% per year of a term of five years; (ii) RMB1,200,000,000 with coupon rate of 4.59% per year of a term of seven years.

In 2018, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB2,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 4.7%.

In 2018, the Company issued Medium-term Notes in an aggregate amount of RMB6,000,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB3,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.87% per year of a term of three years; (ii) RMB3,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.95% per year of a term of three years.

In 2017, the Company issued the first tranche Medium-term Notes in an aggregate amount of RMB4,000,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB2,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 4.77% per year of a term of three years; (ii) RMB2,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.05% per year of a term of five years.

In 2017, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB1,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 5.29%.

In 2016, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB4,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 3.50%.

33 BORROWINGS (Continued)

(b) Other borrowings

(i) (Continued)

In 2015, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB10,000,000,000. The first phase of the bonds is issued in August with an aggregate principal amount of RMB5,000,000,000 in three series: (i) RMB2,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 3.78%; (ii) RMB1,500,000,000 with maturity period of 7 years and annual interest rate of 4.15%; (iii) RMB1,500,000,000 with maturity period of 10 years and annual interest rate of 5.00%. The second phase of the bonds is issued in October with an aggregate principal amount of RMB5,000,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB2,000,000,000 with maturity period of 6 years and annual interest rate of 3.85%; (ii) RMB3,000,000,000 with maturity period of 10 years and annual interest rate of 4.76%. The bonds are unsecured.

(ii) In August 2019, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with a total principal amount of USD600,000,000 with a maturity period of 10 years and annual interest rate of 4.75%.

In January 2019, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with a total principal amount of USD500,000,000 with a maturity period of 3 years and annual interest rate of 5.25%.

In July 2018, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with principal amount of USD700,000,000 at interest rate equal to three-month USD London Interbank Offered Rate plus 2.30% due in 2021 (the "2021 Notes"). The Notes are unsecured and are guaranteed by the Company.

In January 2015, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance II Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with principal amount of USD500,000,000 at a rate of 5.95% per annum due in 2027 (the "2027 Notes"). The notes are unsecured and guaranteed by the Company.

In July 2014, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance I Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with principal amount of USD700,000,000 at a rate of 6.00% per annum due in 2024 (the "2024 Notes").

(iii) Such loans bear interest rate from 5.00% to 11.00% per annum, and RMB5,536,250,000 of the loan portion (2018: RMB3,480,000,000) repayable after one year are included in non-current portion.

As at 31 December 2019, loans amounting to RMB3,058,250,000 were secured by properties under development and equity interests in a certain subsidiary of the Group.

As at 31 December 2018, loans amounting to RMB80,000,000 were secured by properties under development and equity interests in a certain subsidiary of the Group.

(iv) In October 2018, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited entered into asset-backed special agreement with a third-party financing company in the form of asset securitisation. Asset-backed securities are divided into priority level and subprime level with total principal of RMB310,000,000 and RMB100,000,000 respectively. The Group repurchased all the subprime level asset-backed securities in the year ended 31 December 2018. As at 31 December 2019, RMB125,000,000 of the principal remained outstanding.

In September 2018, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited entered into asset-backed special agreement with a third-party financing company in the form of asset securitisation. Asset-backed securities are divided into priority level and subprime level with total principal of RMB2,710,000,000 and RMB143,000,000 respectively. The Group repurchased all the subprime level asset-backed securities in the year ended 31 December 2018. The priority level securities were guaranteed by Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, and secured by property, plant and equipment, land use rights and investment properties of the Group. As at 31 December 2019, RMB2,625,791,000 of the principal remained outstanding.

In April 2018, Ocean Homeplus Property Service Corporation Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into asset-backed special agreement with a third-party financing company in the form of asset securitisation. Asset-backed securities are divided into priority level and subprime level with total principal of RMB3,000,000,000 and RMB158,000,000 respectively. The Group repurchased all the subprime level asset-backed securities in the year ended 31 December 2018. The priority level securities were guaranteed by Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited. As at 31 December 2019, RMB2,423,983,000 of the principal remained outstanding.

(v) Such Loan bears interest rate 7.13% per annum, and RMB198,090,000 repayable after one year are included in non-current portion.

33 BORROWINGS (Continued)

(c) The maturities of the Group's total borrowings at respective balance sheet dates are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	Bank and other borrowings	Bank and other borrowings
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Total borrowings		
— Within 1 year	9,295,332	15,424,825
— Between 1 and 2 years	29,765,995	12,637,458
— Between 2 and 5 years	29,579,976	46,230,681
— Over 5 years	15,265,648	14,282,115
	83,906,951	88,575,079

(d) The Group's borrowings denominated in RMB, HKD and USD respectively are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Denominated in:		
— RMB	45,589,835	54,765,202
— HKD	13,943,021	8,967,212
— USD	24,374,095	24,842,665
	83,906,951	88,575,079

33 BORROWINGS (Continued)

(e) The weighted average effective interest rates at the respective balance sheet dates are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bank borrowings	4.83%	4.92%
Other borrowings	5.78%	5.55%

(f) The exposure of the Group's borrowings to interest-rate changes and the contractual repricing dates are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 6 months	22,677,592	20,220,569
Between 6 and 12 months	3,032,750	8,041,900
Between 1 and 5 years	58,196,609	60,312,610
	83,906,951	88,575,079

(g) The fair value of non-current borrowings approximate their carrying amount, as the impact of discounting is not significant. The fair values are based on cash flows discounted using a rate based on the borrowing rate of 4.83% (2018: 4.92%) and are within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

34 DEFERRED INCOME TAX

The analysis of deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Deferred income tax assets:		
— to be recovered after more than 12 months	987,241	894,193
— to be recovered within 12 months	452,257	251,281
	1,439,498	1,145,474
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
— to be recovered after more than 12 months	(2,459,865)	(2,235,274)
— to be recovered within 12 months	(487,004)	(445,615)
	(2,946,869)	(2,680,889)
Deferred income tax liabilities, net	(1,507,371)	(1,535,415)

The gross movement on the deferred income tax account is as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	1,535,415	2,270,654
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	–	30,669
Recognized in the income statement (Note 43)	(547,271)	106,855
Charged/(credited) to other comprehensive income	8,179	(5,715)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	653,145	170,688
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(142,097)	(1,037,736)
At end of the year	1,507,371	1,535,415

34 DEFERRED INCOME TAX (Continued)

The movement in deferred income tax assets and liabilities during the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, without taking into consideration the offsetting of balances within the same tax jurisdiction, is as follows:

Deferred income tax assets

	Recognition of expenses RMB'000	Unrealized gains RMB'000	Tax losses RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	1,178,730	-	108,972	3,003	1,290,705
Credited to income statement	238,988	77,348	49,621	-	365,957
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(118,029)	-	(2,625)	-	(120,654)
At 31 December 2019	1,299,689	77,348	155,968	3,003	1,536,008
At 1 January 2018	790,690	64,060	276,159	-	1,130,909
Credited/(charged) to income statement	425,292	(64,060)	(167,187)	-	194,045
Acquisition of a subsidiary	-	-	-	3,003	3,003
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(37,252)	-	-	-	(37,252)
At 31 December 2018	1,178,730	-	108,972	3,003	1,290,705

34 DEFERRED INCOME TAX (Continued)

Deferred income tax liabilities

	Depreciation difference	Investment properties revaluation	Property revaluation	Unrealized gain	Recognition of revenue over the period	Withholding taxes	Others	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	(55,037)	(1,749,643)	(483,156)	(55,860)	(186,396)	(237,887)	(58,141)	(2,826,120)
(Charged)/credited to income statement	-	(89,458)	200,298	55,860	18,601	-	(3,987)	181,314
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	-	(653,145)	-	-	-	-	(653,145)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	-	155,574	107,177	-	-	-	-	262,751
Credited to other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8,179)	(8,179)
At 31 December 2019	(55,037)	(1,683,527)	(828,826)	-	(167,795)	(237,887)	(70,307)	(3,043,379)
At 1 January 2018	(55,037)	(2,339,936)	(711,062)	-	-	(237,887)	(57,641)	(3,401,563)
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	-	-	-	-	(30,669)	-	-	(30,669)
(Charged)/credited to income statement	-	(484,695)	401,597	(55,860)	(155,727)	-	(6,215)	(300,900)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	-	(173,691)	-	-	-	-	(173,691)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	-	1,074,988	-	-	-	-	-	1,074,988
Credited to other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,715	5,715
At 31 December 2018	(55,037)	(1,749,643)	(483,156)	(55,860)	(186,396)	(237,887)	(58,141)	(2,826,120)

Deferred income tax assets are recognized for tax loss carry-forwards to the extent that the realization of the related benefit through the future profits is probable. These tax losses are going to expire within five years. The Group did not recognize deferred income tax assets of RMB960,522,000 (2018: RMB665,972,000) in respect of losses amounting to RMB3,842,088,000 (2018: RMB2,663,888,000) that can be carried forward against future taxable income.

At 31 December 2019, the Group recognized deferred tax liabilities of approximately RMB237,887,000 (2018: RMB237,887,000) for withholding taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of the Group's subsidiaries established in Mainland China. In the opinion of the directors, it is not probable that the remaining available unremitted earnings of the Group's subsidiaries will be distributed in the foreseeable future according to the distribution and reinvestment plans of the Group. The aggregate amount of temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries in Mainland China for which deferred tax liabilities have not been recognized totaled approximately RMB4,662,671,000 at 31 December 2019 (2018: RMB5,508,584,000).

35 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade payables	17,789,750	18,290,208
Accrued expenses	3,308,010	3,135,060
Amounts due to joint ventures (i)	8,791,353	9,388,039
Amounts due to associates (i)	3,179,119	4,274,001
Amounts due to non-controlling interests (i)	8,247,547	7,422,527
Amounts due to government	77,627	72,114
Other taxes payable	3,787,197	1,733,417
Deposits received	1,966,134	5,160,682
Other payables	7,882,587	9,889,553
	55,029,324	59,365,601
Less: non-current portion	(18,581)	(167,531)
Current portion	55,010,743	59,198,070

The carrying amounts of trade payables and other payables approximate their fair values.

- (i) Amounts due to joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests are unsecured, interest free, and repayable on demand.
- (ii) An ageing analysis of the trade payables (including amounts due to related parties of trading in nature) is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 6 months	7,067,779	8,481,970
Between 6 months to 12 months	3,652,058	4,684,871
Between 1 year to 2 years	4,711,607	3,783,846
Between 2 years to 3 years	1,819,411	709,919
Over 3 years	538,895	629,602
	17,789,750	18,290,208

36 CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Advances receipts directly coming from customers	25,458,320	26,723,236
Others	-	66,501
	25,458,320	26,789,737

37 FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Derivatives-held for trading		
Forward foreign exchange contracts	51,104	146,939
	51,104	146,939

The notional principal amount of forward foreign exchange contracts at 31 December 2019 was RMB7,366,867,000 (2018: RMB10,198,715,000), these contracts will mature during the year from 2020 to 2023.

38 INTEREST AND OTHER INCOME

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Interest income:		
— Interest income from bank deposits	230,391	150,030
— Interest income from entrusted loans	2,203,619	2,039,453
Dividend income	232,314	300,082
Others	104,614	53,119
	2,770,938	2,542,684

39 OTHER GAINS — NET

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Gains on disposal of interests in subsidiaries	716,413	2,097,238
Gains on revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	228,937	269,543
Gains on disposal of joint ventures and associates	108,018	57
Gains on deemed disposal of joint ventures and associates	107,513	265,701
Gains/(losses) on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	32,379	(9,975)
Exchange losses	(408,843)	(576,232)
Payment for the settlement of contracted obligations	(79,903)	(730,000)
(Losses)/gains on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(4,821)	4,921
Gains on disposal of investment properties	865	8,147
Negative goodwill on business combinations	798	2,636
Other (losses)/gains	(2,836)	7,924
	698,520	1,339,960

40 EXPENSES BY NATURE

Expenses by nature comprised cost of sales, selling and marketing expenses and administrative expenses as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Cost of properties and land use rights sold:		
— Land use rights	14,347,125	12,102,063
— Capitalized interest	4,992,252	4,591,681
— Construction related cost	14,805,832	12,115,758
Cost of up fitting services rendered	3,674,757	1,754,801
Direct investment property expenses (Note 13)	128,030	205,632
Employee benefit expense (Note 41)	1,829,689	1,426,520
Consultancy fee	435,839	381,329
Auditor's remuneration	11,650	11,600
— Audit services	8,850	8,800
— Non-audit services	2,800	2,800
Depreciation (Note 8)	96,380	76,665
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Note 9)	153,292	—
Amortization of land use rights and intangible asset (Note 10, Note 11)	16,856	19,275
Advertising and marketing	1,007,917	990,452
Business taxes and other levies	370,757	405,036
Impairment charges	601,695	781,869
Derecognition of goodwill (Note 12)	29,428	154,510
Office expenditure	179,158	175,259
Properties maintenance expenses	1,000,995	702,020
Energy expenses	160,328	145,659
Others	51,884	31,232
	43,893,864	36,071,361

41 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

The employee benefits expense of the Group, including its directors' emoluments is as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Salaries, wages and bonuses	2,139,954	2,000,065
Retirement benefits contribution	198,434	198,041
Share options granted to directors and employees (Note 29)	269,402	64,955
Restricted Share Award Scheme (Note 29)	3,558	6,725
Other allowances and benefits	432,324	295,267
	3,043,672	2,565,053
Less: capitalized in properties under development	(1,213,983)	(1,138,533)
	1,829,689	1,426,520

The Group's employees participate in various retirement benefit plans organized by the relevant municipal and provincial government in the PRC under which the Group was required to make monthly contributions at rates ranging from 10% to 20%, depending on the applicable local regulations, of the employees' salary for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018.

In addition, the Group participates in a pension scheme under the rules and regulations of the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for all employees in Hong Kong. The contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme are based on minimum statutory contribution requirement of 5% of eligible employees' relevant aggregate income (with a cap of HKD30,000).

41 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE (Continued)

(a) Five highest paid individuals

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group for the year include three (2018: two) directors whose emoluments are reflected in the analysis shown in Note 54. The emoluments payable to the remaining two (2018: three) highest paid individuals during the year are as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Basic salaries and allowance	4,300	5,100
Bonuses	1,920	900
Retirement scheme contributions	253	376
Share-based payments	3,255	13,647
	9,728	20,023

The emoluments fell within the following bands:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
RMB4,432,000 (equivalent to HK\$5,000,000) to RMB5,319,000 (equivalent to HK\$6,000,000)	2	–
RMB5,319,000 (equivalent to HK\$6,000,000) to RMB6,205,000 (equivalent to HK\$7,000,000)	–	–
RMB6,205,000 (equivalent to HK\$7,000,000) to RMB7,092,000 (equivalent to HK\$8,000,000)	–	2
RMB7,092,000 (equivalent to HK\$8,000,000) to RMB7,978,000 (equivalent to HK\$9,000,000)	–	1
	2	3

- (b) During the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, no emoluments were paid by the Group to any of the above directors or the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for losses of office.

42 FINANCE COSTS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest expense:		
— Bank borrowings	1,346,499	1,081,121
— Other borrowings	3,817,131	3,128,758
— Lease Liabilities	72,222	—
Less: interest capitalized at a capitalization rate of 5.50% (2018: 5.38%) per annum	(2,842,138)	(2,435,119)
	2,393,714	1,774,760

43 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Majority of the Group entities are subjected to PRC enterprise income tax, which has been provided based on the statutory income tax rate of 25% of the assessable income of each of these Group entities for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018. Other Group entities are mainly subject to Hong Kong profits tax.

The amount of income tax expense charged to the income statement represents:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Current income tax:		
— PRC enterprise income tax	3,082,775	2,952,542
— PRC land appreciation tax	3,714,711	3,250,003
Deferred income tax (Note 34)	(547,271)	106,855
	6,250,215	6,309,400

43 INCOME TAX EXPENSE (Continued)

Taxation on the Group's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the enacted tax rate of the home country of the Group as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Profit before income tax	10,416,482	10,975,221
Adjust for: Share of results of joint ventures	(1,519,370)	(1,103,464)
Share of results of associates	(415,361)	(52,065)
	8,481,751	9,819,692
Tax calculated at a tax rate of 25%	2,120,438	2,454,923
Effect of higher tax rate for the appreciation of land in the PRC	2,786,033	2,437,502
Income not subject to tax	(30,315)	(87,306)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,029,447	776,387
Tax losses not recognized	429,910	436,808
Utilization of previously unrecognized tax losses and expenses	(212,075)	(184,049)
Reversal of previously recognized deferred income tax assets	54,034	103,757
Deductible temporary differences not recognized	22,843	195,188
Dividend withholding tax	49,900	-
Effect of tax adjustment due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	-	176,190
Income tax expense	6,250,215	6,309,400

44 EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to owners of the company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year excluding ordinary shares purchased by the Company and held as share held for Restricted Share Award Scheme (Note 27).

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
Profit attributable to owners of the Company (RMB'000)	2,656,277	3,573,745
Profit used to determine basic earnings per share (RMB'000)	2,656,277	3,573,745
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	7,616,063	7,553,266
Basic earnings per share (RMB per share)	0.349	0.473

(b) Diluted

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to, assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. The Company has two categories of dilutive potential ordinary shares: share options and shares held for the Restricted Share Award Scheme. For the share options and shares held for the Restricted Share Award Scheme, a calculation is done to determine the number of shares that could have been acquired at fair value (determined as the average market share price of the Company's shares during the year) based on the monetary value of the subscription rights attached to outstanding share options and awarded shares. The number of shares calculated as above is compared with the number of shares that would have been issued assuming the exercise of the share options and awarded shares.

44 EARNINGS PER SHARE (Continued)

(b) Diluted (Continued)

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
Profit attributable to owners of the Company (RMB'000)	2,656,277	3,573,745
Profit used to determine diluted earnings per share (RMB'000)	2,656,277	3,573,745
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	7,616,063	7,553,266
Adjustment for:		
— share options (thousands)	–	38,454
— shares held for the Restricted Share Award scheme (thousands)	–	4,629
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings per share (thousands)	7,616,063	7,596,349
Diluted earnings per share (RMB per share)	0.349	0.470

45 DIVIDENDS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interim dividend paid	755,510	938,280
Proposed final dividend of RMB0.024 (2018: RMB0.062) per ordinary share (a)	181,298	474,979

- (a) On 24 March 2020, the Company proposed a final dividend of RMB181,298,000 for the year ended 31 December 2019.

46 CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Cash generated from operations

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Profit for the year	4,166,267	4,665,821
Adjustments for:		
— Income tax expense (Note 43)	6,250,215	6,309,400
— Depreciation (Note 8)	96,380	76,665
— Amortization of land use rights (Note 10)	5,056	3,417
— Amortization of intangible assets (Note 11)	11,800	15,858
— Amortization of Right-of-use Assets (Note 9)	153,292	—
— Valuation gains on investment properties (Note 13)	(373,381)	(2,361,070)
— Share of results of joint ventures (Note 15)	(1,389,216)	(1,030,107)
— Share of results of associates (Note 16)	(335,257)	44,880
— Gains on disposal of joint ventures and associate (Note 39)	(108,018)	(57)
— Gains on deemed disposal of joint ventures and an associate (Note 39)	(107,513)	(265,701)
— Dividend income (Note 38)	(232,314)	(300,082)
— Interest income	(2,390,318)	(2,188,857)
— Gains on disposal of interests in subsidiaries (Note 39)	(716,413)	(2,097,238)
— Gains on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(32,379)	(3,377)
— Losses/(gains) on sale of property, plant and equipment (Note 39)	4,821	(4,921)
— Fair value gains on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 39)	(228,937)	(269,543)
— Impairment charges (Note 40)	601,695	781,869
— Derecognition of goodwill (Note 12)	29,428	154,510
— Finance costs (Note 42)	2,393,714	1,774,760
— Gains on acquisition of a subsidiary (Note 39)	(798)	(2,636)
— Gains on disposal of an investment property (Note 39)	(865)	(8,147)
— Exchange gains	(408,843)	(290,263)
— Share-based payments (Note 29)	272,960	71,680
	7,661,376	5,076,861

46 CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Continued)

(a) Cash generated from operations (Continued)

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Changes in working capital (excluding the effects of acquisition and exchange differences on consolidation):		
— Completed properties held for sale	(201,886)	(2,851,035)
— Inventories, at cost	(367,079)	70,073
— Contract assets	(314,411)	(1,764,263)
— Trade and other receivables and prepayments	(7,878,647)	(10,122,644)
— Land development cost recoverable	(114,659)	(304,720)
— Prepayments for land use rights	(486,396)	5,377,414
— Trade and other payables	657,874	16,726,110
— Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(83,800)	23,234
— Contract liabilities	(4,245,382)	3,297,544
— Properties under development	10,315,826	(7,490,906)
— Restricted bank deposits	851,193	(565,345)
Cash generated from operations	5,794,009	7,472,323

(b) In the consolidated cash flow statement, proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment comprise:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Net book amount (Note 8)	27,075	9,097
(Losses)/gains on disposal of property, plant and equipment (Note 39)	(4,821)	4,921
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	22,254	14,018

46 CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Continued)

(c) The reconciliation of liabilities from financing activities

This section sets out an analysis of liabilities from financing activities and the movements in liabilities from financing activities for each of the periods presented.

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Borrowings-repayable within one year (Note 33)	(9,295,332)	(15,424,825)
Borrowings-repayable after one year (Note 33)	(74,611,619)	(73,150,254)
Net debt	(83,906,951)	(88,575,079)
Gross debt -fixed interest rates	(58,196,609)	(60,652,610)
Gross debt -variable interest rates	(25,710,342)	(27,922,469)
Net debt	(83,906,951)	(88,575,079)

	Liabilities from financing activities		Total RMB'000
	Borrowing due within 1 year RMB'000	Borrowing due after 1 year RMB'000	
Net debt at 31 December 2018	(15,424,825)	(73,150,254)	(88,575,079)
Cash flows	18,698,166	(12,248,204)	6,449,962
Increase due to business combination	(1,056,150)	(4,468,057)	(5,524,207)
Decrease due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	-	4,497,827	4,497,827
Foreign exchange adjustments	(84,369)	(587,134)	(671,503)
Other non-cash movements	(11,428,154)	11,344,203	(83,951)
Net debt at 31 December 2019	(9,295,332)	(74,611,619)	(83,906,951)

Other non-cash movement is mainly the reclassification of long-term borrowing and borrowing within 1 year and the amortization of issuing cost of bond and guaranteed notes.

47 FINANCIAL GUARANTEES

- (a) The Group had the following financial guarantees as 31 December 2019 and 2018:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Guarantees in respect of mortgage facilities for certain purchasers	9,595,026	8,158,848

As at 31 December 2019 and 2018, the Group provided guarantees in respect of mortgage facilities granted by certain banks relating to the mortgage loans arranged for certain purchasers of the Group's properties. Pursuant to the terms of the guarantees, upon default in mortgage payments by these purchasers, the Group is responsible to repay the outstanding mortgage principals together with accrued interest and penalty owed by the defaulted purchasers to the banks and the Group is entitled to take over the legal title and possession of the related properties. The Group's guarantee period starts from the dates of grant of the relevant mortgage loans and ends when the property purchasers obtain the "property title certificate" which is then pledged with the banks.

- (b) As at 31 December 2019, the Group provided joint-liability guarantees in respect of borrowings granted by certain financial institutions to joint ventures and associates amounting to RMB1,059,420,000 (2018: RMB1,708,143,000). Properties under development owned by these joint ventures and associates are the primary collateral of such borrowings.

48 COMMITMENTS

- (a) **Capital commitments**

Capital commitments in respect of development costs attributable to properties under development and land use rights at the balance sheet date but not yet incurred are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Properties under development	7,842,456	5,906,409
Commitment of Investment	591,566	717,286
Contracted but not provided for	8,434,022	6,623,695

48 COMMITMENTS (Continued)

(b) Operating lease rental receivables

The future aggregate minimum lease rental receivables under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 1 year	325,455	379,117
Between 1 to 5 years	540,192	473,727
Over 5 years	261,565	678,479
	1,127,212	1,531,323

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

During the year, the significant disposal of interests in subsidiaries of the Group are presented as below:

(a) Disposal of Fortune Joy

In February 2019, Fortune Joy Ventures Limited ("Fortune Joy"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, had agreed to allot and issue a total of 5,100 subscription shares at the aggregate subscription price of USD295,800,000 to Charm Reliance International Limited, Delight Finance International Limited and Leading Bright Investment Limited (together, "the Investors"). The subscription shares represent 51% of the total number of issued shares of Fortune Joy. Upon completion of the subscription, Fortune Joy ceased to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group and became a non wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, and its financial statement continued to be consolidated into the consolidated financial statement of the Group.

In June 2019, the Investor and the Group agreed to amend the articles of the association of Fortune Joy. Upon completion of the change, the Group lost control over Fortune Joy as it has no power to govern the financial and operating policies of Fortune Joy, which became an associate of the Group.

The effect of disposal of interests in the subsidiary on the equity attributable to owners of the Company during the period is summarized as follows:

	As at 30 June 2019
	RMB'000
Fair value of the Group's remaining interests	2,001,590
Capital instrument investment in Fortune Joy measured as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	2,000,000
Carrying value of the Fortune Joy's net assets disposed — shown as below	(3,710,430)
Gains on disposal of interests in Fortune Joy that resulted in loss of control	291,160

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(a) Disposal of Fortune Joy (Continued)

The assets and liabilities disposed of are as follows:

	As at 30 June 2019 RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	305,863
Property, plant and equipment	998,814
Land use rights	183,308
Intangible assets	412,009
Goodwill	324,463
Investment properties	373,674
Investments in joint ventures	2,870,370
Investments in associates	2,777,569
Deferred income tax assets	4,664
Prepayments for land use rights	78,443
Properties under development	285,189
Inventories, at cost	2,515
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,118,005
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	6,819,932
Borrowings	(3,598,852)
Trade and other payables	(4,612,822)
Income tax payables	(60,152)
Contract liabilities	(10,679)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(104,313)
Non-controlling interests	(4,457,570)
Net assets disposed	3,710,430
Outflow of cash to dispose the subsidiary, net of cash disposed	
Proceeds received in cash	-
Cash and cash equivalents in the subsidiary disposed of	(305,863)
Net cash outflow on disposal	(305,863)

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(b) Disposal of Beijing Bangshe

In May 2019, the Group entered into an agreement with Beijing Xuda Real Estate Co., Ltd (“Beijing Xuda”) to dispose of 100% equity interests in Beijing Bangshe Apartment Management Co., Ltd. (“Beijing Bangshe”), a subsidiary of the Group, at a consideration of RMB1 for the equity interest of Beijing Bangshe, and furthermore Beijing Xuda paid the debt, amounting to RMB320,875,000, owing to the Group on behalf of Beijing Bangshe.

The effect of disposal of interests in the subsidiary on the equity attributable to owners of the Company during the period is summarized as follows:

	As at 31 May 2019 RMB'000
Proceeds received in cash on disposal of interests in the subsidiary	–
Carrying value of the Beijing Bangshe’s net liabilities disposed — shown as below	131,126
Gains on disposal of interest in Beijing Bangshe that resulted in loss of control	131,126
	As at 31 May 2019 RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	1,905
Property, plant and equipment	156
Right-of-use Assets	1,054,241
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	452,945
Trade and other payables	(521,828)
Borrowings	(75,550)
Lease liabilities	(1,035,614)
Income tax payables	(77)
Contract liabilities	(7,304)
Net liabilities disposed	(131,126)
Outflow of cash to dispose the subsidiaries, net of cash disposed	
Proceeds received in cash	–
Cash and cash equivalents in the subsidiaries disposed of	(1,905)
Net cash outflow on disposal	(1,905)

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(c) Disposal of Beijing Chunxuanmao

In May 2019, the Group entered into an agreement with Beijing Xuda to dispose of 30% equity interests in Beijing Chunxuanmao Investment Management Co., Ltd (“Beijing Chunxuanmao”), at a consideration of RMB9,000,000 for the equity interest of Beijing Chunxuanmao, and furthermore Beijing Xuda paid the debt, amounting to RMB248,862,000, owing to the Group on behalf of Beijing Chunxuanmao. Upon completion of the disposal, the Group lost control over Beijing Chunxuanmao as it has no power to govern the financial and operating policies of Beijing Chunxuanmao, which became a joint venture of the Group.

The effect of disposal of interests in the subsidiary on the equity attributable to owners of the Company during the period is summarized as follows:

	As at 31 May 2019 RMB'000
Proceeds received in cash on disposal of interests in the subsidiary	9,000
Fair value of the Group's remaining interests	-
Carrying value of the Beijing Chunxuanmao's net liabilities disposed — shown as below	168,778
Gains on disposal of interest in Beijing Chunxuanmao that resulted in loss of control	177,778
	As at 31 May 2019 RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	8,829
Property, plant and equipment	14,609
Completed properties held for sale	697
Right-of-use Assets	1,563,795
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	797,193
Trade and other payables	(896,848)
Borrowings	(54,803)
Lease liabilities	(1,593,968)
Contract liabilities	(8,281)
Net liabilities disposed	(168,777)
Inflow of cash to dispose the subsidiaries, net of cash disposed	
Proceeds received in cash	9,000
Cash and cash equivalents in the subsidiaries disposed of	(8,829)
Net cash inflow on disposal	171

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(d) Disposal of Qinghuangdao Yuanhao

In March 2019, the Group entered into an agreement with Beijing Haoshun Life Technology Group Co., Ltd., to dispose of 100% equity interests in Qinghuangdao Yuanhao Real Estate Development Co., Ltd. ("Qinghuangdao Yuanhao"), at a consideration of RMB89,037,000.

The effect of disposal of interest in the subsidiary on the equity attributable to owners of the Company during the period is summarized as follows:

	As at 31 March 2019
	RMB'000
Proceeds received on disposal of interest in the subsidiary	89,037
Carrying value of the Qinghuangdao Yuanhao's net liabilities disposed — shown as below	475
Gains on disposal of interest in Qinghuangdao Yuanhao that resulted in loss of control	89,512
	As at 31 March 2019
	RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	51,246
Properties under development	630,492
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	5,455
Trade and other payables	(129,198)
Borrowings	(558,470)
Net liabilities disposed	(475)
Inflow of cash to dispose the subsidiaries, net of cash disposed	
Proceeds received in cash	89,037
Cash and cash equivalents in the subsidiaries disposed of	(51,246)
Net cash inflow on disposal	37,791

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(e) Disposal of Sky Charter and Moral Wealth

In December 2019, Sky Charter Development Limited (“Sky Charter”) and Moral Wealth International Limited (“Moral Wealth”), wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Group, had agreed to allot and issue a total of 2,000,000 ordinary shares and 4 ordinary shares at the aggregate consideration of RMB60,000,000 and RMB140,000,000 respectively, to Xinying Investment Holdings Limited (“Xinying Investment”) (the Subscription), after the Subscription the Group owned 60% equity stakes in Sky Charter and Moral Wealth, which became a joint venture of the Group as the Group lost control over these two companies.

The effect of disposal of interest in the subsidiary on the equity attributable to owners of the Company during the period is summarized as follows:

	As at 31 December 2019 RMB'000
Fair value of the Group’s remaining interests after the subscription	170,541
Carrying value of Sky Charter and Moral Wealth’s net assets disposed — shown as below	(171,608)
Losses on disposal of interests in Sky Charter and Moral Wealth that resulted in loss of control	(1,067)

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(e) Disposal of Sky Charter and Moral Wealth (Continued)

The assets and liabilities disposed of are as follows:

	As at 31 December 2019 RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	195,572
Property, plant and equipment	1,021,906
Land use rights	339,694
Investment properties	3,008,000
Completed properties held for sale	638,216
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	4,893,504
Deferred income tax assets	68,494
Right-of-use Assets	9,037
Lease liabilities	(8,979)
Deferred tax liabilities	(190,766)
Trade and other payables	(5,359,192)
Borrowings	(4,026,888)
Income tax payables	(411,076)
Contract liabilities	(5,914)
Net assets disposed	171,608
Outflow of cash to dispose the subsidiaries, net of cash disposed	
Proceeds received in cash	-
Cash and cash equivalents in the subsidiaries disposed of	(195,572)
Net cash outflow on disposal	(195,572)

(f) Disposal of Tianjin Ruihong

In December 2019, the Group entered into an agreement with Zhonglian Qianyuan Real Estate Fund Management Co., Ltd ("Zhonglian Qianyuan"), to dispose of 100% equity interests in Tianjin Ruihong Enterprise Management Co., Ltd. ("Tianjin Ruihong"), at a consideration of RMB16,456,000 for the equity interest of Tianjin Ruihong, and furthermore Zhonglian Qianyuan paid the debt, amounting to RMB715,544,000, owing to the Group on behalf of Tianjin Ruihong.

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(f) Disposal of Tianjin Ruihong (Continued)

The effect of disposal of interests in the subsidiary on the equity attributable to owners of the Company during the period is summarized as follows:

	As at 24 December 2019 RMB'000
Proceeds received in cash on disposal of interests in the subsidiary	16,456
Carrying value of the Tianjin Ruihong's net assets disposed — shown as below	(3,386)
Gains on disposal of interest in Tianjin Ruihong that resulted in loss of control	13,070
	As at 24 December 2019 RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	3,672
Property, plant and equipment	6
Investment properties	718,858
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	2,526
Trade and other payables	(716,990)
Income tax payables	(265)
Contract liabilities	(4,421)
Net assets disposed	3,386
Inflow of cash to dispose the subsidiaries, net of cash disposed	
Proceeds received in cash	16,456
Cash and cash equivalents in the subsidiaries disposed of	(3,672)
Net cash inflow on disposal	12,784

50 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS (Continued)

During the year, the significant business combinations of the Group are presented as below:

(a) Acquisition of Shanghai Lanhai

The Group owns 41% equity stakes in Shanghai Lanhai Real Estate Development Co., Ltd and its subsidiaries (together, "Shanghai Lanhai"), which was accounted by way of equity method.

In September 2019, in order to optimize the performance of the real estate projects developed by Shanghai Lanhai, the Group obtained the controlling stake in Shanghai Lanhai. As a result of the change, Shanghai Lanhai became a subsidiary of the Group as the Group has power to decide Shanghai Lanhai's operation and finance.

The following table summarises the consideration paid for Shanghai Lanhai, the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date.

	As at 1 September 2019 RMB'000
Consideration:	
— Book value of equity Interest in Shanghai Lanhai held before business combination	1,396,106
— Deemed disposal gains of equity interest	20,036
Identifiable net assets acquired	(1,416,142)
Goodwill	—
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities acquired	RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	361,388
Property, plant and equipment	1,127
Properties under development	5,352,453
Completed properties held for sale	380,077
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	238,160
Trade and other payables	(925,583)
Borrowings	(2,232,008)
Contract liabilities	(1,273,545)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(87,719)
Non-controlling interests	(398,208)
Total identifiable net assets	1,416,142

The revenue included in the consolidated income statement since 1 September 2019 contributed by Shanghai Lanhai was RMB1,154,991,000. Shanghai Lanhai also contributed profit of RMB240,462,000 over the same period.

Had Shanghai Lanhai been consolidated from 1 January 2019, the consolidated income statement would show pro-forma revenue of RMB50,926,750,000 and profit of RMB4,133,595,000.

50 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS (Continued)**(b) Acquisition of Qinhuangdao Seatopia Resort Project**

In May 2019, the Group acquired 100% of the equity interests of Beijing Yingli Enterprise Consulting Management Co., Ltd., and its subsidiaries (together, "Qinhuangdao Seatopia Resort Project"), at a consideration of RMB2,458,126,000. As a result of the acquisition, Qinhuangdao Seatopia Resort Project became a subsidiary of the Group.

The following table summarises the consideration paid for Qinhuangdao Seatopia Resort Project, the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date.

	As at 31 May 2019
	RMB'000
Consideration:	
— Consideration transferred	2,458,126
Identifiable net assets acquired	(2,458,924)
Excess of consideration paid recognized in profit or loss as other gains	(798)
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities acquired	RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	751,949
Property, plant and equipment	3,867
Properties under development	5,852,128
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	3,346,679
Trade and other payables	(2,503,519)
Borrowings	(2,709,730)
Income tax payables	(53,576)
Contract liabilities	(1,672,598)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(556,276)
Total identifiable net assets	2,458,924

The revenue included in the consolidated income statement since 31 May 2019 contributed by Qinhuangdao Seatopia Resort Project was RMB784,912,000. Qinhuangdao Seatopia Resort Project also contributed Profit of RMB178,508,000 over the same period.

Had Qinhuangdao Seatopia Resort Project been consolidated from 1 January 2019, the consolidated income statement would show pro-forma revenue of RMB51,027,105,000 and profit of RMB4,074,235,000.

51 TRANSACTIONS WITH NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS WITHOUT CHANGE OF CONTROL

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group acquired certain equity interests of certain subsidiaries amounting to RMB58,485,000 from non-controlling shareholders, the difference between consideration paid and the carrying amount of equity interest acquired amounting to RMB2,339,000 was recognized as a decrease in reserves.

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Save as disclosed in elsewhere, the following is a summary of significant related party balances and transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business between the Group and its related parties during the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018:

(a) Provision of services to:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
— A shareholder	4,639	4,268
— Joint ventures	3,270,886	442,603
— Associates	833,095	117,355
	4,108,620	564,226

Provision of services mainly represent construction service, the terms of which are entered into with related parties in accordance with the terms of agreement.

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(b) Transaction with joint ventures:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Gains on disposal of interests in subsidiaries to joint ventures	-	2,165,245

(c) Key management compensation:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	40,325	45,524
Post-employment benefits	3,469	5,127
Other long-term welfare	1,126	1,125
Share-based payments	45,745	39,638
	90,665	91,414

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(d) Year-end balances arising from sales and purchases of properties and services and disposal of interests in subsidiaries:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Receivables from related parties:		
— A shareholder	35,771	34,032
— Joint ventures	2,023,274	733,492
— Associates	258,967	162,616
	2,318,012	930,140
Other receivables from related parties:		
— A joint venture	-	863,472
Advance from related parties:		
— Joint ventures	-	-
— Associates	-	2,000
	-	2,000
Trade payables due to related parties:		
— A joint venture	37,836	40,349
— An associate	4,252	645
	42,088	40,994

(e) Interest income

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Interest received:		
— Joint ventures	1,190,595	1,260,161
— Associates	323,018	246,867
	1,513,613	1,507,028

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(f) Loans to related parties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Joint ventures:		
At 1 January	11,516,089	5,053,855
Loans advanced during year	17,501,000	16,034,558
Loans repayments received	(19,528,323)	(9,572,324)
Increase due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	778,049	–
Decrease due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries	(463,650)	–
Interest charged	(1,190,595)	(1,260,161)
Interest received	1,190,595	1,260,161
At 31 December (Note 23(b)(ii))	9,803,165	11,516,089
Associates:		
At 1 January	1,129,255	580,306
Loans advanced during year	1,814,210	831,639
Loans repayments received	(811,450)	(282,690)
Decrease due to deemed disposal of associates	(402,895)	–
Increase due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	376,015	–
Decrease due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries	(673,390)	–
Interest charged	(323,018)	(246,867)
Interest received	323,018	246,867
At 31 December (Note 23(b)(iii))	1,431,745	1,129,255

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(g) Amounts due from related parties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Joint ventures:		
At 1 January	16,598,387	15,944,187
Amounts advanced during year	56,292,021	39,973,775
Repayments during year	(54,542,950)	(39,996,703)
Decrease due to deemed disposal of joint ventures	(672,869)	–
Increase due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	980,049	677,128
At 31 December (Note 23(b)(v))	18,654,638	16,598,387
Associates:		
At 1 January	9,723,159	7,638,158
Amounts advanced during year	7,689,906	8,937,168
Repayments during year	(9,744,890)	(8,395,521)
Increase due to deemed disposal of associates	–	1,543,354
Decrease due to deemed disposal of an associate	(329,765)	–
Increase due to disposal of subsidiaries	1,563,575	–
At 31 December (Note 23(b)(v))	8,901,985	9,723,159

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(h) Amounts due to related parties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Joint ventures:		
At 1 January	9,388,039	8,630,367
Amounts advanced during year	17,648,483	20,207,116
Repayments during year	(19,665,564)	(19,860,843)
Decrease due to deemed disposal of joint ventures	(538,638)	–
Decrease due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	(2,091)	–
Increase due to disposal of interest in subsidiaries	1,961,124	411,399
At 31 December (Note 35(i))	8,791,353	9,388,039
Associates:		
At 1 January	4,274,001	829,939
Amounts advanced during year	6,550,590	6,595,957
Repayments during year	(7,215,109)	(3,056,015)
Decrease due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	–	(95,880)
Decrease due to deemed disposal of an associate	(432,549)	–
Increase due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	2,186	–
At 31 December (Note 35(i))	3,179,119	4,274,001

(i) Investment in limited partners' share issued by an associate

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Fair value of investment in limited partners' share issued by an associate	2,126,795	–

(j) Investment in capital instrument issued by an associate

	Year ended 31 December	
	2019	2018
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Fair value of investment in capital instrument issued by an associate	2,011,000	–

53 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY

Balance sheet of the Company

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Right-of-use assets		-	-
Investments in subsidiaries		3,428,410	3,427,259
Current assets			
Amounts due from subsidiaries		34,875,510	35,251,808
Other receivables		2,060	2,060
Cash and cash equivalents		384,395	11,698
		35,261,965	35,265,566
Total assets		38,690,375	38,692,825
EQUITY			
Capital	(a)	27,329,232	27,328,810
Reserves	(b)	426,789	395,854
Retained earnings	(c)	447,542	483,576
Total equity		28,203,563	28,208,240
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings		9,985,954	9,974,458
Lease liabilities		-	-
Current liabilities			
Other payables		500,858	510,127
Lease liabilities		-	-
		500,858	510,127
Total liabilities		10,486,812	10,484,585
Total equity and liabilities		38,690,375	38,692,825

Approved by the Board of Directors on 24 March 2020.

LI Ming
Executive Director

SUM Pui Ying
Executive Director

53 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

(a) Capital movement of the Company

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	27,328,810
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	422
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-
At 31 December 2019	27,329,232
At 1 January 2018	27,129,614
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	197,298
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	1,898
At 31 December 2018	27,328,810

(b) Reserve movement of the Company

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	395,854
Share based payment	272,960
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	(76)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	(1,030)
At 31 December 2019	667,708
At 1 January 2018	435,309
Share based payment	71,680
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	(35,220)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	(1,898)
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	(74,017)
At 31 December 2018	395,854

53 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

(c) Retained earnings

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	483,576
Profit for the year	1,208,734
Dividends relating to 2018	(489,258)
Dividends relating to 2019	(755,510)
At 31 December 2019	447,542
At 1 January 2018	1,148,176
Profit for the year	1,273,562
Dividends relating to 2017	(999,882)
Dividends relating to 2018	(938,280)
At 31 December 2018	483,576

54 BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS

(a) Directors' emoluments

The remuneration of every director for the years is set out below:

	Emoluments paid or receivable in respect of a person's services as a director, whether of the Company or its subsidiary undertaking											
	Year ended 31 December											
	2019						2018					
	Fees	Salary and bonus	Employer's contribution to retirement benefit scheme	Other long-term welfare	Subtotal	Share-based payments	Fees	Salary and bonus	Employer's contribution to retirement benefit scheme	Other long-term welfare	Subtotal	Share-based payments
RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
<i>Chairman</i>												
Mr. Li Ming	-	6,310	1,715	1,126	9,151	23,715	-	5,760	3,060	1,125	9,945	4,781
<i>Executive directors</i>												
Mr. Li Hu (iii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,688	87	-	1,775	2,342
Mr. Wang Yeyi (iii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	144	-	-	-	144	74
Mr. Sum Pui Ying	-	2,383	238	-	2,621	4,601	-	4,050	237	-	4,287	2,384
Mr. Wen Haicheng	-	3,410	126	-	3,536	5,889	-	2,720	125	-	2,845	3,051
Mr. Li Hongbo (iii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,325	87	-	1,412	515
<i>Non-executive directors</i>												
Mr. Zhao Peng (i)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Zhao Lijun (ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	167
Mr. Yao Dafeng (iii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	231	-	-	-	231	75
Mr. Fang Jun	-	-	-	-	-	422	-	-	-	-	-	219
Ms. Shangguan Qing (iii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	231	-	-	-	231	75
Mr. Fu Fei	-	-	-	-	-	174	-	-	-	-	-	90
Ms. Li Lilong	-	-	-	-	-	174	-	-	-	-	-	90
<i>Independent non-executive directors</i>												
Mr. Han Xiaojing	337	-	-	-	337	596	325	-	-	-	325	219
Mr. Suen Man Tak	337	-	-	-	337	495	325	-	-	-	325	166
Mr. Wang Zhifeng	337	-	-	-	337	495	325	-	-	-	325	166
Mr. Jin Qingjun	337	-	-	-	337	495	325	-	-	-	325	166
Ms. Lam Sin Lai Judy	337	-	-	-	337	493	325	-	-	-	325	165
	1,685	12,103	2,079	1,126	16,993	37,549	2,231	15,543	3,596	1,125	22,495	14,745

54 BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS (Continued)

(a) Directors' emoluments (Continued)

- (i) On 30 September 2019, Mr. Zhao Peng was appointed as a non-executive director.
- (ii) On 30 September 2019, Mr. Zhao Lijun, resigned as a non-executive director.
- (iii) On 18 May 2018, Mr. Wang Yeyi, retired as an executive director.
 - On 10 August 2018, Mr. Li Hongbo, resigned as an executive director.
 - On 10 August 2018, Mr. Li Hu, resigned as an executive director.
 - On 10 August 2018, Mr. Yao Dafeng, resigned as a non-executive director.
 - On 10 August 2018, Ms. Shangguan Qing, resigned as a non-executive director.

(b) Directors' material interests in transactions, arrangements or contracts

No significant transactions, arrangements and contracts in relation to the Group's business to which the Company was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

55 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

- (a) On 14 January 2020, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited (the "Issuer"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, issued guaranteed notes with principal amount of USD400,000,000 at interest rate of 4.75% due in 2030 (the "Notes"). The Notes are unsecured and are guaranteed by the Company.
- (b) The Directors of the Group consider that the outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") may affect the financial performance and position of the Group including the construction and delivery of properties, rental revenue and occupancy rate of investment properties, allowance for expected credit losses on trade and other receivables, fair value of investment properties and so on. Meanwhile, due to the inherent nature and unpredictability of future development of the virus and market sentiment, the Directors are still assessing the financial impact that COVID-19 will have on the financial statements of the Group as at the date that the consolidated financial statements are authorised for issue. The Group will keep continuous attention on the situation of the COVID-19 and react actively to its impact on the financial position and operating results of the Group.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited
(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

OPINION

What we have audited

The consolidated financial statements of Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") set out on pages 114 to 272, which comprise:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2018;
- the consolidated income statement for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

Our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2018, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matters identified in our audit are summarised as follows:

- Recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests
- Valuation of investment properties

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<p><i>Recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests (collectively, the "Counterparties")</i></p>	
<p>Refer to note 22 to the consolidated financial statements</p>	<p>We had interviews with the management to get knowledge of each Counterparty and the status of projects cooperated with or developed by the Counterparties. We performed site visit to the projects of real estate, on a sample basis, to collaborate with the understanding from management.</p>
<p>As at 31 December 2018, the balance of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties is RMB53,593 million, and loss allowance amounting to RMB55 million is recognised in profit or loss.</p>	<p>We examined the historical data used by the Group to determine whether or not the credit risk has significantly increased since initial recognition and to calculate expected credit losses.</p>
<p>Such amounts were provided to the Counterparties for the launch and development of the projects of real estate.</p>	<p>We had interviews with the management for the consideration of forward-looking information such as the forecasts of future economic conditions.</p>
<p>The Group took into account reasonable and substantiated historical data such as principal and interest payment schedule, ageing, repayment history, subsequent repayment and financial information of the Counterparties, and available forward-looking information to determine whether or not the credit risk has significantly increased since initial recognition and to calculate expected credit losses.</p>	<p>We found the judgements and estimates made by the management in the assessment of recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties were supportable in light of available evidences.</p>
<p>The assessment of the recoverability of entrusted loans to and amounts due from the Counterparties involves significant management judgements and estimates as it involves the consideration of a number of factors including historical data and forward-looking information.</p>	

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<i>Valuation of investment properties</i>	
<p>Refer to note 12 to the consolidated financial statements</p> <p>The Group's investment properties were measured at fair value and carried at RMB16,205 million as at 31 December 2018 with a fair value gain of RMB2,361 million for the year then ended. The fair values of investment properties were determined by the Group based on the valuations performed by independent professional valuers (the "Valuers") engaged by the Group.</p> <p>The Group's investment property portfolio mainly included completed investment properties in Mainland China, Hong Kong and the United States and investment properties under development in Mainland China.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed investment properties: the valuation of these was derived using the income capitalization method and comparison approach; the relevant key assumptions included capitalization rates, prevailing market rents and price per square feet. • Investment properties under development: the valuation of these was derived using the residual method and comparison approach; the relevant key assumptions included capitalization rates, prevailing market rents, development costs to completion, developer's profit margin, and price per square feet. <p>All the relevant key assumptions were influenced by the prevailing market conditions and each property's characteristics.</p> <p>We focus on this area due to the significant quantum to the consolidated financial statements, and relevant key assumptions in valuation involved significant judgements and estimates.</p>	<p>We assessed the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the Valuers.</p> <p>We obtained the valuation report of each property and assessed the appropriateness of the valuation methods applied.</p> <p>We assessed the reasonableness of relevant key assumptions used in valuation including capitalization rates, prevailing market rents and price per square feet by gathering and analysing the data of comparable properties in the market and characteristics of the Group's properties such as location, size, occupancy rate, current rental and age.</p> <p>We checked the assumption on development costs to completion of investment property under construction with the approved budget, whose reasonableness was assessed by comparison with the actual cost of completed investment properties of the Group.</p> <p>We assessed the reasonableness of the assumption on developer's profit margin by reference to the range of estimated and empirical developer's profit margin in the industry.</p> <p>We involved our internal valuation specialists to assist us in assessing the methodologies used by the Valuers and compared the valuations of investment properties, on a sample basis, to our independently formed market expectations.</p> <p>In light of the above, we found the significant judgements and estimates made by management on relevant key assumptions were in the acceptable range.</p>

OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 405 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Chan Kwong Tak.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 20 March 2019

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2018	2017
		RMB'000	RMB'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	2,412,243	1,261,388
Land use rights	9	235,794	59,535
Intangible assets	10	453,278	–
Goodwill	11	514,039	99,168
Investment properties	12	16,205,333	17,279,920
Investments in joint ventures	14	20,330,505	14,720,119
Investments in associates	15	7,177,355	4,562,962
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	17	679,952	–
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	18	3,961,645	–
Available-for-sale financial assets	4	–	3,708,978
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	22	15,520,575	8,985,682
Deferred income tax assets	34	1,145,474	979,095
Total non-current assets		68,636,193	51,656,847

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Current assets			
Prepayments for land use rights	21	2,160,585	7,507,699
Properties under development	19	54,655,796	47,767,443
Inventories, at cost		92,437	160,528
Amounts due from customers for contract work	24	–	513,524
Land development cost recoverable	20	1,119,558	814,838
Completed properties held for sale	23	20,083,298	19,413,477
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	18	182,504	14,656
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	22	57,454,635	39,278,801
Contract assets	4,5	2,405,696	–
Restricted bank deposits	25	3,362,876	2,797,531
Cash and cash equivalents	26	39,208,481	21,968,819
Total current assets		180,725,866	140,237,316
Total assets		249,362,059	191,894,163
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Capital	27	27,328,810	27,129,614
Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme	27	(178,317)	(140,746)
Reserves	29	(1,313,848)	768,023
Retained earnings	28	22,548,161	20,745,229
		48,384,806	48,502,120
Non-controlling interests		14,753,699	10,226,108
Total equity		63,138,505	58,728,228

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2018	2017
		RMB'000	RMB'000
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	33	73,150,254	51,033,017
Trade and other payables	35	167,531	6,895
Deferred income tax liabilities	34	2,680,889	3,249,749
Total non-current liabilities		75,998,674	54,289,661
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	33	15,424,825	9,999,137
Trade and other payables	35	59,198,070	37,879,938
Contract liabilities	4,36	26,789,737	–
Advance receipts from customers	4	–	24,201,908
Income tax payable		8,665,309	6,795,291
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	37	146,939	–
Total current liabilities		110,224,880	78,876,274
Total liabilities		186,223,554	133,165,935
Total equity and liabilities		249,362,059	191,894,163

Approved by the Board of Directors on 20 March 2019

LI Ming
Executive Director

SUM Pui Ying
Executive Director

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Revenue	7	41,422,099	45,837,469
Cost of sales	40	(33,135,597)	(34,598,623)
Gross profit		8,286,502	11,238,846
Interest and other income	38	2,542,684	1,116,422
Other gains — net	39	1,339,960	975,243
Fair value gains on investment properties	12	2,361,070	440,199
Selling and marketing expenses	40	(1,205,559)	(800,327)
Administrative expenses	40	(1,730,205)	(1,240,268)
Operating profit		11,594,452	11,730,115
Finance costs	42	(1,774,760)	(1,173,885)
Share of results of joint ventures		1,103,464	802,213
Share of results of associates		52,065	63,967
Profit before income tax		10,975,221	11,422,410
Income tax expense	43	(6,309,400)	(5,163,743)
Profit for the year		4,665,821	6,258,667
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		3,573,745	5,115,405
Non-controlling interests		1,092,076	1,143,262
		4,665,821	6,258,667
Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company during the year (expressed in RMB)			
Basic earnings per share	44	0.473	0.680
Diluted earnings per share	44	0.470	0.678

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2018	2017
		RMB'000	RMB'000
Profit for the year		4,665,821	6,258,667
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax		(28,923)	–
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss			
Fair value gains on available-for-sale financial assets		–	262,088
Currency translation differences		(24,923)	184,610
Share of other comprehensive income of investments accounted for using the equity method	29	(1,463,874)	465,146
Other comprehensive income for the year		(1,517,720)	911,844
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		3,148,101	7,170,511
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
— Owners of the Company		1,851,135	5,999,048
— Non-controlling interests		1,296,966	1,171,463
		3,148,101	7,170,511

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Note	Attributable to owners of the Company					Non-controlling interests			
		Share capital RMB'000	Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Other reserves RMB'000	Retained earnings RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Capital instrument RMB'000	Perpetual subordinated guaranteed capital securities RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
Balance at 1 January 2018		27,129,614	(140,746)	768,023	20,745,229	48,502,120	3,500,000	3,930,367	2,795,741	58,728,228
Adjustment on adoption of HKFRS 9, net of tax	4	-	-	(199,031)	199,031	-	-	-	-	-
Adjustment on adoption of HKFRS 15, net of tax	4	-	-	-	57,529	57,529	-	-	56,001	113,530
Restated balance at 1 January 2018		27,129,614	(140,746)	568,992	21,001,789	48,559,649	3,500,000	3,930,367	2,851,742	58,841,758
Profit for the year		-	-	-	3,573,745	3,573,745	175,000	198,913	718,163	4,665,821
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	(28,923)	-	(28,923)	-	-	-	(28,923)
Currency translation differences		-	-	(229,813)	-	(229,813)	-	195,959	8,931	(24,923)
Share of other comprehensive income of investments accounted for using the equity method	29	-	-	(1,463,874)	-	(1,463,874)	-	-	-	(1,463,874)
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	(1,722,610)	3,573,745	1,851,135	175,000	394,872	727,094	3,148,101
Transactions with owners of the company										
Dividends relating to 2017	45	-	-	-	(999,882)	(999,882)	-	-	-	(999,882)
Dividends relating to 2018	45	-	-	-	(938,280)	(938,280)	-	-	-	(938,280)
Expenses on share-based payment	29	-	-	71,680	-	71,680	-	-	-	71,680
Transfer from retained earnings	29	-	-	89,211	(89,211)	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	27	197,298	-	(35,380)	-	161,918	-	-	-	161,918
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	27	1,898	36,446	(38,344)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	27	-	(74,017)	-	-	(74,017)	-	-	-	(74,017)
Distribution relating to capital instrument		-	-	-	-	-	(175,000)	-	-	(175,000)
Distribution relating to non-controlling interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(347,175)	(347,175)
Distribution relating to capital securities		-	-	-	-	-	-	(255,548)	-	(255,548)
Contribution from non-controlling interests		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,097,500	2,097,500
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of the company		199,196	(37,571)	87,167	(2,027,373)	(1,778,581)	(175,000)	(255,548)	1,750,325	(458,804)
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of business combination	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	413,674	413,674
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of other acquisition		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,566,012	1,566,012
Decrease in non-controlling interest as a result of disposal of subsidiaries		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(68,891)	(68,891)
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in subsidiaries	51	-	-	(247,397)	-	(247,397)	-	-	(55,948)	(303,345)
Total transactions with owners of the company		199,196	(37,571)	(160,230)	(2,027,373)	(2,025,978)	(175,000)	(255,548)	3,605,172	1,148,646
Balance at 31 December 2018		27,328,810	(178,317)	(1,313,848)	22,548,161	48,384,806	3,500,000	4,069,691	7,184,008	63,138,505

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	Note	Attributable to owners of the Company					Non-controlling interests			
		Share capital RMB'000	Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Other reserves RMB'000	Retained earnings RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Capital instrument RMB'000	Perpetual subordinated guaranteed capital securities RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
Balance at 1 January 2017		26,920,490	(147,280)	(359,691)	17,585,122	43,998,641	3,500,000	-	1,831,239	49,329,880
Profit for the year		-	-	-	5,115,405	5,115,405	245,000	56,634	841,628	6,258,667
Fair value gains on available-for-sale financial assets		-	-	219,549	-	219,549	-	-	42,539	262,088
Currency translation differences		-	-	198,948	-	198,948	-	-	(14,338)	184,610
Share of other comprehensive income of investments accounted for using the equity method	29	-	-	465,146	-	465,146	-	-	-	465,146
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	883,643	5,115,405	5,999,048	245,000	56,634	869,829	7,170,511
Transactions with owners of the company										
Dividends relating to 2016		-	-	-	(782,907)	(782,907)	-	-	-	(782,907)
Dividends relating to 2017	45	-	-	-	(1,072,542)	(1,072,542)	-	-	-	(1,072,542)
Expenses on share-based payment	29	-	-	103,044	-	103,044	-	-	-	103,044
Transfer from retained earnings	29	-	-	99,849	(99,849)	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	27	205,043	-	(36,203)	-	168,840	-	-	-	168,840
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	27	4,081	44,246	(48,327)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	27	-	(37,712)	-	-	(37,712)	-	-	-	(37,712)
Distribution relating to capital instrument		-	-	-	-	-	(245,000)	-	-	(245,000)
Distribution relating to non-controlling interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(23,995)	(23,995)
Issue of capital securities	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,873,733	-	3,873,733
Contribution from non-controlling interests		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,200	25,200
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of the company		209,124	6,534	118,363	(1,955,298)	(1,621,277)	(245,000)	3,873,733	1,205	2,008,661
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of business combination		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162,815	162,815
Increase in non-controlling interests as a result of disposal interests without change of control		-	-	2,595	-	2,595	-	-	11,405	14,000
Increase in non-controlling interest as a result of other acquisition		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89,091	89,091
Decrease in non-controlling interest as a result of disposal of subsidiaries		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(26,430)	(26,430)
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in subsidiaries		-	-	123,113	-	123,113	-	-	(143,413)	(20,300)
Total transactions with owners of the company		209,124	6,534	244,071	(1,955,298)	(1,495,569)	(245,000)	3,873,733	94,673	2,227,837
Balance at 31 December 2017		27,129,614	(140,746)	768,023	20,745,229	48,502,120	3,500,000	3,930,367	2,795,741	58,728,228

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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	46	7,472,323	6,096,137
Interest paid		(3,721,491)	(2,985,662)
Income tax paid		(3,795,365)	(4,332,652)
Net cash used in operating activities		(44,533)	(1,222,177)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	8	(877,098)	(441,895)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		14,018	33,437
Proceeds from sale of investment properties		16,813	11,173
Purchases of investment properties		(805,327)	(615,070)
Purchases of intangible assets	10	(29,468)	–
Purchases of available-for-sale financial assets		–	(429,248)
Purchases of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		(8,725)	–
Purchases of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(634,359)	–
Redemption of available-for-sale financial assets		–	84,462
Redemption of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		6,717	–
Proceeds from disposal of available-for-sale financial assets		–	423,928
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		7,579	–
Dividends received		248,043	25,105
Purchases of land use rights	9	(179,676)	(8,348)
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired		(1,151,357)	1,391,616
Proceeds from disposal of interests in subsidiaries, net of cash disposed		5,038,590	722,997
Capital injection to joint ventures		(5,147,711)	(4,295,758)
Proceeds from disposal of joint ventures		493	805,112

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	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Capital injection to associates	15	(2,788,550)	(1,875,599)
Proceeds from disposal of interests in an associate		–	552,364
Dividends received from joint ventures and associates		542,812	262,514
Entrusted loans advanced		(22,262,541)	(10,218,246)
Repayment of entrusted loans		12,727,130	9,789,004
Interest received		2,188,857	878,352
Net cash used in investing activities		(13,093,760)	(2,904,100)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		47,977,453	18,484,343
Repayments of borrowings		(22,055,932)	(13,892,128)
Amounts due to a non-controlling interest		5,000,000	–
Consideration paid for transactions with non-controlling interests		(303,345)	(20,300)
Capital injection from non-controlling interests		2,097,500	25,200
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		(347,175)	(23,995)
Dividends paid to the shareholders of the Company		(1,938,162)	(1,072,542)
Distribution relating to capital securities		(255,548)	–
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme		(74,017)	(37,712)
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options		161,918	168,840
Issue of capital securities	31	–	3,873,733
Distribution relating to capital instrument		(175,000)	(245,000)
Net cash generated from financing activities		30,087,692	7,260,439
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		16,949,399	3,134,162
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	26	21,968,819	19,052,833
Exchange gains on cash and cash equivalents		290,263	(218,176)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	26	39,208,481	21,968,819

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Sino-Ocean Group Holding Limited (the “Company”) is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong on 12 March 2007. The address of its registered office is Suite 601, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong. The Company and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) are principally engaged in investment holding, property development and property investment in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”).

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”), unless otherwise stated. The Company’s shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 20 March 2019.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRS”). They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties, financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, which are carried at fair values.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in Note 6.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

3.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

(a) *New and amended standards adopted by the Group*

The following standards have been adopted by the Group for the first time for the financial year beginning on or after 1 January 2018:

- HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments
- HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
- Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions — Amendments to HKFRS 2
- Annual Improvements 2014–2016 cycle
- Transfers to Investment Property — Amendments to HKAS 40
- Interpretation 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration

The Group also elected to adopt the following amendments early.

- Annual Improvements to HKFRS Standards 2015–2017 Cycle, and

The Group had to change its accounting policies and make certain retrospective adjustments following the adoption of HKFRS 9 (Note 4.1) and HKFRS 15 (Note 4.2). Most of the other amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

- (b) Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 31 December 2018 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Group. The Group's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

HKFRS 16 Leases

Nature of change

HKFRS 16 was issued in January 2016. It will result in almost all leases being recognised on the balance sheet by lessees, as the distinction between operating and finance leases is removed. Under the new standard, an asset (the right to use the leased item) and a financial liability to pay rentals are recognised. The only exceptions are short-term and low-value leases.

Impact

The Group has set up a project team which has reviewed all of the Group's leasing arrangements over the last year in light of the new lease accounting rules in HKFRS 16. The standard will affect primarily the accounting for the Group's operating leases. HKFRS 16 provides new provisions for the accounting treatment of leases and will in the future no longer allow lessees to recognise certain leases outside of the balance sheet. Instead, all non-current leases must be recognised in the form of an asset (for the right of use) and a financial liability (for the payment obligation). Thus each lease will be mapped in the Group's consolidated balance sheet. Short-term leases of less than twelve months and leases of low-value assets are exempted from the reporting obligation. The new standard will therefore result in an increase in right of use assets and an increase in financial liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet. In the consolidated income statement, as a result, the operating expenses under otherwise identical circumstances will decrease, while depreciation and amortisation and the interest expenses will increase.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures (Continued)

- (b) Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 31 December 2018 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Group. The Group's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below. (Continued)

HKFRS 16 Leases (Continued)

Impact (Continued)

The directors consider that the adoption of the new standard will have limited impact on the current consolidated financial position of the Group as the aggregated amount of non-cancellable operating lease is small. However with these business expands in the near future the Group expects that HKFRS 16 will have some impact on the consolidated financial position of the Group.

The Group's activities as a lessor are not material and hence the Group does not expect any significant impact on the financial statements. However, some additional disclosures will be required from next year.

Date of adoption by Group

The Group will apply the standard from its mandatory adoption date of 1 January 2019. The Group intends to apply the simplified transition approach and will not restate comparative amounts for the year prior to first adoption. Right-of-use assets for property leases will be measured on transition as if the new rules had always been applied. All other right-of-use assets will be measured at the amount of the lease liability on adoption (adjusted for any prepaid or accrued lease expenses).

There are no other standards that are not yet effective and that would be expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

3.2 Subsidiaries

3.2.1 Consolidation

A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

- (a) Business combinations

The Group applies the acquisition method to account for business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognizes any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognized amounts of acquiree's identifiable net assets.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date carrying value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is re-measured to fair value at the acquisition date; any gains or losses arising from such re-measurement are recognized in profit or loss.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.2 Subsidiaries (Continued)

3.2.1 Consolidation (Continued)

(a) Business combinations (Continued)

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the Group is recognized at fair value at the acquisition date. Subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration that is deemed to be an asset or liability is recognized in accordance with HKAS 39 either in profit or loss or as a change to other comprehensive income. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured, and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the total of consideration transferred, non-controlling interest recognized and previously held interest measured is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognized directly in the income statement.

Intra-group transactions, balances and unrealized gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Unrealized losses are also eliminated. When necessary, amounts reported by subsidiaries have been adjusted to conform with the Group's accounting policies.

(b) Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without change of control

Transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions — that is, as transactions with the owners of the subsidiary in their capacity as owners. The difference between fair value of any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying amount of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity.

(c) Disposal of interests in subsidiaries

When the Group ceases to have control, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value at the date when control is lost, with the change in carrying amount recognized in profit or loss. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate, joint venture or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

3.2.2 Separate financial statements

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less impairment. Cost includes direct attributable costs of investment. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the company on the basis of dividend received and receivable.

Impairment testing of the investments in subsidiaries is required upon receiving a dividend from these investments if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the subsidiary in the period the dividend is declared or if the carrying amount of the investment in the separate financial statements exceeds the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements of the investee's net assets including goodwill.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.3 Joint arrangements

Under HKFRS 11 investments in joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures depending on the contractual rights and obligations of each investor. The Group has assessed the nature of its joint arrangements and determined them to be joint ventures. Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method.

Under the equity method of accounting, interests in joint ventures are initially recognized at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognize the Group's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses and movements in other comprehensive income. When the Group's share of losses in a joint venture equals or exceeds its interests in the joint ventures (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the joint ventures), the Group does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the joint ventures.

Unrealized gains on transactions between the Group and its joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the joint ventures. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of the joint ventures have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

3.4 Associates

An associate is an entity over which the Group has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method, the investment is initially recognized at cost, and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognize the investor's share of the profit or loss of the investee after the date of acquisition. The Group's investment in associates includes goodwill identified on acquisition.

If the ownership interest in an associate is reduced but significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where appropriate.

The Group's share of post-acquisition profits or losses is recognized in the consolidated income statement, and its share of post-acquisition movements in other comprehensive income is recognized in other comprehensive income with a corresponding adjustment to the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

The Group determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. If this is the case, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate and its carrying value and recognizes the amount adjacent to 'share of profit of investments accounted for using equity method' in the consolidated income statement.

Profits and losses resulting from upstream and downstream transactions between the Group and its associate are recognized in the Group's financial statements only to the extent of unrelated investor's interests in the associates. Unrealized losses are eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of associates have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.4 Associates (Continued)

Gains or losses on dilution of equity interest in associates are recognized in the consolidated income statement.

When the Group begins to have significant influence but not control over another entity as a result of increasing its stake or having representation on the board, an existing investment becomes an associate for the first time, the investment in the associate is initially recognized at the cost of each purchase plus a share of investee's profits or losses which is recognized in the consolidated income statement and other comprehensive income which is recognized in other comprehensive income, and acquisition-related costs are deemed as part of the cost of investment. Any existing gains or losses recognized in respect of the previously held the investment are reversed to restate the investment to cost.

3.5 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the executive committee that makes strategic decisions.

3.6 Foreign currency translation

(a) *Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in RMB, which is the Company's functional and the Group's presentation currency.

The Group identifies the functional currency of each subsidiary for the purpose of defining that entity's foreign currency exposure. Different entities within the Group may have different functional currencies. Judgement is required in determining an entity's functional currency based on individual facts and circumstances.

(b) *Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the consolidated income statement.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the income statement within "finance income or cost". All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the income statement within "other gains — net".

Changes in the fair value of monetary securities denominated in foreign currency classified as available-for-sale are analyzed between translation differences resulting from changes in the amortized cost of the security and other changes in the carrying amount of the security. Translation differences related to changes in amortized cost are recognized in profit or loss, and other changes in carrying amount are recognized in other comprehensive income.

Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities, such as equity instruments held at fair value through profit or loss, are recognized in profit or loss as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary items such as equities classified as fair value through other comprehensive income are included in other comprehensive income.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.6 Foreign currency translation (Continued)

(c) *Group companies*

The results and financial position of all the group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (i) assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet;
- (ii) income and expenses for each income statement are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the rate on the dates of the transactions); and
- (iii) all resulting exchange differences are recognized in other comprehensive income.

3.7 Properties

(a) *Investment properties*

Investment property, principally comprising leasehold land and buildings, is held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, and that is not occupied by the Group. It also includes properties that are being constructed or developed for future use as investment properties. Land held under operating leases are classified and accounted for as investment property when the rest of the definition of investment property is met. In such cases, the operating leases concerned are accounted for as if they were finance leases. Investment property is initially measured at cost, including related transaction costs and where applicable borrowing costs.

After initial recognition, investment property is carried at fair value, assessed annually by a professional independent valuer. Fair value is based on active market prices, adjusted, if necessary, for any differences in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. If such information is not available, the Group uses alternative valuation methods such as recent prices on less active markets or discounted cash flow projections. Investment property that is being redeveloped for continuing use as investment property, or for which the market has become less active, continues to be measured at fair value.

Property that is being constructed or developed as investment property is carried at fair value. Where fair value is not reliably determinable, such investment property under construction is measured at cost until either its fair value becomes reliably determinable or construction is completed (whichever is earlier).

The fair value of investment property reflects, among other things, rental income from current leases and assumptions about rental income from future leases in light of current market condition.

Subsequent expenditure is charged to the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are expensed in the consolidated income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.7 Properties (Continued)

(a) *Investment properties (Continued)*

If an investment property becomes owner-occupied, it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment, and its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for accounting purposes. Property that is being constructed or developed for future use as investment property is classified as property, plant and equipment and stated at cost until construction or development is completed, at which time it is reclassified and subsequently accounted for as investment property.

If an item of property, plant and equipment becomes an investment property because its use has changed, any differences resulting between the carrying amount and the fair value of this item at the date of transfer is recognized in equity as a revaluation of property, plant and equipment under HKAS 16. However, if a fair value gain reverses a previous impairment loss, the gain is recognized in the consolidated income statement.

(b) *Land use rights*

Land in China mainland is state-owned and no individual land ownership right exists. The Group acquired the rights to certain land, and the premiums paid for such rights are recorded as land use rights. Land use rights are classified and accounted for in accordance to the intended use of respective properties as erected on the land.

For properties that are held for own use, corresponding land use rights are separately stated in the balance sheet, and are stated at cost and amortized over the use terms of 40 to 70 years using the straight-line method.

For properties that are held for development and subsequent sale, corresponding land use rights are accounted for as part of the development costs, and are accounted for under Note 3.12.

3.8 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the consolidated income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Buildings and leasehold improvements	5–50 years
Machinery	5–15 years
Vehicles	4–8 years
Office equipment	3–5 years
Electronic equipment	3 years

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.8 Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

Leasehold improvements' estimated useful life is shorter of remaining lease term or useful life. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 3.10).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amounts. These are recognized within "other gains — net", in the consolidated income statement.

Construction-in-progress represents buildings, machinery under construction and is stated at cost. Cost includes the costs of construction of buildings, the cost of plant and machinery, installation, testing and other direct costs incurred during the development period. No provision for depreciation is made on construction-in-progress until such time as the relevant assets are completed and ready for intended use. The carrying amount of a construction-in-progress is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 3.10). When the assets concerned get ready for their intended use, the costs are depreciated in accordance with the policy as stated above.

3.9 Goodwill

Goodwill arises on the acquisition of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures and represents the excess of the consideration transferred over the Group's interest in net fair value of the net identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the acquiree and the fair value of the non-controlling interests in the acquiree.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is allocated to each of the cash-generating units ("CGUs"), or groups of CGUs, that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Each unit or group of units to which the goodwill is allocated represents the lowest level within the entity at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. Goodwill is monitored at the operating segment level.

Goodwill impairment reviews are undertaken annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate a potential impairment. The carrying value of goodwill is compared to the recoverable amount, which is the higher of value in use and the fair value less costs of disposal. Any impairment is recognized immediately as an expense and is not subsequently reversed.

3.10 Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life or are not yet available for use are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets

3.11.1 Classification

From 1 January 2018, the Group classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through OCI, or through profit or loss), and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss or OCI. For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, this will depend on whether the Group has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI).

The Group reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

3.11.2 Recognition and derecognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

3.11.3 Measurement

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVPL are expensed in profit or loss.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets (Continued)

3.11.3 Measurement (Continued)

Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. There are three measurement categories into which the Group classifies its debt instruments:

- **Amortised cost:** Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss and presented in other gains/(losses), together with foreign exchange gains and losses. Impairment losses are presented as separate line item in the statement of profit or loss.
- **FVOCI:** Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognised in other gains/(losses). Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in other gains/(losses) and impairment expenses are presented as separate line item in the statement of profit or loss.
- **FVPL:** Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVPL. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at FVPL is recognised in profit or loss and presented net within other gains/(losses) in the period in which it arises.

Equity instruments

The Group subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value. Where the Group's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments in OCI, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss following the derecognition of the investment. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognised in profit or loss as other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVPL are recognised in other gains/(losses) in the statement of profit or loss as applicable. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets (Continued)

3.11.4 Impairment

From 1 January 2018, the Group assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost and FVOCI. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

For trade receivables and contract assets, the Group applies the simplified approach permitted by HKFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of trade receivables and contract assets, see Note 5 for further details.

3.11.5 Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017

The Group has applied HKFRS 9 retrospectively, but has elected not to restate comparative information. As a result, the comparative information provided continues to be accounted for in accordance with the Group's previous accounting policy.

(a) Classification

The Group classifies its financial assets into financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at every reporting date.

- **Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets held for trading. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term. Derivatives are also categorized as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if expected to be settled within 12 months; otherwise, they are classified as non-current.
- **Loans and receivables**
Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting period, which are classified as non-current assets. The Group's loans and receivables comprise "trade and other receivables and prepayments" (Note 3.13), "restricted bank deposit" and "cash and cash equivalents" (Note 3.15) in the balance sheet.
- **Available-for-sale financial assets**
Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. They are included in non-current assets unless the investment matures or management intends to dispose of it within 12 months of the end of the reporting period.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets (Continued)

3.11.5 Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 (Continued)

(b) Recognition and measurement

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognized at fair value, and transaction costs are expensed in the consolidated income statement. Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Available-for-sale financial assets are subsequently carried at fair value. Loans and receivables are subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss" category are presented in the income statement within "other gains – net" in the period in which they arise. Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognized in the income statement as part of other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in the fair value of monetary and non-monetary securities classified as available-for-sale are recognized in other comprehensive income.

When securities classified as available-for-sale are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments recognized in equity are included in the consolidated income statement as part of "other gains – net".

Interest on available-for-sale securities calculated using the effective interest method are recognized in the consolidated income statement as part of other income. Dividends on available-for-sale equity instruments are recognized in the consolidated income statement as part of other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets (Continued)

3.11.5 Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 (Continued)

(c) Impairment of financial assets

• Assets carried at amortized cost

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a "loss event") and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

Evidence of impairment may include indications that the debtors or a group of debtors is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization, and where observable data indicate that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For loans and receivables category, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognized in the consolidated income statement. If a loan or held-to-maturity investment has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract. As a practical expedient, the Group may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the reversal of the previously recognized impairment loss is recognized in the consolidated income statement.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.11 Financial assets (Continued)

3.11.5 Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 (Continued)

(c) Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

• Assets classified as available-for-sale

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired.

For debt securities, if any such evidence exists the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognized in profit or loss – is removed from equity and recognized in profit or loss. If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of a debt instrument classified as available for sale increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed through the consolidated income statement.

For equity investments, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is also evidence that the assets are impaired. If any such evidence exists the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognized in profit or loss – is removed from equity and recognized in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognized in the consolidated income statement on equity instruments are not reversed through the consolidated income statement.

3.12 Inventories

(a) Properties under development

Properties under development are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is determined by reference to estimated sales proceeds of the properties sold in the ordinary course of business less costs to complete development and estimated selling expenses.

Development costs of properties comprises land use rights, construction costs, borrowing costs and professional fees as incurred during the development period. On completion, all development costs of the properties are transferred to completed properties held for sale.

Costs to fulfill a contract comprise the development cost and land use right cost directly related to an existing contract that will be used to satisfy performance obligations in the future. The costs to fulfill a contract are recorded in properties under development if they are expected to be recovered. The amount is amortised on a systematic basis, consistent with the pattern of revenue recognition of the contract to which the asset relates.

(b) Completed properties held for sale

Completed properties held for sale are completed properties remaining unsold at the balance sheet date and are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable values. Cost comprises development costs attributable to the unsold properties. Net realizable values is determined by reference to the sale proceeds of properties sold in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses, or by management estimates based on prevailing marketing conditions.

(c) Other inventories

Other inventories mainly comprise raw materials for upfitting, food and beverages and hotel consumables. Goods are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost, calculated on the weighted average basis, comprises invoiced price, delivery and other direct costs relating to purchases. Net realizable value is determined on the basis of anticipated sales proceeds less estimated selling expenses.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.13 Trade and other receivables and prepayments

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection of trade and other receivables and prepayments is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables and prepayments are recognized initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value. The Group holds the trade and other receivables and prepayments with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. See Note 3.11 for further information about the Group's accounting for trade and other receivables and prepayments, and Note 5.1 for a description of the Group's impairment policies.

3.14 Contract assets and contract liabilities

Upon entering into a contract with a customer, the Group obtains rights to receive consideration from the customer and assumes performance obligations to transfer goods or provide services to the customer.

The combination of those rights and performance obligations gives rise to a net asset or a net liability depending on the relationship between the remaining rights and the performance obligations. The contract is an asset and recognised as contract assets if the measure of the remaining rights exceeds the measure of the remaining performance obligations. Conversely, the contract is a liability and recognized as contract liabilities if the measure of the remaining performance obligations exceeds the measure of the remaining rights.

The Group recognises the incremental costs of obtaining a contract with a customer within contract assets if the Group expects to recover those costs.

3.15 Cash and cash equivalents

In the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

3.16 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental cost directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

3.17 Capital securities and capital instrument

Capital securities and capital instrument with no contracted obligation to repay its principal nor to pay any distribution are classified as part of equity.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.18 Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade payables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

3.19 Borrowings and Borrowing costs

Borrowings are recognized initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortized cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalization. All other borrowing costs are recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

3.20 Current and deferred income tax

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred income tax. Tax is recognized in the income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

3.20.1 Current income tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries/territories where the Company and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.20 Current and deferred income tax (Continued)

3.20.2 *Deferred income tax*

Deferred income tax is recognized, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, deferred tax liabilities are not recognized if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realized or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

Deferred income tax liabilities are provided on taxable temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates, except for deferred income tax liability where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Generally the Group is unable to control the reversal of the temporary difference for associates. Only where there is an agreement in place that gives the Group the ability to control the reversal of the temporary difference not recognized.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized on deductible temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint arrangements only to the extent that it is probable the temporary difference will reverse in the future and there is sufficient taxable profit available against which the temporary difference can be utilized.

3.20.3 *Offsetting*

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

3.21 Employee benefits

(a) *Employee leave entitlements*

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognized when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employee up to the balance sheet date. Employee entitlements to sick leave and maternity leave are not recognized until the time of leave.

(b) *Bonus entitlements*

Expected costs of bonus payments are recognized as liabilities when constructive obligations are present, as a result of services rendered by employees and reliable estimations of the obligations can be made.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.21 Employee benefits (Continued)

(c) *Retirement benefits*

In accordance with the rules and regulations in the PRC, the PRC based employees of the Group participate in various defined contribution retirement plans organized by the relevant municipal and provincial governments in the PRC under which the Group and the PRC based employees are required to make monthly contributions to these plans calculated as a percentage of the employees' salaries.

The municipal and provincial governments undertake to assume the retirement benefit obligations of all existing and future retired PRC based employees payable under the plans described above. Other than the monthly contributions, the Group has no further obligation for the payment of retirement and other post retirement benefits of its employees. The assets of these plans are held separately from those of the Group in independently administrated funds managed by the PRC government.

The Group also participates in a pension scheme under the rules and regulations of the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Ordinance ("MPF Scheme") for all employees in Hong Kong. The contributions to the MPF Scheme are based on minimum statutory contribution requirement of the lower of 5% of eligible employees' relevant aggregate income and HKD1,500. The assets of this pension scheme are held separately from those of the Group in independently administered funds.

The Group's contributions to the defined contribution retirement schemes are expensed as incurred.

3.22 Share-based payments

The Group operates a number of equity-settled, share-based compensation plans, including "share option scheme" and Restricted Share Award Scheme, under which the entity receives services from employees as consideration for equity instruments (options and shares) of the Group.

- *Share option scheme*

The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the options is recognized as an expense. The total amount to be expensed is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted:

- including any market performance conditions (e.g. the entity's share price)
- excluding the impact of any service and non-market performance vesting conditions (e.g. profitability, sales growth targets and remaining an employee of the entity over a specified time period), and
- including the impact of any non-vesting conditions (e.g. the requirement for employees to save or holdings shares for a specific period of time).

The total expense is recognized over the vesting period, which is the period over which all of the specified vesting conditions are to be satisfied. At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to vest based on the non-marketing vesting conditions. The impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, is recognized in the consolidated income statement, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

The cash subscribed for the shares issued when the options are exercised is credited to share capital, net of any directly attributable transaction costs.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.22 Share-based payments (Continued)

- *Restricted Shares Award Scheme*
The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of these share-based awards is recognized as an expense. The total amount to be expensed is determined by reference to the fair value of the shares awarded at the grant date.

When Trustee purchases the Company's shares from the open market, the consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental costs, is presented as "Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme" in the consolidated statement of changes in equity and deducted from total equity. When the Trustee transfers the Company's shares to grantees upon vesting, the related costs of the awarded shares are credited to "Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme" with a corresponding adjustment to the share capital.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimates of the number of these share-based awards that are expected to become vested. The impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, is recognized in the consolidated income statement, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

3.23 Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognized even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognized as interest expense.

3.24 Financial guarantee liabilities

Financial guarantee contracts are contracts that require the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payments when due, in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Such financial guarantees are given to banks, financial institutions and other bodies on behalf of subsidiaries or associates to secure loans, overdrafts and other banking facilities.

Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the financial statements at fair value on the date the guarantee was given. The fair value of a financial guarantee at the time of signature is zero because all guarantees are agreed on arm's length terms, and the value of the premium agreed corresponds to the value of the guarantee obligation. No receivable for the future premiums is recognised. Subsequent to initial recognition, the company's liabilities under such guarantees are measured at the higher of the initial amount, less amortisation of fees recognised in accordance with IAS/HKAS 18, and the best estimate of the amount required to settle the guarantee. These estimates are determined based on experience of similar transactions and history of past losses, supplemented by management's judgement. The fee income earned is recognised on a straight-line basis over the life of the guarantee. Any increase in the liability relating to guarantees is reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss within other operating expenses.

Where guarantees in relation to loans or other payables of subsidiaries or associates are provided for no compensation, the fair values are accounted for as contributions and recognised as part of the cost of the investment in the financial statements of the company.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.25 Contract work

When the outcome of a contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognized only to the extent of contract costs incurred that are likely to be recoverable by reference to the stage of completion.

When the outcome of a contract can be estimated reliably and it is probable that the contract will be profitable, contract revenue is recognized over the period of the contract. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected losses are recognized as expense immediately.

The Group uses the "percentage of completion method" to determine the appropriate amount to be recognized in a given period. Depending on the nature of contracts, the stage of completion is measured by reference to (a) the proportion of contract costs incurred for work performed to date to estimated total contract costs; (b) the amount of work certified by site engineers; or (c) completion of physical proportion of the contract work. Costs incurred in the year in connection with future activity on a contract are excluded from contract costs in determining the stage of completion. They are presented as inventories, prepayments or other assets, depending on their nature.

Contract work-in-progress is valued at the cost price of the work done, plus a part of the expected profit upon completion of the project in proportion to the progress made and less progress receivables and provisions. Provisions are recognized for expected losses on contract work-in-progress, as soon as they are foreseen, and deducted from the cost price. The cost price includes direct project costs, consisting of direct payroll costs, materials, costs of subcontracted work, other direct costs, rental charges and maintenance costs for the equipment used. The progress of a project is determined on the basis mentioned in preceding paragraph. Profits are not recognized unless a reliable estimate can be made of the result on completion of the project. The balance of the value of contract work-in-progress and progress receivables is determined on a project by project basis.

The Group presents as an asset the "amounts due from customers for contract work" for all contracts in progress for which costs incurred plus recognized profits exceed progress receivables. Progress receivables not yet paid by customers and retention are included within "contract assets".

3.26 Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sales of properties and services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. Revenue is shown, net of discounts and after eliminating sales with the Group companies. The Group recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured; when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity; and when specific criteria have been met for each of the Group's activities, as described below.

(a) *Sales of properties and construction services*

Revenues are recognised when or as the control of the asset is transferred to the customer. Depending on the terms of the contract and the laws that apply to the contract, control of the asset may transfer over the period or at a point in time. Control of the asset is transferred over the period if the Group's performance:

- provides all of the benefits received and consumed simultaneously by the customer; or
- creates and enhances an asset that the customer controls as the Group performs; or
- do not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.26 Revenue recognition (Continued)

(a) *Sales of properties and construction services (Continued)*

If control of the asset transfers over the period, revenue is recognised over the period of the contract by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the asset.

The progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation is measured based on the Group's efforts or inputs to the satisfaction of the performance obligation, by reference to the contract costs incurred up to the end of reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each contract.

For property development and sales contract for which the control of the property is transferred at a point in time, revenue is recognised when the customer obtains the physical possession or the legal title of the completed property and the Group has present right to payment and the collection of the consideration is probable.

In determining the transaction price, the Group adjusts the promised amount of consideration for the effect of a financing component if it is significant.

For construction services, the Group's performance creates or enhances an asset or work in progress that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced, thus the Group satisfies a performance obligation and recognises revenue over the period, by reference to completion of the specific transaction assessed on the basis of the actual costs incurred up to the end of the reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each contract.

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017

Revenue from sales of properties is recognized when the risks and rewards of the properties transferred to the purchaser, which is when the construction of the relevant properties have been completed and properties have been delivered to the purchaser pursuant to the sale agreements, and collectability of related receivables is reasonably assured. Deposits and instalments received on properties sold prior to the date of revenue recognition are included in current liabilities, and are separately stated in the balance sheet as advances receipts from customers.

(b) *Rental income*

Rental income is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease terms.

(c) *Property management and agency fee income*

Property management and agency fee income is recognized in the accounting period in which the services are rendered.

(d) *Interest income*

Interest income is recognized using the effective interest method. When a loan and receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income.

(e) *Dividend income*

Dividend income is recognized when the right to receive payment is established.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3.27 Operating leases

Leases where a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases.

(a) *The Group is the lessee*

Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor), are charged to the consolidated income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(b) *The Group is the lessor*

When assets are leased out under an operating lease, the assets are included in the balance sheet based on the nature of the assets. Lease income is recognized over the term of the lease on a straight-line basis.

3.28 Dividend distribution

Provision is made for the amount of any dividend declared, being appropriately authorised and no longer at the discretion of the entity, on or before the end of the reporting period but not distributed at the end of the reporting period.

4 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This note explains the impact of the adoption of HKFRS 9 Financial instruments and HKFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers on the Group's financial statements.

4.1 HKFRS 9 Financial instruments

HKFRS 9 replaces the provisions of HKAS 39 Financial Instruments ("HKAS39") that relate to the recognition, classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities; derecognition of financial instruments; impairment of financial assets and hedge accounting.

The adoption of HKFRS 9 Financial instruments from 1 January 2018 resulted in changes in accounting policies and adjustments to the amounts recognised in the financial statements. In accordance with the transitional provisions in HKFRS 9, comparative figures have not been restated.

(i) *Classification and measurement of financial instruments*

The total impact on the Group's retained earnings due to classification and measurement of financial instruments as at 1 January 2018 is as follow:

	RMB'000
Opening retained earnings — HKAS 39	20,745,229
Reclassify investments from available-for-sale to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL")	199,031
Adjustment to retained earnings from adoption of HKFRS 9	199,031
Opening retained earnings — HKFRS 9 (before restatement for HKFRS 15)	20,944,260

4 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

4.1 HKFRS 9 Financial instruments (Continued)

(i) *Classification and measurement of financial instruments (Continued)*

Management has assessed the business models and the contractual terms of the cash flows apply to the financial assets held by the Group at the date of initial application of HKFRS 9 (1 January 2018) and has classified its financial instruments into the appropriate HKFRS 9 categories, which are those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income or through profit or loss), and those to be measured at amortised cost.

The main effects resulting from this reclassification are as follows:

	Available-for-sale financial assets ("AFS") RMB'000	Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") RMB'000	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL") RMB'000
At 1 January 2018			
Opening balance — HKAS 39	3,708,978	–	–
Reclassify from AFS to FVOCI	(657,165)	657,165	–
Reclassify from AFS to FVPL	(3,051,813)	–	3,051,813
Opening balance — HKFRS 9	–	657,165	3,051,813

The main effects resulting from this reclassification on the Group's equity is as follows:

	AFS reserve RMB'000	FVOCI reserve RMB'000	Retained earnings RMB'000
At 1 January 2018			
Opening balance — HKAS 39	251,673	–	20,745,229
Reclassify from AFS to FVOCI	(52,642)	52,642	–
Reclassify from AFS to FVPL	(199,031)	–	199,031
Opening balance — HKFRS 9	–	52,642	20,944,260

(ii) *Impairment of financial assets*

Please refer to Note 5.1 for the Group's assessment of financial assets that are subject to HKFRS's new expected credit loss.

4 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

4.2 HKFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers

The Group has adopted HKFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers from 1 January 2018 which resulted in changes in accounting policies and adjustments to the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The Group elected to use a modified retrospective approach for transition which allows the Group to recognise the cumulative effects of initially applying HKFRS 15 as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the 2018 financial year. The Group elected to apply the practical expedient for completed contracts and did not restate the contracts completed before 1 January 2018, thus the comparative figures have not been restated.

HKFRS 15 replaces the provisions of HKAS 18 Revenue (“HKAS18”) and HKAS 11 Construction contracts (“HKAS11”) that relate to the recognition, classification and measurement of revenue and costs. The effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15 are as follows:

Accounting for property development activities

In prior reporting periods, the Group accounted for property development activities when significant risk and rewards of ownership has been transferred to the customers on delivery in its entirety at a single time upon vacant possession and not continuously as construction progresses.

Under HKFRS 15, properties that have no alternative use to the Group due to contractual reasons and when the Group has an enforceable right to payment from the customers for performance completed to date, the Group recognises revenue as the performance obligation is satisfied over the period in accordance with the input method for measuring progress.

The excess of cumulative revenue recognised in profit or loss over the cumulative billings to purchasers of properties is recognised as contract assets. The contract assets will be reclassified as receivables when the progress billings are issued or properties are delivered as this is the point in time that the consideration is unconditional because only the passage of time is required before the payment is due.

The excess of cumulative billings to purchasers of properties over the cumulative revenue recognised in profit or loss is recognised as contract liabilities. The contract liability is recognised as revenue when the Group satisfies its performance obligations.

Accounting for costs incurred to obtain a contract

Following the adoption of HKFRS 15, costs such as stamp duty and sales commissions incurred directly attributable to obtaining a contract, if recoverable, are capitalised and recorded in contract assets.

Accounting for significant financing component

For contracts where the period between the payment by the customer and the transfer of the promised property or service exceeds one year, the transaction price is adjusted for the effects of a financing component, if significant.

4 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

4.2 HKFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers (Continued)

Presentation of contract assets and liabilities

Reclassifications were made as at 1 January 2018 to be consistent with the terminology used under HKFRS 15:

- Contract liabilities for progress billing recognised in relation to property development activities were previously presented as advanced proceeds received from customers.
 - Contract assets recognised in relation to construction activities and prepaid sales commission were previously presented as due from customers for contract work and trade and other receivables and prepayments respectively.
- (a) The impact on the Group's financial position by the application of HKFRS 15 as compared to HKAS 18 and HKAS 11 that was previously in effect before the adoption of HKFRS 15 is as follows:

	As at 1 January 2018 Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15
	RMB'000
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Consolidated balance sheet (extract)	
Goodwill	(9,582)
Investments in joint ventures	1,503
Investments in associates	20,022
Properties under development	(1,641,328)
Completed properties held for sale	(953,498)
Amounts due from customers for contract work	(513,524)
Contract assets	641,433
Trade and other payables	241,598
Advance receipts from customers	(24,201,908)
Contract liabilities	21,235,422
Income tax payable	125,715
Deferred income tax liabilities	30,669
Retained earnings	57,529
Non-controlling interests	56,001
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4 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

4.2 HKFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers (Continued)

(b) The amount by each financial statements line items affected in the current year and year to date by the application of HKFRS 15 as compared to HKAS 18 and HKAS 11 that was previously in effect before the adoption of HKFRS 15 is as follows:

	As at 31 December 2018 Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15 RMB'000
Consolidated balance sheet (extract)	
Goodwill	(5,185)
Investments in joint ventures	5,482
Investments in associates	73,077
Properties under development	(2,474,981)
Completed properties held for sale	(1,362,854)
Amounts due from customers for contract work	(819,322)
Contract assets	2,417,785
Trade and other payables	446,726
Advance receipts from customers	(31,058,908)
Contract liabilities	26,789,737
Income tax payable	610,085
Deferred income tax liabilities	186,396
Retained earnings	715,003
Non-controlling interests	144,963

4 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

4.2 HKFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers (Continued)

- (b) The amount by each financial statements line items affected in the current year and year to date by the application of HKFRS 15 as compared to HKAS 18 and HKAS 11 that was previously in effect before the adoption of HKFRS 15 is as follows: (Continued)

	Year ended 31 December 2018 Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15 RMB'000
Consolidated income statement (extract)	
Revenue	2,590,541
Cost of sales	(1,261,042)
Share of gains of joint ventures	3,979
Share of gains of associates	53,055
Income tax expense	(640,097)
Profit for the year	746,436
— Attributable to owners of the Company	657,474
— Attributable to non-controlling interests	88,962

- (c) Details of contract assets are as follows:

	31 December 2018 RMB'000	1 January 2018 RMB'000
Contract assets related to sales of properties	1,598,463	127,909
Contract assets related to construction services	819,322	513,524
Total contract assets	2,417,785	641,433

- (d) Contract liabilities

- (i) As at 1 January and 31 December 2018, the contract liabilities mainly included the payments received from sales of properties which were usually received in advance of the performance under the contracts.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, cash flow interest rate risk and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance. The board of directors reviews and approves policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarized below.

(a) *Market risk*

(i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from future commercial transactions and recognized assets and liabilities which are not denominated in the Group's functional currency. Majority of the Group's foreign currency transactions and balances are denominated in Hong Kong dollars ("HKD") and United States dollars ("USD"). The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, management of the Group monitor foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arises.

Conversion of RMB into foreign currency is subject to the rules and regulations of the foreign exchange control, as promulgated by the PRC government.

As at 31 December 2018, if RMB had weakened/strengthened by 5% against HKD and USD with all other variable held constant, post-tax profit for the year of the Group would have been RMB961,864,000 lower/higher (2017: RMB666,996,000 lower/higher), mainly as the result of the foreign exchange losses/gains on translation of HKD/USD dominated borrowings, net of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of HKD/USD dominated cash and cash equivalents.

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

The Group's interest rate risk arises from long-term borrowings with prevailing market interest rates. Such risk is partly offset by cash held at prevailing market interest rates. During 2018 and 2017, the Group's borrowings at prevailing market interest rates were denominated in RMB, HKD and USD.

The Group's fair value interest rate risk relates primarily to its fixed rate borrowing and other payables. The Group currently does not utilize any derivative contracts to hedge its exposure to interest rate risk. However, management will consider hedging significant interest rate exposure should the need arise.

As at 31 December 2018, if interest rates have increased/decreased by 50 basis points with all other variables held constant, the Group's post-tax profit, after taking into account the impact of interest capitalization, would decrease/increase by approximately RMB23,874,000 (2017: RMB15,663,000).

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) *Credit risk*

Credit risk refers to the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument would fail to discharge the obligation under the terms of financial instrument and cause a financial loss to the Group. The Group considered the probability of default upon initial recognition of asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an on-going basis throughout each reporting period. To assess whether there's a significant increase in credit risk, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition. It considers available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information.

Especially the following indicators are incorporated:

- internal credit rating
 - actual or expected significant adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant change to the borrower's ability to meet its obligations
 - actual or expected significant changes in the operating results of the borrower
 - significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same borrower
 - significant changes in the expected performance and behaviour of the borrower, including changes in the payment status of borrowers in the Group and changes in the operating results of the borrower.
- (i) **Cash in banks**
The Group expects that there is no significant credit risk associated with cash deposits at banks since they are substantially deposited with state-owned banks and other medium or large size listed banks. Management does not expect that there will be any significant losses from non-performance by these counterparties.
- (ii) **Trade receivables and contract assets**
The Group applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses prescribed by HKFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for trade receivables and contract assets. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected credit loss also incorporate forward-looking information.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) *Credit risk (Continued)*

(ii) Trade receivables and contract assets (Continued)

As at 31 December 2018, the loss allowance was determined as follows for trade receivables and contract assets:

	Within 6 months RMB'000	Between 6 months to 1 year RMB'000	Between 1 year to 2 years RMB'000	Between 2 years to 3 years RMB'000	Over 3 years RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Expected loss rate	1%	2%	3%	6%	7%	1%
Gross carrying amount — trade receivables	1,272,137	894,529	349,763	27,903	19,074	2,563,406
Gross carrying amount — contract assets	2,417,785	–	–	–	–	2,417,785
Loss allowance — trade receivable and contract assets	29,548	15,256	10,743	1,674	1,335	58,556

Trade receivables and contract assets are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Group. The Group made no written off for trade receivables and contract assets during the year ended 31 December 2018.

The loss allowance provision for trade receivables and contract assets as at 31 December 2017 reconciles to the opening loss allowance for that provision as follows:

	Trade receivables and contract assets RMB'000
Closing loss allowance as at 31 December 2017 (calculated under HKAS 39)	45,178
Amounts restated through opening retained earnings	–
Opening loss allowance as at 1 January 2018 (calculated under HKFRS 9)	45,178

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) *Credit risk (Continued)*

(iii) Other receivables

The Group uses three categories for other receivables which reflect their credit risk and how the loss provision is determined for each of those categories.

A summary of the assumptions underpinning the Group's expected credit loss model is as follows:

Category	Company definition of category	Basis for recognition of expected credit loss provision
Stage one	Customers have a low risk of default and a strong capacity to meet contractual cash flows.	12 months expected losses. Where the expected lifetime of an asset is less than 12 months, expected losses are measured at its expected lifetime.
Stage two	Receivables for which there is a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.	Lifetime expected losses.
Stage three	Receivables for which there is a credit loss since initial recognition.	Lifetime expected losses.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) *Credit risk (Continued)*

(iii) Other receivables (Continued)

The Group accounts for its credit risk by appropriately providing for expected losses on a timely basis. In calculating the expected credit loss rates, the Group considers historical loss rates for each category of receivables and adjusts for forward looking macroeconomic data.

Since credit risk has not significantly increased after initial recognition, the loss allowance recognised was therefore limited to 12 months expected losses.

As at 31 December 2018, the loss allowance was determined as follows for other receivables:

	Entrusted loans to and amount due from third parties, joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests	Other receivables from third parties excluding prepayments	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Carrying amount of other receivables	53,593,425	9,792,311	63,385,736
Expected credit loss rate	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Loss allowance	55,390	30,262	85,652
Other receivables, net	53,538,035	9,762,049	63,300,084

Other receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Group. The Group made no written off for other receivables during the year ended 31 December 2018.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) *Credit risk (Continued)*

(iv) Financial guarantee

The Group has policies in place to ensure that sales are made to purchasers with an appropriate financial strength and appropriate percentage of down payments. The Group has arranged bank financing for certain purchasers of the Group's property units and provided guarantees to secure obligations of such purchasers for repayments. If a purchaser defaults on the payment of its mortgage loan during the guarantee period, the bank holding the guarantee may demand the Group to repay the outstanding principal of the loan and any interest accrued thereon. Under such circumstances, the Group is able to forfeit the customer's deposit and resell the property to recover any amounts paid by the Group to the bank. In this regard, the directors consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

The Group also provides guarantees to certain related parties of the Group to obtain borrowings after assessing the credit history of these related parties. The Group closely monitors the repayment progress of the relevant borrowings by these related parties. In the opinion of the directors of the Group, the related party transactions were carried out in the normal course of business and at terms mutually negotiated between the Group and the respective related parties. The directors consider that the likelihood of default in payments is minimal and the financial guarantees measured at fair value is immaterial.

(c) *Liquidity risk*

Cash flow forecasting is performed in the operating entities of the Group in and aggregated by Group Finance. Group Finance monitors rolling forecasts of the Group's liquidity requirements to ensure it has sufficient cash to meet operational needs while maintaining sufficient headroom on its undrawn committed borrowing facilities at all times so that the Group does not breach borrowing limits or covenants (where applicable) on any of its borrowing facilities. Such forecasting process takes into consideration the Group's debt financing plans, covenant compliance, compliance with internal balance sheet ratio targets.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(c) *Liquidity risk (continued)*

The table below analyses the Group's and the Company's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amount disclosed in the table is the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 31 December 2018					
Borrowings	19,815,080	16,160,629	50,664,482	15,791,756	102,431,947
Trade and other payables excluding statutory liabilities	57,464,653	–	167,531	–	57,632,184
	77,279,733	16,160,629	50,832,013	15,791,756	160,064,131
At 31 December 2017					
Borrowings	12,934,626	15,932,235	27,167,413	15,983,634	72,017,908
Trade and other payables excluding statutory liabilities	36,877,146	–	6,895	–	36,884,041
	49,811,772	15,932,235	27,174,308	15,983,634	108,901,949

The amounts have not included financial guarantee contracts:

- which the Group could be required to settle under the arrangement for the full guaranteed amount if that amount is claimed by the counterparty to the guarantee for loans procured by the purchasers of the Group's properties (Note 47(a)). Such guarantees terminate upon the earlier of (i) issuance of the real estate ownership certificate which will generally be available within an average period of two to three years upon the completion of guarantee registration; or (ii) the satisfaction of mortgaged loan by the purchasers of properties;
- which the Group make for its cooperation parties' bank borrowings (Note 47(b)). Such guarantees terminate upon the repayment of relevant bank borrowings.

Based on expectations at the end of the reporting period, the Group considers that it is more likely than not that no amount will be payable under the arrangement.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.2 Capital risk management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Total capital is calculated as "equity" as shown in the consolidated balance sheet plus net debt.

The gearing ratios at 31 December 2018 and 2017 were as follows.

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Total borrowings (Note 33)	88,575,079	61,032,154
Less: cash and cash equivalents (Note 26)	(39,208,481)	(21,968,819)
Net debt	49,366,598	39,063,335
Total equity	63,138,505	58,728,228
Total capital	112,505,103	97,791,563
Gearing ratio	44%	40%

The increase in the gearing ratio during 2018 resulted primarily from the increase of total borrowings.

5.3 Fair value estimation

The table below analyses financial statements carried at fair value, by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

The following table presents the Group's assets or liabilities that are measured at fair value at 31 December 2018 and 2017. See Note 12 for disclosures of the investment properties that are measured at fair value.

	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 31 December 2018				
Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 18)	379,147	1,080,933	2,684,069	4,144,149
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 17)	54,806	625,146	–	679,952
	433,953	1,706,079	2,684,069	4,824,101
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 37)	–	(146,939)	–	(146,939)
	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 31 December 2017				
Assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 18)	256,972	(242,316)	–	14,656
Available-for-sale financial assets:				
— listed equity securities	166,267	–	–	166,267
— equity fund investments	–	1,130,643	1,395,826	2,526,469
— other unlisted equity securities	–	586,617	420,969	1,007,586
— others	–	–	8,656	8,656
	423,239	1,474,944	1,825,451	3,723,634

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the period.

During the period there were no significant changes in the business or economic circumstances that may affect the fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities.

(a) *Financial instruments in Level 1*

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in Level 1. Instruments included in Level 1 comprise primarily the listed United States and HKSE equity investments classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

(b) *Financial instruments in Level 2*

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in Level 2. Instruments included in Level 2 comprise primarily equity fund investments and other unlisted equity securities, for equity fund investments, the underlying portfolio invested by equity fund are all listed equity shares, the valuation of equity fund is determined based on the quoted market price of listed equity shares. The unlisted equity security is the convertible preferred shares issued by a listed company, comparison method was used for the valuation of convertible preferred shares, which is mainly based on the fair value of ordinary share of comparable companies.

(c) *Financial instruments in Level 3*

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

The Group's policy is to recognize transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

There were no changes in valuation techniques during the year.

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

(c) *Financial instruments in Level 3 (Continued)*

The following table presents the changes in Level 3 instruments for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income and through profit or loss
	RMB'000
Financial assets in Level 3	
Opening balance	1,825,451
Additions	496,911
Fair value gains	301,795
Capital return	(6,717)
Currency translation difference	70,831
Disposal	(4,202)
Closing balance	2,684,069

The following table presents the changes in Level 3 instruments for the year ended 31 December 2017.

	Available-for-sale financial assets equity securities
	RMB'000
Financial assets in Level 3	
Opening balance	1,932,504
Additions	192,240
Disposal of interest in a subsidiary	(299,293)
Closing balance	1,825,451

5 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

5.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

(d) *Information about level 3 fair value measurements*

The following table summarises the quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in level 3 fair value measurement of equity fund investment.

As at 31 December 2018 and 2017, the underlying portfolio invested by equity fund are all properties located in the United States and Hong Kong, the valuation of equity fund investment is determined based on the valuation of properties.

Description	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Range/value	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Unlisted fund investments which principally invests in residential and commercial real estate	Market approach	Premium or discount for quality of properties (e.g. view, level, size and condition of the properties)	-10% to 10%	The higher discount rate, the lower fair value
Unlisted fund investments which invests in real estate project	Market approach	Premium or discount for quality of properties (e.g. location, view, size, condition and time of the properties)	-3% to 20%	The higher discount rate, the lower fair value

For the valuation of other unlisted equity securities, which are determined based on the recent transaction price and earnings multiples.

(e) *Valuation process*

The finance department of the Group includes a team that performs the valuations of level 3 financial instruments required for financial reporting purposes. The Group's finance department reviews the valuations performed by the independent valuers for financial reporting purposes and reports directly to the senior management. Discussions of valuation processes and results are held between the management and valuers after each valuation by the independent qualified valuers, which is normally done once every six months, in line with the Group's interim and annual reporting dates.

The components of the level 3 instruments mainly include investments in private investment funds and unlisted companies. As these instruments are not traded in an active market, their fair values have been determined using various applicable valuation techniques, including discounted cash flows and comparable transactions approaches. Major assumptions used in the valuation include historical financial results, assumptions about future growth rates, estimate of discount rate and recent market transactions etc. The fair values of these instruments determined by the Group requires significant judgement, including the financial performance of the investee company, market value of comparable properties as well as discount rate, etc.

6 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

(a) Estimate of fair value of investment properties

The fair value of investment properties is determined by using valuation technique. Details of the judgment and assumptions have been disclosed in Note 12.

(b) Income taxes and land appreciation tax ("LAT")

The Group is primarily subject to various PRC taxes, as it is principally engaged in property development in the PRC. Significant judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Company recognizes liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred income tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

The implementation and settlement of LAT varies among various tax jurisdictions in cities of the PRC. LAT is levied at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of land value, being the proceeds from sales of properties less deductible expenditures including land use rights, borrowing costs, business taxes, property development and other related expenditures. These taxes are incurred upon transfer of property ownership.

Significant judgment is required in determining the extent of land appreciation and its related taxes. The Group recognized LAT based on management's best estimates according to the understanding of the tax rules. The final tax outcome could be different from the amounts that were initially recorded, and these differences will impact the consolidated income statement in the periods in which such taxes are finalized with local tax authorities.

(c) Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax assets relating to certain temporary differences and tax losses are recognized when management considers it probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences or tax losses can be utilized. The outcome of their actual utilization may be different.

(d) Estimations for total properties construction cost

The Group estimates properties construction cost upon recognition of respective costs of sales. Such estimates are substantiated by detailed budgetary information as developed by the management, and will be assessed periodically, as the constructions progress. Should these estimates depart from their actual finalized costs, such differences would affect the accuracy of costs of sales recognized.

6 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Continued)

(e) Revenue recognition

Revenue from sales of properties is recognised over the period when the Group's performance do not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date; otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the buyer obtains control of the completed property. The Group may not change or substitute the property unit or redirect the property unit for another use due to the contractual restrictions with the customer and thus the property unit does not have an alternative use to the Group. However, whether there is an enforceable right to payment depends on the terms of sales contract and the interpretation of the applicable laws that apply to the contract. Such determination requires significant judgments. The Group has obtained legal counsel opinion regarding the enforceability of the right to payment for sales contracts. Management uses judgments, based on legal counsel opinion, to classify sales contracts into those with right to payment and those without the right.

The Group recognises property development revenue over the period by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation at the reporting date. The progress is measured based on the Group's efforts or inputs to the satisfaction of the performance obligation, by reference to the contract costs incurred up to the end of reporting period as a percentage of total estimated costs for each property unit in the contract. The Group calculated the cost allocation based on type of properties, gross and saleable floor areas. Significant judgments and estimations are required in determining the completeness of the estimated total costs and the accuracy of progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation at the reporting date. Changes in cost estimates in future periods can have effect on the Group's revenue recognised. In making the above estimations, the Group relies on past experience and work of contractors and, if appropriate, surveyors.

(f) Estimated impairment of assets

The Group tests at least annually whether assets have suffered any impairment in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 3.10. Assets are also reviewed for impairment, whenever events or changes in circumstances that may cause the carrying amounts of the assets to exceed their recoverable amounts. The recoverable amount of an asset or a cash generating unit is determined as the higher of cash generating unit's fair value less cost to sell and its value-in-use which requires the use of assumptions and estimates. In 2018, based on such reviews the directors have determined that certain of Group's properties under development (Note 19) and completed properties held for sale (Note 23) were impaired, and relevant provision had been made.

(g) Impairment of financial assets

The loss allowances for financial assets are based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rates. The Group uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the Group's past history, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period. Details of the key assumptions and inputs used are disclosed in the tables in Note 5.

7 SEGMENT INFORMATION

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the chief operating committee (the "Committee") that are used to make strategic decisions.

The Committee considers the business from both a geographic and product perspective. From the product perspective, management considers the performance of property development and property investment. Property development businesses are further segregated geographically.

Other operations as carried out by the Group mainly include property management services, property sales agency services, as well as upfitting services. These are not included within the reportable operating segments, as they are not included in the reports provided to the Committee. The results of these operations are included in the "All other segments" column.

The Committee assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of operating profit. This measurement basis excludes the effects of non-recurring expenditure from the operating segments. Finance costs and corporate finance income are not included in the result for each operating segment that is reviewed by the Committee, as they are driven by activities of the central treasury function, which manages the cash position of the Group. The measure also excludes the effects of any unrealized gains/losses from investments in joint ventures and associates as well as fair value gains/losses from investment properties and corporate overheads. Other information provided to the Committee, except as noted below, is measured in a manner consistent with that in the financial statements.

Total segment assets exclude corporate cash and cash equivalents, investments in joint ventures and associates, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and deferred income tax assets, all of which are managed on a central basis. Total segment liabilities exclude borrowings, deferred income tax liabilities and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, all of which are managed on a central basis as well. These are part of the reconciliation to total balance sheet assets and liabilities.

Transactions between segments are carried out at arm's length. The revenue from external parties reported to the Committee is measured in a manner consistent with that in the consolidated income statement.

7 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The segment information provided to the Committee for the reportable segments for the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2017 is as follows:

	Property development							Total
	Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei	Yangtze River Delta	Yangtze Mid-stream and Chengdu-Chongqing	Pearl River Delta	Others	Investment property	All other segments	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Year ended 31 December 2018								
Total revenue	9,603,837	6,968,862	4,150,029	8,018,733	7,113,782	1,105,395	9,003,598	45,964,236
Inter-segment revenue	(81,416)	(218,170)	–	(53,424)	(9,561)	(28,805)	(4,150,761)	(4,542,137)
Revenue (from external customers)	9,522,421	6,750,692	4,150,029	7,965,309	7,104,221	1,076,590	4,852,837	41,422,099
Segment operating profit	1,638,437	1,161,292	271,029	2,523,464	1,435,041	747,944	679,916	8,457,123
Depreciation and amortization (Note 40)	(2,221)	(1,246)	(500)	(1,289)	(726)	(898)	(89,060)	(95,940)
Year ended 31 December 2017								
Total revenue	15,258,136	7,682,390	3,710,583	9,210,853	5,786,508	993,857	7,057,981	49,700,308
Inter-segment revenue	–	–	–	(70,777)	–	(16,765)	(3,775,297)	(3,862,839)
Revenue (from external customers)	15,258,136	7,682,390	3,710,583	9,140,076	5,786,508	977,092	3,282,684	45,837,469
Segment operating profit	2,760,737	1,036,937	874,999	2,998,488	1,746,582	686,454	583,453	10,687,650
Depreciation and amortization (Note 40)	(1,855)	(1,208)	(221)	(2,024)	(1,024)	(927)	(40,244)	(47,503)
As at 31 December 2018								
Total segment assets	32,535,979	16,035,925	13,350,224	28,608,288	15,042,635	18,311,388	88,006,682	211,891,121
Additions to non-current assets (other than financial instruments and deferred income tax assets)	56	2,842	1,614	1,371	4,291	4,806,533	2,027,106	6,843,813
Total segment liabilities	22,233,398	7,320,687	6,733,471	15,732,406	10,041,201	1,324,583	31,434,901	94,820,647
As at 31 December 2017								
Total segment assets	30,562,286	11,170,819	6,416,658	17,098,815	11,959,220	20,879,733	67,910,239	165,997,770
Additions to non-current assets (other than financial instruments and deferred income tax assets)	3,308	3,095	137	1,368	462	617,111	441,395	1,066,876
Total segment liabilities	14,343,569	7,079,666	4,305,927	9,032,759	5,961,189	2,413,815	25,747,107	68,884,032

7 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

A reconciliation of segment operating profit to profit before income tax is provided as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Segment operating profit	8,457,123	10,687,650
Corporate finance income	49,420	114,734
Corporate overheads	(613,121)	(487,711)
Fair value gains on investment properties (Note 12)	2,361,070	440,199
Other gains — net (Note 39)	1,339,960	975,243
Finance costs (Note 42)	(1,774,760)	(1,173,885)
Share of results of joint ventures	1,103,464	802,213
Share of results of associates	52,065	63,967
Profit before income tax	10,975,221	11,422,410

7 SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Reportable and other segments' assets and liabilities are reconciled to total assets and liabilities as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Total segment assets	211,891,121	165,997,770
Corporate cash and cash equivalents	3,993,503	1,910,583
Investments in joint ventures (Note 14)	20,330,505	14,720,119
Investments in associates (Note 15)	7,177,355	4,562,962
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 17)	679,952	–
Available-for-sale financial assets	–	3,708,978
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 18)	4,144,149	14,656
Deferred income tax assets (Note 34)	1,145,474	979,095
Total assets per consolidated balance sheet	249,362,059	191,894,163
Total segment liabilities	94,820,647	68,884,032
Current borrowings (Note 33)	15,424,825	9,999,137
Non-current borrowings (Note 33)	73,150,254	51,033,017
Deferred income tax liabilities (Note 34)	2,680,889	3,249,749
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 37)	146,939	–
Total liabilities per consolidated balance sheet	186,223,554	133,165,935

For the year ended 31 December 2018, included in the revenue of sales of properties, RMB32,902,131,000 was recognised as a point in time, RMB2,590,541,000 was recognised over the period due to the adoption of HKFRS 15.

The Company is incorporated in Hong Kong, with most of its major subsidiaries domiciled in the PRC. Revenues from external customers of the Group are mainly derived in the PRC for the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2017.

As at 31 December 2018, total non-current assets other than financial instruments and deferred income tax assets located in the PRC is RMB45,638,734,000 (2017: RMB37,078,146,000), the total of these non-current assets located in Hong Kong is RMB410,635,000 (2017: RMB318,502,000) and in the United States is RMB1,279,178,000 (2017: RMB586,444,000).

For the year ended 31 December 2018 and 2017, the Group does not have any single customer with the transaction value over 10% of the total external sales.

8 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings and leasehold improvements	Machinery	Vehicles	Office equipment	Electronic equipment	Construction in progress	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2018							
Opening net book amount	292,089	4,309	14,985	27,896	63,236	858,873	1,261,388
Additions	54,969	1,946	4,862	48,890	6,674	759,757	877,098
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	344,461	882	183	503	118,845	464,874
Transfer	467,765	3,259	-	-	-	(471,024)	-
Transfer from Investment properties (Note 12)	46,639	-	-	-	-	-	46,639
Disposals	(5,642)	(76)	(1,262)	(757)	(1,360)	-	(9,097)
Depreciation charge (Note 40)	(16,961)	(20,332)	(4,670)	(20,058)	(14,644)	-	(76,665)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(145,863)	(433)	(774)	(4,719)	(205)	-	(151,994)
Closing net book amount	692,996	333,134	14,023	51,435	54,204	1,266,451	2,412,243
At 31 December 2018							
Cost	793,406	414,791	62,914	127,049	120,607	1,266,451	2,785,218
Accumulated depreciation	(100,410)	(81,657)	(48,891)	(75,614)	(66,403)	-	(372,975)
Net book amount	692,996	333,134	14,023	51,435	54,204	1,266,451	2,412,243
Year ended 31 December 2017							
Opening net book amount	165,819	5,685	19,896	33,616	38,205	633,701	896,922
Additions	136,477	1,396	6,224	35,920	36,706	225,172	441,895
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	-	720	558	285	-	1,563
Disposals	(5,598)	(2,362)	(4,069)	(19,611)	(2,416)	-	(34,056)
Depreciation charge (Note 40)	(4,609)	(410)	(7,752)	(22,587)	(9,544)	-	(44,902)
Disposal of interest in a subsidiary	-	-	(34)	-	-	-	(34)
Closing net book amount	292,089	4,309	14,985	27,896	63,236	858,873	1,261,388
At 31 December 2017							
Cost	379,468	7,159	61,793	103,542	133,122	858,873	1,543,957
Accumulated depreciation	(87,379)	(2,850)	(46,808)	(75,646)	(69,886)	-	(282,569)
Net book amount	292,089	4,309	14,985	27,896	63,236	858,873	1,261,388

8 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Depreciation expense of RMB59,255,000 (2017: RMB22,541,000) has been charged in “cost of sales”, RMB17,410,000 (2017: RMB22,361,000) in “administrative expenses”.

Construction in progress as at 31 December 2018 and 2017 represents building and machinery being constructed and debugged in Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Wuhan, Dalian, Changzhou and Suzhou with intent use of senior housing or health care related services and operation of data centers.

As at 31 December 2018, Property, plant and equipments of the Group with carrying values of RMB67,971,000 (2017: nil), respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group’s borrowings.

9 LAND USE RIGHTS

The Group’s interests in land use rights represent prepaid operating lease payments in the PRC which are held on leases of less than 50 years(including 50 years). The movements are as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB’000	RMB’000
At beginning of the year	59,535	53,788
Addition	179,676	8,348
Amortization charge (Note 40)	(3,417)	(2,601)
At end of the year	235,794	59,535

As at 31 December 2018, Land use rights of the Group with carrying values of RMB5,245,000 (2017: nil), respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group’s borrowings.

10 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB’000	RMB’000
At beginning of the year	–	–
Addition	29,468	–
Acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 50)	439,668	–
Amortization charge (Note 40)	(15,858)	–
At end of the year	453,278	–

11 GOODWILL

	RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2018	
Opening net book amount	99,168
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	(9,582)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	578,963
Derecognition of goodwill (Note 40)	(154,510)
Closing net book amount	514,039
At 31 December 2018	
Cost	639,566
Impairment charge	(125,527)
Net book amount	514,039
Year ended 31 December 2017	
Opening net book amount	128,227
Acquisition of subsidiaries	6,750
Derecognition of goodwill (Note 40)	(35,809)
Closing net book amount	99,168
At 31 December 2017	
Cost	224,695
Impairment charge	(125,527)
Net book amount	99,168

Goodwill was generated from business combination and allocated to a cash generated unit or a group of cash generated units, from the acquisition date, that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Derecognition of goodwill allocated to a cash generated unit or a group of cash generated units was recognized due to disposal of the relevant properties.

11 GOODWILL (Continued)

Goodwill is allocated to the Group's cash generating units identified according to operating segment. An operating segment level summary of the goodwill allocation is presented below:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Property development (i)	111,104	99,168
Other (ii)	402,935	–
	514,039	99,168

- (i) Goodwill relating to property development arised from the acquisition of properties development companies, the impairment of such goodwill is considered together with the impairment of the inventories of the Group.
- (ii) Such goodwill mainly arised from two business combinations occurred in this year, please see Note 50(c) and Note 50(d) for further details.

The recoverable amount of goodwill is determined based on value-in-use calculations, these calculations use cash flow projections based on management's financial budgets covering periods of no more than 5 years. The Group expects cash flows beyond such periods will be similar to that of the respective final forecast years on existing scale.

Key assumptions applied in the impairment test include the expected growth in revenue and gross margin, operating costs, selling and administrative expenses and discount rates and so on. Management determined these key assumptions based on past performance and its expectation on market development. Management believes that any reasonably possible change in any of these key assumption on which recoverable amounts are based may cause carrying amounts of goodwill to exceed their recoverable amounts. The results of the tests undertaken as at 31 December 2018 indicated no impairment charge was necessary.

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Completed investment properties	Investment properties under development	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At fair value			
Year ended 31 December 2018			
At beginning of the year	17,279,920	–	17,279,920
Additions	627,356	187,532	814,888
Acquisition of a subsidiary	–	122,169	122,169
Transfer from properties under development (Note 19)	–	3,041,522	3,041,522
Transfer from completed properties held for sale	874,450	–	874,450
Transfer to property, plant and equipment (Note 8)	(46,639)	–	(46,639)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries (Note 49)	(8,311,000)	–	(8,311,000)
Disposal of an investment property	(8,666)	–	(8,666)
Currency translation differences	87,180	–	87,180
Fair value gains	558,592	1,802,478	2,361,070
Others	(9,561)	–	(9,561)
At end of the year	11,051,632	5,153,701	16,205,333
Year ended 31 December 2017			
At beginning of the year	14,042,128	2,250,000	16,292,128
Additions	287,275	327,795	615,070
Transfer from investment properties under development	2,577,795	(2,577,795)	–
Disposal of an investment property	(14,043)	–	(14,043)
Currency translation differences	(53,434)	–	(53,434)
Fair value gains	440,199	–	440,199
At end of the year	17,279,920	–	17,279,920

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12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(a) Amounts recognized in profit or loss for investment properties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Rental income (Note 7)	1,076,590	977,092
Direct operating expenses arising from investment properties that generate rental income	(136,176)	(120,090)
Direct operating expenses that did not generate rental income	(69,456)	(70,018)
	870,958	786,984

As at 31 December 2018, the Group had no unprovided contractual obligations for future repairs and maintenance (2017: nil).

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs

	31 December 2018										
	Completed investment properties						Investment properties under development				
	Beijing	Tianjin	Dalian	Hangzhou	Hong Kong	United States	Sub-total	Beijing	Tianjin	Wuhan	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Opening balance as at 1 January	12,239,440	1,114,000	460,000	2,565,000	315,036	586,444	17,279,920	-	-	-	17,279,920
Additions	1,672	-	-	-	34,992	590,692	627,356	-	123,857	63,675	814,888
Acquisition of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122,169	-	122,169
Transfer from completed properties held for sale	-	596,084	-	278,366	-	-	874,450	-	-	-	874,450
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries (Note 49)	(7,197,000)	(1,114,000)	-	-	-	-	(8,311,000)	-	-	-	(8,311,000)
Transfer from properties under development (Note 19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,041,522	-	-	3,041,522
Transfer to property, plant and equipment (Note 8)	-	-	-	-	(46,639)	-	(46,639)	-	-	-	(46,639)
Disposal of an investment property	-	-	-	-	-	(8,666)	(8,666)	-	-	-	(8,666)
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	15,190	71,990	87,180	-	-	-	87,180
Net gains or losses from fair value adjustment	593,534	(234,484)	(6,113)	129,708	37,229	38,718	558,592	1,802,478	-	-	2,361,070
Others	-	(19,600)	6,113	3,926	-	-	(9,561)	-	-	-	(9,561)
Closing balance as at 31 December	5,637,646	342,000	460,000	2,977,000	355,808	1,279,178	11,051,632	4,844,000	246,026	63,675	16,205,333
Total gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2018 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year, under "Fair value gains on investment properties"	593,534	(234,484)	(6,113)	129,708	37,229	38,718	558,592	1,802,478	-	-	2,361,070
Change in unrealized gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2018 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year	593,534	(234,484)	(6,113)	129,708	37,229	38,718	558,592	1,802,478	-	-	2,361,070

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

31 December 2017									
	Completed investment properties						Investment properties under development		Total
	Beijing	Tianjin	Dalian	Hangzhou	Hong Kong	United States	Sub-total	Hangzhou	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Opening balance as at 1 January	11,831,296	1,113,000	460,000	–	314,152	323,680	14,042,128	2,250,000	16,292,128
Additions	–	–	–	–	–	287,275	287,275	327,795	615,070
Transfer from investment properties under development	–	–	–	2,577,795	–	–	2,577,795	(2,577,795)	–
Disposal of an investment property	–	–	–	–	(14,043)	–	(14,043)	–	(14,043)
Currency translation differences	–	–	–	–	(20,805)	(32,629)	(53,434)	–	(53,434)
Net gains or losses from fair value adjustment	408,144	1,000	–	(12,795)	35,732	8,118	440,199	–	440,199
Closing balance as at 31 December	12,239,440	1,114,000	460,000	2,565,000	315,036	586,444	17,279,920	–	17,279,920
Total gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2017 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year, under "Fair value gains on investment properties"	408,144	1,000	–	(12,795)	35,732	8,118	440,199	–	440,199
Change in unrealized gains or losses for the year ended 31 December 2017 included in profit or loss for assets held at the end of the year	408,144	1,000	–	(12,795)	35,732	8,118	440,199	–	440,199

The Group's policy is to recognize transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

Valuation processes of the Group

The Group measures its investment properties at fair value. The investment properties were mainly revalued by DTZ Cushman & Wakefield Limited, BMI Appraisals Limited and Colliers International, independent qualified valuers not related to the Group, who hold recognized relevant professional qualifications and have recent experiences in the location and segments of the investment properties valued, at 31 December 2018. For all investment properties, their current use equates to the highest and best use.

The Group's finance department reviews the valuations performed by the independent valuers for financial reporting purposes and reports directly to the senior management. Discussions of valuation processes and results are held between the management and valuers after each valuation by the independent qualified valuers, which is normally done once every six months, in line with the Group's interim and annual reporting dates.

At each financial year end the finance department:

- Verifies all major inputs to the independent valuation report;
- Assess property valuations movements when compared to the prior year valuation report;
- Holds discussions with the independent qualified valuers.

Valuation techniques

Fair values of completed commercial properties in Beijing, Tianjin, Dalian, Hangzhou, Hong Kong and the United States are generally derived using the income capitalization method. These valuation methods are based on the capitalization of the net income and reversionary income potential by adopting appropriate capitalization rates, which are derived from analysis of sale transactions and valuers' interpretation of prevailing investor requirements or expectations. The prevailing market rents adopted in the valuation have reference to recent lettings, within the subject properties and other comparable properties.

Fair values of completed residential properties and commercial property in the United States is generally derived using the comparison approach by reference to recent sales price of comparable properties on a price per square feet basis, adjusted for a premium or a discount specific to the quality of the Group's building compared to the recent sales. Higher premium for higher quality buildings will results in a higher fair value measurement.

Fair value of under development commercial property in Beijing, is generally derived from residual method taking reference to comparison approach. Residual method is essentially a means of valuing the land by reference to its development potential by deducting development costs together with developer's profit margin and risk from the estimated capital value of the proposed development assuming completion as at the date of valuation. Under comparison method, comparable properties are selected and adjusted for differences in key attributes such as but not limited to locational factor and property size.

Fair value of under development logistics facilities in Wuhan and Tianjin is generally derived using the comparison approach by reference to recent sales price of comparable properties on a price per square feet basis, adjusted for a premium or a discount specific to the quality of the Group's building compared to the recent sales. Higher premium for higher quality buildings will results in a higher fair value measurement.

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

There were no changes to the valuation techniques during the year and there were no transfers between fair value hierarchy during the year.

Significant unobservable inputs used to determine fair value

- Completed investment properties

Description	Fair value at 31 December 2018 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Range of significant unobservable inputs		
			Prevailing market rents	Capitalization rates (%)	Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
Completed investment properties — Beijing	5,637,646	Income capitalization	RMB31 to RMB555 per month per square meter	6.25 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Tianjin	342,000	Income capitalization	RMB61 to RMB325 per month per square meter	3.50 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Dalian	460,000	Income capitalization	RMB67 to RMB111 per month per square meter	4.50 to 6.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Hangzhou	2,977,000	Income capitalization	RMB87 to RMB538 per month per square meter	3.50 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Hong Kong	355,808	Income capitalization	HKD19 to HKD63 per month per square feet	2.30 to 3.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — United States	347,634	Income capitalization	USD5 per month per square feet	6.75	N/A
Completed investment properties — United States	931,544	Comparison approach	N/A	N/A	-20.00 to 16.00

- Investment properties under development

Description	Fair value at 31 December 2018 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Prevailing market rents	Range of significant unobservable inputs			Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
				Capitalization rates (%)	Estimated price	Cost to completion	
Investment properties under development — Beijing	4,844,000	Residual method taking reference to comparison approach	RMB441 to RMB735 per month per square meter	4.50 to 6.50	RMB11,186 to RMB75,346 per square meter	RMB14,992 per square meter	N/A
Investment properties under development — Tianjin	246,026	Comparison approach	N/A	N/A	RMB75 to RMB3,033 per square meter	N/A	-2.00 to 19.00
Investment properties under development — Wuhan	63,675	Comparison approach	N/A	N/A	RMB361 to RMB1,318 per square meter	N/A	0.00 to 10.00

12 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (Continued)

(b) Valuation basis (Continued)

Significant unobservable inputs used to determine fair value (Continued)

Description	Fair value at 31 December 2017 (RMB'000)	Valuation technique(s)	Range of significant unobservable inputs		Premium or discount for quality of properties (%)
			Prevailing market rents	Capitalization rates (%)	
Completed investment properties — Beijing	12,239,440	Income capitalization	RMB25 to RMB561 per month per square meter	5.25 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Tianjin	1,114,000	Income capitalization	RMB65 to RMB264 per month per square meter	6.00 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Dalian	460,000	Income capitalization	RMB70 to RMB117 per month per square meter	4.50 to 6.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Hangzhou	2,565,000	Income capitalization	RMB77 to RMB513 per month per square meter	3.50 to 7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — Hong Kong	315,036	Income capitalization	HKD51 to HKD60 per month per square feet	2.80 to 3.30	N/A
Completed investment properties — United States	298,612	Income capitalization	USD5 per month per square feet	7.00	N/A
Completed investment properties — United States	287,832	Comparison approach	N/A	N/A	-20.00 to 10.00

Prevailing market rents are estimated based on valuers' view of recent lettings, within the subject properties and other comparable properties. The lower the rents, the lower the fair value.

Capitalization rates are estimated by valuers based on the risk profile of the properties being valued. The higher the rates, the lower the fair value.

Premium or discount for quality of properties are estimated by valuers based on quality of properties, such as location, size, view, level and condition of the properties.

(c) Non-current assets pledged as security

As at 31 December 2018 and 2017, investment properties of the Group with carrying values of RMB3,438,577,000 and RMB12,670,612,000, respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

As at 31 December 2018 and 2017, investment properties of the Group with carrying values of RMB2,565,000,000 and RMB2,565,000,000, respectively, were pledged as collateral for the Group's capital instrument.

13 SUBSIDIARIES

The following is a list of the subsidiaries as at 31 December 2018 which, in the opinion of the directors, materially affect the results or assets of the Group:

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2018	2017	2018	2017
(1) Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited 遠洋控股集團(中國)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB7,064,870	100%	100%	-	-
(2) 遠洋國際建設有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Renovation service in PRC	RMB600,000	100%	100%	-	-
(3) 北京遠盛置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(4) Beijing Yuankun Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京遠坤房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB500,000	100%	100%	-	-
(5) 北京萬洋世紀創業投資管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Consultant service in PRC	RMB341,000	100%	100%	-	-
(6) 北京碧城創業投資管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Consultant service in PRC	RMB336,000	100%	100%	-	-
(7) Beijing Yuanqian Property Co., Ltd. 北京遠乾置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holdings in PRC	RMB300,000	100%	100%	-	-
(8) Beijing Yuan Yang Building Co., Ltd. 北京遠洋大廈有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment property in PRC	USD30,000	72%	72%	28%	28%
(9) Beijing Wuhe Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京五河房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Land development in PRC	RMB100,000	75%	75%	25%	25%
(10) Beijing De Jun Land Development Company Limited 北京德俊置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB90,000	100%	100%	-	-
(11) Beijing Dong Long Real Estate Development Co., Ltd. ("Beijing Donglong") 北京東隆房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD12,370	85.72%	85.72%	14.28%	14.28%
(12) Beijing Jin He Wan Sheng Real Estate Development Company Limited 北京金和萬盛房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Land development in PRC	RMB75,000	100%	100%	-	-
(13) Beijing Yuan Hao Land Development Company, Limited 北京遠豪置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB60,000	100%	100%	-	-
(14) Beijing Yuan He Real Estate Development Company Limited 北京遠河房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2018	2017	2018	2017
(15) Beijing Tianlin Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京市天麟房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(16) 北京遠東新地置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(17) Beijing Yin Gang Real Estate Development Company Limited 北京銀港房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holdings in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(18) Beijing Yuan-lian Real Estate Development Company, Limited 北京遠聯置地房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(19) Tianjin Pulida Real Estate Construction and Development Company Limited 天津普利達房地產建設開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB420,000	100%	100%	-	-
(20) Sino-Ocean Real Estate (Tianjin) Co., Ltd. 遠洋地產(天津)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment holding in PRC	RMB170,000	100%	100%	-	-
(21) 天津宇華房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(22) Tianjin Yuanying Real Estate Development Company, Limited 天津市遠贏置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(23) 大連新悅置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD241,000	100%	100%	-	-
(24) 大連匯洋置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD66,122	100%	100%	-	-
(25) 大連廣宇置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD363,200	100%	100%	-	-
(26) 大連世甲置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD167,850	100%	100%	-	-
(27) Dalian Sunny-Ocean Property Limited 大連明遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD80,000	100%	100%	-	-
(28) 大連永圖置業有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD119,500	100%	100%	-	-
(29) Dalian Sky-Upright Property Limited 大連正乾置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD76,860	100%	100%	-	-
(30) 大連至遠置業有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD69,754	100%	100%	-	-

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Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2018	2017	2018	2017
				(31) 大連源豐置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD50,700
(32) 大連遠佳產業園開發有限公司	PRC, Wholly foreign owned enterprise	Property development in PRC	USD35,000	100%	100%	-	-
(33) Dalian Kaimeng Real Estate Co., Ltd. 大連凱盟房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB150,000	100%	100%	-	-
(34) 大連通遠房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Land development in PRC	RMB8,000	100%	100%	-	-
(35) 遠洋地產(遼寧)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(36) 長春東方聯合置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB200,000	100%	100%	-	-
(37) 青島遠豪置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB150,000	100%	100%	-	-
(38) Hangzhou Tianqi Property Development Company, Limited 杭州遠洋天祺置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD147,760	100%	100%	-	-
(39) 杭州遠洋運河商務區開發有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD143,210	100%	100%	-	-
(40) 杭州遠洋新河酒店置業有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	USD132,590	100%	100%	-	-
(41) 遠洋地產(上海)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(42) 上海遠望置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(43) 大連鑫融置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD120,000	100%	100%	-	-
(44) 遠洋地產(中山)開發有限公司	PRC, Sino-foreign equity joint venture	Property development in PRC	RMB720,000	100%	100%	-	-
(45) 中山市遠見房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2018	2017	2018	2017
(46) 天基房地產開發(深圳)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	HKD160,000	84.70%	84.70%	15.30%	15.30%
(47) 三亞南國奧林匹克花園有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB64,100	100%	100%	-	-
(48) 海南浙江椰香村建設開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB15,000	100%	100%	-	-
(49) 武漢弘福置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB45,000	100%	100%	-	-
(50) 北京天江通譽置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment property in PRC	RMB4,123,112	100%	100%	-	-
(51) 天津遠頤房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(52) 北京遠旭股權投資基金管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment management in PRC	RMB110,000	100%	100%	-	-
(53) 大連利遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD143,410	100%	100%	-	-
(54) 中山市遠恆房地產開發有限公司 ("Zhongshan Yuanheng")	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB4,050,000	51%	51%	49%	49%
(55) 遠洋養老運營管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Senior housing service in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(56) Tianjin Yuan-bin Real Estate Development Company, Limited 天津市遠濱房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB600,000	100%	100%	-	-
(57) 大連宏宇置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(58) 北京遠山置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(59) 中山市博信房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB30,000	51%	51%	49%	49%
(60) 盈創再生資源有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Environmental technology in PRC	RMB361,670	96.19%	92.53%	3.81%	7.47%

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Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2018	2017	2018	2017
				(61) 青島遠洋華歐置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000
(62) 悅軒(天津)置業投資有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB350,000	100%	100%	-	-
(63) 上海銳盈置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB145,000	100%	100%	-	-
(64) 深圳市樂安房地產有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	85%	-	15%
(65) 杭州雨潤華府房地產有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(66) 杭州遠鼎盛安置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB444,140	51%	51%	49%	49%
(67) 北京遠新資產管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment property in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	100%	-	-
(68) 北京遠捷投資顧問有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment management in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(69) 北京遠瓊投資顧問有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment management in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(70) 中山市彩虹投資管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment management in PRC	RMB28,000	100%	100%	-	-
(71) 北京市佳利華經濟開發有限責任公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Senior housing service in PRC	RMB30,000	100%	100%	-	-
(72) 遠洋健康醫療投資管理(北京)有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Health & medical service in PRC	RMB10,000	65%	65%	35%	35%
(73) Ocean Homeplus Property Service Corporation Limited 遠洋億家物業服務股份有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property Management in PRC	RMB104,000	100%	100%	-	-
(74) 上海遠匯置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB2,200,000	100%	100%	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2018	2017	2018	2017
(75) 深圳市金楓房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	60%	60%	40%	40%
(76) 深圳市高誠達投資發展有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	80%	80%	20%	20%
(77) 三亞德商房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD30,000	100%	98.27%	-	1.73%
(78) 北京信馳置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(79) 南京金遠置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB33,330	70%	70%	30%	30%
(80) 杭州宸遠招盛置業有限公司 ("Hangzhou Chenyuan")	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	50%	50%	50%	50%
(81) 上海椿萱茂養老服務有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Senior housing service in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(82) 安徽遠順投資管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment management in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(83) 湖北福星惠譽常青置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	61%	61%	39%	39%
(84) 北京遠創置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB300,000	75%	75%	25%	25%
(85) 杭州宜品房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB170,000	100%	100%	-	-
(86) 北京邦捨公寓管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Apartment service in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	100%	-	-
(87) 北京遠奧置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	100%	100%	-	-
(88) 天津濱海房地產經營有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	60%	60%	40%	40%

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2018	2017	2018	2017
				(89) 遠馳資本管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment management in PRC	RMB200,000
(90) 布泉資產管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment management in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(91) 遠騰投資有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment management in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(92) 遠明投資管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Investment management in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(93) 秦皇島市海洋置業房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB100,000	100%	100%	-	-
(94) 遠洋地產鎮江有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB500,000	55%	55%	45%	45%
(95) 沈陽銀基新世紀置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB15,000	100%	100%	-	-
(96) 廣州市遠翔房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB1,800,000	100%	100%	-	-
(97) 青島遠佳置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB666,670	100%	100%	-	-
(98) 北京雲泰數通互聯網科技有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Operation of data centers in PRC	RMB200,600	100%	-	-	-
(99) 北京盈創再生資源回收有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Environmental technology in PRC	RMB40,305	51%	-	49%	-
(100) 北京中集車輛物流裝備有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	-	-	-
(101) 長沙相成物業管理有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property Management in PRC	RMB5,000	60%	-	40%	-
(102) 青島聯泰物業服務有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property Management in PRC	RMB5,000	80%	-	20%	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2018	2017	2018	2017
(103) 成都恆茂置地有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB50,000	51%	-	49%	-
(104) 溧陽宏景房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB300,000	40%	-	60%	-
(105) 中山市遠晟房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	45%	-	55%	-
(106) 台州環倫置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	40%	-	60%	-
(107) 河北遠坤房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB10,000	100%	-	-	-
(108) 南京遠乾置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,000	100%	-	-	-
(109) 西安遠洋中央公園置業有限責任公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD8,000	100%	-	-	-
(110) 天津城投濱海房地產經營有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB200,000	64%	-	36%	-
(111) 中山市遠昇房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB20,400	75%	-	25%	-
(112) 重慶遠香房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB32,108	50%	-	50%	-
(113) 重慶遠基房地產開發有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	RMB667,000	50%	-	50%	-
(114) 北京商務中心區開發建設有限責任公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Land development in PRC	RMB680,850	47%	-	53%	-
(115) 大連宏澤置業有限公司	PRC, Limited liability company	Property development in PRC	USD15,000	100%	-	-	-
(116) Sino-Ocean Land (Hong Kong) Limited 遠洋地產(香港)有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD10	100%	100%	-	-
(117) Gemini Investments (Holdings) Limited 盛洋投資(控股)有限公司	Hong Kong, HK Listed Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD22,550	69.23%	69.29%	30.77%	30.71%

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Name	Place of incorporation and kind of legal entity	Principal activities and place of operation	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Ownership interest held by the Group		Ownership interest held by non-controlling interest	
				2018	2017	2018	2017
(118) Sino-Ocean Land Capital Investment Limited 遠洋地產資本投資有限公司	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD50	100%	100%	-	-
(119) Shine Wind Development Limited 耀勝發展有限公司	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD10	100%	100%	-	-
(120) Mission Success Limited 穎博有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(121) Dynamic Class Limited 昇能有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(122) Mega Precise Profits Limited	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD-	100%	100%	-	-
(123) Smart State Properties Limited	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD-	100%	100%	-	-
(124) Faith Ocean International Limited 信洋國際有限公司	BVI, Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD-	100%	100%	-	-
(125) World Luck Corporation Limited 寰福有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(126) Fame Gain Holdings Limited 名得控股有限公司	BVI Limited Company	Investment holding in BVI	USD-	100%	100%	-	-
(127) Sino-Ocean Land Property Development Limited 遠洋地產國際發展有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD20	100%	100%	-	-
(128) Fast Fame Capital Investment Limited 迅榮創富有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	100%	100%	-	-
(129) Steed Wind Limited 驥風有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	50%	-	-	-
(130) Max Star Ent. Ltd 盛星企業有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	RMB667,010	50%	-	-	-
(131) Glory Soar Limited 軒鵬有限公司	Hong Kong, Limited Company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	HKD-	50%	-	-	-

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(a) Material non-controlling interests

The total non-controlling interest as at 31 December 2018 is RMB14,753,699,000 which mainly consists of non-controlling interest of RMB395,159,000 and non-controlling interest of RMB2,017,295,000 deriving from Hangzhou Chenyuan and Zhongshan Yuanheng, being 50% and 51% owned subsidiaries, respectively. The non-controlling interest in respect of other subsidiaries is not material.

Cash and short-term deposits held by Hangzhou Chenyuan and Zhongshan Yuanheng amounted to RMB215,938,000 in aggregate are held in China and are subject to local exchange control regulations. These local exchange control regulations provide for restrictions on exporting capital from the country, other than through normal dividends.

Set out below are the summarized financial information for each subsidiary that has non-controlling interests that are material to the Group.

Summarized balance sheet

	Hangzhou Chenyuan		Zhongshan Yuanheng	
	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Current				
Assets	1,806,140	3,162,986	4,096,453	767,374
Liabilities	(1,149,729)	(2,790,073)	(383,869)	(615,017)
Total current net assets	656,411	372,913	3,712,584	152,357
Non-current				
Assets	133,906	157,991	404,344	90,457
Liabilities	-	(335,530)	-	(52,249)
Total non-current net assets	133,906	(177,539)	404,344	38,208
Net assets	790,317	195,374	4,116,928	190,565
Accumulated non-controlling interest	395,159	97,687	2,017,295	93,377

13 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

Summarized income statement

	Hangzhou Chenyuan		Zhongshan Yuanheng	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Revenue	2,634,496	455,625	819,900	937,210
Profit before income tax	963,813	157,409	324,793	273,223
Income tax expense	(368,870)	(61,847)	(133,453)	(124,141)
Post-tax profit	594,943	95,562	191,340	149,082
Total comprehensive income	594,943	95,562	191,340	149,082
Total comprehensive income allocated to non- controlling Interests	297,472	47,781	93,757	73,050

Summarized cash flows

	Hangzhou Chenyuan		Zhongshan Yuanheng	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities				
Cash generated from operations	(1,244,873)	1,650,865	(3,507,382)	338,867
Interest paid	(10,255)	(5,957)	(267,137)	(18,936)
Income tax paid	(12,820)	(142,958)	–	(39,583)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(1,267,948)	1,501,950	(3,774,519)	280,348
Net cash used in from investing activities	–	(49)	(267,853)	(67,091)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(10,255)	(70,000)	3,950,000	(254,791)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,278,203)	1,431,901	(92,372)	(41,534)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	1,488,530	56,629	97,983	139,517
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	210,327	1,488,530	5,611	97,983

The information above is the amount before inter-company eliminations.

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
At beginning of the year	14,720,119	10,859,178
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	1,503	–
Capital injection	6,047,711	4,295,758
Dividend	(490,773)	(254,473)
Disposal	(436)	(784,171)
Deemed disposal of joint ventures	–	(483,832)
Increase due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary (Note 49(b))	361,542	57,000
Share of results of joint ventures		
— after adjustment for unrealized profit or loss from inter-company transactions between the Group and the joint ventures	1,030,107	759,125
Share of other equity movement of equity accounted Investee (i)	(1,463,874)	465,146
Currency translation difference	124,606	(193,612)
At end of the year	20,330,505	14,720,119

(i) This represents the share of the changes in other comprehensive income of the joint venture of the Group.

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2018, all of which are unlisted:

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2017	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(1) Beijing Linlian Property Company Limited 北京麟聯置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB400,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(2) Chengdu Qianhao Real Estate Company Limited 成都乾豪置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB635,267	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(3) Chengdu Yingang Real Estate Company Limited 成都銀港置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB8,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(4) 北京椿萱茂凱健養老服務有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	50%	50%	(v)	Senior housing service
(5) 北京遠騰置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,820,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(6) 深圳市遠盛業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB200,000	55%	55%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(7) 北京遠洋新光商業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB5,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(8) 北京遠新房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(9) 北京遠洋新揚子資產管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB2,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(10) 鴻基偉業(北京)房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(11) 北京房地鑫洋房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	30%	30%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(12) Tianjin Yijiaye Real Estate Company Limited ("Tianjin Yijiaye") 天津市億嘉合置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB80,000	51%	51%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(13) 南京綠洋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(14) Gemini-Rosemont Realty LLC	USA	Limited liability Company	USD68,360	45%	45%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(15) SOL Investment Fund LP	Cayman Islands	Limited Liability partnership	HKD2,679,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(16) 香河萬潤新元房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB85,000	20%	20%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(17) 北京穎暉置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2018, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2017	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(18) 北京房地天銳鑫洋房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB41,180	30%	30%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(19) 上海新證財經信息諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB142,500	45%	22%	(ii), (v)	Consulting service
(20) 中山市大信融佳商業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,000	25%	25%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(21) 北京卓信瑞通投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,000	33%	33%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(22) 天津旭浩房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB120,000	25%	25%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(23) 北京紫金長寧房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB198,500	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(24) 北京中聯置地房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB560,000	49%	49%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(25) 鷹潭市信銀致遠投資有限合夥企業	PRC	Limited Liability partnership	RMB10,000,010	40%	40%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(26) 信銀振華三號房地產私募基金	PRC	Limited Liability partnership	RMB8,100,000	33%	33%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(27) 天津市遠銘置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	42%	60%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(28) 寧波遠吉德信投資管理合夥企業(有限合夥)	PRC	Limited Liability partnership	RMB101,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(29) 北京新揚子投資基金管理中心(有限合夥)	PRC	Limited Liability partnership	RMB1,000,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(30) 廊坊市裕豐房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	51%	51%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(31) 北京房地銘洋房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	49%	49%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(32) 廣州華年嘉年房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	51%	51%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(33) 武漢遠慧企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	15%	15%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(34) 武漢遠正企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	15%	15%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(35) 張家口富利嘉房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	60%	60%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(36) 河北川匯房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB5,000	51%	51%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2018, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2017	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(37) 石家莊永熹房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	20%	20%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(38) 深圳市遠康置地投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	65%	65%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(39) 長春王府井遠洋商業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	40%	40%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(40) 中山祥盛房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(41) 深圳遠東碧海置地有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	51%	51%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(42) 深圳市奧益投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	55%	55%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(43) 蘇州奧遠房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	34%	34%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(44) 合肥永拓置業發展有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB400,000	25%	25%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(45) 深圳市國通厚德房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	70%	70%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(46) 鄭州建業十八城置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB200,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(47) 深圳遠愛投資合夥企業(有限合夥)	PRC	Limited Liability partnership	RMB375,050	33%	33%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(48) 寧波遠吉朗融投資管理合夥企業(有限合夥)	PRC	Limited Liability partnership	RMB1,000,200	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(49) 北京潭拓興業房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB300,000	10%	10%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(50) 北京遠創興茂置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	40%	40%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(51) 南寧金象遠洋基金管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	35%	35%	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(52) 昆明吉興達房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB200,000	55%	55%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(53) 愛車(天津)房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB150,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2018, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2017	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(54) 贏家(天津)房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB850,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(55) 山西龍城遠洋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	44%	44%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(56) 成都嘉豆房地產有限責任公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	60%	60%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(57) 北京創遠亦程置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(58) 佛山昱辰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(59) 深圳市居遠成投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	60%	60%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(60) 上海雋品置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	51%	51%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(61) 大連世紀橋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB190,000	10%	10%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(62) 四川朗遠恆潤企業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	50%	50%	(iv)	Investment management
(63) 太倉遠匯置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB200,000	34%	34%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(64) 北京遠和置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB810,000	25%	25%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(65) 杭州雋洋置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	49%	49%	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(66) 珠海市遠致房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	70%	70%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(67) 河南優居房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	60%	60%	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(68) 上海遠緒置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(69) 天津吉慶置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	50%	50%	(iii)	Land and property development
(70) 上海鄭明現代物流有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB88,097	15.13%	15.13%	(ii), (v)	Operation of logistics
(71) 鄭州遠啟博奧企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	70%	-	(i), (iv)	Investment management

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2018, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2017	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(72) 鄭州博鼎企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	55%	-	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(73) 北京遠創興城置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	50%	-	(iii)	Land and property development
(74) 中山市遠閣房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB40,000	50%	-	(iii)	Land and property development
(75) 中山市遠隆房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,000	70%	-	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(76) 北京百思得保潔服務有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	30%	-	(ii), (v)	Sanitation service
(77) 中山盛哲房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	30%	-	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(78) 北京遠盛泰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	70%	-	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(79) 重慶國際高爾夫俱樂部有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB96,290	42.5%	-	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(80) 西安恆正隆房地產有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	51%	-	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(81) 遠洋邦邦置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB200,000	50%	-	(iii)	Land and property development
(82) 廣西遠洋金象大數據有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	70%	-	(i), (v)	Operation of data centers
(83) 北京穎融企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	70%	-	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(84) 北京穎創企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	70%	-	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(85) 長沙遠曜投資管理合夥企業	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB632,642	50%	-	(iv)	Investment management
(86) 北京樂優富拓投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,000	25%	-	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(87) 成都遠能置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	50%	-	(iii)	Land and property development
(88) 清和長青投資管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	19%	-	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(89) 嘉興金久房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB8,000	33%	-	(ii), (iii)	Land and property development
(90) 上海穎洋管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB70,000	50%	-	(iv)	Investment management

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2018, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2017	Nature of relationship	Principal activities
(91) 龍洋生命(開曼)有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB184,600	50%	-	(iii)	Land and property development
(92) Sino-Ocean Great Wall Logistics Investment LP	Cayman Islands	Limited liability Partnership	USD366,000	40%	-	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(93) SO CTCO Investments, L.P.	Cayman Islands	Limited liability Partnership	USD100,000	50%	-	(iv)	Investment management
(94) 石家莊新聯遠鴻房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	51%	-	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(95) 石家莊州貿房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB5,000	51%	-	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(96) 河北裕悅房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	55%	-	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(97) 西安遠瑞置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	60%	-	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(98) 溫州龍巖園有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	USD66,700	50%	-	(iii)	Land and property development
(99) 天津市遠龍房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB400,000	50%	-	(iii)	Land and property development
(100) 北京睿輝商業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,000	50%	-	(iii)	Land and property development
(101) 北京睿鴻商業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,000	50%	-	(iii)	Land and property development
(102) 濟南全眾信息科技有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	50%	-	(iv)	Investment management
(103) 北京穎利企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB 10,000	49%	-	(ii), (iv)	Investment management
(104) 河北陽瑞房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB 10,000	51%	-	(i), (iii)	Land and property development
(105) Sino-Ocean Meridian Fund I,LP	Cayman Islands	Limited liability Partnership	USD366,000	40%	-	(iv)	Investment management

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

- (a) Following are the details of all of the joint ventures held directly by the Group as at 31 December 2018, all of which are unlisted: (Continued)
- (i) Although the Group holds more than 50% of the equity shares of these entities, the Group exercises joint control under the contractual agreements in the strategic financial and operating policy decisions of these entities. Accordingly, these entities are considered as joint ventures of the Group by the directors.
 - (ii) Although the Group holds less than 50% of the equity shares of these entities, the Group exercises joint control under the contractual agreements in the strategic financial and operating policy decisions of these entities. Accordingly, these entities are considered as joint ventures of the Group by the directors.
 - (iii) Investments in these joint ventures provide more opportunities to explore business in property development and investment properties.
 - (iv) Investments in these joint ventures provide more opportunities to explore business in real estate investment activities.
 - (v) Investments in these joint ventures provide more opportunities for the Group to explore business in other business activities.
 - (vi) As at 31 December 2018, the Group has the outstanding capital commitment to joint ventures amounting to RMB579,425,000. (2017: RMB116,110,000).

14 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

(b) Individually immaterial joint venture

The Group has interests in individually immaterial joint ventures that are accounted for using the equity method.

	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Aggregate carrying amount of individually immaterial joint ventures	20,330,505	14,720,119
Aggregate amounts of the Group's share of:		
Profit from continuing operations	1,103,464	802,213
Other comprehensive income	(1,463,874)	465,146
Total comprehensive income	(360,410)	1,267,359

15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At beginning of the year	4,562,962	3,018,922
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	20,022	–
Capital injection	2,788,550	1,875,599
Transfer from available-for-sale financial assets	–	75,600
Disposal	–	(231,579)
Dividend	–	(8,041)
Deemed disposal of associates	(267,492)	(84,961)
Share of results of associates		
— after adjustment for unrealized profit or loss from inter-company transactions between the Group and the associates	(44,880)	44,896
Currency translation difference	118,193	(127,474)
At end of the year	7,177,355	4,562,962

15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2018:

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2017	Nature of the relationship	Principal activities
(1) Guoshou Yuantong Real Estate Company Limited 國壽遠通置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB2,500,000	10%	10%	(i), (ii)	Property development and investment services
(2) Beijing Shengyong Property Development and investment Company Limited 北京盛永置業投資有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB500,000	35%	35%	(ii)	Property development and investment services
(3) CIGIS (China) Company Limited 建設綜合勘察研究設計院有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	35%	35%	(iii)	Survey and design
(4) Chongqing Yuanteng Real Estate Development Limited 重慶遠騰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,100,000	42.5%	42.25%	(ii)	Land and property development
(5) 北京興佑君泰房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB90,000	21%	21%	(ii)	Land and property development
(6) 北京達成光遠置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	23%	23%	(ii)	Land and property development
(7) 廣州宏軒房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB300,000	16.66%	16.66%	(i), (ii)	Land and property development
(8) 廣州宏嘉房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB300,000	16.66%	16.66%	(i), (ii)	Land and property development
(9) 廣州環啤房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB300,000	16.66%	16.66%	(i), (ii)	Land and property development
(10) 深圳遠景融資租賃有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	USD200,000	45%	45%	(iii)	Finance lease
(11) 杭州博聯投資管理合夥企業(有限合夥)	PRC	Limited liability Partnership	RMB633,500	29.95%	29.95%	(iv)	Investment management
(12) 中交地產(海口)有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB400,000	30%	30%	(ii)	Land and property development
(13) Beijing Capital Juda Limited. 首創鉅大有限公司	Cayman Islands	Limited liability Company	HKD20,345	9.9%	9.9%	(i), (ii)	Land and property development
(14) China Logistics Property Holdings Co.,Ltd 中國物流資產控股有限公司	Cayman Islands	Limited liability Company	USD184	8.87%	9.85%	(i), (iii)	Operation of logistics
(15) 深圳市遠景置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	38.25%	26%	(ii)	Land and property development
(16) 中資國信資產管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB300,000	19%	19%	(i), (iii)	Property management

15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2018: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2017	Nature of the relationship	Principal activities
(17) 重慶騰基物業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB3,000	49%	49%	(ii)	Land and property development
(18) 重慶遠朗房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB233,540	50%	37.71%	(ii)	Land and property development
(19) 上海崇遠企業管理諮詢有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	33%	33%	(ii)	Land and property development
(20) 杭州北農房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	50%	50%	(ii)	Land and property development
(21) 武漢遠駿置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	34%	34%	(ii)	Land and property development
(22) 盛鼎股權投資基金管理有限責任公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	19%	19%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(23) 盛華財富投資管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	19%	19%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(24) 長春市元亨房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	20%	20%	(ii)	Land and property development
(25) 天津遠卓商貿有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	15%	15%	(i), (iv)	Investment management
(26) 上海久耶供應鏈管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB2,318	26.95%	36%	(iii)	Operation of logistics
(27) 天津中建致恆地產有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB70,000	42.9%	42.9%	(ii)	Land and property development
(28) 石家莊安聯房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB20,000	30%	30%	(ii)	Land and property development
(29) 江西軍邦房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	51%	51%	(ii)	Land and property development
(30) 成都青銅區股權投資基金合夥企業(有限合夥)	PRC	Limited Liability partnership	RMB700,000	43%	43%	(iv)	Investment management
(31) 南昌市立成文化藝術有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	20%	20%	(ii)	Land and property development
(32) 北京瑞成永創科技有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	22%	22%	(v)	Scientific research and technical services
(33) 廈門國遠同豐置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB98,000	51.02%	49%	(ii)	Land and property development
(34) 南昌國遠盈潤置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB98,000	49%	49%	(ii)	Land and property development
(35) 長沙雙湖置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	10%	10%	(i), (ii)	Land and property development

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15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2018: (Continued)

Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Issued/paid in capital (In thousand)	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2018	Effective interest held as at 31 December 2017	Nature of the relationship	Principal activities
(36) 北京融德房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB687,000	49%	49%	(ii)	Land and property development
(37) 北京美中宜和醫療管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB1,177,275	14.51%	14.51%	(i), (v)	Healthcare Management
(38) 沈陽美德因婦兒醫院股份有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB29,323	14.42%	14.42%	(i), (v)	Healthcare Management
(39) 北京恆泰博車拍賣有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB34,018	6.33%	6.33%	(i), (v)	Auto Auction
(40) Coldwest Fund I LP	Cayman Islands	Limited liability Partnership	USD105,000	47.62%	-	(iv)	Investment management
(41) Delos China (HK) Limited	HK	Limited liability Company	USD16,000	25%	-	(iii)	Healthy renovation service
(42) 太原吉飛通房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	5%	-	(i), (ii)	Land and property development
(43) 北京融平企業管理服務有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB687,000	49%	-	(iii)	Land and property development
(44) 北京房地鈞洋房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	10%	-	(i), (ii)	Land and property development
(45) 佛山市華信致遠房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB50,000	49%	-	(ii)	Land and property development
(46) 蘇州嶼秀房地產開發有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB480,000	16.50%	-	(i), (ii)	Land and property development
(47) 上海棟鼎企業管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB30,000	49%	-	(iv)	Land and property development
(48) 北京誼誠置業有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	21%	-	(ii)	Land and property development
(49) 天津遠致投資管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB10,000	60%	-	(iv), (vi)	Investment management
(50) 四川駒馬物流有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB183,240	13.91%	-	(i), (iii)	Operation of logistics
(51) 上海發網供應鏈管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB200,000	18.35%	-	(i), (iii)	Operation of logistics
(52) 上海壹米滴答供應鏈管理有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB250,000	6.55%	-	(i), (iii)	Operation of logistics
(53) 納什空間創業科技有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB346,875	20%	-	(v)	Office leasing services
(54) 聯合麗格(北京)醫療美容連鎖有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB400,000	26.35%	-	(v)	Healthcare Management
(55) 北京銳視康科技發展有限公司	PRC	Limited liability Company	RMB100,000	14.29%	-	(i), (v)	Medical production and research

15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(a) Following are the details of all of the associates of the Group at 31 December 2018: (Continued)

Among the associates mentioned above, Beijing Capital Juda Limited and China Logistics Property Holdings Co., Ltd are listed on Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd, the quoted fair value and carrying amount thereof presented as below:

	Name	Country of incorporation and operation	Legal status	Quoted market value		Carrying amount	
				2018	2017	2018	2017
				RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
(1)	Beijing Capital Juda Limited	PRC	Limited liability Company	116,771	155,164	154,319	139,770
(2)	China Logistics Property Holdings Co., Ltd	PRC	Limited liability Company	728,915	608,626	985,387	883,040

Even though quoted market value of both of Beijing Capital Juda Limited and China Logistics Property Holdings Co., Ltd is less than the carrying amount, the fair value of net assets of these two companies attributable to the Group is higher than the carrying amount, no impairment charge is recognised for these two investments.

- (i) Although the Group holds less than 20% of the equity shares of these entities, the Group exercises significant influence under the contractual agreements in the strategic financial and operating policy decisions of these companies.
- (ii) Investments in these associates provide more opportunities to explore business in property development.
- (iii) Investments in these associates provide more opportunities to involve in related services to support property development, such as architectural design and property management.
- (iv) Investments in these associates provide more opportunities to explore business in real estate investment activities.
- (v) Investments in these associates provide more opportunities to explore business in other activities.
- (vi) Although the Group holds 60% of the equity shares of this company, the Group exercises significant influence under the contractual agreements in the strategic financial and operating policy decisions of the company. Accordingly, the company is considered as an associate of the Group by the directors.
- (vii) As at 31 December 2018, the Group has the outstanding capital commitment to associates amounting to RMB137,861,000 (2017: RMB299,275,000).

15 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(b) Individually immaterial associates

The Group has interests in individually immaterial associates that are accounted for using the equity method.

	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Aggregate carrying amount of individually immaterial associates	7,177,355	4,562,962
Aggregate amounts of the Group's share of:		
Profit from continuing operations	52,065	63,967
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	52,065	63,967

16 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Financial assets		
Financial assets at amortised cost:		
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	72,975,210	48,264,483
Less: Prepayments	(7,158,187)	(5,351,381)
— Trade and other receivables and prepayments excluding prepayments	65,817,023	42,913,102
— Restricted bank deposits (Note 25)	3,362,876	2,797,531
— Cash and cash equivalents (Note 26)	39,208,481	21,968,819
— Contract assets	2,405,696	—
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 17)	679,952	—
Available-for-sale financial assets	—	3,708,978
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 18)	4,144,149	14,656
	115,618,177	71,403,086
Financial liabilities		
Liabilities at amortised cost		
— Borrowings (Note 33)	88,575,079	61,032,154
— Trade and other payables excluding tax payables	57,632,184	36,884,041
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 37)	146,939	—
	146,354,202	97,916,195

17 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(i) Classification of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) comprise:

- Equity securities which are not held for trading, and which the Group has irrevocably elected at initial recognition to recognise in this category. These are strategic investments and the Group considers this classification to be more relevant.

(ii) Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Listed securities (a)	54,806	–
Unlisted securities (b)	625,146	–
	679,952	–
Less: Non-current portion	(679,952)	–
Current portion	–	–

(a) Investment in listed equity securities is stated at fair value based on the quoted price of the equity securities.

(b) Investment in unlisted equity securities are denominated in HKD. For the valuation of unlisted equity securities, please refer to Note 5.3.

17 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

(iii) Financial assets previously classified as available-for-sale financial assets (2017)

Available-for-sale financial assets included the following classes of financial assets:

	As at 31 December	
	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Investment in listed equity securities	-	166,267
Investment in other unlisted equity securities	-	1,007,586
Investment in fund investments	-	2,526,469
Others	-	8,656
	-	3,708,978
Less: Non-current portion	-	(3,708,978)
Current portion	-	-

18 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

(i) Classification of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Group classifies the following financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL):

- equity investments that are held for trading, and
- equity investments for which the entity has not elected to recognise fair value gains and losses through OCI.

18 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (Continued)

(i) Classification of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Continued)

Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVPI include the following:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Investment in fund investments	3,225,309	–
Investment in other unlisted equity securities	532,711	–
Investment in listed equity securities	238,484	256,972
Others	6,982	–
Derivatives — held-for-trading		
Leveraged bond-linked notes	140,663	–
Forward foreign exchange contracts	–	(242,316)
	4,144,149	14,656
Less: Non-current portion	(3,961,645)	–
Current portion	182,504	14,656

Changes in fair values of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in “other gains — net” in the income statement.

18 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (Continued)

(ii) Amounts recognised in profit or loss

During the year, the following gains/(losses) were recognised in profit or loss:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Fair value gains/(losses) recognised in other gains/(losses)	205,252	(336,221)

(iii) Risk exposure and fair value measurements

Information about the Group's exposure to price risk is provided in 5.1. For information about the methods and assumptions used in determining fair value please refer to Note 5.3.

(iv) Previous accounting policy: Classification of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

In 2017, the Group classified financial assets at fair value through profit or loss if they were acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term, i.e. are held for trading. They were presented as current assets if they are expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period; otherwise they were presented as non-current assets. The Group did not elect to designate any financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. See Note 3.11 for the Group's other accounting policies for financial assets.

19 PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At beginning of the year	47,767,443	33,900,115
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	(1,641,328)	–
Additions	37,452,750	15,793,637
Transfer from deposits for land use rights	4,150,121	–
Acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 50)	1,848,191	26,679,599
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(141,183)	(60,196)
Provision for impairment	(116,952)	–
Transfer to investment properties (Note 12)	(3,041,522)	–
Transfer to completed properties held for sale	(30,788,071)	(28,545,712)
Recognised in cost of sales	(833,653)	–
At end of the year	54,655,796	47,767,443
Properties under development comprises:		
Land use rights	31,643,756	22,288,540
Construction costs and capitalized expenditure	15,326,434	19,041,138
Interest capitalized	7,685,606	6,437,765
	54,655,796	47,767,443

Properties under development are mainly located in the PRC. As at 31 December 2018, properties under development of approximately RMB14,495,605,000 (2017: RMB9,010,782,000) were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

All properties under development are expected to be completed within the normal operating cycle of the Group, in which RMB32,857,229,000 (2017: RMB19,788,259,000) is expected to be completed and available for sale more than twelve months after the balance sheet date.

20 LAND DEVELOPMENT COST RECOVERABLE

Land development cost recoverable refers to capitalized costs on primary land development projects. The land use right certificates belong to the government for these projects. Main activities for primary land development projects included house dismantlement and land leveling works, in order to make sure the land is connected to water, gas, and electric power supplies.

21 PREPAYMENTS FOR LAND USE RIGHTS

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Deposits to local land authorities	2,160,585	7,507,699

The prepayments were paid to local land authorities for land use rights as at 31 December 2018 and 2017, respectively. Once the title of land is transferred to the Group, the land will be used to develop properties held for sale.

22 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS

(a) Trade receivables

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade receivables	2,563,406	1,097,782
Less: provision for impairment of trade receivables	(46,467)	(45,178)
	2,516,939	1,052,604
Less: non-current portion	-	-
Current portion	2,516,939	1,052,604

22 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(a) Trade receivables (Continued)

Proceeds from services and sales rendered are to be received in accordance with the term of respective agreement, and the credit term is provided briefly, an ageing analysis of trade receivables at the respective balance sheet dates is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 6 months	1,272,137	879,578
Between 6 months to 1 year	894,529	119,339
Between 1 year to 2 years	349,763	66,005
Between 2 years to 3 years	27,903	12,953
Over 3 years	19,074	19,907
	2,563,406	1,097,782

As at 31 December 2018, no trade receivables (2017: nil) were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

Movements on the provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January	(45,178)	(25,745)
Provision for receivable impairment	(1,289)	(19,433)
At 31 December	(46,467)	(45,178)

22 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(b) Other receivables and prepayments:

	As at 31 December					
	2018			2017		
	Current RMB'000	Non-current RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Current RMB'000	Non-current RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Entrusted loans to third parties (i)	1,064,219	1,821,995	2,886,214	50,000	2,376,809	2,426,809
Entrusted loans to joint ventures (ii)	2,264,638	9,251,451	11,516,089	454,092	4,599,763	5,053,855
Entrusted loans to associates (iii)	1,012,566	116,689	1,129,255	–	580,306	580,306
Entrusted loans to non-controlling interests (iv)	791,000	475,000	1,266,000	749,298	200,000	949,298
Amounts due from third parties (i)	2,698,956	–	2,698,956	1,281,332	–	1,281,332
Amounts due from joint ventures (v)	16,598,387	–	16,598,387	15,944,187	–	15,944,187
Amounts due from associates (v)	9,723,159	–	9,723,159	7,638,158	–	7,638,158
Amounts due from non-controlling interests (v)	7,775,365	–	7,775,365	2,932,709	–	2,932,709
Tax prepayments	4,271,512	1,616,282	5,887,794	3,700,694	563,736	4,264,430
Receivables from government (vi)	2,600,818	–	2,600,818	2,051,463	–	2,051,463
Payment for the cooperation of potential properties development projects (vii)	1,955,893	1,110,000	3,065,893	1,446,397	330,000	1,776,397
Receivables from disposal of interest in a subsidiary	863,472	–	863,472	–	–	–
Other prepayments	1,270,393	–	1,270,393	1,086,951	–	1,086,951
Other receivables	2,116,072	1,146,056	3,262,128	890,916	335,068	1,225,984
Less: provision for impairment of other receivables	(68,754)	(16,898)	(85,652)	–	–	–
Other receivables and prepayments	54,937,696	15,520,575	70,458,271	38,226,197	8,985,682	47,211,879

22 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(b) Other receivables and prepayments: (Continued)

- (i) Entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties represent amounts paid to joint ventures and associates' joint ventures and associates in order to support the development of real estate projects. As the Group has no direct equity interests in these companies to which the amounts paid are classified as entrusted loans to and amounts due from third parties.

As at 31 December 2018 and 2017, entrusted loans to third parties comprised:

	As at 31 December	
	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Unsecured loans	2,173,089	2,226,809
Secured loans	713,125	200,000
	2,886,214	2,426,809
Less: Non-current portion	(1,821,995)	(2,376,809)
	1,064,219	50,000

- Unsecured loans bear interest ramping from 3.5% to 15% per annum (2017: from 3.5% to 15%).
- Secured loans bear interest ramping from 8% to 15% per annum (2017: 8%).

Amounts due from third parties are unsecured, interest free, and repayable on demand.

- (ii) Entrusted loans to joint ventures are unsecured, interest bearing from 3.38% to 16% per annum (2017: from 3.38% to 16%). RMB2,264,638,000 (2017: RMB454,092,000) out of the balances are repayable on demand. The remaining balances of RMB9,251,451,000 (2017: RMB4,599,763,000) will be repayable from 2020 to 2023 and included in the non-current portion.
- (iii) Entrusted loans to associates are unsecured, interest bearing from 6.62% to 15% per annum (2017: from 6.62% to 8%). RMB1,012,566,000 (2017: nil) out of the balances are repayable on demand. The remaining balances of RMB116,689,000 (2017: RMB580,306,000) will be repayable from 2020 to 2023 and included in the non-current portion.
- (iv) Entrusted loans to non-controlling are unsecured, interest of from 8% to 12% per annum (2017: from 8% to 12%). RMB791,000,000 (2017: RMB749,298,000) out of the balances are repayable on demand. The remaining balances of RMB475,000,000 (2017: RMB200,000,000) will be repayable from 2020 to 2023 and included in the non-current portion.
- (v) Amounts due from joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests are unsecured, interest free, and repayable on demand.

22 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

(b) Other receivables and prepayments: (Continued)

- (vi) Receivables from government mainly represent payment made for land development cost, some deposits paid to government to ensure the business activities of properties development, and the amounts paid to government with the intention of possible future cooperation in real estate project development, which will be subsequently reimbursed by the government.
- (vii) Amounts mainly represent the payment for cooperation of potential properties development projects. As at 31 December 2018, such cooperation is still in negotiation stage.

RMB1,580,000,000 (2017: RMB530,000,000) out of the balance are unsecured, interest bearing from 7% to 11% (2017: from 7% to 11%). The remaining balances of RMB1,485,893,000 (2017: RMB1,246,397,000) are unsecured and interest free.

RMB1,955,893,000 (2017: RMB1,446,397,000) out of the balance are repayable on demand. The remaining balance of RMB1,110,000,000 (2017: RMB330,000,000) will be repayable in 2020 and included in the non-current portion.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the book value of each class of receivable mentioned above. The carrying amounts of the Group's trade and other receivables and prepayments are mainly denominated in RMB.

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables and prepayments approximate their respective fair values as at 31 December 2018 and 2017.

23 COMPLETED PROPERTIES HELD FOR SALE

All completed properties held for sale are located in the PRC on leasehold lands with lease terms between 40 to 70 years, and are stated at cost less accumulated amortization of land use rights for the years ended 2018 and 2017, respectively.

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Completed properties held for sale comprised:		
Land use rights	5,354,222	5,709,739
Construction costs and capitalized expenditure	10,873,360	11,269,294
Interest capitalized	3,855,716	2,434,444
	20,083,298	19,413,477

Movements on the provision for impairment of completed properties held for sale are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At beginning of the year	137,135	81,886
Addition	565,887	77,195
Transfer from properties under development	66,286	–
Write-off upon sales of completed properties held for sale	(91,063)	(21,946)
At end of the year	678,245	137,135

As at 31 December 2018, RMB5,034,095,000 completed properties held for sale (2017: RMB2,030,928,000) were pledged as collateral for the Group's borrowings.

24 AMOUNTS DUE FROM CUSTOMERS FOR CONTRACT WORK

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Contract cost incurred plus recognized profit	–	4,355,771
Less: progress receivables	–	(3,842,247)
Contract work-in-progress	–	513,524
Representing:		
Amounts due from customers for contract work	–	513,524

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Contract revenue recognized as revenue in the year	–	1,187,868

25 RESTRICTED BANK DEPOSITS

Restricted bank deposits are mainly denominated in RMB, which are guaranteed deposits for the mortgage loan facilities granted by the banks to the purchasers of the Group's properties, as well as for projects co-developed with third parties. The balances also include guaranteed deposits placed in the banks, as guaranteed funds of construction projects to meet certain local authorities' requirements. The effective interest rate on restricted bank deposits ranging from 0.35% to 2.175% for the year ended 31 December 2018.

26 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Cash at bank and in hand	35,363,241	21,466,938
Short-term bank deposits	3,845,240	501,881
Cash and cash equivalents	39,208,481	21,968,819
Denominated in:		
— RMB	33,076,277	18,657,485
— HKD	1,769,956	1,682,970
— USD	4,357,305	1,625,348
— Other currencies	4,943	3,016
	39,208,481	21,968,819

The Group's cash and cash equivalents denominated are deposited with banks in the Mainland China and Hong Kong, respectively. The conversion of the RMB denominated balances into foreign currencies, which are placed within the PRC, is subject to the rules and regulations of foreign exchange control promulgated by the PRC Government.

27 CAPITAL

	Number of ordinary shares	Share capital HKD'000	Equivalent share capital RMB'000	Shares held for Restricted Share Award Scheme RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Opening balance 1 January 2018	7,564,608,657	30,169,687	27,129,614	-	27,129,614
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	51,387,000	240,423	197,298	-	197,298
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-	3,031	1,898	-	1,898
	7,615,995,657	30,413,141	27,328,810	-	27,328,810
Restricted Share Award Scheme (a)					
Opening balance 1 January 2018	(46,635,224)	-	-	(140,746)	(140,746)
Shares purchased during the year	(17,847,216)	-	-	(74,017)	(74,017)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	11,381,198	-	-	36,446	36,446
At 31 December 2018	(53,101,242)	-	-	(178,317)	(178,317)
At 31 December 2018	7,562,894,415	30,413,141	27,328,810	(178,317)	27,150,493
Opening balance 1 January 2017	7,513,879,657	29,923,363	26,920,490	-	26,920,490
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	50,729,000	240,674	205,043	-	205,043
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-	5,650	4,081	-	4,081
	7,564,608,657	30,169,687	27,129,614		27,129,614
Restricted Share Award Scheme (a)					
Opening balance 1 January 2017	(52,942,116)	-	-	(147,280)	(147,280)
Shares purchased during the year	(8,344,154)	-	-	(37,712)	(37,712)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	14,651,046	-	-	44,246	44,246
At 31 December 2017	(46,635,224)	-	-	(140,746)	(140,746)
At 31 December 2017	7,517,973,433	30,169,687	27,129,614	(140,746)	26,988,868

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27 CAPITAL (Continued)

- (a) On 22 March 2010, the board of the Company resolved to adopt a Restricted Share Award Scheme. The purpose of the Scheme is to recognise and motivate the contribution of certain employees and to provide incentives and help the Group in retaining its existing employees and recruiting additional employees and to provide them with a direct economic interest in attaining the long-term business objectives of the Company.

Restricted Share Award Scheme was administered by an independent trustee appointed by the Group, the trustee shall purchase from the market such number of shares awarded as specified by the Board and shall hold such shares until they are vested in accordance with the Restricted Share Award Scheme Rules. When the selected employee has satisfied all vesting conditions specified by the Board at the time of making the award and become entitled to the shares forming the subject of the award, the trustee shall transfer the relevant vested shares to that employee.

Movements in the number of awarded shares for the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

	Shares (thousands)
At 1 January 2018	16,873
Vested	(11,381)
Lapsed	(912)
At 31 December 2018	4,580
At 1 January 2017	21,568
Granted	10,890
Vested	(14,651)
Lapsed	(934)
At 31 December 2017	16,873

The fair value of the awarded shares was calculated based on the market price of the Company's shares at the respective grant date. The expected dividends during the vesting period have been taken into account when assessing the fair value of these awarded shares.

The weighted average fair value of awarded shares granted during the year ended 31 December 2018 was HKD3.89 per share (2017: HK\$3.75 per share).

The outstanding awarded shares as of 31 December 2018 were divided into several tranches on an equal basis as at their grant dates. The outstanding awarded shares will be exercised after a specified period ranging from one to three years from the grant date.

28 RETAINED EARNINGS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January	20,745,229	17,585,122
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 9, net of tax	199,031	–
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15, net of tax	57,529	–
Profit for the year	3,573,745	5,115,405
Dividends relating to 2016	–	(782,907)
Dividends relating to 2017 (Note 45)	(999,882)	(1,072,542)
Dividends relating to 2018 (Note 45)	(938,280)	–
Transfer to statutory reserve fund	(89,211)	(99,849)
At 31 December	22,548,161	20,745,229

29 RESERVES

	Merger reserve	Statutory reserve	Translation reserve	Investment revaluation reserve	Employee share option	Restricted Share Award Scheme	Other reserve	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2018	(763,427)	1,353,882	39,774	573,384	142,509	42,339	(620,438)	768,023
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 9, net of tax	-	-	-	(199,031)	-	-	-	(199,031)
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(28,923)	-	-	-	(28,923)
Share of other comprehensive income of investments accounted for using the equity method	-	-	-	(1,463,874)	-	-	-	(1,463,874)
Currency translation differences	-	-	(229,813)	-	-	-	-	(229,813)
Expense on share-based payment	-	-	-	-	64,955	6,725	-	71,680
Expiry of share option	-	-	-	-	(4,620)	-	4,620	-
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	-	-	-	-	(35,380)	-	-	(35,380)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	(38,344)	-	(38,344)
Transfer from retained earnings	-	89,211	-	-	-	-	-	89,211
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in a subsidiary from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(247,397)	(247,397)
At 31 December 2018	(763,427)	1,443,093	(190,039)	(1,118,444)	167,464	10,720	(863,215)	(1,313,848)

29 RESERVES (Continued)

	Merger reserve	Statutory reserve	Translation reserve	Investment revaluation reserve	Employee share option	Restricted Share Award Scheme	Other reserve	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2017	(763,427)	1,254,033	(159,174)	(111,311)	168,507	46,330	(794,649)	(359,691)
Fair value gains on available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	219,549	-	-	-	219,549
Share of other comprehensive income of investments accounted for using the equity method	-	-	-	465,146	-	-	-	465,146
Currency translation differences	-	-	198,948	-	-	-	-	198,948
Expense on share-based payment	-	-	-	-	67,275	44,336	(8,567)	103,044
Expiry of share option	-	-	-	-	(57,070)	-	57,070	-
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	-	-	-	-	(36,203)	-	-	(36,203)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	(48,327)	-	(48,327)
Transfer from retained earnings	-	99,849	-	-	-	-	-	99,849
Increase in non-controlling interests without change of control	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,595	2,595
Decrease in non-controlling interests as a result of acquisition of additional interests in a subsidiary from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	123,113	123,113
At 31 December 2017	(763,427)	1,353,882	39,774	573,384	142,509	42,339	(620,438)	768,023

Statutory reserves represent reserves of the PRC incorporated companies which are set aside for future development purposes in accordance with the regulations in the PRC. The allocation is based on certain percentages of the companies' profit of the year, which is allocated on an annual basis.

30 SHARE OPTIONS

The establishment of the Group's share options plan was approved on 3 September 2007 by the shareholders. The share option plan is designed to provide long-term incentives for senior managers and above to deliver long-term shareholder returns. Under the plan, participants are granted options which only vest if certain performance standards are met. Participation in the plan is at the board's discretion and no individual has a contractual right to participate in the plan or to receive any guaranteed benefits.

The share options are exercisable during the following periods:

Share options granted from 2015 to 2017 are granted to several directors and to selected employees, in which 40% of the options are exercisable after 1 year from the grant date; additional 30% of the options are exercisable after 2 years from the grant date, and remaining 30% of the options are exercisable after 3 years from the grant date.

Share options granted in 2018 are granted to several directors and to selected employees, in which 50% of the options are exercisable after 1 year from the grant date, and remaining 50% of the options are exercisable after 2 years from the grant date.

The options have a contractual option term of 5 years. The Group has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the options in cash.

Movements in the number of share options outstanding and their related weighted average exercise prices are as follows:

	Average exercise price in HK dollar per share	Shares
	HKD	(thousands)
At 1 January 2018	4.04	243,391
Granted during the year	3.96	250,000
Lapsed during the year	4.11	(9,266)
Exercised during the year	3.83	(51,387)
At 31 December 2018	4.02	432,738

Out of the 432,738,000 outstanding options (2017: 243,391,000), 183,274,000 (2017: 191,191,000) were exercisable as at 31 December 2018.

As a result of the options exercised during the year ended 31 December 2018, 51,387,000 ordinary shares (2017: 50,729,000 ordinary shares) were issued by the Company. The weighted average price of the shares at the time these options were exercised was HKD3.16 per share (2017: HKD5.21 per share).

30 SHARE OPTIONS (Continued)

Share options outstanding as at 31 December 2018 have the following expiry dates and exercise prices:

Expiry date	Exercise price in HK dollar per share	Shares (thousands)
12 January 2017	3.57	–
27 August 2020	4.04	33,989
13 April 2021	3.80	99,369
24 August 2022	4.70	49,380
04 September 2023	3.96	250,000
		432,738

The directors of the Company have used the Binomial Model to determine the fair value of the options as at the respective grant dates, which is to be expensed over the relevant vesting period. The weighted average fair value of options granted during the year ended 31 December 2018 was HKD0.7863 per option (2017: HKD1.0576 per option).

The model inputs for options granted during the year ended 31 December 2018 included:

- (a) exercise price: HKD3.96 (2017: HKD4.70)
- (b) grant date: 4 September 2018 (2017: 24 August 2017)
- (c) expiry date: 4 September 2023 (2017: 24 August 2022)
- (d) share price at grant date: HKD3.96 (2017: HKD4.70)
- (e) expected price volatility of the company's share: 37.99% (2017: 37.97%)
- (f) expected dividend yields: 5.63% (2017: 4.65%)
- (g) risk-free interest rate: 2.12% (2017: 1.295%)

31 CAPITAL SECURITIES

On 21 September 2017, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure III Limited (“Sino-Ocean Land III”), a wholly owned subsidiary, issued perpetual subordinated guaranteed capital securities (“capital securities”), which are callable, with initial aggregate principal amount of USD600,000,000.

The capital securities have no maturity date, and the payments of distribution of such capital securities can be deferred at the discretion of Sino-Ocean Land III. When Sino-Ocean Land III and the Company elects to declare dividends to their shareholders, Sino-Ocean Land III should make a distribution at an initial rate of 4.9% per annum, as defined in the subscription agreement. Such capital securities are guaranteed by the Company.

32 CAPITAL INSTRUMENT

On 30 December 2016, Hangzhou Xinhe Hotel Property Limited (“Hangzhou Xinhe”) and Hangzhou Yunhe Business District Development Limited (“Hangzhou Yunhe”), two wholly owned subsidiaries, together issued a capital instrument, which is callable, with an initial aggregate principal amount of RMB3,500,000,000.

The capital instrument has no maturity date, and the payments of distribution of such capital instrument can be deferred at the discretion of Hangzhou Xinhe and Hangzhou Yunhe. When Hangzhou Xinhe or Hangzhou Yunhe or Sino-Ocean Land Limited, another subsidiary of the Group, elects to declare dividends to their shareholders, Hangzhou Xinhe and Hangzhou Yunhe should make distribution to the holders of the capital instrument at the distribution rate, ranging from 6% to 11%, as defined in the subscription agreement. Such capital instrument are secured by the real estate and investment property project owned by Hangzhou Yunhe and Hangzhou Xinhe.

33 BORROWINGS

	As at 31 December	
	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Non-current		
Bank borrowings (a)	21,900,632	13,851,561
Other borrowings (b)	51,249,622	37,181,456
Total non-current borrowings	73,150,254	51,033,017
Current		
Current portion of long-term bank borrowings (a)	4,317,089	1,677,249
Current portion of long-term other borrowings (b)	9,174,679	7,437,298
Short-term bank borrowings (a)	290,000	744,590
Short-term other borrowings (b)	1,643,057	140,000
Total current borrowings	15,424,825	9,999,137
Total borrowings	88,575,079	61,032,154

- (a) As at 31 December 2018, bank borrowings amounting to RMB9,290,840,000 were secured by investment properties, properties under development, completed properties held for sale and equity interest in certain subsidiaries of the Group.

As at 31 December 2017, bank borrowings amounting to RMB7,085,353,000 were secured by investment properties, properties under development, completed properties held for sale and equity interest in a certain subsidiary of the Group.

33 BORROWINGS (Continued)

(b) Other borrowings

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bond issuance (i)	26,396,455	18,928,406
Guaranteed notes (ii)	21,089,256	15,485,288
Borrowings from trust companies (iii)	8,892,400	10,345,060
Asset-backed securitisation (iv)	5,689,247	–
	62,067,358	44,758,754
Less: non-current portion	(51,249,622)	(37,181,456)
Current portion	10,817,736	7,577,298

(i) In 2018, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB2,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 4.7%.

In 2018, the Company issued Medium-term Notes in an aggregate amount of RMB6,000,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB3,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.87% per year of a term of three years; (ii) RMB3,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.95% per year of a term of three years.

In 2017, the Company issued the first tranche Medium-term Notes in an aggregate amount of RMB4,000,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB2,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 4.77% per year of a term of three years; (ii) RMB2,000,000,000 with coupon rate of 5.05% per year of a term of five years.

In 2017, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB1,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 5.29%.

In 2016, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB4,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 3.50%.

In 2015, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued bonds with a total principal amount of RMB10,000,000,000. The first phase of the bonds is issued in August with an aggregate principal amount of RMB5,000,000,000 in three series: (i) RMB2,000,000,000 with maturity period of 5 years and annual interest rate of 3.78%; (ii) RMB1,500,000,000 with maturity period of 7 years and annual interest rate of 4.15%; (iii) RMB1,500,000,000 with maturity period of 10 years and annual interest rate of 5.00%. The second phase of the bonds is issued in October with an aggregate principal amount of RMB5,000,000,000 in two series: (i) RMB2,000,000,000 with maturity period of 6 years and annual interest rate of 3.85%; (ii) RMB3,000,000,000 with maturity period of 10 years and annual interest rate of 4.76%. The bonds are unsecured.

33 BORROWINGS (Continued)

(b) Other borrowings (Continued)

- (ii) In July 2018, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance IV Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with principal amount of USD700,000,000 at interest rate equal to three-month USD London Interbank Offered Rate plus 2.30% due in 2021 (the "2021 Notes"). The Notes are unsecured and are guaranteed by the Company.

In January 2015, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance II Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with principal amount of USD500,000,000 at a rate of 5.95% per annum due in 2027 (the "2027 Notes") and another note with principal amount of USD700,000,000 at a rate of 4.45% per annum due in 2020 (the "2020 Notes"). The notes are unsecured and guaranteed by the Company.

In July 2014, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance I Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued a guaranteed note with principal amount of USD500,000,000 at a rate of 4.625% per annum due in 2019 (the "2019 Notes") and another note with principal amount of USD700,000,000 at a rate of 6.00% per annum due in 2024 (the "2024 Notes").

- (iii) Such loans bear interest rate from 4.50% to 9.3% per annum, and RMB3,480,000,000 of the loan portion (2017: RMB6,755,000,000) repayable after one year are included in non-current portion.

As at 31 December 2018, loans amounting to RMB80,000,000 were secured by properties under development and equity interests in a certain subsidiary of the Group.

As at 31 December 2017, loans amounting to RMB3,575,060,000 were secured by investment properties, properties under development and equity interests in a certain subsidiary of the Group.

- (iv) In October 2018, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited entered into asset-backed special agreement with a third-party financing company in the form of asset securitisation. Asset-backed securities are divided into priority level and subprime level with total principal of RMB310,000,000 and RMB100,000,000 respectively. The Group repurchased all the subprime level asset-backed securities in the year ended 31 December 2018. As at 31 December 2018, RMB310,000,000 of the principal remained outstanding.

In September 2018, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited entered into asset-backed special agreement with a third-party financing company in the form of asset securitisation. Asset-backed securities are divided into priority level and subprime level with total principal of RMB2,710,000,000 and RMB143,000,000 respectively. The Group repurchased all the subprime level asset-backed securities in the year ended 31 December 2018. The priority level securities were guaranteed by Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, and secured by property, plant and equipment, land use rights and investment properties of the Group. As at 31 December 2018, RMB2,686,189,000 of the principal remained outstanding.

In April 2018, Ocean Homeplus Property Service Corporation Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into asset-backed special agreement with a third-party financing company in the form of asset securitisation. Asset-backed securities are divided into priority level and subprime level with total principal of RMB3,000,000,000 and RMB158,000,000 respectively. The Group repurchased all the subprime level asset-backed securities in the year ended 31 December 2018. The priority level securities were guaranteed by Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited. As at 31 December 2018, RMB2,693,058,000 of the principal remained outstanding.

33 BORROWINGS (Continued)

(c) The maturities of the Group's total borrowings at respective balance sheet dates are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	Bank and other borrowings RMB'000	Bank and other borrowings RMB'000
Total borrowings		
— Within 1 year	15,424,825	9,999,137
— Between 1 and 2 years	12,637,458	13,816,677
— Between 2 and 5 years	46,230,681	23,640,727
— Over 5 years	14,282,115	13,575,613
	88,575,079	61,032,154

(d) The Group's borrowings denominated in RMB, HKD and USD respectively are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Denominated in:		
— RMB	54,765,202	37,018,111
— HKD	8,967,212	4,689,083
— USD	24,842,665	19,324,960
	88,575,079	61,032,154

33 BORROWINGS (Continued)

- (e) The weighted average effective interest rates at the respective balance sheet dates are set out as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Bank borrowings	4.92%	4.56%
Other borrowings	5.55%	5.40%

- (f) The exposure of the Group's borrowings to interest-rate changes and the contractual repricing dates are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 6 months	20,220,569	12,648,041
Between 6 and 12 months	8,041,900	6,862,660
Between 1 and 5 years	60,312,610	41,521,453
	88,575,079	61,032,154

- (g) The fair value of non-current borrowings approximate their carrying amount, as the impact of discounting is not significant. The fair values are based on cash flows discounted using a rate based on the borrowing rate of 4.92% (2017: 4.56%) and are within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

34 DEFERRED INCOME TAX

The analysis of deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Deferred income tax assets:		
— to be recovered after more than 12 months	894,193	703,959
— to be recovered within 12 months	251,281	275,136
	1,145,474	979,095
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
— to be recovered after more than 12 months	(2,235,274)	(2,853,395)
— to be recovered within 12 months	(445,615)	(396,354)
	(2,680,889)	(3,249,749)
Deferred income tax liabilities, net	(1,535,415)	(2,270,654)

The gross movement on the deferred income tax account is as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
At beginning of the year	2,270,654	1,649,471
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	30,669	–
Recognized in the income statement (Note 43)	106,855	(28,036)
(Credited)/Charged to other comprehensive income	(5,715)	43,383
Acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 50)	170,688	605,836
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(1,037,736)	–
At end of the year	1,535,415	2,270,654

34 DEFERRED INCOME TAX (Continued)

The movement in deferred income tax assets and liabilities during the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2017, without taking into consideration the offsetting of balances within the same tax jurisdiction, is as follows:

Deferred income tax assets

	Recognition of expenses	Unrealized gains	Tax losses	Others	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2018	790,690	64,060	276,159	-	1,130,909
Credited/(charged) to income statement	425,292	(64,060)	(167,187)	-	194,045
Acquisition of a subsidiary (Note 50)	-	-	-	3,003	3,003
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	(37,252)	-	-	-	(37,252)
At 31 December 2018	1,178,730	-	108,972	3,003	1,290,705
At 1 January 2017	639,310	177,037	287,899	6,207	1,110,453
Credited/(charged) to income statement	151,380	(112,977)	(52,261)	-	(13,858)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	-	40,521	-	40,521
Credited to other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(6,207)	(6,207)
At 31 December 2017	790,690	64,060	276,159	-	1,130,909

34 DEFERRED INCOME TAX (Continued)

Deferred income tax liabilities

	Depreciation difference	Investment properties revaluation	Property revaluation	Unrealized gain	Recognition of revenue over the period	Withholding taxes	Others	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2018	(55,037)	(2,339,936)	(711,062)	-	-	(237,887)	(57,641)	(3,401,563)
Effects of the adoption of HKFRS 15	-	-	-	-	(30,669)	-	-	(30,669)
(Charged)/credited to income statement	-	(484,695)	401,597	(55,860)	(155,727)	-	(6,215)	(300,900)
Acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 50)	-	-	(173,691)	-	-	-	-	(173,691)
Disposal of interests in subsidiaries	-	1,074,988	-	-	-	-	-	1,074,988
Credited to other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,715	5,715
At 31 December 2018	(55,037)	(1,749,643)	(483,156)	(55,860)	(186,396)	(237,887)	(58,141)	(2,826,120)
At 1 January 2017	(55,037)	(2,183,815)	(458,918)	-	-	(44,969)	(17,185)	(2,759,924)
(Charged)/credited to income statement	-	(156,121)	394,213	-	-	(192,918)	(3,280)	41,894
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	-	(646,357)	-	-	-	-	(646,357)
Charged to other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(37,176)	(37,176)
At 31 December 2017	(55,037)	(2,339,936)	(711,062)	-	-	(237,887)	(57,641)	(3,401,563)

Deferred income tax assets are recognized for tax loss carry-forwards to the extent that the realization of the related benefit through the future profits is probable. These tax losses are going to expire within five years. The Group did not recognize deferred income tax assets of RMB665,972,000 (2017: RMB407,392,000) in respect of losses amounting to RMB2,663,888,000 (2017: RMB1,629,568,000) that can be carried forward against future taxable income.

At 31 December 2018, the Group recognized deferred tax liabilities of approximately RMB237,887,000 (2017: RMB237,887,000) for withholding taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of the Group's subsidiaries established in Mainland China. In the opinion of the directors, it is not probable that the remaining available unremitted earnings of the Group's subsidiaries will be distributed in the foreseeable future according to the distribution and reinvestment plans of the Group. The aggregate amount of temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries in Mainland China for which deferred tax liabilities have not been recognized totaled approximately RMB5,508,584,000 at 31 December 2018 (2017: RMB3,190,893,000).

35 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 31 December	
	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Trade payables	18,290,208	13,622,488
Accrued expenses	3,135,060	3,020,211
Amounts due to joint ventures (i)	9,388,039	8,630,367
Amounts due to associates (i)	4,274,001	829,939
Amounts due to non-controlling interests (i)	7,422,527	252,692
Amounts due to government	72,114	74,140
Other taxes payable	1,733,417	1,002,792
Deposits received	5,160,682	3,527,434
Other payables	9,889,553	6,926,770
	59,365,601	37,886,833
Less: non-current portion	(167,531)	(6,895)
Current portion	59,198,070	37,879,938

The carrying amounts of trade payables and other payables approximate their fair values.

- (i) Amounts due to joint ventures, associates and non-controlling interests are unsecured, interest free, and repayable on demand.

35 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

- (ii) An ageing analysis of the trade payables (including amounts due to related parties of trading in nature) is as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 6 months	8,481,970	5,561,251
Between 6 months to 12 months	4,684,871	3,096,831
Between 1 year to 2 years	3,783,846	2,404,487
Between 2 years to 3 years	709,919	2,151,475
Over 3 years	629,602	408,444
	18,290,208	13,622,488

36 CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Advances receipts directly coming from customers	26,723,236	–
Others (a)	66,501	–
	26,789,737	–

- (a) This represented cash received from a trust set up by a financial institution in the PRC, under which the Group has assigned to the trust the right of receipt of the sale proceeds of certain properties to be delivered by the Group. Under the assigned arrangement, the Group has no contractual obligation to repay cash or other financial assets to the trust.

37 FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Derivatives-held for trading		
Forward foreign exchange contracts	146,939	–
	146,939	–

The notional principal amount of forward foreign exchange contracts at 31 December 2018 was RMB10,198,715,000, these contracts will mature during the year from 2019 to 2022.

38 INTEREST AND OTHER INCOME

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest income:		
— Interest income from bank deposits	150,030	209,936
— Interest income from entrusted loans	2,039,453	825,095
Dividend income	300,082	25,105
Others	53,119	56,286
	2,542,684	1,116,422

39 OTHER GAINS — NET

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Gains/(losses) on disposal of interests in subsidiaries	2,097,238	(24,694)
Payment for the settlement of contracted obligations (a)	(730,000)	–
Gains on deemed disposal of joint ventures and associates	265,701	753,361
Gains on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	–	124,635
Losses on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(9,975)	(24,270)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	269,543	(336,221)
Exchange (losses)/gains	(576,232)	382,773
Gains/(losses) on disposal of investment properties	8,147	(2,870)
Gains/(losses) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	4,921	(619)
Negative goodwill on business combinations	2,636	62,947
Gains on disposal of joint ventures and associates	57	93,726
Losses on deemed disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	–	(15,876)
Other gains/(losses)	7,924	(37,649)
	1,339,960	975,243

- (a) This represents a payment to a third party for settlement of certain contracted obligations which cannot be performed by the Group.

40 EXPENSES BY NATURE

Expenses by nature comprised cost of sales, selling and marketing expenses and administrative expenses as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Cost of properties and land use rights sold:		
— Land use rights	12,102,063	12,997,478
— Capitalized interest	4,591,681	3,002,938
— Construction related cost	12,115,758	15,114,873
Cost of up fitting services rendered	1,754,801	1,163,430
Direct investment property expenses (Note 12)	205,632	190,108
Employee benefit expense (Note 41)	1,426,520	1,367,843
Consultancy fee	381,329	271,432
Auditor's remuneration	11,600	11,600
— Audit services	8,800	8,800
— Non-audit services	2,800	2,800
Depreciation (Note 8)	76,665	44,902
Amortization of land use rights and intangible asset (Note 9, Note 10)	19,275	2,601
Advertising and marketing	990,452	563,709
Business taxes and other levies	405,036	773,928
Impairment charges	781,869	96,628
Derecognition of goodwill (Note 11)	154,510	35,809
Office expenditure	175,259	132,164
Properties maintenance expenses	702,020	577,532
Energy expenses	145,659	122,972
Others	31,232	169,271
	36,071,361	36,639,218

41 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

The employee benefits expense of the Group, including its directors' emoluments is as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Salaries, wages and bonuses	2,000,065	1,712,535
Retirement benefits contribution	198,041	126,724
Share options granted to directors and employees (Note 29)	64,955	66,784
Restricted Share Award Scheme (Note 29)	6,725	35,769
Other allowances and benefits	295,267	294,085
	2,565,053	2,235,897
Less: capitalized in properties under development	(1,138,533)	(868,054)
	1,426,520	1,367,843

The Group's employees participate in various retirement benefit plans organized by the relevant municipal and provincial government in the PRC under which the Group was required to make monthly contributions at rates ranging from 10% to 20%, depending on the applicable local regulations, of the employees' salary for the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2017.

In addition, the Group participates in a pension scheme under the rules and regulations of the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for all employees in Hong Kong. The contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme are based on minimum statutory contribution requirement of 5% of eligible employees' relevant aggregate income (with a cap of HKD30,000).

41 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE (Continued)

(a) Five highest paid individuals

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group for the year include two (2017: four) directors whose emoluments are reflected in the analysis shown in Note 54. The emoluments payable to the remaining three (2017: one) highest paid individuals during the year are as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Basic salaries and allowance	5,100	2,600
Bonuses	900	–
Retirement scheme contributions	376	114
Share-based payments	13,647	4,558
	20,023	7,272

The emoluments fell within the following bands:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
RMB5,992,000(equivalent to HKD7,000,000) to RMB6,848,000(equivalent to HKD8,000,000)	2	1
RMB6,848,000(equivalent to HKD8,000,000) to RMB7,704,000(equivalent to HKD9,000,000)	1	–
	3	1

- (b) During the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2017, no emoluments were paid by the Group to any of the above directors or the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for losses of office.

42 FINANCE COSTS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest expense:		
— Bank borrowings	1,081,121	696,551
— Other borrowings	3,128,758	2,490,530
Less: interest capitalized at a capitalization rate of 5.38% (2017: 5.19%) per annum	(2,435,119)	(2,013,196)
	1,774,760	1,173,885

43 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Majority of the Group entities are subjected to PRC enterprise income tax, which has been provided based on the statutory income tax rate of 25% of the assessable income of each of these Group entities for the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2017. Other Group entities are mainly subject to Hong Kong profits tax.

The amount of income tax expense charged to the income statement represents:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Current income tax:		
— PRC enterprise income tax	2,952,542	3,096,457
— PRC land appreciation tax	3,250,003	2,095,322
Deferred income tax (Note 34)	106,855	(28,036)
	6,309,400	5,163,743

43 INCOME TAX EXPENSE (Continued)

Taxation on the Group's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the enacted tax rate of the home country of the Group as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Profit before income tax	10,975,221	11,422,410
Adjust for: Share of results of joint ventures	(1,103,464)	(802,213)
Share of results of associates	(52,065)	(63,967)
	9,819,692	10,556,230
Tax calculated at a tax rate of 25%	2,454,923	2,639,058
Effect of higher tax rate for the appreciation of land in the PRC	2,437,502	1,571,492
Income not subject to tax	(87,306)	(6,276)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	776,387	344,867
Dividend withholding tax	–	350,645
Tax losses not recognized	436,808	206,996
Utilization of previously unrecognized tax losses and expenses	(184,049)	(26,303)
Reversal of previously recognized deferred income tax assets	103,757	1,115
Deductible temporary differences not recognized	195,188	82,149
Effect of tax adjustment due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary (i) (Note 49(b))	176,190	–
Income tax expense	6,309,400	5,163,743

(i) This is the income tax adjustment for the gains due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary.

44 EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to owners of the company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year excluding ordinary shares purchased by the Company and held as share held for Restricted Share Award Scheme (Note 27).

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
Profit attributable to owners of the Company (RMB'000)	3,573,745	5,115,405
Profit used to determine basic earnings per share (RMB'000)	3,573,745	5,115,405
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	7,553,266	7,517,481
Basic earnings per share (RMB per share)	0.473	0.680

(b) Diluted

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to, assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. The Company has two categories of dilutive potential ordinary shares: share options and shares held for the Restricted Share Award Scheme. For the share options and shares held for the Restricted Share Award Scheme, a calculation is done to determine the number of shares that could have been acquired at fair value (determined as the average market share price of the Company's shares during the year) based on the monetary value of the subscription rights attached to outstanding share options and awarded shares. The number of shares calculated as follow is compared with the number of shares that would have been issued assuming the exercise of the share options and awarded shares.

44 EARNINGS PER SHARE (Continued)

(b) Diluted (Continued)

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
Profit attributable to owners of the Company (RMB'000)	3,573,745	5,115,405
Profit used to determine diluted earnings per share (RMB'000)	3,573,745	5,115,405
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	7,553,266	7,517,481
Adjustment for:		
— share options (thousands)	38,454	24,078
— shares held for the Restricted Share Award scheme (thousands)	4,629	6,056
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings per share (thousands)	7,596,349	7,547,615
Diluted earnings per share (RMB per share)	0.470	0.678

45 DIVIDENDS

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interim dividend paid	938,280	1,072,542
Proposed final dividend of RMB0.062 (2017: RMB0.125) per ordinary share (a)	474,979	948,191

- (a) On 20 March 2019, the Company proposed a final dividend of RMB474,979,000 for the year ended 31 December 2018.

46 CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Cash generated from operations

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Profit for the year	4,665,821	6,258,667
Adjustments for:		
— Income tax expense (Note 43)	6,309,400	5,163,743
— Depreciation (Note 8)	76,665	44,902
— Amortization of land use rights (Note 9)	3,417	2,601
— Amortization of Intangible assets (Note 10)	15,858	—
— Valuation gains on investment properties (Note 12)	(2,361,070)	(440,199)
— Share of results of joint ventures (Note 14)	(1,030,107)	(759,124)
— Share of results of associates (Note 15)	44,880	(44,897)
— Gains on disposal of joint ventures (Note 39)	(57)	(20,941)
— Gains on disposal of an associate	—	(72,785)
— Gains on deemed disposal of joint ventures and an associate (Note 39)	(265,701)	(753,361)
— Dividend income (Note 38)	(300,082)	(25,105)
— Interest income	(2,188,857)	(878,352)
— (Gains)/losses on disposal of interests in subsidiaries (Note 39)	(2,097,238)	24,694
— Gains on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 39)	(3,377)	—
— Gains on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets (Note 39)	—	(124,635)
— (Gains)/losses on sale of property, plant and equipment (Note 39)	(4,921)	619
— Fair value (gains)/losses on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (Note 39)	(269,543)	336,221
— Impairment charges (Note 40)	781,869	96,628
— Derecognition of goodwill (Note 11)	154,510	35,809
— Finance costs (Note 42)	1,774,760	1,173,885
— Gains on acquisition of a subsidiary (Note 39)	(2,636)	(62,947)
— (Gains)/losses on disposal of an investment property (Note 39)	(8,147)	2,870
— Loss on deemed disposal of available for sale financial assets (Note 39)	—	15,876
— Exchange gains	(290,263)	218,176
— Share-based payments (Note 29)	71,680	103,044
	5,076,861	10,295,389

46 CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Continued)

(a) Cash generated from operations (Continued)

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Changes in working capital (excluding the effects of acquisition and exchange differences on consolidation):		
— Completed properties held for sale	(2,851,035)	1,992,286
— Inventories, at cost	70,073	(54,125)
— Amounts due from customers for contract work	(1,764,263)	25,047
— Trade and other receivables and prepayments	(10,122,644)	(6,824,137)
— Land development cost recoverable	(304,720)	1,172,515
— Prepayments for land use rights	5,377,414	(1,524,638)
— Trade and other payables	16,726,110	(5,185,273)
— Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	23,234	4,351
— Advance receipts from customers	3,297,544	(9,396,602)
— Properties under development	(7,490,906)	15,100,405
— Restricted bank deposits	(565,345)	490,919
Cash generated from operations	7,472,323	6,096,137

46 CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Continued)

(b) In the consolidated cash flow statement, proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment comprise:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Net book amount (Note 8)	9,097	34,056
Gains/(losses) on disposal of property, plant and equipment (Note 39)	4,921	(619)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	14,018	33,437

(c) The reconciliation of liabilities from financing activities

This section sets out an analysis of liabilities from financing activities and the movements in liabilities from financing activities for each of the periods presented.

	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Borrowings — repayable within one year (Note 33)	(15,424,825)	(9,999,137)
Borrowings — repayable after one year (Note 33)	(73,150,254)	(51,033,017)
Net debt	(88,575,079)	(61,032,154)
Gross debt — fixed interest rates	(60,652,610)	(41,961,453)
Gross debt — variable interest rates	(27,922,469)	(19,070,701)
Net debt	(88,575,079)	(61,032,154)

46 CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Continued)

(c) The reconciliation of liabilities from financing activities(Continued)

	Liabilities from financing activities		
	Borrowing due within 1 year	Borrowing due after 1 year	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Net debt at 31 December 2017	(9,999,137)	(51,033,017)	(61,032,154)
Cash flows	(3,739,828)	(22,181,693)	(25,921,521)
Increase due to business combination (Note 50)	(1,190,000)	(694,320)	(1,884,320)
Decrease due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	35,000	1,640,707	1,675,707
Foreign exchange adjustments	(494,603)	(838,730)	(1,333,333)
Other non-cash movements	(36,257)	(43,201)	(79,458)
Net debt at 31 December 2018	(15,424,825)	(73,150,254)	(88,575,079)

Other non-cash movement is mainly the reclassification of long-term borrowing and borrowing within 1 year and the amortization of issuing cost of bond and guaranteed notes.

47 FINANCIAL GUARANTEES

- (a) The Group had the following financial guarantees as 31 December 2018 and 2017:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Guarantees in respect of mortgage facilities for certain purchasers	8,158,848	10,551,985

As at 31 December 2018 and 2017, the Group provided guarantees in respect of mortgage facilities granted by certain banks relating to the mortgage loans arranged for certain purchasers of the Group's properties. Pursuant to the terms of the guarantees, upon default in mortgage payments by these purchasers, the Group is responsible to repay the outstanding mortgage principals together with accrued interest and penalty owed by the defaulted purchasers to the banks and the Group is entitled to take over the legal title and possession of the related properties. The Group's guarantee period starts from the dates of grant of the relevant mortgage loans and ends when the property purchasers obtain the "property title certificate" which is then pledged with the banks.

- (b) As at 31 December 2018, the Group provided joint-liability guarantees in respect of borrowings granted by certain financial institutions to joint ventures and associates amounting to RMB1,708,143,000 (2017: RMB2,508,293,000). Properties under development owned by these joint ventures and associates are the primary collateral of such borrowings.

48 COMMITMENTS

(a) Capital commitments

Capital commitments in respect of development costs attributable to properties under development and land use rights at the balance sheet date but not yet incurred are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Properties under development	5,906,409	5,468,763
Commitment of Investment	717,286	415,385
Contracted but not provided for	6,623,695	5,884,148

(b) Operating lease rental receivables

The future aggregate minimum lease rental receivables under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings are as follows:

	As at 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Within 1 year	855,125	919,826
Between 1 to 5 years	1,085,355	1,397,777
Over 5 years	1,347,351	779,966
	3,287,831	3,097,569

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

During the year, the significant disposal of interests in subsidiaries of the Group are presented as below:

(a) Disposal of Project Companies

In December 2018, the Group entered into an agreement with GSUM-Sino-Ocean Group No.1 Private Investment Fund, a joint venture of the Group, to dispose of 100% equity interests in Beijing Rui Hui Commercial Management Co., Ltd., Beijing Rui Hong Commercial Management Co., Ltd. and Tianjin Yuan Chi Property Development Co., Ltd. (together, "Project Companies"), the subsidiaries of the Group, at a total consideration of RMB1,437,909,000. Upon completion of the disposal, the Group lost control over Project Companies as it has no power to govern the financial and operating policies of Project Companies.

The effect of disposal of interest in the subsidiary on the equity attributable to owners of the Company during the period is summarized as follows:

	2018
	RMB'000
Proceeds received in cash on disposal of interest in the subsidiary	1,437,909
Carrying value of the Project Companies' net assets disposed — shown as below	(1,181,974)
Gains on disposal of interest in Project Companies that resulted in loss of control	255,935

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(a) Disposal of Project Companies (Continued)

The assets and liabilities disposed of are as follows:

	2018
	RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	108,121
Property, plant and equipment	8,751
Investment properties	2,892,000
Completed properties held for sale	19,837
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	81,736
Trade and other payables	(1,910,976)
Income tax payables	(3,073)
Contract liabilities	(7,731)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(6,691)
Net assets disposed	1,181,974
Inflow of cash to dispose the subsidiaries, net of cash disposed	
Proceeds received in cash	1,437,909
Cash and cash equivalents in the subsidiaries disposed of	(108,121)
Net cash inflow on disposal	1,329,788

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(b) Disposal of Cityshine

In December 2018, the Group entered into an agreement with SOL Property Fund GP II Limited (“SPF II”), a joint venture of the Group, to dispose of 94% equity interests in Cityshine Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries (“together, Cityshine”), a subsidiary of the Group, at a consideration of RMB5,383,816,000. Upon completion of the disposal, the Group retains 6% equity interests in Cityshine, and the Group lost control over Cityshine as it has no power to govern the financial and operating policies of Cityshine.

The effect of disposal of interest in the subsidiary on the equity attributable to owners of the Company during the period is summarized as follows:

	2018
	RMB'000
Proceeds received in cash on disposal of interest in the subsidiary	3,620,344
Proceeds deemed as capital injection to SPF II	900,000
Receivable on disposal of interest in Cityshine	863,472
Fair value of the Group's remaining interests	361,542
Carrying value of the Cityshine's net assets disposed — shown as below	(3,836,048)
Gains on disposal of interest in Cityshine that resulted in loss of control	1,909,310

49 DISPOSAL OF INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(b) Disposal of Cityshine (Continued)

The assets and liabilities disposed of are as follows:

	2018
	RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	17,487
Property, plant and equipment	589
Investment properties	5,419,000
Properties under development	23,887
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	1,578,081
Trade and other payables	(447,119)
Borrowings	(1,634,713)
Income tax payables	(8,538)
Contract liabilities	(44,329)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(1,068,297)
Net assets disposed	3,836,048
Inflow of cash to dispose a subsidiary, net of cash disposed	
Proceeds received in cash	3,620,344
Cash and cash equivalents in the a subsidiary disposed of	(17,487)
Net cash inflow on disposal	3,602,857

50 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

During the year, the significant business combinations of the Group are presented as below:

(a) Acquisition of Max Star

On 1 July 2018, the Group acquired 12% of the equity interests of Max Star Enterprise Limited and its subsidiaries (together, "Max Star"), at a consideration of RMB199,322,000. As a result of the acquisition, the equity interests of Max Star held by the Group are from 38% to 50%. It became a subsidiary from an associate of the Group.

The following table summarises the consideration paid for Max Star, the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date.

	As at 1 July 2018 RMB'000
Consideration:	
— Consideration transferred	199,322
— Book value of equity interest in Max Star held before business combination	—
— Deemed disposal gains of equity interest	71,475
Identifiable net assets acquired	(94,769)
Goodwill	176,028
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities acquired	
Cash and cash equivalents	91,140
Property, plant and equipment	936
Properties under development	1,284,680
Completed properties held for sale	232,458
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	2,569,442
Trade and other payables	(1,081,392)
Borrowings	(1,185,000)
Income tax payables	(2,498)
Contract liabilities	(1,649,410)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(70,818)
Non-controlling interests	(94,769)
Total identifiable net assets	94,769

The revenue included in the consolidated income statement since 1 July 2018 contributed by Max Star was RMB1,528,580,000. Max Star also contributed gains of RMB237,400,000 over the same period.

Had Max Star been consolidated from 1 January 2018, the consolidated income statement would show pro-forma revenue of RMB43,090,733,000 and profit of RMB4,915,170,000.

50 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS (Continued)

(b) Acquisition of Zhongshan Yuansheng

On 31 August 2018, the Group acquired 50% of the equity interests of Zhongshan Yuansheng Real Estate Development Co., Ltd., ("Zhongshan Yuansheng"), at a consideration of RMB10,200,000. As a result of the acquisition, the equity interests of Zhongshan Yuansheng held by the Group are from 25% to 75%. It became a subsidiary from a joint venture of the Group.

The following table summarises the consideration paid for Zhongshan Yuansheng, the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date.

	As at 31 August 2018
	RMB'000
Consideration:	
— Consideration transferred	10,200
— Book value of equity Interest in Zhongshan Yuansheng held before business combination	–
— Deemed disposal gains of equity Interest	6,418
Identifiable net assets acquired	(19,254)
Excess of consideration paid recognized in profit or loss as other gains	(2,636)
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities acquired	
Cash and cash equivalents	220,574
Property, plant and equipment	33
Properties under development	563,511
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	593,931
Trade and other payables	(97,849)
Borrowings	(586,920)
Income tax payables	(4,253)
Contract liabilities	(658,388)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(4,967)
Non-controlling interests	(6,418)
Total identifiable net assets	19,254

The revenue included in the consolidated income statement since 31 August 2018 contributed by Zhongshan Yuansheng was RMB47,201,000. Zhongshan Yuansheng also contributed gains of RMB30,339,000 over the same period.

Had Zhongshan Yuansheng been consolidated from 1 January 2018, the consolidated income statement would show pro-forma revenue of RMB41,487,525,000 and profit of RMB4,680,050,000.

50 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS (Continued)

(c) Acquisition of Incom Recycle

On 31 March 2018, the Group acquired 30% of the equity interests of Incom Recycle Co., Ltd. ("Incom Recycle"), an environmental technology company in Beijing, at a consideration of RMB278,580,000. As a result of the acquisition, the equity interests of Incom Recycle held by the Group are from 21% to 51%. It became a subsidiary from an associate of the Group.

The following table summarizes the consideration paid for Incom Recycle, the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date.

	As at 31 March 2018
	RMB'000
Consideration:	
— Consideration transferred	278,580
— Book value of equity interest in Incom Recycle held before business combination	153,798
— Deemed disposal losses of equity interest	(31,935)
Identifiable net assets acquired	(291,237)
Goodwill	109,206
Recognized amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities acquired	
Cash and cash equivalents	28,686
Property, plant and equipment	84,536
Intangible assets	299,938
Inventories, at cost	1,884
Deposits for land use rights	30,300
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	262,931
Trade and other payables	(69,982)
Borrowings	(5,000)
Income tax payables	(90)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(62,150)
Non-controlling interests	(279,816)
Total identifiable net assets	291,237

The revenue included in the consolidated income statement since 31 March 2018 contributed by Incom Recycle was RMB5,720,000. Incom Recycle also contributed loss of RMB21,133,000 over the same period.

Had Incom Recycle been consolidated from 1 January 2018, the consolidated income statement would show pro-forma revenue of RMB41,428,237,000 and profit of RMB4,639,123,000.

50 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS (Continued)

(d) Acquisition of Beijing Yuntai

On 31 May 2018, the Group acquired 95% of the equity interests of Beijing Yuntaishutong Internet Technology Co., Ltd. ("Beijing Yuntai"), a company operating data center infrastructure in Beijing, at a consideration of RMB836,000,000. As a result of the acquisition, Beijing Yuntai became a subsidiary of the Group.

The following table summarizes the consideration paid for Beijing Yuntai, the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date.

	As at 31 May 2018
	RMB'000
Consideration:	
— Consideration transferred	836,000
Identifiable net assets acquired	(620,742)
Goodwill	215,258
Recognised amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities acquired	
Cash and cash equivalents	22,098
Property, plant and equipment	379,225
Intangible assets	139,730
Inventories, at cost	98
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	564,574
Deferred income tax assets	3,003
Trade and other payables	(310,605)
Borrowings	(107,400)
Contract liabilities	(1,033)
Income tax payables	(521)
Deferred income tax liabilities	(35,756)
Non-controlling interests	(32,671)
Total identifiable net assets	620,742

The revenue included in the consolidated income statement since 31 May 2018 contributed by Beijing Yuntai was RMB90,213,000. Beijing Yuntai also contributed loss of RMB3,671,000 over the same period.

Had Beijing Yuntai been consolidated from 1 January 2018, the consolidated income statement would show pro-forma revenue of RMB41,581,914,000 and profit of RMB4,668,018,000.

51 TRANSACTIONS WITH NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

- (a) On 28 February 2018, the Group acquired an additional 3.66% of the issued shares of Beijing Incom Resources Recovery Recycling Co. for a purchase consideration of RMB13,237,000. The carrying amount of the non-controlling interests in the Group on the date of acquisition was RMB4,002,000. The Group recognised a decrease in non-controlling interests of RMB4,002,000 and a decrease in equity attributable to owners of the company of RMB9,235,000.

The effect of changes in the ownership interest of the Group on the equity attributable to owners of the company during the year is summarised as follows:

	2018
	RMB'000
Carrying amount of non-controlling interests acquired	4,002
Consideration paid to non-controlling interests	(13,237)
Excess of consideration paid recognized within equity	(9,235)

- (b) On 30 November 2018, the Group acquired an additional 5% of the issued shares of Beijing Yuntaishutong Internet Technology Co., Ltd. for a purchase consideration of RMB40,000,000. The carrying amount of the non-controlling interests in the Group on the date of acquisition was RMB32,446,000. The Group recognised a decrease in non-controlling interests of RMB32,446,000 and a decrease in equity attributable to owners of the company of RMB7,554,000.

The effect of changes in the ownership interest of the Group on the equity attributable to owners of the company during the year is summarised as follows:

	2018
	RMB'000
Carrying amount of non-controlling interests acquired	32,446
Consideration paid to non-controlling interests	(40,000)
Excess of consideration paid recognized within equity	(7,554)

51 TRANSACTIONS WITH NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS (Continued)

- (c) On 31 December 2018, the Group acquired an additional 15% of the issued shares of Shenzhen Le'an Real Estate Co., Ltd. for a purchase consideration of RMB250,108,000. The carrying amount of the non-controlling interests in the Group on the date of acquisition was RMB19,500,000. The Group recognised a decrease in non-controlling interests of RMB19,500,000 and a decrease in equity attributable to owners of the company of RMB230,608,000.

The effect of changes in the ownership interest of the Group on the equity attributable to owners of the company during the year is summarised as follows:

	2018
	RMB'000
Carrying amount of non-controlling interests acquired	19,500
Consideration paid to non-controlling interests	(250,108)
Excess of consideration paid recognized within equity	(230,608)

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Save as disclosed in elsewhere, the following is a summary of significant related party balances and transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business between the Group and its related parties during the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2017:

- (a) Provision of services to:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
— A shareholder	4,268	7,099
— Joint ventures	442,603	190,090
— Associates	117,355	290,512
	564,226	487,701

Provision of services mainly represent construction service, the terms of which are entered into with related parties in accordance with the terms of agreement.

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(b) Transaction with joint ventures:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Gains on disposal of interests in subsidiaries to joint ventures (Note 49)	2,165,245	–

(c) Key management compensation:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	45,524	41,660
Post-employment benefits	5,127	14,877
Other long-term welfare	1,125	3,114
Share-based payments	39,638	51,643
	91,414	111,294

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(d) Year-end balances arising from sales and purchases of properties and services and disposal of interests in subsidiaries:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Receivables from related parties:		
— A shareholder	34,032	29,801
— Joint ventures	733,492	296,035
— Associates	162,616	47,883
	930,140	373,719
Other receivables from related parties:		
— A joint venture (Note 49(b))	863,472	–
Advance from related parties:		
— Joint ventures	–	157,670
— Associates	2,000	–
	2,000	157,670
Trade payables due to related parties:		
— A joint venture	40,349	–
— An associate	645	196
	40,994	196

(e) Interest income

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Interest received:		
— Joint ventures	1,260,161	184,382
— Associates	246,867	84,901
	1,507,028	269,283

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52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(f) Loans to related parties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Joint ventures:		
At 1 January	5,053,855	6,101,800
Loans advanced during year	16,034,558	8,503,832
Loans repayments received	(9,572,324)	(7,381,176)
Decrease due to deemed disposal of joint ventures	–	(2,170,601)
Interest charged	(1,260,161)	(184,382)
Interest received	1,260,161	184,382
At 31 December (Note 22(b)(ii))	11,516,089	5,053,855
Associates:		
At 1 January	580,306	617,106
Loans advanced during year	831,639	772,485
Loans repayments received	(282,690)	(809,285)
Interest charged	(246,867)	(84,901)
Interest received	246,867	84,901
At 31 December (Note 22(b)(iii))	1,129,255	580,306

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(g) Amounts due from related parties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Joint ventures:		
At 1 January	15,944,187	4,519,138
Amounts advanced during year	39,973,775	32,748,107
Repayments during year	(39,996,703)	(21,353,478)
Increase due to disposal of interests in subsidiaries	677,128	30,420
At 31 December (Note 22(b)(v))	16,598,387	15,944,187
Associates:		
At 1 January	7,638,158	2,828,199
Amounts advanced during year	8,937,168	8,471,885
Repayments during year	(8,395,521)	(3,042,371)
Increase due to deemed disposal of associates	1,543,354	–
Decrease due to deemed disposal of an associate	–	(619,555)
At 31 December (Note 22(b)(v))	9,723,159	7,638,158

(h) Loans from related parties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Joint ventures:		
At 1 January	–	66,001
Repayments during year	–	(66,001)
Interest charged	–	2,310
Interest paid	–	(2,310)
At 31 December	–	–

52 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(i) Amounts due to related parties

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Joint ventures:		
At 1 January	8,630,367	8,569,751
Amounts advanced during year	20,207,116	13,399,915
Repayments during year	(19,860,843)	(8,322,484)
Decrease due to deemed disposal of joint ventures	–	(5,016,815)
Increase due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	411,399	–
At 31 December (Note 35(i))	9,388,039	8,630,367
Associates:		
At 1 January	829,939	615,192
Amounts advanced during year	6,595,957	2,600,362
Repayments during year	(3,056,015)	(766,319)
Decrease due to disposal of interest in a subsidiary	(95,880)	–
Decrease due to deemed disposal of an associate	–	(1,619,296)
At 31 December (Note 35(i))	4,274,001	829,939

53 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY

Balance sheet of the Company

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investments in subsidiaries		3,427,259	3,505,349
Current assets			
Amounts due from subsidiaries		35,251,808	29,402,205
Other receivables		2,060	2,060
Cash and cash equivalents		11,698	33,346
		35,265,566	29,437,611
Total assets		38,692,825	32,942,960
EQUITY			
Capital	(a)	27,328,810	27,129,614
Reserves	(b)	395,854	435,309
Retained earnings	(c)	483,576	1,148,176
Total equity		28,208,240	28,713,099
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings		9,974,458	3,984,468
Current liabilities			
Other payables		510,127	245,393
		510,127	245,393
Total liabilities		10,484,585	4,229,861
Total equity and liabilities		38,692,825	32,942,960

Approved by the Board of Directors on 20 March 2019

LI Ming
Executive Director

SUM Pui Ying
Executive Director

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53 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

(a) Capital movement of the Company

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2018	27,129,614
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	197,298
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	1,898
At 31 December 2018	27,328,810
At 1 January 2017	26,920,490
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	205,043
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	4,081
At 31 December 2017	27,129,614

(b) Reserve movement of the Company

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2018	435,309
Share based payment	71,680
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	(35,220)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	(1,898)
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	(74,017)
At 31 December 2018	395,854
At 1 January 2017	410,261
Share based payment	103,044
Issue of shares pursuant to exercise of employee share options	(36,203)
Vesting of shares under Restricted Share Award Scheme	(4,081)
Purchase of shares for Restricted Share Award Scheme	(37,712)
At 31 December 2017	435,309

53 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

(c) Retained earnings

	RMB'000
At 1 January 2018	1,148,176
Profit for the year	1,273,562
Dividends relating to 2017	(999,882)
Dividends relating to 2018	(938,280)
At 31 December 2018	483,576
At 1 January 2017	910,841
Profit for the year	2,092,784
Dividends relating to 2016	(782,907)
Dividends relating to 2017	(1,072,542)
At 31 December 2017	1,148,176

54 BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS

(a) Directors' emoluments

The remuneration of every director for the years is set out below:

	Emoluments paid or receivable in respect of a person's services as a director, whether of the Company or its subsidiary undertaking											
	2018						2017					
	Fees	Salary and bonus	Employer's contribution to retirement benefit scheme	Other long-term welfare	Share-based payments	Total	Fees	Salary and bonus	Employer's contribution to retirement benefit scheme	Other long-term welfare	Share-based payments	Total
RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
<i>Chairman</i>												
Mr. Li Ming	-	5,760	3,060	1,125	4,781	14,726	-	5,760	12,890	3,114	12,532	34,296
<i>Executive directors</i>												
Mr. Li Hu (ii)	-	1,688	87	-	2,342	4,117	-	2,460	114	-	916	3,490
Mr. Wang Yeyi (ii)	144	-	-	-	74	218	293	-	-	-	322	615
Mr. Sum Pui Ying	-	4,050	237	-	2,384	6,671	-	6,950	240	-	3,653	10,843
Mr. Wen Haicheng	-	2,720	125	-	3,051	5,896	-	2,000	114	-	3,621	5,735
Mr. Li Hongbo (ii)	-	1,325	87	-	515	1,927	-	2,245	114	-	2,124	4,483
<i>Non-executive directors</i>												
Mr. Zhao Lijun	-	-	-	-	167	167	-	-	-	-	183	183
Mr. Yao Dafeng (ii)	231	-	-	-	75	306	293	-	-	-	322	615
Mr. Fang Jun	-	-	-	-	219	219	-	-	-	-	375	375
Ms. Shanguan Qing (ii)	231	-	-	-	75	306	293	-	-	-	322	615
Mr. Fu Fei (i)	-	-	-	-	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ms. Li Liling (i)	-	-	-	-	90	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Independent non-executive directors</i>												
Mr. Tsang Hing Lun (iii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	125	-	-	-	147	272
Mr. Han Xiaojing	380	-	-	-	219	599	293	-	-	-	383	676
Mr. Suen Man Tak	380	-	-	-	166	546	293	-	-	-	297	590
Mr. Wang Zhifeng	380	-	-	-	166	546	293	-	-	-	297	590
Mr. Jin Qingjun	380	-	-	-	166	546	293	-	-	-	297	590
Ms. Lam Sin Lai Judy	380	-	-	-	165	545	112	-	-	-	87	199
	2,506	15,543	3,596	1,125	14,745	37,515	2,288	19,415	13,472	3,114	25,878	64,167

54 BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS (Continued)

(a) Directors' emoluments (Continued)

- (i) On 19 May 2018, Mr. Fu Fei was appointed as a non-executive director.
On 10 August 2018, Ms. Li Liling was appointed as a non-executive director.
- (ii) On 18 May 2018, Mr. Wang Yeyi, retired as an executive director.
On 10 August 2018, Mr. Li Hongbo, resigned as an executive director.
On 10 August 2018, Mr. Li Hu, resigned as an executive director.
On 10 August 2018, Mr. Yao Dafeng, resigned as a non-executive director.
On 10 August 2018, Ms. Shanguan Qing, resigned as a non-executive director.
- (iii) On 4 June 2017, Mr. Tsang Hing Lun, an independent non-executive director, has passed away.

(b) Directors' material interests in transactions, arrangements or contracts

No significant transactions, arrangements and contracts in relation to the Group's business to which the Company was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

55 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

- (a) On 24 January 2019, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure IV Limited (the “Issuer”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, issued guaranteed notes with principal amount of USD500,000,000 at interest rate of 5.25% due in 2022 (the “Notes”). The Notes are unsecured and are guaranteed by the Company.
- (b) On 29 January 2019, Sino-Ocean Land Treasure Finance I Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, issued a notice informing the trustee and noteholders that it would redeem the 4.625% guaranteed notes due 2019 in the principal amount of USD500,000,000 (the “2019 Notes”) in whole (the “Redemption”) on 1 March 2019 (the “Redemption Date”), at a price equal to the make whole price as of the Redemption Date calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the 2019 Notes, together with accrued and any unpaid interest up to (but excluding) the Redemption Date. On 1 March 2019, the Redemption were completed.
- (c) On 1 February 2019, the investors, Heroic Peace Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Fortune Joy Ventures Limited (“Target Company”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a subscription agreement, pursuant to which the Target Company has agreed to allot and issue, and the investors have agreed to subscribe for, a total of 5,100 subscription shares at the aggregate subscription price of USD295,800,000. The subscription shares represent 51.00% of the total number of issued shares of the Target Company.

Upon completion of the subscription, the Target Company ceased to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and became a non wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and its financial results continue to be consolidated into the Company’s consolidated financial statements as a result of the control by the Company of the composition of the majority of the members of the board of directors of the Target Company.

- (d) On 18 March 2019, Sino-Ocean Holding Group (China) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, issued corporate bonds amounting to RMB1,700,000,000 and RMB1,200,000,000 with coupon rate 4.06% and 4.59% per year of a term of five years and seven years respectively.

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