



Milestone Builder Holdings Limited

進階發展集團有限公司

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(於開曼群島註冊成立的有限責任公司)

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CORPORATE INFORMATION

Board of Directors

Executive Directors

Ms. Hou Lingling (*Chairman*) (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ma Gang (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Leung Kam Fai (*Chairman*)
(Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Lam Ka Ho (Resigned on 28 December 2020)

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Chu Kin Ming (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ho Wing Sum (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ho Siu Keung (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Keung Kwok Hung (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Ms. Lau Suk Han Loretta (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Fong Man Fu Eric (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Wong Chun Tai (Resigned on 28 December 2020)

Audit Committee

Mr. Chu Kin Ming (*Chairman*) (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ho Wing Sum (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ho Siu Keung (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Keung Kwok Hung (*Chairman*)
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Ms. Lau Suk Han Loretta (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Fong Man Fu Eric (Resigned on 28 December 2020)

Remuneration Committee

Mr. Ho Siu Keung (*Chairman*) (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
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Mr. Chu Kin Ming (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
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Nomination Committee

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Mr. Keung Kwok Hung (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Wong Chun Tai (Resigned on 28 December 2020)

Authorised Representatives

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Mr. Ng Ming Kwan (Appointed on 29 April 2021)
Mr. Leung Kam Fai (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Lam Ka Ho (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Ms. Siu Wing Kit (Appointed on 28 December 2020 and
resigned on 29 April 2021)

Company Secretary

Mr. Ng Ming Kwan (Appointed on 29 April 2021)
Ms. Siu Wing Kit (Appointed on 28 December 2020 and
resigned on 29 April 2021)
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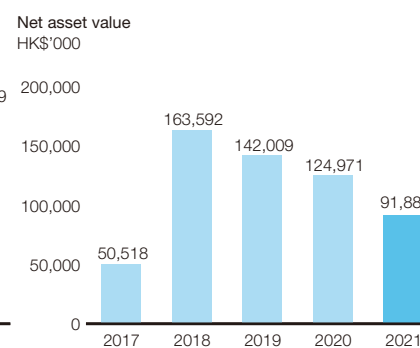
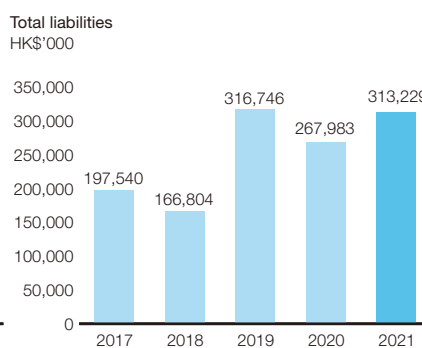
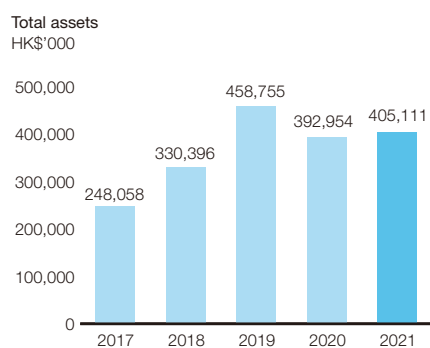
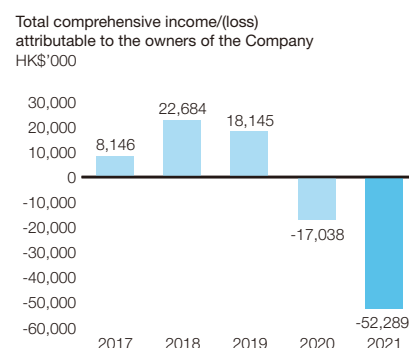
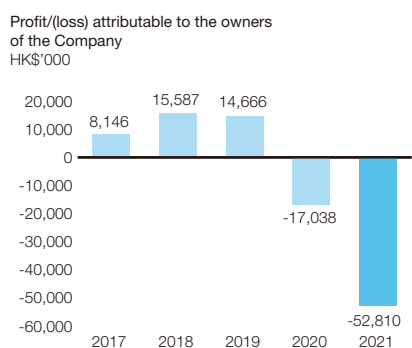
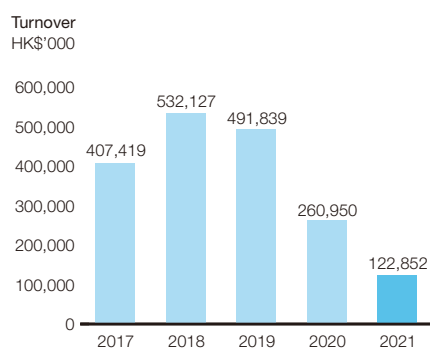
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Year ended 31 March				
	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000
Turnover					
Building construction services	10,493	8,483	66,650	309,510	278,444
Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	95,331	240,097	409,834	212,455	100,561
Repair and restoration of historic buildings	16,384	12,148	15,022	9,890	28,315
Property development and investment	644	222	333	272	99
Total	122,852	260,950	491,839	532,127	407,419
(Loss)/profit attributable to the owners of the Company	(52,810)	(17,038)	14,666	15,587	8,146
Total comprehensive (loss)/income attributable to the owners of the Company	(52,289)	(17,038)	18,145	22,684	8,146*
At 31 March					
Total assets	405,111	392,954	458,755	330,396	248,058
Total liabilities	313,229	267,983	316,746	166,804	197,540
Net asset value	91,882	124,971	142,009	163,592	50,518

* No restatement in relation to change in accounting policy of investment properties from cost model to fair value model made in the year ended 31 March 2017. The figures have been extracted from previous annual report.



Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Milestone Builder Holdings Limited (the "Company"), I am honoured to present our annual report of the Company and together with its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the year ended 31 March 2021 (the "Year" or "2021").

"Construction and Engineering Services" and "Property Development and Investment" are the two major segments of the Group.

Regarding the "Construction and Engineering Services" segment, the contracts entered into by the Group with its customers are divided into three categories, namely (i) building construction services; (ii) alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services; and (iii) repair and restoration of historic buildings.

Regarding the "Property Development and Investment" segment, apart from the Group's investment in industrial properties in Hong Kong, the Group also developed a "Property Development and Investment" business in Osaka, Japan, where the construction of a hotel has been completed on one of the two parcel of land acquired by the Group and the hotel is fully operational. Although the tourism industry in Japan has been affected by the outbreak of novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), this may be a good time for us to build a property on another parcel of land.

In the meantime, as the Group will focus on the development of the "Property Development and Investment" business, the Group will also look for suitable property development projects in Hong Kong or Southeast Asia in the hope that we can shift more of our business share to the "Property Development and Investment" segment.

Regarding the "Construction and Engineering Services" segment, we are unfailingly being a reputable member of the construction industry with job references in both private and public sectors in (i) building construction services, (ii) alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services, and (iii) repair and restoration of historic buildings. In the Year, affected by the social event, political disputes and the outbreak of COVID-19, construction market in Hong Kong was declining. Our Group was inevitably put under tremendous pressure and was hampered by keen competition. Unfavourable conditions induced from shortage of supply chain, preventive quarantines, suspension of government services, delayed certification of workdone and payment also deteriorated the situation even further.

According to the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address, HKSAR Government has a number of plans to prosper construction industry, for examples, invoking the Lands Resumption Ordinance and other applicable ordinances to resume private land wholly for public housing and related infrastructure development, undergoing reclamation in the Central Waters for developing the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands and so on. These stimulus packages will hopefully bring considerable opportunities for the building construction and civil engineering industry in Hong Kong.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (Continued)

The Group will keep on focusing on our core business and overcome the challenges by taking advantage of future opportunities and keeping competitive, by

- (i) tendering with lower risk strategy;
- (ii) taking intense cost control measures;
- (iii) expanding the customer base; and
- (iv) broadening of servicing scopes.

Being mindful of the evolving market development in Hong Kong and Japan, the Group will adhere to its prudent approach by closely monitoring the situation and will flexibly reallocate its resources to seize business opportunities.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to our customers, subcontractors and materials suppliers for their continuous support, as well as the management team and all our employees for their loyalty and dedications. We will continue to be vigilant as to cater any possible market changes, and remain unwavering in our commitment to our shareholders.

Ms. Hou Lingling

Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 June 2021

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business and Financial Review

The Group is an established contractor with job references in both private and public sectors in (i) building construction services; (ii) alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services; (iii) repair and restoration of historic buildings; and (iv) property development and investment.

Business Review

The following table sets out a breakdown of our total revenue during the year ended 31 March 2021 (the “Year”) and the comparative year according to our four major types of services:

	Year ended 31 March			
	2021 HK\$'000	%	2020 HK\$'000	%
Building construction services	10,493	8.5	8,483	3.3
Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	95,331	77.6	240,097	92.0
Repair and restoration of historic buildings	16,384	13.4	12,148	4.6
Property development and investment	644	0.5	222	0.1
Total	122,852	100.0	260,950	100.0

As at 31 March 2021, there were 2, 32 and 3 on-going projects in progress, pertaining to (i) building construction services, (ii) alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services, and (iii) repair and restoration of historic buildings, respectively.

As at 31 March 2021, the aggregate amount of revenue expected to be recognised after 31 March 2021 of our on-going projects was approximately HK\$133.5 million.

The following table sets out our completed contracts during the year ended 31 March 2021 with contract sum of HK\$3 million or above:

Particulars of project	Main category of works	Expected project period ^(Note 1)
General Air Quality Monitoring Station at Aberdeen Tennis & Squash Centre	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	May 2019 to September 2019
Fitting-out works for a market in Tseung Kwan O	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	March 2018 to July 2018
Maintenance and repairing works for a Buddhist temple in Tsuen Wan	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	May 2019 to November 2019
Alteration and addition works for a wholesale conversion in Kwai Chung	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	June 2018 to July 2019
Alteration and addition works for a school in Shatin	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	June 2019 to October 2019

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Particulars of project	Main category of works	Expected project period ^(Note 1)
Alteration and addition works for a logistic centre in Yuen Long	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	March 2020 to September 2020
Plumbing and drainage installation work for a residential development project in Homantin	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	September 2018 to March 2020
Plumbing and drainage installation work for a private club in Discovery Bay	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	April 2019 to April 2020
Maintenance and repairing works for a Buddhist temple in Tsuen Wan	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	August 2020 to November 2020
Refurbishment of public toilet in Tai Po	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	July 2020 to January 2021
Repair and conservation works for a primary school in Happy Valley	Repair and restoration of historic buildings	May 2019 to November 2019
Renovation works for a church in Central	Repair and restoration of historic buildings	August 2020 to December 2020

Note:

1. Expected project period generally refers to the period in the original work programme of the project or the period stated in the contract or letter of acceptance or tender or order to commence or architects instruction and is subject to changes in the course of works.

The following table sets out brief details of our projects in progress as at 31 March 2021 with contract sum of more than HK\$3 million:

Particulars of project	Main category of works	Expected project period ^(Note 1)
Residential development in Ting Kau	Building construction services	September 2018 to December 2019
Lei Yue Mun Waterfront enhancement project	Building construction services	December 2020 to April 2022
Alteration and addition works for a residential building in Yuen Long	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	August 2018 to August 2019
Alteration and addition and renovation works for a project in Fanling	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	November 2018 to August 2020

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Particulars of project	Main category of works	Expected project period^(Note 1)
Refurbishment of public toilet to both the internal and external at Aldrich Bay	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	November 2019 to May 2020
Alteration and addition works for a school in Tai Tam	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	March 2020 to July 2021
Traffic improvement work for cemetery in Chai Wan	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	August 2020 to February 2021
Electrical, plumbing and drainage installation work for an industrial development project in Aberdeen	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	August 2018 to January 2020
Electrical and ACMV installation system in Kai Tak	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	October 2018 to November 2020
Plumbing and drainage installation work for an university in Clear Water Bay	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	October 2019 to May 2021
Refurbishment of Central Pier Waterfront sitting-out area	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	November 2020 to October 2021
Conversion works for a school in Shek Kip Mei	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	December 2020 to May 2021
Modifications of atrium roof for an university in Clear Water Bay	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	April 2021 to June 2022
Main contract works for setting up cold store in Yuen Long	Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	November 2020 to April 2021
Restoration works for a Buddhist temple in Happy Valley	Repair and restoration of historic buildings	August 2020 to August 2021
Demolition and conservation works at Clock Tower in Homantin	Repair and restoration of historic buildings	January 2020 to May 2021

Note:

1. Expected project period generally refers to the period in the original work programme of the project or the period stated in the contract or letter of acceptance or tender or order to commence or architects instruction and is subject to changes in the course of works.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Major Licenses, Qualifications and Certifications

As at 31 March 2021, our Group has obtained the following major licenses, qualifications and certifications in Hong Kong:

Relevant authority/organisation	Relevant list/category	License	Holder	Date of first grant/registration	Expiry date for existing license	Authorised contract value
WBDB ¹	Approved Contractors for Public Works – Buildings Category	Group A (probation) ²	Milestone Builder Engineering Limited (“Milestone Builder”)	2 May 2012	Not Applicable	Contracts of value up to HK\$100 million
WBDB	Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works – Repair and Restoration of Historic Buildings Category ³	–	Milestone Builder	4 June 2013	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
WBDB	Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works – Repair and Restoration of Historic Buildings Category ³	–	Milestone Specialty Engineering Limited	7 September 2017	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
WBDB	Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works – Electrical Installation Category	Group II of Electrical Installation (probation)	Speedy Engineering & Trading Company Limited (“Speedy Engineering”)	21 June 2016	Not Applicable	Contracts/ sub-contracts of value up to HK\$5.7 million
WBDB	Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works – Plumbing Installation Category	Group I of Plumbing Installation	Speedy Engineering	25 May 2017	Not Applicable	Contracts/ sub-contracts of value up to HK\$2.3 million
Buildings Department	Certificate of Registration of General Building Contractor ⁴	–	Milestone Builder	29 October 2008	14 October 2023	Not Applicable

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Relevant authority/ organisation	Relevant list/category	License	Holder	Date of first grant/ registration	Expiry date for existing license	Authorised contract value
Buildings Department	Certificate of Registration of Registered Minor Works Contractor ^{5,6}	Type A–D, F, G (Class I, II, III) ^{7,8}	Milestone Builder	2 September 2011	2 September 2023	Not Applicable
Buildings Department	Certificate of Registration of Specialist Contractor ⁹	Site Formation Works ¹⁰	Milestone Builder	27 September 2006	10 September 2024	Not Applicable
Buildings Department	Certificate of Registration of Registered Minor Works Contractor	Type A, B, D, E, F, G (Class II & III)	Speedy Engineering	7 March 2013	7 March 2022	Not Applicable
Buildings Department	Certificate of Registration of General Building Contractor ⁴	–	Speedy Engineering	28 February 2019	30 January 2022	Not Applicable

- WBDB refers to the Works Branch Development Bureau (發展局工務科) of the Government. The Development Bureau has maintained the Contractor List and the Specialist List to monitor the eligibility of a contractor to tender for Government contracts.
- A Group A (probation) contractor may tender for any number of Group A contracts (i.e. contracts of value up to HK\$100 million) in the same category, provided the total value of works in the Group A contracts that it already holds and the Group A contract being procured under the same category does not exceed HK\$100 million.
- A Repair and Restoration of Historic Buildings Category contractor is eligible to tender for Government contracts relating to repair and restoration of historic buildings and structures.
- Registered general building contractors (RGBC) may carry out general building works and street works which do not include any specialised works in the designated categories.
- Minor Works Contractors are eligible to carry out various types of minor works.
- Minor works are classified into three classes according to their scale, complexity and risk to safety and are subject to different degree of control. Minor works are grouped into seven types (i.e. Types A, B, C, D, E, F and G) according to their nature.
- Type A (Alteration and Addition Works); Type B (Repair Works); Type C (Works relating to Signboards); Type D (Drainage Works); Type E (Works relating to Structures for Amenities); Type F (Finishes Works); and Type G (Demolition Works).
- Class I (High degree of complexity and risk with 44 minor works items); Class II (Medium degree of complexity and risk with 40 minor works items); and Class III (Low degree of complexity and risk with 42 minor works items).
- Registered specialist contractors may carry out specialised works in their corresponding categories in the sub-registers in which they have been entered. There are five categories of works designated as specialised works: demolition works, foundation works, ground investigation field works, site formation works and ventilation works.
- All site formation works are specialised works of the site formation category save for the circumstances specified by the Buildings Department.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Development of the Group

The contraction of the Hong Kong economy in the Year was mainly attributable to the weak performance in both domestic and external demand. The outbreak of COVID-19 in January 2020 further casted a shadow over the economic sentiment and social life of the city.

The Group is principally engaged in the segments of “Construction and Engineering Services” and “Property Development and Investment”.

Regarding the “Construction and Engineering Services” segment, the contracts which the Group entered into with its customers are categorised into three, i.e., (i) building construction services, (ii) alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services, and (iii) repair and restoration of historic buildings.

Financial Review

Revenue

Revenue for the year ended 31 March 2021 was approximately HK\$122.9 million, representing a decrease of 52.9% from approximately HK\$261.0 million for the year ended 31 March 2020. The decline in our revenue was mainly attributable to the decrease in awards of projects in both public and private sectors, due to the negative effect arose from social events, political disputes and the overall economic depression in Hong Kong.

Gross (Loss)/Profit

The Group’s gross loss for the year ended 31 March 2021 was approximately HK\$16.9 million (31 March 2020: gross profit of approximately HK\$22.3 million). The loss was due to the combined effect of (i) the on-going projects during the Year which had lower gross profit margin than that of the ongoing projects during the year ended 31 March 2020 for reason of the increasingly competitive environment of the construction industry; and (ii) cost overrun resulting from unexpected prolonged completion of certain projects as there were additional costs incurred to catch up with the progress of these certain on-going projects and to maintain the quality of construction works.

Administrative Expenses

The Group’s administrative expenses increased from approximately HK\$31.8 million during the year ended 31 March 2020 to approximately HK\$32.6 million during the year ended 31 March 2021.

Fair Value Loss on a Financial Asset at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 22 May 2020, Milestone Builder, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, took out the HSBC Life Insurance and placed an initial single premium of US\$1,494,337 (equivalent to approximately HK\$11,655,912) thereunder with HSBC Life (International) Ltd. The HSBC Life Insurance was classified as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the fair value loss for the year was approximately HK\$2.1 million.

Loss before Tax and Loss for the Year Attributable to the Owners of the Company

During the year ended 31 March 2021, the Group reported loss before tax of approximately HK\$52.5 million (31 March 2020: approximately HK\$16.9 million).

Loss for the year attributable to the owners of the Company was approximately HK\$52.8 million (31 March 2020: approximately HK\$17.0 million).

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

– Fluctuating cash flows pattern

Our Group may incur net cash outflows at the early stage of carrying out our works when we are required to pay the setting up expenditures (such as purchase of materials) and/or to our subcontractors prior to payment received from our customers. Our customers will pay progress payments after our works commence and after such works and payments have been confirmed and certified by our customers. Accordingly, our Group may experience net cash outflows to pay certain set-up expenditures and/or subcontractors’ fees in which the respective progress payments may not be received for the same periods. If during any particular period of time, there exists too many projects which require substantial cash outflows while we have significantly less cash inflows during that period, our cash flow position may be adversely affected.

– Accuracy on the estimated time and costs

As contracts from public and private customers are normally awarded through successful tendering and acceptance of quotation offer, our Group needs to estimate the time and costs based on the tender documents or quotation requests provided in order to determine the tender price or quotation before submitting the tender or providing the quotation. There is no assurance that the actual execution time and costs of the project would not exceed our Group's estimation.

The actual time taken and costs involved in completing contracts undertaken by our Group may be adversely affected by a number of factors, such as shortage or cost escalation of materials and labour, adverse weather conditions, additional variations to the work plans requested by our customers, delays in obtaining any required permits or approvals, disputes with our subcontractors or other parties, accidents, changes in the Government's and our customers' priorities and any other unforeseen problems and circumstances. Any of the aforementioned factors may give rise to delays in completion of works or cost overruns or even termination of projects by our customers, which in turn may adversely affect our Group's profitability and liquidity.

Further, delay in the process of obtaining specific licences, permits or approvals from the Government agencies or authorities in carrying out any particular project could also increase the costs or delay the progress of a project. Failure to complete construction according to specifications and quality standards on a timely basis may result in disputes, contract termination, liabilities and/or lower returns than anticipated on the construction project concerned. Such delay or failure to complete and/or termination of a project by our customers may cause our revenue or profitability to be lower than what we have expected.

– Continuity of order book for new projects

Our Group provides services to our customers generally on a project-by-project basis, and the duration of our projects is normally less than two years. Our revenue from our projects is not recurring in nature. We cannot guarantee that we will continue to secure new projects from our customers after the completion of the existing awarded projects.

– Non-standardisation of profit margin

The Directors believe that the profit margin of each project significantly depends on various factors, such as the terms of the contracts, the length of the contractual period, the efficiency of implementation of the contractual works and the general market conditions which are beyond our Group's control. As a result, the income flow and the profit margin of each project, which are largely dependable on the terms of the work contracts, may not be entirely standardised and consistent and there is no assurance that the profitability of a project can be maintained or estimated at any level. If the profit margin of the project significantly deviates from the estimation of the Directors, our Group's financial position could be adversely affected.

– Reduction of construction works in Hong Kong

During the financial years, our revenue was mainly derived in Hong Kong. The future growth and level of profitability of the construction industry in Hong Kong depends on, among other factors, the availability of major construction projects. The nature, extent and timing of such projects will, however, be determined by the interplay of a variety of factors, in particular, the spending patterns of the Government for the construction industry, the investments of property developers and the general conditions and prospects of local economy. These factors may affect the availability of the building construction works, alteration, addition, fitting-out and building works, and repair and restoration of historic buildings works from our customers. In the event that there is a downturn in the economy of Hong Kong, our results of operations and financial performance could be severely affected.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Debts and Charges on Assets

As at 31 March 2021, the total interest-bearing borrowings of the Group, including bank and other borrowings, loan from a shareholder and lease liabilities (31 March 2020: bank loans and lease liabilities), were approximately HK\$98.9 million (31 March 2020: approximately HK\$108.1 million). Borrowings were denominated mainly in Hong Kong dollars and interest rates of bank and other borrowings were charged at 1.5%–6% per annum. The Group currently does not have an interest rate hedging policy while the Group will monitor the interest rate risks continuously.

As at 31 March 2021, no assets of the Group were pledged to secure the Group's bank and other borrowings. As at 31 March 2020, the Group's bank and other borrowings were secured by the following assets of the Group: (i) pledged deposits of approximately HK\$26.2 million; (ii) investment properties amounting to approximately HK\$22.3 million; and (iii) trade receivables under factoring arrangement amounting to approximately HK\$0.8 million.

Save as disclosed elsewhere in this report, we did not have, at the closure of business on 31 March 2021, any loan capital issued nor any outstanding or agreed to be issued, bank overdrafts, loans or other similar indebtedness, liabilities under acceptances or acceptance credits, debentures, mortgages, charges, lease commitments, guarantees or other material contingent liabilities.

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Capital Structure

The Group has normally funded the liquidity and capital requirements primarily through loans from shareholders, bank and other borrowings and net cash generated from the operating activities.

As at 31 March 2021, the Group had cash and bank balances of approximately HK\$17.2 million (31 March 2020: approximately HK\$23.3 million). The Group's gearing ratio and current ratio are as follows:

	As at 31 March	
	2021	2020
Current ratio	1.6	1.4
Gearing ratio	68%	44%

Current ratio is calculated based on the total current assets divided by the total current liabilities.

Gearing ratio is calculated based on the net debt (loans from shareholders, lease liabilities and bank and other borrowings, less cash and bank balances) divided by total capital (summation of equity plus net debt).

The financial resources presently available to the Group include bank and other borrowings and loans from shareholders, and we have sufficient working capital for our future requirements.

Use of Net Proceeds from the Listing

As disclosed in the Company's prospectus dated 22 March 2017 (the "Prospectus") and the Company's announcement dated 9 February 2018, the Group's net proceeds from the share offer (the "Net Proceeds"), after deducting related underwriting fees and listing expenses for the listing of the shares of the Company on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange on 7 April 2017 (the "Listing"), of approximately HK\$75.9 million are intended to use. As at 31 March 2021, the Company utilised approximately HK\$75.5 million, representing approximately 99.5% of the Net Proceeds. The unutilised Net Proceeds amounted to approximately HK\$0.4 million, representing approximately 0.5% of the Net Proceeds. As at 31 March 2021 and the date of this report, there has not been any change to the intended use of the Net Proceeds of the allocated amount as disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 9 February 2018. The utilisation of the net proceeds as at 31 March 2021, are set out as follows:

Uses of Net Proceeds	Original allocation	Revised allocation as disclosed in the announcement dated 9 February 2018	Utilisation as at 31 March 2021	Remaining balance after revised allocation	Expected timeline of fully utilisation of balance
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	
Financing the capital input and upfront costs to upcoming projects	36.0	36.0	36.0	–	–
Purchase of surety bonds	13.0	–	–	–	–
Increasing the employed capital of the Group	11.4	11.4	11.4	–	–
Repayment of current bank borrowings of the Group	4.3	4.3	4.3	–	–
Employing additional staff	3.3	3.3	3.3	–	–
Investing in building information modelling software	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	End of 2021
General working capital of the Group	7.4	7.4	7.4	–	–
Financing the Property Development and Investment Business in Japan	–	13.0	13.0	–	–
	75.9	75.9	75.5	0.4	

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Prospects

Looking forward, various external and domestic factors that exacerbated the cyclical slowdown in global economic activities in 2020 might continue to influence our economic performance. The Directors believe that the stimulus packages from the HKSAR Government and Japan Government will help to cushion the hit from adverse impacts on the macroeconomic condition. The Directors consider that the Group is able to overcome the challenges by taking advantage of future opportunities and keeping competitive, by

- (i) tendering with lower risk strategy;
- (ii) taking intense cost control measures;
- (iii) expanding the customer base; and
- (iv) broadening of servicing scopes.

Foreign Exchange Exposure

As at 31 March 2021 and for the year ended 31 March 2021, most of the income and expenditures of the Group are denominated in Hong Kong dollars, being the functional currency of the Group, and hence, the Group does not have any material foreign exchange exposure. The Group has not implemented nor entered into any types of instruments or arrangements to hedge against currency exchange fluctuations.

Proceeds from the Placing of Shares

Reference is made to the announcements dated 7 August 2020, 13 August 2020 and 20 August 2020, a total of 160,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company (the "Placing Share(s)") were allotted and issued at a placing price of HK\$0.125 per Placing Share on 20 August 2020 (the "Placing"). The gross proceeds from the Placing amounted to HK\$20.0 million, and the net proceeds arising from the Placing amounted to approximately HK\$19.2 million. The Company applied the entire net proceeds from the Placing for repayment of bank loans of the Group.

Significant Investment, Material Acquisition and Disposal of Subsidiaries and Associated Companies

Reference is made to the announcements of the Company dated 26 February 2021 and 5 March 2021, respectively, whereas Milestone Builder Investment Limited (the "Purchaser"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company entered into a sale and purchase agreement with a joint venture partner of the Group on 26 February 2021, for the acquisition (the "Acquisition") of the remaining 30% equity interests of Popsible Development Limited ("PDL") plus the assignment of a sale loan of HK\$16.3 million, at a consideration of HK\$17.0 million. PDL and its subsidiaries (the "PDL Group") are principally engaged in property development in Japan, and own a hotel property and a land parcel in Osaka, Japan. Upon the completion of the Acquisition, PDL Group will become wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company and its financial results will be consolidated into the financial results of the Group thereafter.

Save as disclosed above, there were no significant investments held, material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries and associated companies during the Year.

Capital Commitments

As at 31 March 2021, the Group had no material capital commitments.

Contingent Liabilities

Save as disclosed in Note 30 to the financial statements of this report, the Group had no other material contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2021.

Event after the Reporting Period

On 23 April 2021 and 11 May 2021, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Milestone Builder, entered into three provisional sale and purchase agreements with three independent third parties of the Group (the “Purchasers”) respectively, pursuant to which Milestone Builder has agreed to dispose of and the Purchasers have agreed to purchase two industrial units and one carpark space (collectively the “Properties”) located in the eastern part of Tsuen Wan in New Territories, Hong Kong, at a consideration of HK\$7.3 million, HK\$13.4 million and HK\$2.6 million respectively. Formal agreements for sale and purchase of the Properties between Milestone Builder and the Purchasers are expected to be completed on 30 June 2021 and 24 July 2021, respectively.

The carrying value of the Properties as at 31 March 2021 was approximately HK\$22.8 million, and the gain on disposal before tax is expected to be approximately HK\$0.5 million. The considerations were arrived at after arm’s length negotiations between Milestone Builder and the Purchasers on normal commercial terms with reference to the prevailing market value of the other properties in the vicinity.

Taking into account of the current financial position and business operation of the Group, the Directors believe that the disposal represented a good opportunity for the Company to realise the value of the Property at a reasonable price and the proceeds from the disposal, which improve the financial position and increase the general working capital of the Group.

Save as aforesaid, there is no material subsequent event undertaken by the Company or by the Group after 31 March 2021 and up to the date of this report.

Employees and Remuneration Policy

As at 31 March 2021, the Group had 98 employees, including 70 staff and 28 workers (31 March 2020: 127 employees, including 86 staff and 41 workers). The decrease in headcount is mainly due to the completion of certain projects. The remuneration policy and package of the Group’s employees were periodically reviewed. Apart from Mandatory Provident Fund, salaries increment and discretionary bonuses may be awarded to employees according to the assessment of individual performance. The staff cost incurred by the Group during the year ended 31 March 2021 was approximately HK\$48.3 million (31 March 2020: approximately HK\$61.0 million).

Share Option Scheme

A share option scheme (the “Scheme”) was conditionally adopted pursuant to a shareholders’ written resolution of the Company passed on 13 March 2017 for the purpose of recognising and motivating the contributions that the eligible participants have made or may make to the Group.

No share options have been granted, exercised or cancelled under the Scheme since its adoption date and up to the date of this report and the total number of shares available for grant under the Scheme was 80,000,000 shares of the Company, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the adoption date of the Scheme.

Details of the Scheme are set out in the “Directors’ Report” section on page 35 of this annual report.

DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Board of Directors

The composition of the Board of Directors as at the date of this annual report is set out below:

Executive Directors

Ms. Hou Lingling

Ms. Hou Lingling (侯玲玲) (“Ms. Hou”), aged 41, is our executive Director. She was appointed as a Director on 28 December 2020. Ms. Hou serves as a member of our remuneration committee and nomination committee. She is responsible for the financial aspects and the formulation of business development strategies of our Group.

Ms. Hou is one of the shareholders and the general manager of Shenzhen Ruijia Jewellery Company Limited* (深圳市瑞嘉珠寶有限公司) (“Shenzhen Ruijia”), a distributor with up to 35 stores of a well-known jewellery brand in Hong Kong and has been recognised with the best sales performance awards by the said jewellery brand. Ms. Hou has been appointed as the general manager of Shenzhen Ruijia since August 1999. Her role as the general manager involves day-to-day operation of the company’s business, formulating the annual, quarterly and monthly budgets, managing the operation of the retail stores, exploration of new retail market, liaising with the company’s brand strategic partnership and relationship with the landlords of the company’s various stores.

Ms. Hou is also the supervisor of Shenzhen Zhong Ying Tai De Pictures Company Limited* (深圳中影泰得影業股份有限公司) and Shenzhen Zhong Ying Tai De Cinema Development Company Limited* (深圳中影泰得院綫發展有限公司), which principally engage in cinema investment consultancy, management and planning in the PRC and cinema business operations in more than 15 cities in the PRC, respectively.

Mr. Ma Gang

Mr. Ma Gang (馬剛) (“Mr. Ma”), aged 39, is our executive Director. He was appointed as a Director on 28 December 2020. Mr. Ma serves as a member of our remuneration committee and nomination committee. He is responsible for the operational aspects of our Group.

Mr. Ma has been working in the real estate development sector since 2016. He is currently working as the general manager at Shenzhen Zhongguang Construction Holdings Company Limited* (深圳中廣建控股有限公司) from July 2020. He previously worked as the general manager at Shenzhen Jia Nian Investment Company Limited* (深圳市家年投資有限公司) from March 2019 to June 2020 and at Shenzhen Shengheyuan Real Estate Development Company Limited* (深圳市盛和園房地產開發有限公司) from January 2018 to February 2019. Mr. Ma also worked as the general manager Greenhome Holdings Company Limited* (綠家控股有限公司), a company principally engaged in the business of real estate development in the Guangdong province, from July 2016 to December 2017.

Prior to joining the private sector, Mr. Ma worked as a secretary at Chinese Communist Youth League Shenzhen Luohu District Committee from September 2014 to June 2016 and as a section chief and a vice chairman at District Committee Office of Baoan District, Shenzhen, the PRC from December 2010 to September 2014. From December 2005 to December 2010, he was the deputy section chief at the District Committee Office of Luohu District, Shenzhen, the PRC. From July 2003 to December 2005, he worked as a staff member in the Luohu District Development and Reform Bureau, the PRC.

Mr. Ma has obtained a bachelor’s degree in Resources, Environment and Urban Planning and Management from the Peking University in July 2003 and a master’s degree in Communication from Wuhan University in June 2019.

* For identification purposes only

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Ho Siu Keung

Mr. Ho Siu Keung (何少強) (“Mr. Ho”), aged 59, was appointed as our independent non-executive Director on 28 December 2020. Mr. Ho serves as chairman of our remuneration committee and a member of our audit committee and nomination committee. He is responsible for participating in making significant decisions and giving advice on corporate governance, connected transactions and remuneration and nomination of Directors and senior management of our Group.

Mr. Ho has security risk management experience for approximately 20 years. He is currently the director of Mission Successful Investigation and Security Risk Management Consultancy Company Limited since September 2019 and the director of De Novo Group since July 2019. He worked at the Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited as a senior security manager from April 2018 to May 2019 and a security manager from October 2000 to March 2018, where he was responsible for corporate security management.

Mr. Ho Siu Keung has been a member of the Council of International Investigators in the United States of America since 2019 and a member of the Security Institute in the United Kingdom since 2009. Mr. Ho Siu Keung obtained a diploma in management studies from Tairawhiti Polytechnic, New Zealand in 1997, a bachelor of business administration from Newport University, the United States of America in 1999, a master in science (security management) from Edith Cowan University, Australia in 2007 and a master in science (management) from De Montfort University, the United Kingdom in 2012.

Mr. Chu Kin Ming

Mr. Chu Kin Ming (朱健明) (“Mr. Chu”), aged 40, was appointed as our independent non-executive Director on 28 December 2020. Mr. Chu serves as chairman of our audit committee and a member of our remuneration committee and nomination committee. He is responsible for participating in making significant decisions and giving advice on corporate governance, connected transactions and remuneration and nomination of Directors and senior management of our Group.

Mr. Chu was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company in December 2020, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accountancy from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He is currently the independent non-executive director of SK Target Group Limited, a company listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 8427), Kelfred Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1134) and Optima Automobile Group Holdings Limited, a company listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 8418) and China Oil Gangran Energy Group Holdings Limited, a company listed on the GEM of Stock Exchange (stock code: 8132). Mr. Chu has approximately 20 years of experiences in the field of auditing, accounting, management and company secretarial matters. He is currently the company secretary of Sino-Life Group Limited, a company listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 8296) and OCI International Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 329). Mr. Chu has worked as senior management in various Hong Kong listed companies and as auditor in international audit firms.

Mr. Chu is a fellow member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. He is also a member of The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and The Hong Kong Institute of The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries. Mr. Chu has extensive experiences in the field of accounting and financial management.

Mr. Ho Wing Sum

Mr. Ho Wing Sum (何永深), aged 37, was appointed as our independent non-executive Director on 28 December 2020. Mr. Ho Wing Sum serves as a member of our audit committee, remuneration committee and nomination committee. He is responsible for participating in making significant decisions and giving advice on corporate governance, connected transactions and remuneration and nomination of Directors and senior management of our Group.

DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Mr. Ho Wing Sum has over 11 years' experience in accounting and client management. Mr. Ho Wing Sum has been the director of 88M Global Limited and Jupica Limited since July 2020 and the director of Wang Fu Consultant Company Limited since June 2020. Mr. Ho Wing Sum has been a director of Plutus AF Limited since October 2018, a director of Insight Power Investments Limited since January 2019 and the general manager of Unique & Partners CPA since October 2017. He was the general manager of Lacubus CPA from June 2014 to December 2018 and the director of Unique Corporate Services Limited from September 2014 to October 2017. He worked as an assurance associate of Marcum Bernstein & Pinchuk LLP. from August 2006 to October 2011 and an assistant accountant at Cheng & Cheng Limited from March 2004 to August 2006.

Mr. Ho Wing Sum obtained a bachelor degree in accounting from Napier University, United Kingdom in January 2018. Mr. Ho Wing Sum became a certified public accountant of the Delaware Board of Accountancy since November 2011.

Senior Management

Mr. Leung Kam Fai (梁錦輝) ("Mr. Leung"), aged 54, is director of "Construction and Engineering Services" segment. He is also one of the co-founders of Milestone Builder. He is responsible for the operational aspects and the formulation of business development strategies of "Construction and Engineering Services" segment.

Mr. Leung has over 19 years of experience in the construction and civil engineering industry. Mr. Leung obtained a Master of Science in Construction Financial Management degree from the Heriot-Watt University in the United Kingdom in November 2009. He was granted as a Professional Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in August 2010, elected as a Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors in September 2012 and became a Registered Professional Surveyor in the Building Surveying Division in January 2014.

He was awarded the Gold Award in the Construction Manager of the Year Awards 2012 from the Chartered Institute of Building (Hong Kong) in Heritage Conservation Category in 2012.

Mr. Ng Ming Kwan (吳銘軍) ("Mr. Ng"), aged 43, was appointed as the CFO of the Group on 2 March 2021 and also appointed as the Company Secretary of the Group on 29 April 2021. He is responsible for the oversight of our Group's finance and accounting function and internal controls.

Mr. Ng is a certified public accountant of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and a Certified Management Accountants of Canada. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Mr. Ng previously worked in various management role in Hong Kong listed companies with company secretary and financial management duties. Those companies were (started with the latest):

- Prosperity International Holdings (H.K.) Limited (stock code: 0803);
- Hao Tian Development Group Limited (Now known as Aceso Life Science Group Limited) (stock code: 0474) and Hao Tian International Construction Investment Group Limited (stock code: 1341); and
- SMI Culture & Travel Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 2366) and SMI Holdings Group Limited (stock code: 0198, already delisted).

The Board is pleased to present this Corporate Governance Report of the Company.

Corporate Governance Practices

The Board recognises the importance of corporate transparency and accountability. The Company is committed to achieving a high standard of corporate governance and leading the Group to attain better results and improve its corporate image with effective corporate governance procedures.

The Company has applied the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the “CG Code”) contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”) since its Listing.

The Board is of the opinion that throughout the year ended 31 March 2021, the Company had adopted the principles and code provisions as set out in the CG Code except for the deviation from code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code.

According to code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Leung Kam Fai (“Mr. Leung”), who had been the chairman (“Chairman”) of the Board and also performed the duty of chief executive officer (“CEO”) of the Group during the period from the date of Listing to 27 December 2020, had been responsible for the financial and operational aspects of the Group and the formulation of business development strategies of the Group. The Board believes that vesting the roles of both Chairman and CEO in Mr. Leung has the benefit of ensuring consistent and continuous planning and execution of the Company’s strategies.

With effect from 28 December 2020, Ms. Hou Lingling has been appointed as the Chairman of the Board and Mr. Ma Gang has been appointed as the CEO to take over the duties of Mr. Leung respectively, the Company has complied with the code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code.

Directors’ Securities Transactions

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “Model Code”) as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. All the Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the year ended 31 March 2021 in response to the specific enquiry made by the Company.

The Board has established written guidelines no less exacting than the Model Code for relevant employees in respect of their dealings in the securities of the Company as required under the CG Code.

No incident of non-compliance of such guidelines by the relevant employees was noted by the Company.

The Board

The Board acts in good faith, with due diligence and care, to discharge its duties concerning the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. The primary role of the Board is to protect and enhance long term shareholders' value; it also oversees the management, business, strategies and financial performance of the Group to ensure that good corporate governance policies and practices are implemented within the Group. The Board reserves for its decision all major matters relating to policy matters, strategies and budgets, internal control and risk management, material transactions (in particular those that may involve conflict of interests), financial information, appointment of directors and other significant operational matters of the Company. Responsibilities relating to implementing decisions of the Board, directing and co-ordinating the daily operation and management of the Company are delegated to the management. The management is responsible for the execution of the strategies in the Group's daily operations and the implementation of the risk management and internal control systems.

The Board currently comprises the following Directors:

Executive Directors

Ms. Hou Lingling
Mr. Ma Gang

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Ho Wing Sum
Mr. Chu Kin Ming
Mr. Ho Siu Keung

The biographies of the Directors and the relationships among them are set out in the "Directors and Senior Management" section on pages 18 to 20 of this annual report. The executive Directors bring a good balance of skills and experience to the Company. The independent non-executive Directors provide their independent judgment on the development, performance and risk management of the Group. The Directors are fully aware that they are individually and collectively accountable to shareholders.

The executive Directors have entered into employment contracts with the Company and each of the independent non-executive Directors have been appointed on a specific term of three years. Notwithstanding the specific term of appointments, the articles of association of the Company (the "Articles of Association") provides that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at the annual general meeting at least once every three years. At each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being shall retire from office by rotation and be eligible for re-election by the shareholders.

Independent Non-Executive Directors

During the year ended 31 March 2021, the Board at all times met the requirements of the Listing Rules relating to the appointment of at least three independent non-executive Directors representing one-third of the Board with one of whom possessing appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise.

The Company has received written annual confirmation from each of the independent non-executive Directors in respect of his independence in accordance with the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company is of the view that all independent non-executive Directors are independent.

Board Meetings

Regular Board meetings should be held at least four times a year involving active participation, either in person or through electronic means of communication of a majority of Directors.

The Directors shall also call Board meetings when they think it is appropriate and fit to handle the business affairs in respect of investment strategies, financial performance and potential risks relating to the daily operations of the Group.

During the Year, eleven Board meetings were held.

Continuous Professional Development of Directors

During the year ended 31 March 2021, all Directors confirmed to comply with the provision of the CG Code in relation to continuous professional development. In doing so, the Directors have undertaken various forms of activities relevant to the Company's business, Directors' duties and responsibilities.

Every newly appointed Director has received formal, comprehensive and tailored induction on the first occasion of his/her appointment to ensure appropriate understanding of the business and operations of the Company and full awareness of Director's responsibilities and obligations under the Listing Rules and relevant statutory requirements.

The record of continuous professional development relating to director's duties and regulatory and business development that have been received by the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2021 are summarised as follows:

Directors

Type of Training^(Note)

Executive Directors

Ms. Hou Lingling (Chairman) (Appointed on 28 December 2020)	B
Mr. Ma Gang (Appointed on 28 December 2020)	B
Mr. Leung Kam Fai (Chairman) (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	A, B
Mr. Lam Ka Ho (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	B

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Chu Kin Ming (Appointed on 28 December 2020)	A, B
Mr. Ho Wing Sum (Appointed on 28 December 2020)	A, B
Mr. Ho Siu Keung (Appointed on 28 December 2020)	A, B
Mr. Keung Kwok Hung (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	A, B
Ms. Lau Suk Han Loretta (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	A, B
Mr. Fong Man Fu Eric (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	A, B
Mr. Wong Chun Tai (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	A, B

Note:

Types of Training

- A: Attending training sessions, including but not limited to, briefings, seminars, conferences and workshops
- B: Reading relevant news alerts, newspapers, journals, magazines and relevant publications

Board Committees

The Board has established certain Board committees, namely the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee, to oversee specific aspects of the Company's affairs. All Board committees of the Company are established with specific written terms of reference which clearly outline the committees' authority and duties. The terms of reference of the Board committees are posted on the Company's website and the Stock Exchange's website and are available to shareholders upon request.

The majority of the members of each Board committee are independent non-executive Directors. The members of the Board committees are set out below:

Audit Committee

Mr. Chu Kin Ming (*Chairman*) (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ho Wing Sum (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ho Siu Keung (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Keung Kwok Hung (*Chairman*) (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Ms. Lau Suk Han Loretta (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Fong Man Fu Eric (Resigned on 28 December 2020)

Remuneration Committee

Mr. Ho Siu Keung (*Chairman*) (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Ms. Hou Lingling (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ma Gang (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Chu Kin Ming (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ho Wing Sum (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Keung Kwok Hung (*Chairman*) (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Leung Kam Fai (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Fong Man Fu Eric (Resigned on 28 December 2020)

Nomination Committee

Ms. Hou Lingling (*Chairman*) (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ma Gang (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Chu Kin Ming (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ho Wing Sum (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ho Siu Keung (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Fong Man Fu Eric (*Chairman*) (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Leung Kam Fai (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Keung Kwok Hung (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Wong Chun Tai (Resigned on 28 December 2020)

Board committees are provided with sufficient resources to discharge their duties and, upon reasonable request, are able to seek independent professional advice in appropriate circumstances, at the Company's expense.

Audit Committee

The Company has set up the Audit Committee on 13 March 2017 with written terms of reference of no less exacting terms than those set out in the CG Code. The main duties of the Audit Committee are to assist the Board in reviewing the financial information and reporting process, internal control and risk management systems, scope of audit and appointment of external auditors, and arrangements to enable employees of the Company to raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters of the Company.

The Audit Committee held two meetings to review in respect of the year ended 31 March 2021, the interim and annual financial results and reports and significant issues on the financial reporting, operational and compliance controls, the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems, appointment of external auditors and engagement of non-audit services and relevant scope of works and connected transactions and arrangements for employees to raise concerns about possible improprieties.

The Audit Committee also met the external auditor.

Remuneration Committee

The Company has set up the Remuneration Committee on 13 March 2017 with written terms of reference of no less exacting terms than those set out in the CG Code. The primary functions of the Remuneration Committee include determining/reviewing and making recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of individual executive Directors and senior management, the remuneration policy and structure for all Directors and senior management; and establishing transparent procedures for developing such remuneration policy and structure to ensure that no Director or any of his/her associates will participate in deciding his/her own remuneration.

The Remuneration Committee met once to review and make recommendation to the Board on the remuneration policy and structure of the Company and the remuneration packages of the executive Directors and senior management and other related matters.

Details of the remuneration of the Directors and senior management are set out in the sections headed “Directors’ and Chief Executive’s Remuneration” and “Related Party Balances and Transactions” in this annual report.

Nomination Committee

The Company has set up the Nomination Committee on 13 March 2017 with written terms of reference of no less exacting terms than those set out in the CG Code.

The principal duties of the Nomination Committee include reviewing the Board composition, developing and formulating relevant procedures for the nomination and appointment of Directors, making recommendations to the Board on the appointment and succession planning of Directors, and assessing the independence of independent non-executive Directors.

In assessing the Board composition, the Nomination Committee would take into account various aspects as well as factors concerning Board diversity as set out in the Company’s board diversity policy, including but not limited to skills, industry and regional experience, background, race, gender and other qualities etc. In forming its perspective on diversity, the Company will also take into account factors based on its own business model and specific needs from time to time. The Nomination Committee would discuss and agree on measurable objectives for achieving diversity on the Board, where necessary, and recommend them to the Board for adoption.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (Continued)

In identifying and selecting suitable candidates for directorships, the Nomination Committee would consider the candidate's character, qualifications, experience, independence and other relevant criteria necessary to complement the corporate strategy and achieve Board diversity, where appropriate, before making recommendation to the Board.

The Nomination Committee met once to review the structure, size and composition of the Board and the independence of the independent non-executive Directors. The Nomination Committee considered an appropriate balance of diversity perspectives of the Board is maintained.

Nomination Policy and Procedure

The Board should have a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the requirements of the Company's business. To ensure changes to the Board composition can be managed without undue disruption, there should be a formal, considered and transparent procedure for selection, appointment and re-appointment of Directors, as well as plans in place for orderly succession (if considered necessary), including periodical review of such plans. The appointment of a new director (to be an additional director or fill a casual vacancy as and when it arises) or any re-appointment of directors is a matter for decision by the Board upon the recommendation of the proposed candidate by the Nomination Committee.

The criteria to be applied in considering whether a candidate is qualified shall be his or her ability to devote sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Company and contribute to the diversity of the Board as well as the effective carrying out by the Board of the responsibilities which, in particular, are set out as follows:

- (a) participating in Board meetings to bring an independent judgment on issues of strategy, policy, performance, accountability, resources, key appointments and standards of conducts;
- (b) taking the lead where potential conflicts of interests arise;
- (c) serving on the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee (in the case of candidate for non-executive director) and other relevant Board Committees, if invited;
- (d) bringing a range of business and financial experience to the Board, giving the Board and any committees on which he or she serves the benefit of his or her skills, expertise, and varied backgrounds and qualifications and diversity through attendance and participation in the Board/committee meetings;
- (e) scrutinising the Company's performance in achieving agreed corporate goals and objectives, and monitoring the reporting of performance;
- (f) ensuring the committees on which he or she serves to perform their powers and functions conferred on them by the Board; and
- (g) conforming to any requirement, direction and regulation that may from time to time be prescribed by the Board or contained in the constitutional documents of the Company or imposed by legislation or the Listing Rules, where appropriate.

Corporate Governance Functions

The Board is responsible for performing the functions set out in the code provision D.3.1 of the CG Code.

During the Year, the Board had reviewed the Company's corporate governance policies and practices, training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management, the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the compliance of the Model Code by Directors and relevant employees, and the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosure in this Corporate Governance Report.

Attendance Records of Directors

The attendance record of each Director at the Board and Board Committee meetings of the Company held during the Year is set out in the table below:

Name of Director	Attendance/Number of Meetings				
	Board	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Nomination Committee	2020 AGM
Ms. Hou Lingling (<i>Chairman</i>) (Appointed on 28 December 2020)	2/2	N/A	1/1	N/A	N/A
Mr. Ma Gang (Appointed on 28 December 2020)	2/2	N/A	1/1	N/A	N/A
Mr. Chu Kin Ming (Appointed on 28 December 2020)	2/2	1/1	1/1	N/A	N/A
Mr. Ho Wing Sum (Appointed on 28 December 2020)	2/2	1/1	1/1	N/A	N/A
Mr. Ho Siu Keung (Appointed on 28 December 2020)	2/2	1/1	1/1	N/A	N/A
Mr. Leung Kam Fai (<i>Chairman</i>) (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	9/9	N/A	2/2	2/2	1/1
Mr. Lam Ka Ho (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	9/9	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Mr. Keung Kwok Hung (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	9/9	2/2	2/2	2/2	1/1
Ms. Lau Suk Han Loretta (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	8/9	2/2	N/A	N/A	0/1
Mr. Fong Man Fu Eric (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	9/9	2/2	2/2	2/2	1/1
Mr. Wong Chun Tai (Resigned on 28 December 2020)	9/9	N/A	N/A	2/2	1/1

Apart from regular Board meetings, the Chairman, Ms. Hou Lingling, also held a meeting with the independent non-executive Directors without the presence of executive Directors on 29 June 2021.

Risk Management and Internal Controls

The Board acknowledges its responsibility for the risk management and internal control systems and reviewing their effectiveness. Such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Board has the overall responsibility for evaluating and determining the nature and extent of the risks it is willing to take in achieving the Company's strategic objectives, and establishing and maintaining appropriate and effective risk management and internal control systems.

One of the major functions of the Board is to maintain an adequate risk management and internal control systems to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Group's assets, and reviewing their effectiveness annually through the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall report to the Board on any material issues and makes recommendations to the Board.

The Group has maintained internal control guidance and procedures on the Group's operational cycles relating to revenue, purchase and expenditure, inventory and human resources etc., to ensure proper accounting records are kept so that reliable financial reporting can be provided, the effectiveness and efficiency of operation can be achieved, and the compliance with applicable laws and regulations and safeguarding of assets can be maintained. These procedures, together with the Company's compliance manual, have also shaped the control environment in which and how the Group operates, including the budgeting controls, investment decision making, risk assessment and practices of corporate governance. These systems are designed to provide reasonable protection against errors, losses and fraud.

The Company does not establish a standalone internal audit department, however, the Board has put in place adequate measures to perform the internal audit function at different aspects of the Group.

Regular meetings were held between the executive Directors and senior management to review and monitor the business and financial performance against the targets, the progress of certification and contract receipts from the customers, the efficiency in the use of the Group's resources and the operational matters to ensure the Group has complied with the regulations that have material impact to the Group's business. The aim is to enhance the communication and accountability of the Directors and management so that significant strategic, financial, operational and compliance risks or potential deviations are timely identified and dealt with in a proper manner, while significant issues are reported back to the Board for their attention. The Company also compiles monthly reports to the Board to update the latest financial performance, position and prospects of the Group.

The Company has developed its disclosure policy which provides a general guide to the Company's Directors, officers, senior management and relevant employees in handling confidential information, monitoring information disclosure and responding to enquiries. While any potential inside information will be escalated to the executive meetings or the Board via the established reporting channels, the Directors will assess and determine if the inside information of the Company exists where timely disclosure is required to be made by way of an announcement published on the Stock Exchange website. Control procedures have been implemented to ensure that unauthorised access and use of inside information are strictly prohibited.

The Group's aim is to run competitive business in Hong Kong. The Group has to comply with respective requirements and pass the regular reviews in order to retain its listing in the Development Bureau Approved Contractors for Public Works – Buildings Category, Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works – Repair and Restoration of Historic Buildings Category and Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works – Electrical Installation Category (Group II) (probation). The Group has also implemented a management system in accordance with the requirements under ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 to ensure that the Group's services meet the requisite health and safety, quality and environmental requirements. During the Year, the Group passed the audits conducted by external consultants and renewed these certificates. Therefore, stringent ongoing controls and monitoring systems have already been embedded in the daily operations of the Group's business.

The Board reviewed the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems at its Board meeting including its financial, operational and compliance controls, and its risk management functions. No material fraud or errors came to the attention of the Board from all these sources. Therefore, the Board considered that the risk management and internal control systems were effective and adequate during the Year and no significant weakness had been identified.

Directors' Remuneration

Directors' emoluments are determined with reference to Directors' duties, responsibilities and performance and the results of the Group. In addition, the Directors' remuneration is reviewed by the Remuneration Committee annually. Details of the Directors' remuneration are set out in Note 9 to the financial statements.

Remuneration of the Senior Management

During the year ended 31 March 2021, the remuneration of senior management is listed below by band:

Band of remuneration (HK\$)	Number of Person
HK\$1,000,000 or below	5

Auditor's Remuneration

The remuneration paid or payable to the external auditor of the Company in respect of audit and tax services for the year ended 31 March 2021 amounted to approximately HK\$1.5 million and HK\$0.2 million, respectively.

Directors' and Auditor's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for the preparation of financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Group's financial performance and cash flows. In preparing the financial statements which give a true and fair view, it is fundamental that the appropriate standards and accounting policies are selected and applied consistently. The statement of the external auditor of the Company about their reporting responsibilities on the financial statements is set out in the "Independent Auditor's Report" on pages 44 to 48 of this annual report. The Directors were not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions which may cast significant doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

Company Secretary

The Company's company secretary, Mr. Ng Ming Kwan, coordinates the supply of information to the Directors and is the primary contact person within the Company for all matters relating to the duties and responsibilities of the company secretary. All Directors have access to the company secretary to ensure that Board procedures and all applicable laws, rules and regulations are followed. During the year ended 31 March 2021, the company secretary had taken no less than 15 hours of relevant professional training as required under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules. For details of the company secretary's biography, please refer to the section headed "Directors and Senior Management" of this annual report.

Shareholders' Rights

The Company engages with shareholders through various communication channels and a shareholders' communication policy is in place to ensure that shareholders' views and concerns are appropriately addressed. The policy is regularly reviewed to ensure its effectiveness.

We seriously take care of the shareholders' interest to ensure that they are treated fairly and are able to exercise their shareholders' rights effectively. Shareholders are entitled by the Articles of Association and are also encouraged to participate in the Company's general meetings or appoint proxies to attend and vote. Shareholder(s) holding not less than 10% of the Company's paid-up capital having the right of voting at general meetings may request the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting and put forward proposals. Such requisition should be made in writing to the Board or the company secretary for such purpose and should specify the objects of the meeting.

The Board is not aware of any provisions allowing the shareholders of the Company to put forward proposals at general meetings of the Company under the Articles of Association and the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. Shareholders who wish to put forward proposals at general meetings may refer to the preceding paragraph to make a written requisition to require the convening of an extraordinary general meeting of the Company.

In case a shareholder wishes to nominate a person for election as director in a general meeting, the particulars of the candidate must be stated in a nomination notice signed and deposited together with a notice of willingness signed by the candidate to the company secretary at the Company's principal place of business (Unit 1, 17th Floor, Office Tower 1, The Harbourfront, 18 Tak Fung Street, Kowloon East, Hong Kong) or at the Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office of the Company. The notice should be given at least seven days prior to the date of such general meeting.

Investor Relations

The Company is committed to maintain effective and timely dissemination of the Group's information to its shareholders and the market. The annual general meeting of the Company is the primary forum for communication by the Company with its shareholders and for shareholder participation. At the annual general meeting of the Company, the Directors (or their delegates as appropriate) are available to meet shareholders and answer their enquiries. In addition, the Company's website (www.milestone.hk) contains extensive company information which is easily accessible.

Constitutional Documents

There has been no change to the Company's constitutional documents during the Year under review. An up-to-date version of the Company's memorandum and articles of association is available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Enquiries to the Board

Enquiries may be put to the Board through mail to the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong at Unit 1, 17th Floor, Office Tower 1, The Harbourfront, 18 Tak Fung Street, Kowloon East, Hong Kong (email: general.hldgs@milestone.hk). For the avoidance of doubt, shareholder(s) must deposit and send the original duly signed written requisition, notice or statement, or enquiry (as the case may be) to the above address and provide their full name, contact details and identification in order to give effect thereto. Shareholders' information may be disclosed as required by law.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Board submits the Directors' Report together with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Year.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The Group provides (i) building construction services; (ii) alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services; and (iii) repair and restoration of historic buildings and engages in property development and investment. The principal activities of the principal subsidiaries are set out in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Business Review

The business review of the Group, with the description of the principal risks and uncertainties, for the Year and the likely future development, are included in the section headed "Management Discussion and Analysis" in this annual report on pages 7 to 17, which forms part of this annual report.

Results and Dividends

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2021 are set out in the section headed "Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income" on page 49 of this annual report.

The Board does not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year ended 31 March 2021 (31 March 2020: Nil).

Dividend Policy

1. Objective

The objective of the Company's dividend policy (the "Dividend Policy") is to allow shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") to participate in the Company's profits whilst retaining adequate reserves for the Group's future growth.

2. Factors to be considered

2.1 The Board has the discretion to declare and distribute dividends to the Shareholders, subject to the Articles of Association and all applicable laws and regulations and the factors set out below.

- the Group's results of operations and cash flows;
- the Group's future prospects;
- general business conditions;
- the Group's capital requirements and surplus;
- contractual restrictions on the payment of dividends by the Company to its Shareholders or by subsidiaries to the Company;
- taxation considerations;
- possible effects on the Company's creditworthiness;
- statutory and regulatory restrictions; and
- any other factors the Board may deem relevant.

Depending on the financial conditions of the Group and the conditions and factors as set out above, dividends may be proposed and/or declared by the Board for a financial year or period:

- interim dividend;
- final dividend;
- special dividend; and
- any distribution of net profits that the Board may deem appropriate.

3. Review of the Dividend Policy

3.1 The Board will review the Dividend Policy as appropriate from time to time.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

Financial Summary

A summary of the published results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is set out on page 136 of this annual report. This summary does not form part of the audited financial statements.

Properties

Details of the properties of the Group held for investment purposes are set out in Note 15 to the financial statements.

Donations

No charitable and other donations were made by the Group during the year ended 31 March 2021 (31 March 2020: Nil).

(Deficit)/Distributable Reserves

Deficit of the Company as at 31 March 2021, calculated under the Companies Law (as revised) of the Cayman Islands, amounted to approximately HK\$4.1 million (31 March 2020: distributable reserves of HK\$69.5 million).

Movements of the reserves of the Group are set out in the section headed "Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity" on page 52 of this annual report. Details of the use of proceeds from the Listing are set out on page 15 of this annual report.

Shares Issued during the Year

Reference is made to the announcements of the Company dated 7 August 2020, 13 August 2020 and 20 August 2020, a total of 160,000,000 ordinary shares (the "Placing Shares") were allotted and issued at the Placing Price of HK\$0.125 per Placing Share (the "Placing"). The gross proceeds from the Placing amounted to HK\$20 million, and the net proceeds arising from the Placing amounted to approximately HK\$19.2 million. The Company applied the entire net proceeds from the Placing for repayment of bank loans of the Group.

Details of the shares issued during the year ended 31 March 2021 are set out in Note 26 to the financial statements.

Pre-Emptive Rights

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Articles of Association and there was no restriction against such rights under the laws of the Cayman Islands, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Listed Securities

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the year ended 31 March 2021.

Share Option Scheme

A share option scheme (the "Scheme") was conditionally adopted pursuant to a shareholders' written resolution of the Company passed on 13 March 2017 for the purpose of recognising and motivating the contributions that the eligible participants have made or may make to the Group.

Pursuant to the Scheme, the Company may grant options to any employees (including any executive director but excluding any non-executive director) and any directors (including non-executive and independent non-executive directors), any supplier, any customer, any shareholder, any advisor or consultant of the Group or any entity in which the Group holds at least 20% of its issued share capital (the "Invested Entity"), any person or entity that provides research, development or other technological support to any member of the Group or any Invested Entity and any other group or class of participants who the Board considers, in its sole discretion, have contributed or will contribute to the Group, to subscribe for shares in the Company in accordance with the terms of the Scheme. The options granted must be accepted within 21 days from the date of offer with a remittance of HK\$1.00. The subscription price of a share shall be at least the highest of (i) the closing price of the Company's shares as stated in The Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of an offer for the grant of the option; (ii) the average of the closing prices of the shares of the Company as stated in The Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of an offer for the grant of the option; and (iii) the nominal value of the shares of the Company on the date of an offer for the grant of the option.

The share options granted are exercisable at any time during a period as the Directors may determine which shall not exceed 10 years from the date of an offer for the grant of the option, subject to the provisions for early termination contained in the Scheme, and provided that the Directors may determine the minimum period for which an option has to be held or other restrictions before its exercise.

The maximum number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the Scheme and any other schemes must not, in aggregate, exceed 10% of the number of shares of the Company in issue on the Listing Date (i.e. 80,000,000 shares). The total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted to each participant (including exercised, cancelled and outstanding options) in any 12-month period up to the date of grant shall not exceed 1% in aggregate of the shares of the Company in issue. The maximum number of shares which may be allotted and issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of the shares of the Company in issue from time to time.

The Scheme will remain in force for a period of 10 years after the date of adoption.

No share options have been granted, exercised or cancelled under the Scheme since its adoption date and up to the date of this annual report and the total number of shares available for grant under the scheme was 80,000,000 shares, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the adoption date of the Scheme.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

Directors

The Directors during the Year and up to the date of this annual report are:

Executive Directors

Ms. Hou Lingling (*Chairman*) (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ma Gang (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Leung Kam Fai (*Chairman*) (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Lam Ka Ho (Resigned on 28 December 2020)

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Ho Siu Keung (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Chu Kin Ming (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Ho Wing Sum (Appointed on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Keung Kwok Hung (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Ms. Lau Suk Han Loretta (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Fong Man Fu Eric (Resigned on 28 December 2020)
Mr. Wong Chun Tai (Resigned on 28 December 2020)

Pursuant to Article 108 of the Articles of Association, one-third of the Directors for the time being, or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one-third, shall retire from office by rotation at every annual general meeting of the Company, provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific item) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.

Further, pursuant to the Article 112 of the Articles of Association, any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only until the first general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

In accordance with Article 112 of the Articles of Association, all the existing executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors, shall retire from office at the forthcoming annual general meeting to be held on Wednesday, 29 September 2021 (the "2021 AGM"). All of the retiring Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the 2021 AGM.

Details of the Directors standing for re-election at the 2021 AGM are set out in the circular to be despatched to the shareholders of the Company in due course.

Closure of Register of Members

For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the forthcoming 2021 AGM to be held on Wednesday, 29 September 2021, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 24 September 2021 to Wednesday, 29 September 2021, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the 2021 AGM, unregistered holders of shares of the Company shall ensure that all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Union Registrars Limited, at Suites 3301-04, 33/F, Two Chinachem Exchange Square, 338 King's Road, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 23 September 2021.

Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management

Brief biographical details of Directors and senior management are set out in the section headed "Directors and Senior Management" on pages 18 to 20 of this annual report.

Directors' Service Contracts

None of the Directors being proposed for re-election at the 2021 AGM has a service contract with any member of the Group which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

Permitted Indemnity Provision

The Articles of Association provide that every Director shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all losses and liabilities incurred or sustained by him as a Director in the execution of his duties or otherwise in relation thereto, provided that such indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of fraud or dishonesty which may attach to such Director. There is appropriate directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage for the Directors and officers of the Group.

Directors'/Controlling Shareholders' Material Interests in Transactions, Arrangements and Contracts that are Significant in Relation to the Group's Business

Saved as disclosed in Note 31 to the financial statements, no other transactions, arrangements and contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company, holding company of the Company, any of the Company's subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party and in which a Director or controlling shareholders of the Company and the Director's connected party had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the Year or at any time during the Year.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

Disclosure of Interests

As at the date of this annual report, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives 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 recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules, were as follows:

(a) Directors' Interests in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures:

Name	Capacity/Nature of Interest	Number of shares held <small>(Note 1)</small>	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital of the Company
Ms. Hou Lingling ("Ms. Hou")	Interest of a controlled corporation <small>(Note 2)</small>	720,000,000 (L)	75.00%

Notes:

1. The letter "L" denotes "long position" in such shares.
2. This represents interests held by Ms. Hou through Smart Excel Group Limited, which holds 720,000,000 shares. As Smart Excel Group Limited is wholly and beneficially owned by Ms. Hou, Ms. Hou is deemed to be interested in 720,000,000 shares held by Smart Excel Group Limited under Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at the date of this annual report, neither the Directors nor the chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

(b) Shareholders' Interests in Shares and Underlying Shares

So far as the Directors are aware, as at the date of this annual report the interests and short positions of the persons, other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company, in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

Name	Capacity/Nature of Interest	Number of shares held <small>(Note 1)</small>	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital of the Company
Aurum Hill Limited	Beneficial Owner	86,690,000 (L)	9.03%
Cheung Ting Kin ("Mr. Cheung")	Interest of a controlled corporation <small>(Note 2)</small>	86,690,000 (L)	9.03%

Notes:

1. The letter "L" denotes "long position" in such shares.
2. This represents interests held by Mr. Cheung through Aurum Hill Limited, which holds 86,690,000 Shares. As Aurum Hill Limited is wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Cheung, Mr. Cheung is deemed to be interested in 86,690,000 Shares held by Aurum Hill Limited under Part XV of the SFO.

The Company's controlling shareholders have not pledged all or part of their interest in the Company's shares to secure the Company and its subsidiaries' debts or to secure guarantees or other support of their obligations.

Save as disclosed above, as at the date of this annual report, the Directors are not aware of any other persons who have interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO.

Management Contracts

No contracts concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company were entered into or existed during the Year.

Directors' Interests in Competing Business

During the Year and up to the date of this annual report, none of the Directors are considered to have interests in any business which competes or is likely to compete with the businesses of the Group as required to be disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules.

Equity-linked Agreements

Save for the Scheme as set out in the section headed "Share Option Scheme" in this annual report, no equity-linked agreements that will or may result in the Company issuing shares nor require the Company to enter into an agreement that will or may result in the Company issuing shares was entered into by the Company during the Year or subsisted at the end of the Year.

Major Customers and Suppliers

During the year ended 31 March 2021, the Group's five largest customers in aggregate accounted for approximately 48.0% (31 March 2020: approximately 69.7%) of the Group's total revenue. The largest customer accounted for approximately 15.5% (31 March 2020: approximately 27.7%) of the Group's total revenue.

During the year ended 31 March 2021, the Group's five largest subcontractors in aggregate accounted for approximately 50.0% (31 March 2020: approximately 37.8%) of the Group's total sub-contracting fee. The largest sub-contractor accounted for approximately 15.9% (31 March 2020: approximately 13.9%) of the Group's total sub-contracting fee.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

During the year ended 31 March 2021, the Group's five largest suppliers in aggregate accounted for approximately 20.0% (31 March 2020: approximately 37.6%) of the Group's total material costs. The largest supplier accounted for approximately 6.0% (31 March 2020: approximately 10.2%) of the Group's total material costs.

To the best of the knowledge of the Directors, none of the Directors, their close associates or any shareholder (which to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's share capital) had an interest in these major customers, sub-contractors and suppliers.

Relationships with Customers, Suppliers and Employees

Customers

During the Year, we served public customers including the Government and quasi-Government entities as well as private companies. Generally, our projects are on contract by contract basis. We have established relationships with our customers. We believe that our quality is evidenced by the years of relationship between our Group and our customers and number of projects secured with repeated customers. Over 30 customers awarded us with more than one project which contributed to our revenue in the last four years and a number of such customers did business with us for over five years. The primary objective of our Group is to fulfil the needs of the customers by providing a quality services that meets both contractual and regulatory requirements, which we believe is also the reason of our success. To ensure that the quality of our works and that of our subcontractors conform to our customers' specifications, our Group has established a Quality Management System ("QMS") which is certified to be in compliance with the requirements of ISO 9001, for implementation in our offices. Our Directors believe that our Group's QMS shall help maintain the quality of our building services whilst allowing such quality to improve continuously.

Suppliers

The Group engages our construction materials suppliers and subcontractors on a contract by contract basis and therefore we have not entered into any long term agreements with our construction materials suppliers and subcontractors. We generally maintained multiple construction materials suppliers and subcontractors for products and services to avoid over-reliance on a single or a few suppliers and subcontractors. We select subcontractors and suppliers from our approved subcontractors and suppliers list based on their previous experience, skills, present work load, price quotations and historical work quality. We from time to time review and update our internal approved list of subcontractors and suppliers according to their performance assessment. The Directors consider that we have maintained good business relationships with these suppliers and subcontractors. During the Year, we had no material shortage of the construction materials and we did not experience any material shortage or delay in the supply of materials or services that we required from our subcontractors.

Employees

The Group has established good relationship with our employees and we have no material non-compliance in respect of the applicable labour laws and regulations in Hong Kong. During the Year, we have not experienced any significant problems with our employees or disruption to its operations due to labour disputes nor has our Group experienced any difficulties in retention of experienced staff or skilled personnel.

Our Group offers attractive remuneration package to our employees, which includes basic salary, bonuses and other cash allowances or subsidies. Our Group determines the salary of our employees mainly based on their qualifications, relevant working experience, position and seniority. Our Group conducts annual review on the salary levels and promotions based on the working performance of each employees.

We believe that continuous education and training is important to maintain the service quality of our Group, so we intend to use our best effort to attract and retain appropriate and suitable personnel to serve our Group. As part of the induction of new workers, they will receive training regarding construction site safety. Our Group also encourages relevant personnel to attend training courses to keep them up-to-date with the latest developments and best practices in the industry to enhance their work performance. Our Group assesses the available human resources on a continuous basis and will determine whether additional personnel is required to cope with our Group's business development.

Environmental Policies

Our Group's operation at construction sites are subject to certain environmental requirements pursuant to the laws in Hong Kong, including primarily those in relation to air pollution control, noise control, water pollution control, waste disposal, environmental impact assessment and public health control. For details of the regulatory requirements, please refer to the section headed "Laws and Regulations" in the Prospectus. During the year ended 31 March 2021, the aggregate annual cost of compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations in Hong Kong was approximately HK\$814,000 (31 March 2020: HK\$656,000). It is the belief of our Directors that environmental protection is a management responsibility and our Group is committed to complying with the legal requirements and with other requirements relating to environmental aspects, prevention of pollution, reduction of construction waste and resources saving.

Our Group has obtained ISO 14001:2015 in respect of our environmental management system. We require our employees and subcontractors to follow our environmental plan in order to ensure proper management of environmental protection and compliance with statutory requirements. Some of the measures include, among others:

Area	Measures
Air pollution control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Any vehicle or item used on site will be monitored for spillages caused by leakage of fuel, lubrication or hydraulic system. (ii) Cleaning of concrete and working areas will be carried out using wet vacuum or wash down methods to minimise dust. (iii) Excessive exhaust emissions from mechanical equipment will result in prohibition of use.
Water pollution control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Waste water from any office, site canteen or toilet facilities are directed to foul sewer or to sewage treatment facilities either directly or indirectly by means of pumping. (ii) Chemical wastes are stored in secured containers, undercover to prevent ingress of rainwater and where liquids are involved, storage areas shall be bund with sufficient capacity to contain projected spill quantities. (iii) During periods of wet and muddy conditions, trucks and heavy vehicles shall not leave site unless effective wheel washing has been carried out.
Waste disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The common user disposal containers will be for the deposit of controlled waste (i.e. non-hazardous industrial or special waste) and will be situated in both the construction and site establishment areas. (ii) Notice will be posted which clearly state which materials can or cannot be disposed of through the common user disposal skips. (iii) Waste skips and other receptacles will be checked during the routine safety & environmental inspections/audits.

Compliance with Relevant Laws and Regulations

The Directors confirmed that during the Year and up to the date of this annual report, the Group had obtained all the necessary licenses, qualifications and certifications which are required to carry on our Group's activities, and were not in non-compliance with the applicable laws, rules and regulations, which is likely to have a material adverse impact on our business, prospects, financial condition or results of operation.

Related Party Transactions

The significant related party transactions entered into by the Group during the year ended 31 March 2021 is set out in Note 31 to the financial statements.

These related party transactions did not constitute a connected transaction (as defined in the Listing Rules) that is required to be disclosed.

Connected Transactions and Continuing Connected Transactions

The transactions between certain connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) and the Company have been entered into and/or are ongoing for which the shareholders' approval, annual review and all disclosure requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules have been fully exempted.

Our Directors' Confirmation

The independent non-executive Directors, after reviewing the above agreements, confirm that the terms under the agreements are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole, and the agreements have been entered into as part of the Group's ordinary and usual course of business, on an arm's length basis by reference to prevailing market rates and upon normal commercial terms.

Sufficiency of Public Float

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, the Company has maintained the prescribed public float under the Listing Rules from the Listing Date and up to the date of this annual report.

Corporate Governance

Principal corporate governance practices adopted by the Company are set out in the section headed "Corporate Governance Report" on pages 21 to 31 of this annual report.

Environmental, Social and Governance Report

The Environmental, Social and Governance Report of the Company prepared in accordance with Appendix 27 to the Listing Rules will be published within three months after the publication of this annual report on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Event after the Reporting Period

Details of the event after the reporting period is set out in note 37 to the financial statements.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee has reviewed, together with the management and external auditor, the accounting principles and policies adopted by the Group and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Auditor

During the year, PricewaterhouseCoopers resigned as auditors of the Company and Ernst & Young were appointed by the directors to fill the casual vacancy so arising. There have been no other changes of auditors in the past three years.

A resolution for the reappointment of Ernst & Young as auditors of the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

On behalf of the Board

Ms. Hou Lingling

Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 June 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



To the shareholders of Milestone Builder Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Milestone Builder Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) set out on pages 49 to 135, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2021, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 March 2021, 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 disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing (“HKSA”) issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA’s *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the “Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, 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. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Key Audit Matters (Continued)**Key audit matter****How our audit addressed the key audit matter****Revenue recognition for construction and engineering contracts**

For the year ended 31 March 2021, the Group's revenue recognised for provision of construction and engineering services amounted to HK\$122,208,000.

The Group has recognised revenue from the provision of construction and engineering services over time, using an input method to measure progress towards complete satisfaction of services. The input method recognises revenue based on the proportion of actual costs incurred relative to budget contract costs for satisfaction of the construction and engineering services.

This involves the use of management judgements and estimation uncertainty, including estimating the progress towards completion of the services, forecasting the costs to complete a contract, valuing contract variations, claims and potential liquidated damages and estimating the provision for onerous contracts.

Related disclosures are included in notes 3 and 5 to the financial statements.

We performed the following procedures in relation to revenue recognition for construction and engineering services:

- obtaining an understanding from management on the budget costs and how the budget costs are determined;
- discussing the status of projects with management, to identify material variation orders to the original plan of contract works and understand the basis of the estimated revenue and costs to completion from variation orders, to assess any potential liquidated damages for major contracts and to assess the provision for onerous contracts which were determined based on the amount of unavoidable costs required to meet the obligations under the construction contract and the economic benefits expected to be received;
- testing the controls of the Group over its processes to record and estimate contract revenue, actual costs incurred and the estimated total costs;
- checking, on a sampling basis, the payment certificates issued by the architects employed by contract customers, completion accounts, payment applications from subcontractors and invoices from suppliers;
- checking the estimated total costs for satisfaction of the construction and engineering contracts to the subcontractors and suppliers' quotations, and comparing the actual costs incurred with the estimated total costs for satisfaction of the construction and engineering services to assess the status of the projects on a sampling basis; and
- comparing, on a sample basis, the budget costs against the actual cost incurred.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Key Audit Matters (Continued)

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p>Impairment assessment of contract assets</p> <p>As at 31 March 2021, the Group recorded contract assets of HK\$229,352,000, which was significant to the consolidated financial statements of the Group, and impairment on contract assets of HK\$2,256,000.</p> <p>The measurement of expected credit loss ("ECL") for contract assets was estimated by management through the application of management judgements and estimations. Management performs periodic assessments on the recoverability of contract assets based on information including credit profiles of different customers, historical settlement records, subsequent settlement or billing status, expected timing and amount of realisation of outstanding balances, on-going trading relationships with the relevant customers and forecasts of future economic conditions.</p> <p>Related disclosures are included in notes 3 and 20 to the financial statements.</p>	<p>We performed the following procedures in relation to impairment assessment of contract assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• assessing and testing the Group's processes and controls relating to the monitoring of contract assets; and• evaluating the expected credit loss provisioning methodology, key data inputs and assumptions, including both historical and forward-looking information, used to determine the expected credit losses by taking into account factors such as historical settlement records, credit risk information of customers, subsequent transfers of contract assets to trade receivables, written opinions from the Group's external industry expert, future economic conditions used in forward-looking information, and other relevant information on a sampling basis.

Other information included in the Annual Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises 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 the Directors 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 disclosure requirements of 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 of the Company 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 of the Company either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors of the Company are assisted by the Audit Committee in discharging their responsibilities 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. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, 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 HKSAs 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 judgement 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

- 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 Ms. Leung Yin.

Ernst & Young

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29 June 2021

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
REVENUE	5	122,852	260,950
Cost of sales		(139,775)	(238,678)
Gross (loss)/profit		(16,923)	22,272
Other income and gains, net	6	15,023	2,471
Administrative expenses		(32,584)	(31,831)
Fair value loss on a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss		(2,085)	–
Fair value gains/(losses) on investment properties	15	74	(280)
Other expenses		(6,267)	(78)
Finance costs	7	(9,691)	(9,433)
LOSS BEFORE TAX	8	(52,453)	(16,879)
Income tax expense	11	(357)	(159)
LOSS FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY		(52,810)	(17,038)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
<i>Item that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods</i>			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		521	–
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR, NET OF TAX		521	–
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY		(52,289)	(17,038)
		HK cents per share	HK cents per share
Loss per share attributable to the owners of the Company:			
Basic	13	(5.88)	(2.13)
Diluted	13	(5.88)	(2.13)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investment properties	15	35,595	22,330
Property, plant and equipment	14	53,555	521
Right-of-use assets	16(a)	4,665	5,371
Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss	21	9,571	–
Goodwill	17	15,577	–
Deferred tax assets	25	5,913	492
Long-term deposits	19	815	80
Total non-current assets		125,691	28,794
CURRENT ASSETS			
Amounts due from joint ventures	18, 31	419	18,221
Amounts due from related companies	31	–	2,696
Trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments	19	31,649	25,502
Contract assets	20	229,352	262,066
Tax recoverable		775	6,250
Pledged deposits	22	–	26,157
Cash and bank balances	22	17,225	23,268
Total current assets		279,420	364,160
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amount due to a joint venture	18, 31	280	–
Amount due to a related company	31	–	2
Contract liabilities	20	16,481	5,360
Trade and other payables and accruals	23	80,095	141,021
Tax payable		–	25
Bank and other borrowings	24	78,265	102,487
Lease liabilities	16(b)	3,119	3,354
Total current liabilities		178,240	252,249
NET CURRENT ASSETS		101,180	111,911
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		226,871	140,705

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Continued)

As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank and other borrowings	24	73,527	–
Loans from shareholders	24	57,883	13,337
Lease liabilities	16(b)	2,084	2,242
Deferred tax liabilities	25	1,495	155
Total non-current liabilities		134,989	15,734
Net assets		91,882	124,971
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital	26	96,000	80,000
Reserves	27	(4,118)	44,971
Total equity		91,882	124,971

Hou Lingling
Executive Director

Ma Gang
Executive Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Attributable to the owners of the Company						Total equity HK\$'000
	Share capital HK\$'000 (note 26)	Share premium HK\$'000 (note 27(a))	Other reserves HK\$'000 (note 27(c))	Revaluation reserve HK\$'000 (note 27(d))	Exchange reserve HK\$'000 (note 27(b))	(Accumulated losses)/ retained earnings	
						HK\$'000	
At 1 April 2019	80,000	12,791	4,789	11,508	(22)	32,943	142,009
Loss and other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(17,038)	(17,038)
At 31 March and 1 April 2020	80,000	12,791*	4,789*	11,508*	(22)*	15,905*	124,971
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(52,810)	(52,810)
Other comprehensive income for the year:							
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	521	-	521
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	-	-	521	(52,810)	(52,289)
Issue of shares (note 26)	16,000	3,200	-	-	-	-	19,200
At 31 March 2021	96,000	15,991*	4,789*	11,508*	499*	(36,905)*	91,882

* These reserve accounts comprise the consolidated deficit in reserves of HK\$4,118,000 (2020: reserve of HK\$44,971,000) in the consolidated statement of financial position.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Loss before tax		(52,453)	(16,879)
Adjustments for:			
Bank interest income	6	(39)	(139)
Discount at initial recognition on interest-free loans from shareholders	6	–	(1,497)
Discount at initial recognition on interest-free loans from former shareholders	6	(8,315)	–
Finance costs	7	9,691	9,433
Gains on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment, net	6	(516)	(139)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	8	633	1,173
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	8	3,593	3,675
Impairment of goodwill	8	1,911	–
Fair value (gains)/losses on investment properties	15	(74)	280
Fair value loss on a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss	21	2,085	–
Gain on remeasurement of a previously held interest	6	(1,632)	–
Impairment of financial assets and contract assets		2,737	–
		(42,379)	(4,093)
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments		(7,300)	36,330
Decrease in contract assets		30,458	13,384
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities		11,121	(2,507)
Decrease in amounts due to joint ventures		–	(267)
Decrease/(increase) in amounts due from related companies		2,696	(303)
Decrease in an amount due to a related company		(2)	(442)
Decrease in trade and bills payables and other payables and accruals		(98,304)	(26,921)
Cash (used in)/generated from operations		(103,710)	15,181
Income tax paid		(399)	(854)
Income tax refunded		5	3,510
Net cash flows (used in)/from operating activities		(104,104)	17,837

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of items of property, plant and equipment	14	(51)	–
Purchase of a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss	21	(11,656)	–
Acquisition of a subsidiary	28	(15,904)	–
Proceeds from disposal of items of property, plant and equipment		516	222
Cash advance from/(to) a joint venture		68	(5,305)
Gross payment to pledged deposits		(38)	(131)
Gross receipts from pledged deposits		26,195	–
Repayment from joint ventures		33,665	25,000
Interest received		39	139
Net cash flows from investing activities		32,834	19,925
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Interest paid		(7,007)	(9,001)
Proceeds from new bank and other borrowings		182,075	255,518
Repayments of bank borrowings		(163,378)	(289,769)
Principal elements of lease payments		(3,280)	(3,150)
Proceeds from loans from shareholders		57,883	14,402
Repayment of a loan from a shareholder		–	(8,750)
Net proceeds from issue of shares		19,200	–
Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activities		85,493	(40,750)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		14,223	(2,988)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		1,594	4,582
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net		1,408	–
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR		17,225	1,594
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash and bank balances	22	17,225	22,866
Time deposits with original maturity less than 3 months when acquired	22	–	402
Cash and cash equivalents as stated in consolidated statement of financial position	22	17,225	23,268
Bank overdrafts	24	–	(21,674)
Cash and cash equivalents as stated in consolidated statement of cash flows		17,225	1,594

1. Corporate and Group Information

Milestone Builder Holdings Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (as revised) of the Cayman Islands. The address of the Company’s registered office is 2nd Floor, Century Yard, Cricket Square, P.O. Box 902, Grand Cayman KY1-1103, Cayman Islands. The principal place of business of the Company is located at Unit 1, 17th floor, Office Tower 1, The Harbourfront, 18 Tak Fung Street, Kowloon East, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) provide (i) building construction services; (ii) alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services; and (iii) repair and restoration of historic buildings in Hong Kong (together “construction and engineering services”); and engage in property development and investment business.

The Company’s shares were listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”).

In the opinion of the directors, the ultimate holding company of the Company is Smart Excel Group Limited, which is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands.

Information about subsidiaries

Particulars of the Company’s principal subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation/ registration and business	Issued and paid-up capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company		Principal activities
			Direct	Indirect	
Milestone Builder Engineering Limited (“Milestone Builder”)	Hong Kong	HK\$14,700,000	–	100%	Provision of general building works and specialist building works
Prime Builder Engineering Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$8,000	–	100%	Provision of general building works and specialist building works
Milestone Specialty Engineering Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$20,000	–	100%	Engineering and construction sub-contracting
Speedy Engineering & Trading Company Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$570,000	–	100%	Provision of engineering services
Possible Development Limited (“PDL”)	Hong Kong	HK\$1,000,000	–	100%	Investment holding in Japan
Top Table Development Limited	Japan	Japanese Yen (“JPY”) 1,000,000	–	100%	Property development and investment in Japan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. Corporate and Group Information (Continued)

Information about subsidiaries (Continued)

During the year, the Group acquired the remaining 30% equity interest of PDL from a joint venture partner. As a result, PDL is accounted for as a subsidiary of the Group as at the end of the reporting period. Further details of this acquisition are included in note 28 to the financial statements.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Company which, in the opinion of the directors, principally affected the results for the year or formed a substantial portion of the net assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the directors, result in particulars of excessive length.

2.1 Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (which include all Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment properties and a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss which have been measured at fair value.

These financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2021. A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity), directly or indirectly, controlled by the Company. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee (i.e., existing rights that give the Group the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee).

When the Company has, directly or indirectly, less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- (a) the contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee;
- (b) rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and
- (c) the Group's voting rights and potential voting rights.

2.1 Basis of Preparation (Continued)

Basis of consolidation (Continued)

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Company, using consistent accounting policies. The results of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which the Group obtains control, and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control described above. A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises (i) the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary, (ii) the carrying amount of any non-controlling interest and (iii) the cumulative translation differences recorded in equity; and recognises (i) the fair value of the consideration received, (ii) the fair value of any investment retained and (iii) any resulting surplus or deficit in profit or loss. The Group's share of components previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss or retained profits, as appropriate, on the same basis as would be required if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities.

2.2 Changes in Accounting Policies and Disclosures

The Group has adopted the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018 and the following revised HKFRSs for the first time for the current year's financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 3	<i>Definition of a Business</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7	<i>Interest Rate Benchmark Reform</i>
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8	<i>Definition of Material</i>

The nature and the impact of the *Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018* and the revised HKFRSs are described below:

- (a) *Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018* (the "Conceptual Framework") sets out a comprehensive set of concepts for financial reporting and standard setting, and provides guidance for preparers of financial statements in developing consistent accounting policies and assistance to all parties to understand and interpret the standards. The Conceptual Framework includes new chapters on measurement and reporting financial performance, new guidance on the derecognition of assets and liabilities, and updated definitions and recognition criteria for assets and liabilities. It also clarifies the roles of stewardship, prudence and measurement uncertainty in financial reporting. The Conceptual Framework is not a standard, and none of the concepts contained therein override the concepts or requirements in any standard. The Conceptual Framework did not have any significant impact on the financial position and performance of the Group.

2.2 Changes in Accounting Policies and Disclosures (Continued)

- (b) Amendments to HKFRS 3 clarify and provide additional guidance on the definition of a business. The amendments clarify that for an integrated set of activities and assets to be considered a business, it must include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create output. A business can exist without including all of the inputs and processes needed to create outputs. The amendments remove the assessment of whether market participants are capable of acquiring the business and continue to produce outputs. Instead, the focus is on whether acquired inputs and acquired substantive processes together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. The amendments have also narrowed the definition of outputs to focus on goods or services provided to customers, investment income or other income from ordinary activities. Furthermore, the amendments provide guidance to assess whether an acquired process is substantive and introduce an optional fair value concentration test to permit a simplified assessment of whether an acquired set of activities and assets is not a business. The Group has applied the amendments prospectively to transactions or other events that occurred on or after 1 April 2020. The amendments did not have any impact on the financial position and performance of the Group.
- (c) Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7 address issues affecting financial reporting in the period before the replacement of an existing interest rate benchmark with an alternative risk-free rate (“RFR”). The amendments provide temporary reliefs which enable hedge accounting to continue during the period of uncertainty before the introduction of the alternative RFR. In addition, the amendments require companies to provide additional information to investors about their hedging relationships which are directly affected by these uncertainties. The amendments did not have any impact on the financial position and performance of the Group as the Group does not have any interest rate hedging relationships.
- (d) Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 provide a new definition of material. The new definition states that information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements. The amendments clarify that materiality will depend on the nature or magnitude of information, or both. The amendments did not have any significant impact on the financial position and performance of the Group.

2.3 Issued but Not Yet Effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

The Group has not applied the following new and revised HKFRSs and HKFRS Practice Statement 2, that have been issued but are not yet effective, in these financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 3	<i>Reference to the Conceptual Framework⁴</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16	<i>Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2²</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (2011)	<i>Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture⁶</i>
Amendment to HKFRS 16	<i>Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions¹</i>
Amendment to HKFRS 16	<i>Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions (beyond 30 June 2021)³</i>
HKFRS 17	<i>Insurance Contracts⁵</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 17	<i>Insurance Contracts^{5, 8}</i>
Amendments to HKAS 1	<i>Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current^{5, 7}</i>
Amendments to HKAS 1	<i>Disclosure of Accounting Policies⁵</i>
Amendments to HKAS 8	<i>Definition of Accounting Estimates⁵</i>
Amendments to HKAS 12	<i>Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction⁵</i>
Amendments to HKAS 16	<i>Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use⁴</i>
Amendments to HKAS 37	<i>Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract⁴</i>
<i>Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018–2020</i>	Amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 9, Illustrative Examples accompanying HKFRS 16, and HKAS 41 ⁴

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021

³ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 April 2021

⁴ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022

⁵ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

⁶ No mandatory effective date yet determined but available for adoption

⁷ As a consequence of the amendments to HKAS 1, Hong Kong Interpretation 5 *Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause* was revised in October 2020 to align the corresponding wording with no change in conclusion

⁸ As a consequence of the amendments to HKFRS 17 issued in October 2020, HKFRS 4 was amended to extend the temporary exemption that permits insurers to apply HKAS 39 rather than HKFRS 9 for annual periods beginning before 1 January 2023

2.3 Issued but Not Yet Effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (Continued)

Further information about those HKFRSs that are expected to be applicable to the Group is described below.

Amendments to HKFRS 3 are intended to replace a reference to the previous *Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements with a reference to the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting* issued in June 2018 without significantly changing its requirements. The amendments also add to HKFRS 3 an exception to its recognition principle for an entity to refer to the Conceptual Framework to determine what constitutes an asset or a liability. The exception specifies that, for liabilities and contingent liabilities that would be within the scope of HKAS 37 or HK(IFRIC)-Int 21 if they were incurred separately rather than assumed in a business combination, an entity applying HKFRS 3 should refer to HKAS 37 or HK(IFRIC)-Int 21 respectively instead of the Conceptual Framework. Furthermore, the amendments clarify that contingent assets do not qualify for recognition at the acquisition date. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022. Since the amendments apply prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the date of first application, the Group will not be affected by these amendments on the date of transition.

Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16 address issues not dealt with in the previous amendments which affect financial reporting when an existing interest rate benchmark is replaced with an alternative RFR. The Phase 2 amendments provide a practical expedient to allow the effective interest rate to be updated without adjusting the carrying amount when accounting for changes in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of financial assets and liabilities, if the change is a direct consequence of the interest rate benchmark reform and the new basis for determining the contractual cash flows is economically equivalent to the previous basis immediately preceding the change. In addition, the amendments permit changes required by the interest rate benchmark reform to be made to hedge designations and hedge documentation without the hedging relationship being discontinued. Any gains or losses that could arise on transition are dealt with through the normal requirements of HKFRS 9 to measure and recognise hedge ineffectiveness. The amendments also provide a temporary relief to entities from having to meet the separately identifiable requirement when an RFR is designated as a risk component. The relief allows an entity, upon designation of the hedge, to assume that the separately identifiable requirement is met, provided the entity reasonably expects the RFR risk component to become separately identifiable within the next 24 months. Furthermore, the amendments require an entity to disclose additional information to enable users of financial statements to understand the effect of interest rate benchmark reform on an entity's financial instruments and risk management strategy. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021 and shall be applied retrospectively, but entities are not required to restate the comparative information.

The Group had certain interest-bearing bank borrowings denominated in Hong Kong dollars based on the Prime Rate, and foreign currencies based on the Tokyo Interbank Offered Rate ("TIBOR") as at 31 March 2021. If the interest rates of these borrowings are replaced by RFRs in a future period, the Group will apply this practical expedient upon the modification of these borrowings when the "economically equivalent" criterion is met and expects that no significant modification gain or loss will arise as a result of applying the amendments to these changes.

2.3 Issued but Not Yet Effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (Continued)

Amendment to HKFRS 16 provides a practical expedient for lessees to elect not to apply lease modification accounting for rent concessions arising as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. The practical expedient applies only to rent concessions occurring as a direct consequence of the pandemic and only if (i) the change in lease payments results in revised consideration for the lease that is substantially the same as, or less than, the consideration for the lease immediately preceding the change; (ii) any reduction in lease payments affects only payments originally due on or before 30 June 2021; and (iii) there is no substantive change to other terms and conditions of the lease. The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020 with earlier application permitted and shall be applied retrospectively. In April 2021, the HKICPA issued another amendment to HKFRS 16 to extend the availability of the practical expedient for any reduction in lease payments that affects only payments originally due on or before 30 June 2022 (the “2021 Amendment”). The 2021 Amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 April 2021 and shall be applied retrospectively. The amendment is not expected to have any significant impact on the Group’s financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (2011) address an inconsistency between the requirements in HKFRS 10 and in HKAS 28 (2011) in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. The amendments require a full recognition of a gain or loss when the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture constitutes a business. For a transaction involving assets that do not constitute a business, a gain or loss resulting from the transaction is recognised in the investor’s profit or loss only to the extent of the unrelated investor’s interest in that associate or joint venture. The amendments are to be applied prospectively. The previous mandatory effective date of amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (2011) was removed by the HKICPA in January 2016 and a new mandatory effective date will be determined after the completion of a broader review of accounting for associates and joint ventures. However, the amendments are available for adoption now.

Amendments to HKAS 1 clarify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments specify that if an entity’s right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to the entity complying with specified conditions, the entity has a right to defer settlement of the liability at the end of the reporting period if it complies with those conditions at that date. Classification of a liability is unaffected by the likelihood that the entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of the liability. The amendments also clarify the situations that are considered a settlement of a liability. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 and shall be applied retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group’s financial statements.

2.3 Issued but Not Yet Effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (Continued)

Amendments to HKAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements* provides guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgements to accounting policy disclosures. Amendments to HKFRS Practice Statement 2 *Making Materiality Judgements* support the amendments in HKAS 1 by explaining and demonstrating the application of the “four-step materiality process” to accounting policy disclosures. The amendments aim to help entities provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful by replacing the requirement for entities to disclose their “significant” accounting policies with a requirement to disclose their “material” accounting policies and adding guidance on how entities apply the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group’s financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 8 introduce a new definition of “accounting estimates”. The amendments are designed to clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors. Distinguishing between a change in accounting policy and a change in accounting estimates is, in some cases, quite challenging. To provide additional guidance, the amended standard clarifies that the effects on an accounting estimate of a change in an input or a change in a measurement technique are changes in accounting estimates if they do not result from the correction of prior period errors. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group’s financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 12 narrow the scope of the recognition exemption in paragraphs 15 and 24 of HKAS 12 (recognition exemption) so that it no longer applies to transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, with early application permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group’s financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 16 prohibit an entity from deducting from the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment any proceeds from selling items produced while bringing that asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Instead, an entity recognises the proceeds from selling any such items, and the cost of those items, in profit or loss. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022 and shall be applied retrospectively only to items of property, plant and equipment made available for use on or after the beginning of the earliest period presented in the financial statements in which the entity first applies the amendments. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group’s financial statements.

2.3 Issued but Not Yet Effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (Continued)

Amendments to HKAS 37 clarify that for the purpose of assessing whether a contract is onerous under HKAS 37, the cost of fulfilling the contract comprises the costs that relate directly to the contract. Costs that relate directly to a contract include both the incremental costs of fulfilling that contract (e.g., direct labour and materials) and an allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling that contract (e.g., an allocation of the depreciation charge for an item of property, plant and equipment used in fulfilling the contract as well as contract management and supervision costs). General and administrative costs do not relate directly to a contract and are excluded unless they are explicitly chargeable to the counterparty under the contract. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022 and shall be applied to contracts for which an entity has not yet fulfilled all its obligations at the beginning of the annual reporting period in which it first applies the amendments. Earlier application is permitted. Any cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments shall be recognised as an adjustment to the opening equity at the date of initial application without restating the comparative information. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018–2020 sets out amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 9, Illustrative Examples accompanying HKFRS 16, and HKAS 41. Details of the amendments that are expected to be applicable to the Group are as follows:

- HKFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*: clarifies the fees that an entity includes when assessing whether the terms of a new or modified financial liability are substantially different from the terms of the original financial liability. These fees include only those paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the borrower or lender on the other's behalf. An entity applies the amendment to financial liabilities that are modified or exchanged on or after the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendment. The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022. Earlier application is permitted. The amendment is not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's financial statements.
- HKFRS 16 *Leases*: removes the illustration of payments from the lessor relating to leasehold improvements in Illustrative Example 13 accompanying HKFRS 16. This removes potential confusion regarding the treatment of lease incentives when applying HKFRS 16.

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Investments in joint ventures

A joint venture is a type of joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint venture. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

The Group's investments in joint ventures are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at the Group's share of net assets under the equity method of accounting, less any impairment losses.

The Group's share of the post-acquisition results and other comprehensive income of joint ventures is included in profit or loss and other comprehensive income, respectively. In addition, when there has been a change recognised directly in the equity of the joint venture, the Group recognises its share of any changes, when applicable, in the consolidated statement of changes in equity. Unrealised gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and its joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of the Group's investments in the joint ventures, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the assets transferred. Goodwill arising from the acquisition of joint ventures is included as part of the Group's investments in joint ventures.

Business combinations and goodwill

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred is measured at the acquisition date fair value which is the sum of the acquisition date fair values of assets transferred by the Group, liabilities assumed by the Group to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. For each business combination, the Group elects whether to measure the non-controlling interests in the acquiree that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of net assets in the event of liquidation at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. All other components of non-controlling interests are measured at fair value. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

The Group determines that it has acquired a business when the acquired set of activities and assets includes an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. This includes the separation of embedded derivatives in host contracts of the acquiree.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the previously held equity interest is remeasured at its acquisition date fair value and any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer is recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured and subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Business combinations and goodwill (Continued)

Goodwill is initially measured at cost, being the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred, the amount recognised for non-controlling interests and any fair value of the Group's previously held equity interests in the acquiree over the identifiable net assets acquired and liabilities assumed. If the sum of this consideration and other items is lower than the fair value of the net assets acquired, the difference is, after reassessment, recognised in profit or loss as a gain on bargain purchase.

After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. The Group performs its annual impairment test of goodwill as at 31 March. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units, or groups of cash-generating units, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the Group are assigned to those units or groups of units.

Impairment is determined by assessing the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (group of cash-generating units) to which the goodwill relates. Where the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (group of cash-generating units) is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

Where goodwill has been allocated to a cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on the disposal. Goodwill disposed of in these circumstances is measured based on the relative value of the operation disposed of and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

Fair value measurement

The Group measures its investment properties and a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss at fair value at the end of each reporting period. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability, or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Group. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fair value measurement (Continued)

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 – based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 – based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is observable, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 – based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by reassessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

Impairment of non-financial assets

Where an indication of impairment exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required (other than contract assets, deferred tax assets, financial assets and investment properties), the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's or cash-generating unit's value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal, and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets, in which case the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

An impairment loss is recognised only if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. An impairment loss is charged to profit or loss in the period in which it arises in those expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset.

An assessment is made at the end of each reporting period as to whether there is an indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognised impairment loss of an asset other than goodwill is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount of that asset, but not to an amount higher than the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of any depreciation/amortisation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of such an impairment loss is credited to profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Related parties

A party is considered to be related to the Group if:

- (a) the party is a person or a close member of that person's family and that person:
 - (i) has control or joint control over the Group;
 - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
 - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or of a parent of the Group;

or

- (b) the party is an entity where any of the following conditions applies:
 - (i) the entity and the Group are members of the same group;
 - (ii) one entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or of a parent, subsidiary or fellow subsidiary of the other entity);
 - (iii) the entity and the Group are joint ventures of the same third party;
 - (iv) one entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity;
 - (v) the entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group;
 - (vi) the entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a);
 - (vii) a person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity); and
 - (viii) the entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group or to the parent of the Group.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Property, plant and equipment and depreciation

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use.

Expenditure incurred after items of property, plant and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, is normally charged to profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where the recognition criteria are satisfied, the expenditure for a major inspection is capitalised in the carrying amount of the asset as a replacement. Where significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Group recognises such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciates them accordingly.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis to write off the cost of each item of property, plant and equipment to its residual value over its estimated useful life. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are as follows:

Buildings	Shorter of lease terms and 40 years
Leasehold improvements	Shorter of remaining lease terms and 4 years
Furniture and office equipment	4 to 5 years
Motor vehicles	3 to 4 years
Other equipment	2 to 4 years

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost of that item is allocated on a reasonable basis among the parts and each part is depreciated separately. Residual values, useful lives and the depreciation method are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at least at each financial year end.

An item of property, plant and equipment including any significant part initially recognised is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss on disposal or retirement recognised in profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised is the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the relevant asset.

Investment properties

Investment properties are interests in land and buildings (including the leasehold property held as a right-of-use asset which would otherwise meet the definition of an investment property) held to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation, rather than for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes; or for sale in the ordinary course of business. Such properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at fair value, which reflects market conditions at the end of the reporting period.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair values of investment properties are included in profit or loss in the year in which they arise.

Any gains or losses on the retirement or disposal of an investment property are recognised in profit or loss in the year of the retirement or disposal.

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Leases

The Group assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Group as a lessee

The Group applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Group recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

(a) Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets are recognised at the commencement date of the lease (that is the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease terms and the estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

Office premises	Over the lease terms
Motor vehicles	3 to 4 years

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Group by the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

When a right-of-use asset meets the definition of investment property, it is included in investment properties. The corresponding right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value, in accordance with the Group's policy for "Investment properties".

(b) Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities are recognised at the commencement date of the lease at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payments of penalties for termination of a lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate the lease. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in lease payments (e.g., a change to future lease payments resulting from a change in an index or rate) or a change in assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Leases (Continued)

Group as a lessee (Continued)

(c) Short-term leases

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of office premises (that is those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). Lease payments on short-term leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Group as a lessor

When the Group acts as a lessor, it classifies at lease inception (or when there is a lease modification) each of its leases as either an operating lease or a finance lease.

Leases in which the Group does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset are classified as operating leases. When a contract contains lease and non-lease components, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each component on a relative stand-alone selling price basis. Rental income is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and is included in revenue in profit or loss due to its operating nature. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised over the lease term on the same basis as rental income. Contingent rents are recognised as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

Leases that transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset to the lessee are accounted for as finance leases.

Investments and other financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost, and fair value through profit or loss.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Group's business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient of not adjusting the effect of a significant financing component, the Group initially measures a financial assets at its fair value, plus in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price determined under HKFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("HKFRS 15") in accordance with the policies set out for "Revenue recognition" below.

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI") on the principal amount outstanding. Financial assets with cash flows that are not SPPI are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, irrespective of the business model.

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Investments and other financial assets (Continued)

Initial recognition and measurement (Continued)

The Group's business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both. Financial assets classified and measured at amortised cost are held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, while financial assets classified and measured at fair value through other comprehensive income are held within a business model with the objective of both holding to collect contractual cash flows and selling. Financial assets which are not held within the aforementioned business models are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, that is, the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchase or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as follows:

Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e., removed from the Group's consolidated statement of financial position) when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Derecognition of financial assets (Continued)

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risk and rewards of ownership of the asset. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the Group continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement. In that case, the Group also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognises an allowance for expected credit losses ("ECLs") for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

General approach

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. When making the assessment, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition and considers reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort, including historical and forward-looking information.

The Group considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Group may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

General approach (Continued)

Financial assets at amortised cost are subject to impairment under the general approach and they are classified within the following stages for measurement of ECLs except for trade receivables and contract assets which apply the simplified approach as detailed below.

- Stage 1 – Financial instruments for which credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition and for which the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECLs
- Stage 2 – Financial instruments for which credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition but that are not credit-impaired financial assets and for which the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs
- Stage 3 – Financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date (but that are not purchased or originated credit-impaired) and for which the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs

Simplified approach

For trade receivables and contract assets that do not contain a significant financing component or when the Group applies the practical expedient of not adjusting the effect of a significant financing component, the Group applies the simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Under the simplified approach, the Group does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The calculation reflects the probability of default of comparable companies with published credit ratings and supportable information that is available at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

For trade receivables and contract assets that contain a significant financing component, the Group chooses as its accounting policy to adopt the simplified approach in calculating ECLs with policies as described above.

Financial liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as loans and borrowings, or as payables, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Group's financial liabilities include trade and other payables and accruals, amounts due to a joint venture and a related company, bank and other borrowings, loans from shareholders and lease liabilities.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Financial liabilities (Continued)

Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification as follows:

Financial liabilities at amortised cost (loans and borrowings)

After initial recognition, borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the effective interest rate amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The effective interest rate amortisation is included in finance costs in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled, or expires.

When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and a recognition of a new liability, and the difference between the respective carrying amounts is recognised in profit or loss.

Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and have a short maturity of generally within three months when acquired, less bank overdrafts which are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of financial position, cash and bank balances comprise cash on hand and at banks, including term deposits, and assets similar in nature to cash, which are not restricted as to use.

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Provisions

A provision is recognised when a present obligation (legal or constructive) has arisen as a result of a past event and it is probable that a future outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, provided that a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

When the effect of discounting is material, the amount recognised for a provision is the present value at the end of the reporting period of the future expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation. The increase in the discounted present value amount arising from the passage of time is included in finance costs in profit or loss.

Bonus plans

The Group recognises a liability and an expense for bonuses, based on a formula that takes into consideration the profit attributable to the Company's shareholders after certain adjustments. The Group recognises a provision where the Group is contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

Income tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss, either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period, taking into consideration interpretations and practices prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

Deferred tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the end of the reporting period between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except:

- when the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures, when the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Income tax (Continued)

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, and the carryforward of unused tax credits and any unused tax losses. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carryforward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- when the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary differences arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures, deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at the end of each reporting period and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if and only if the Group has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets and current tax liabilities and the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at their fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attaching conditions will be complied with. When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognised as income on a systematic basis over the periods that the costs, for which it is intended to compensate, are expensed.

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue recognition

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of goods or services is transferred to the customers at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

When the consideration in a contract includes a variable amount, the amount of consideration is estimated to which the Group will be entitled in exchange for transferring the goods or services to the customer. The variable consideration is estimated at contract inception and constrained until it is highly probable that a significant revenue reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur when the associated uncertainty with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

When the contract contains a financing component which provides the customer with a significant benefit of financing the transfer of goods or services to the customer for more than one year, revenue is measured at the present value of the amount receivable, discounted using the discount rate that would be reflected in a separate financing transaction between the Group and the customer at contract inception. When the contract contains a financing component which provides the Group with a significant financial benefit for more than one year, revenue recognised under the contract includes the interest expense accreted on the contract liability under the effective interest method. For a contract where the period between the payment by the customer and the transfer of the promised goods or services is one year or less, the transaction price is not adjusted for the effects of a significant financing component, using the practical expedient in HKFRS 15.

Construction and engineering services

Revenue from the provision of construction and engineering services is recognised over time, using an input method to measure progress towards complete satisfaction of services. The input method recognises revenue based on the proportion of actual costs incurred relative to budget contract costs for satisfaction of the construction and engineering services.

Claims to customers are amounts that the Group seeks to collect from the customers as reimbursement of costs and margins for scope of works not included in the original construction contract. Claims are accounted for as variable consideration and constrained until it is highly probable that a significant revenue reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur when the associated uncertainty with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. The Group uses the expected value method to estimate the amounts of claims because this method best predicts the amount of variable consideration to which the Group will be entitled.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue recognition (Continued)

Revenue from contracts with customers (Continued)

Revenue from other sources

Rental income is recognised on a time proportion basis over the lease terms.

Other income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method by applying the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts over the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, when appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Contract assets

A contract asset is the right to consideration in exchange for goods or services transferred to the customer. If the Group performs by transferring goods or services to a customer before the customer pays consideration or before payment is due, a contract asset is recognised for the earned consideration that is conditional. Contract assets are subject to impairment assessment, details of which are included in the accounting policies for impairment of financial assets.

Contract liabilities

A contract liability is recognised when a payment is received or a payment is due (whichever is earlier) from a customer before the Group transfers the related goods or services. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the Group performs under the contract (i.e., transfers control of the related goods or services to the customer).

Contract costs

Costs incurred to fulfill a contract with a customer are capitalised as an asset if all of the following criteria are met:

- (a) The costs relate directly to a contract or to an anticipated contract that the entity can specifically identify.
- (b) The costs generate or enhance resources of the entity that will be used in satisfying (or in continuing to satisfy) performance obligations in the future.
- (c) The costs are expected to be recovered.

The capitalised contract costs are amortised and charged to profit or loss on a systematic basis that is consistent with the transfer to the customer of the goods or services to which the asset relates. Other contract costs are expensed as incurred.

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Other employee benefits

Pension schemes

The Group operates a defined contribution Mandatory Provident Fund retirement benefit scheme (the “MPF Scheme”) under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance for those employees who are eligible to participate in the MPF Scheme. Contributions are made based on a percentage of the employees’ basic salaries and are charged to profit or loss as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the MPF Scheme. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The Group’s employer contributions vest fully with the employees when contributed into the MPF Scheme. Where employees leave the scheme prior to the full vesting of the employer’s contributions, the amount of forfeited contributions cannot be used to reduce the contributions payable by the Group.

Employee leave entitlement

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 employees up to the end of each reporting periods.

Employee entitlements to sick leave and maternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, i.e., assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. The capitalisation of such borrowing costs ceases when the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. All other borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.

Foreign currencies

These financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars, which is the Company’s functional currency. Each entity in the Group determines its own functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency. Foreign currency transactions recorded by the entities in the Group are initially recorded using their respective functional currency rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency rates of exchange ruling at the end of the reporting period.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2.4 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Foreign currencies (Continued)

Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognised in profit or loss with the exception of monetary items that are designated as part of the hedge of the Group's net investment of a foreign operation. These are recognised in other comprehensive income until the net investment is disposed of, at which time the cumulative amount is reclassified to profit or loss. Tax charges and credits attributable to exchange differences on those monetary items are also recorded in other comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was measured. The gain or loss arising on translation of a non-monetary item measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on change in fair value of the item (i.e., translation difference on the item whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss, respectively).

In determining the exchange rate on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income on the derecognition of a non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability relating to an advance consideration, the date of initial transaction is the date on which the Group initially recognises the non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the advance consideration. If there are multiple payments or receipts in advance, the Group determines the transaction date for each payment or receipt of the advance consideration.

The functional currencies of certain overseas subsidiaries and joint ventures are currencies other than the Hong Kong dollar. As at the end of the reporting period, the assets and liabilities of these entities are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period and their profit or loss are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the weighted average exchange rates for the year.

The resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the exchange reserve. On disposal of a foreign operation, the component of other comprehensive income relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in profit or loss.

Any goodwill arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation and any fair value adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities arising on acquisition are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation and translated at the closing rate.

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, the cash flows of overseas subsidiaries are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the dates of the cash flows. Frequently recurring cash flows of overseas subsidiaries which arise throughout the year are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the weighted average exchange rates for the year.

3. Significant Accounting Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of the Group's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and their accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of the assets or liabilities affected in the future.

Judgements

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

Classification between investment properties and owner-occupied properties

The Group determines whether a property qualifies as an investment property, and has developed criteria in making that judgement. Investment property is a property held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both. Therefore, the Group considers whether a property generates cash flows largely independently of the other assets held by the Group. Some properties comprise a portion that is held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation and another portion that is held for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes. If these portions could be sold separately or leased out separately under a finance lease, the Group accounts for these portions separately. If the portions could not be sold separately, the property is an investment property only if an insignificant portion is held for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes. Judgement is made on an individual property basis to determine whether ancillary services are so significant that a property does not qualify as an investment property.

Estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below.

Revenue recognition for construction and engineering contracts

The Group recognises revenue according to the progress towards complete satisfaction of performance obligation of the individual contract of construction works. The progress is determined by the aggregated cost for the individual contract incurred at the end of the reporting period compared with the estimated budgeted cost. Management's estimation of the cost incurred to date and the budgeted cost is primarily based on the construction budget and actual cost report prepared by internal quantity surveyors, where applicable. Corresponding revenue from contract work is also estimated by management based on the progress and budgeted revenue. Because of the nature of the activity undertaken in construction contracts, the date at which the contract activity is entered into and the date when the activity is completed usually fall into different accounting periods. The Group regularly reviews and revises the estimation of contract revenue, construction costs and the amount of contract modifications prepared for each construction contract as the contract progresses. Management regularly reviews the progress of the contracts and the corresponding costs and contract revenue.

3. Significant Accounting Judgements and Estimates (Continued)

Estimation uncertainty (Continued)

Recoverability of trade receivables and contract assets

The policy for impairment of trade receivables and contract assets of the Group is based on the evaluation of collectability and ageing analysis of trade receivables and contract assets as well as other quantitative and qualitative information and on management's judgement and assessment of the forward-looking information. Significant judgement and estimates are required in assessing the ultimate realisation of these assets, based on the current creditworthiness, the past collection history and subsequent settlements of each customer. If the financial conditions of customers of the Group were to deteriorate, resulting in deterioration of their ability to make payments, additional provisions may be required. Further details are disclosed in notes 19 and 20 to the financial statements.

Impairment of non-financial assets (other than goodwill)

The Group assesses whether there are any indicators of impairment for all non-financial assets (including the right-of-use assets) at the end of each reporting period. Non-financial assets are tested for impairment when there are indicators that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable. An impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or a cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. The calculation of the fair value less costs of disposal is based on available data from binding sales transactions in an arm's length transaction of similar assets or observable market prices less incremental costs for disposing of the asset. When value in use calculations are undertaken, management must estimate the expected future cash flows from the asset or cash-generating unit and choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. The carrying amounts of non-financial assets are disclosed in notes 14 and 16 to the financial statements.

Impairment of goodwill

The Group determines whether goodwill is impaired at least on an annual basis. This requires an estimation of the value in use of the cash-generating units to which the goodwill is allocated. Estimating the value in use requires the Group to make an estimate of the expected future cash flows from the cash-generating units and also to choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. The carrying amount of goodwill at 31 March 2021 was HK\$15,577,000 (2020: Nil). Further details are disclosed in note 17 to the financial statements.

4. Operating Segment Information

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services and has two reportable operating segments as follows:

- (a) Construction and engineering services – principally engaged in the provision of (i) building construction services; (ii) alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services; and (iii) repair and restoration of historic buildings in Hong Kong; and
- (b) Property development and investment – principally engaged in the property development and investment business in Hong Kong and Japan.

The Group's revenue from external customers from each operating segment is set out in note 5 to the financial statements.

Management monitors the results of the Group's operating segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. The management assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of adjusted earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA")/loss before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortisation ("LBITDA") excluding fair value gains/(losses) on investment properties.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

4. Operating Segment Information (Continued)

	Construction and engineering services HK\$'000	Property development and investment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Year ended 31 March 2021			
Segment revenue (note 5)	122,208	644	122,852
Segmental EBITDA/(LBITDA) (excluding fair value gains on investment properties)	(45,249)	370	(44,879)
Depreciation	(4,109)	(117)	(4,226)
Fair value gains on investment properties	–	74	74
Segment results	(49,358)	327	(49,031)
Reconciliation:			
Bank interest income			39
Discount at initial recognition on interest-free loans from former shareholders			8,315
Finance costs			(9,691)
Fair value loss on a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss			(2,085)
Loss before tax			(52,453)
Income tax expense			(357)
Loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company			(52,810)
<i>Other segment information:</i>			
Gain on disposals of items of property, plant and equipment	(516)	–	(516)
Gain on remeasurement of a previously held interest	–	1,632	1,632
Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss	(2,737)	(1,911)	(4,648)
Capital expenditure*	(2,938)	(68,891)	(71,829)
As at 31 March 2021			
Segment assets	320,438	84,673	405,111
Segment liabilities	286,434	26,795	313,229

4. Operating Segment Information (Continued)

	Construction and engineering services HK\$'000	Property development and investment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Year ended 31 March 2020			
Segment revenue (note 5)	260,728	222	260,950
Segmental EBITDA/(LBITDA) (excluding fair value losses on investment properties)	(4,070)	116	(3,954)
Depreciation	(4,848)	–	(4,848)
Fair value losses on investment properties	–	(280)	(280)
Segment results	(8,918)	(164)	(9,082)
Reconciliation:			
Bank interest income			139
Discount at initial recognition on interest-free loans from shareholders			1,497
Finance costs			(9,433)
Loss before tax			(16,879)
Income tax expense			(159)
Loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company			(17,038)
<i>Other segment information:</i>			
Gain on disposals of items of property, plant and equipment	139	–	139
Capital expenditure*	(282)	–	(282)
As at 31 March 2020			
Segment assets	352,403	40,551	392,954
Segment liabilities	267,983	–	267,983

* Capital expenditure consists of additions to property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties including assets from the acquisition of a subsidiary.

Information provided to management is measured in a manner consistent with that of the consolidated financial statements. These assets and liabilities are allocated based on the operations of the segment.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

4. Operating Segment Information (Continued)

Geographical information

(a) Revenue from external customers

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Hong Kong	122,796	260,950
Japan	56	–
	122,852	260,950

The revenue information above is based on the locations of the customers.

(b) Non-current assets

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Hong Kong	29,454	28,222
Japan	79,938	–
	109,392	28,222

The non-current asset information above is based on the locations of the assets and excludes financial instruments and deferred tax assets.

Information about major customers

For the year ended 31 March 2021, there were 2 (2020: 3) customers from the construction and engineering services operating segment, which individually contributed over 10% of the Group's total revenue. During the years ended 31 March 2021 and 2020, the revenue from each of these customers was as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Customer A	19,040	N/A
Customer B	15,330	N/A
Customer C	N/A	72,253
Customer D	N/A	54,018
Customer E	N/A	36,079

5. Revenue

An analysis of revenue is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
<i>Revenue from contracts with customers:</i>		
Provision of construction and engineering services		
– Building construction services	10,493	8,483
– Alteration, addition, fitting-out works and building services	95,331	240,097
– Repair and restoration of historic buildings	16,384	12,148
	122,208	260,728
<i>Revenue from other sources:</i>		
Property development and investment		
– Gross rental income from investment property operating leases	644	222
	122,852	260,950

Revenue from contracts with customers

(a) Disaggregated revenue information

The disaggregated revenue information is set out in the table above. Revenue from the provision of construction and engineering services are recognised over time and included in “Construction and engineering services” segment for segment reporting purpose. The following table shows the amounts of revenue recognised in the current reporting period that were included in the contract liabilities at the beginning of the reporting period:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Revenue recognised that was included in contract liabilities at the beginning of the reporting period:		
Provision of construction and engineering services	4,741	7,675

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

5. Revenue (Continued)

Revenue from contracts with customers (Continued)

(b) Performance obligations

The performance obligation is satisfied over time as construction and engineering services are rendered and payment is generally due within 30 days from the date of issuance of payment certificate. A certain percentage of payment is retained by customers until the end of the retention period as the Group's entitlement to the final payment is conditional on the satisfaction of the service quality by the customers over a certain period as stipulated in the contracts.

The amount of transaction prices allocated to the remaining performance obligations (unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied) as at 31 March are as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Amounts expected to be recognised as revenue:		
Within one year	128,819	133,893
After one year	4,660	–
	133,479	133,893

The amounts of transaction prices allocated to the remaining performance obligations which are expected to be recognised as revenue after one year relate to construction works, of which the performance obligations are to be satisfied within two years. All the other amounts of transaction prices allocated to the remaining performance obligations are expected to be recognised as revenue within one year. The amounts disclosed above do not include variable consideration which is constrained.

6. Other Income and Gains, Net

An analysis of the Group's other income and gains, net is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Other income		
Bank interest income	39	139
Discount at initial recognition on interest-free loans from shareholders (note (i))	–	1,497
Discount at initial recognition on interest-free loans from former shareholders (note (i))	8,315	–
Government grants (note (ii))	4,416	563
Others	105	133
	12,875	2,332
Gains, net		
Gains on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment, net	516	139
Gain on remeasurement of a previously held interest (note 28)	1,632	–
	2,148	139
	15,023	2,471

Notes:

- (i) During the year ended 31 March 2021, income of approximately HK\$8,315,000 (2020: HK\$1,497,000) represented the discount at initial recognition of interest-free loans from former shareholders (2020: shareholders) of HK\$80,000,000 (2020: HK\$14,402,000) using the prevailing market interest rate of 5.5% (2020: 5.5%).
- (ii) Government grants recognised were related to anti-epidemic fund and on-the-job training allowance for the construction industry. There were no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attached to the receipts of those grants.

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7. Finance Costs

An analysis of finance costs is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Interest on bank and other borrowings	6,267	8,358
Interest on lease liabilities	254	352
Interest on interest-free loans from shareholders:		
unwinding of discount (note (i))	–	432
Interest on interest-free loans from former shareholders:		
unwinding of discount (note (i))	2,684	–
Interest on loan from a shareholder (note (ii))	486	291
	9,691	9,433

Notes:

- (i) During the year ended 31 March 2021, interest expenses of approximately HK\$2,684,000 (2020: HK\$432,000) represented the unwinding of discount on loans from former shareholders (2020: shareholders) of HK\$114,402,000 (2020: HK\$14,402,000) that bear no interest and discounted using the prevailing market interest rate of 5.5% (2020: 5.5%).
- (ii) Interest expenses of approximately HK\$486,000 (2020: HK\$291,000) was recognised from loan from another shareholder at fixed interest rate of 6% per annum (2020: 6% per annum or 0.75% plus prime rate per annum, whichever is higher).

8. Loss before Tax

The Group's loss before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Construction cost recognised in cost of sales [#]	139,646	238,572
Direct operating expenses (including repair and maintenance) arising from rental-earning investment properties [#]	129	106
Auditor's remuneration		
Audit services	1,510	1,635
Non-audit services	200	165
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (note 14)	633	1,173
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (note 16(c))	3,593	3,675
Employee benefit expense (including directors' and chief executive's emoluments) (note 9)		
Wages and salaries	45,313	56,765
Discretionary bonuses	1,344	2,030
Pension scheme contributions (defined contribution scheme)	1,639	2,160
	48,296	60,955
Lease payments not included in the measurement of lease liabilities (included in administrative expenses) (note 16(c))	380	633
Impairment of goodwill [^] (note 17)	1,911	-
Impairment of trade receivables [^] (note 19)	352	-
Impairment of contract assets [^] (note 20)	2,256	-
Impairment of other receivables [^] (note 19)	129	-
Foreign exchange differences, net [^]	1,619	78

[^] The amounts are included in "Other expenses" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

[#] The amounts are included in "Cost of sales" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

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9. Directors' and Chief Executive's Remuneration

Directors' and chief executive's remuneration for the year, disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules, section 383(1)(a), (b), (c) and (f) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and Part 2 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation, is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Fees	4,264	4,617
Other emoluments:		
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	606	880
Pension scheme contributions	27	36
	4,897	5,533

The remuneration of each of the directors is set out below:

Name	Fees HK\$'000	Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind HK\$'000	Pension scheme contributions HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
2021				
Executive directors				
Ms. Hou Lingling (<i>Chairman</i>) (note a)	63	–	–	63
Mr. Ma Gang (<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>) (note b)	522	–	–	522
Mr. Leung Kam Fai ("Mr. Leung") (note c)	1,495	366	14	1,875
Mr. Lam Ka Ho ("Mr. Lam") (note d)	1,622	240	13	1,875
	3,702	606	27	4,335
Independent non-executive directors				
Mr. Ho Siu Keung (note e)	38	–	–	38
Mr. Chu Kin Ming (note e)	38	–	–	38
Mr. Ho Wing Sum (note e)	38	–	–	38
Mr. Keung Kwok Hung (note f)	112	–	–	112
Ms. Lau Suk Han Loretta (note f)	112	–	–	112
Mr. Fong Man Fu Eric (note f)	112	–	–	112
Mr. Wong Chun Tai (note f)	112	–	–	112
	562	–	–	562
Total	4,264	606	27	4,897

9. Directors' and Chief Executive's Remuneration (Continued)

Name	Fees HK\$'000	Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind HK\$'000	Pension scheme contributions HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
2020				
Executive directors				
Mr. Leung (<i>Chairman</i>)	1,984	498	18	2,500
Mr. Lam	2,100	382	18	2,500
	4,084	880	36	5,000
Independent non-executive directors				
Mr. Keung Kwok Hung	150	–	–	150
Ms. Lau Suk Han Loretta	150	–	–	150
Mr. Fong Man Fu Eric	150	–	–	150
Mr. Wong Chun Tai (note g)	83	–	–	83
	533	–	–	533
Total	4,617	880	36	5,533

There was no arrangement under which a director or the chief executive waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the year.

Notes:

- (a) Appointed as the chairman and an executive director of the Company with effect from 28 December 2020.
- (b) Appointed as the chief executive officer and an executive director of the Company with effect from 28 December 2020.
- (c) Resigned as the chairman and an executive director of the Company with effect from 28 December 2020.
- (d) Resigned as an executive director of the Company with effect from 28 December 2020.
- (e) Appointed as independent non-executive directors of the Company with effect from 28 December 2020.
- (f) Resigned as independent non-executive directors of the Company with effect from 28 December 2020.
- (g) Appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company with effect from 13 September 2019.

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10. Five Highest Paid Individuals

The five highest paid employees during the year included two directors (2020: two directors), details of whose remuneration are set out in note 9 above. Details of the remuneration for the year of the remaining three (2020: three) highest paid employees who are neither a director nor chief executive of the Company are as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Wages, salaries, allowance and benefits in kind	2,232	2,244
Discretionary bonuses	121	122
Retirement benefit costs – defined contribution plans	54	54
	2,407	2,420

The number of non-director and non-chief executive highest paid employees whose remuneration fell within the following band is as follows:

	2021	2020
Nil to HK\$1,000,000	3	3

During the years ended 31 March 2021 and 2020, no emolument was paid by the Group to any of the directors or the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office.

11. Income Tax Expense

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made as the Group did not generate any assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the year ended 31 March 2021.

Hong Kong profits tax had been provided at the rate of 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the year ended 31 March 2020.

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Current tax – Hong Kong		
Charge for the year	–	170
Underprovision/(overprovision) in prior years	(14)	194
	(14)	364
Deferred (note 25)	371	(205)
Income tax expense	357	159

11. Income Tax Expense (Continued)

A reconciliation of the tax credit applicable to loss before tax at the statutory rates for the jurisdictions in which the Company and the majority of its subsidiaries are domiciled to the tax expense at the effective tax rate is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Loss before tax	(52,453)	(16,879)
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 16.5%	(8,655)	(2,785)
Income not subject to tax	(2,172)	(112)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,157	69
Effect of different tax rate of a subsidiary (note)	(11)	(139)
Underprovision/(overprovision) in prior years	(14)	194
Tax losses not recognised	10,052	2,932
Tax charge at the Group's effective rate	357	159

The share of tax attributable to joint ventures was nil for the years ended 31 March 2021 and 2020 in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Note: On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the "Bill") which introduced the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The Bill was signed into law on 28 March 2018 and was gazetted on the following day.

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of assessable profits of qualifying corporation under Hong Kong profits tax are taxed at 8.25%, and assessable profits above HK\$2 million are taxed at 16.5%.

For the years ended 31 March 2021 and 2020, Hong Kong profits tax of the qualified entity of the Group is calculated in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The assessable profits of other entities of the Group not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime continue to be taxed at the rate of 16.5%.

12. Dividends

The directors of the Company did not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020: Nil).

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13. Loss per Share Attributable to the Owners of the Company

The calculation of the basic loss per share amount is based on the loss for the year attributable to the owners of the Company, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 898,192,000 (2020: 800,000,000) in issue during the year.

The Group had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue during the years ended 31 March 2021 and 2020.

The calculations of the basic and diluted loss per share are based on:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Loss		
Loss attributable to the owners of the Company used in the basic and diluted loss per share calculation	(52,810)	(17,038)

	Number of shares	
	2021 '000	2020 '000
Shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year used in the basic loss per share calculation	898,192	800,000

14. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Land and buildings HK\$'000	Leasehold improvements HK\$'000	Furniture and office equipment HK\$'000	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	Other equipment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
31 March 2021						
At 1 April 2020						
Cost	-	4,230	2,821	2,322	1,198	10,571
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	(3,865)	(2,690)	(2,309)	(1,186)	(10,050)
Net carrying amount	-	365	131	13	12	521
At 1 April 2020, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	365	131	13	12	521
Additions	-	-	51	-	-	51
Acquisition of a subsidiary (note 28)	55,130	-	159	-	-	55,289
Depreciation (note 8)	(114)	(365)	(129)	(13)	(12)	(633)
Exchange realignment	(1,668)	-	(5)	-	-	(1,673)
At 31 March 2021, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	53,348	-	207	-	-	53,555
At 31 March 2021						
Cost	53,462	4,230	3,026	1,708	1,198	63,624
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(114)	(4,230)	(2,819)	(1,708)	(1,198)	(10,069)
Net carrying amount	53,348	-	207	-	-	53,555

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14. Property, Plant and Equipment (Continued)

	Land and buildings HK\$'000	Leasehold improvements HK\$'000	Furniture and office equipment HK\$'000	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	Other equipment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
31 March 2020						
At 1 April 2019						
Cost	–	4,230	2,821	2,916	1,198	11,165
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	–	(3,239)	(2,416)	(2,685)	(1,048)	(9,388)
Net carrying amount	–	991	405	231	150	1,777
At 1 April 2019, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	–	991	405	231	150	1,777
Depreciation (note 8)	–	(626)	(274)	(135)	(138)	(1,173)
Disposals	–	–	–	(83)	–	(83)
At 31 March 2020, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	–	365	131	13	12	521
At 31 March 2020						
Cost	–	4,230	2,821	2,322	1,198	10,571
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	–	(3,865)	(2,690)	(2,309)	(1,186)	(10,050)
Net carrying amount	–	365	131	13	12	521

15. Investment Properties

	Note	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
At beginning of the year		22,330	22,610
Acquisition of a subsidiary	28	13,602	–
Fair value gains/(losses) on investment properties, net		74	(280)
Exchange realignment		(411)	–
Carrying amount at 31 March		35,595	22,330

Fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Industrial property units located in Hong Kong	20,420	19,710
Car park space located in Hong Kong	2,400	2,620
A parcel of land located in Japan	12,775	–
	35,595	22,330

During the year, there were no transfers of fair value measurements between Level 1 and Level 2 and no transfers into or out of Level 3 (2020: Nil).

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15. Investment Properties (Continued)

Reconciliation of fair value measurements categorised within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy:

	Industrial property units HK\$'000	Car park space HK\$'000	A parcel of land HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Carrying amount at 1 April 2019	19,860	2,750	–	22,610
Net loss from a fair value adjustment recognised in profit or loss	(150)	(130)	–	(280)
Carrying amount at 31 March 2020 and 1 April 2020	19,710	2,620	–	22,330
Acquisition of a subsidiary	–	–	13,602	13,602
Net gain/(losses) from a fair value adjustment recognised in profit or loss	710	(220)	(416)	74
Exchange realignment	–	–	(411)	(411)
Carrying amount at 31 March 2021	20,420	2,400	12,775	35,595

The Group's investment properties consists of industrial property units located at Unit 4 of 3/F, Unit 12 of 9/F, and car park space V10 and ancillary space on G/F, Sun Fung Centre, No. 88 Kwok Shui Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong and a parcel of land located in Kitakawahori-cho, Tennoji-ku, Osaka, Japan. The fair values as at 31 March 2021 and 2020 were assessed by an independent professionally qualified valuer, PSA (HK) Surveyors Limited.

The valuations were determined using the direct comparison approach. Sales price of comparable properties in close proximity are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size. The most significant input into this valuation approach are the adjusted market price per square foot of industrial property units and land and the adjusted market price per car park space.

The investment properties are leased to third parties under operating leases, further summary details of which are included in note 16 to the financial statements.

As at 31 March 2020, the Group's investment properties amounting to HK\$22,330,000 were pledged as collateral for the Group's bank borrowings, details of which are set out in note 24 to the financial statements. No investment properties were pledged as at 31 March 2021 as the related bank borrowings have been repaid during the year.

15. Investment Properties (Continued)

Set out below is a summary of the valuation techniques used and the key inputs to the valuation of investment properties:

	Valuation techniques	Significant unobservable inputs	Range	
			2021	2020
Industrial property units – Hong Kong	Direct comparison approach	Unit selling prices of comparables (HK\$/sq. ft.)	4,198–5,629	4,660–4,880
Car park space – Hong Kong	Direct comparison approach	Unit selling prices of comparables (per car park space)	1,700,000–2,300,000	2,620,000
Land – Japan	Direct comparison approach	Unit selling prices of comparables (JPY/sq. ft.)	1,000,000–2,000,000	N/A

A significant increase (decrease) in the unit selling prices of comparables in isolation would result in a significant increase (decrease) in the fair value of the investment properties.

16. Leases

The Group as a lessee

The Group has lease contracts for office premises and motor vehicles. Leases of office premises generally have lease terms between 2 and 5 years, while motor vehicles generally have lease terms between 3 and 4.5 years. The leases of motor vehicles are secured by the lessors' charge over the leased assets. There are several lease contracts that include extension options which are further discussed below.

(a) Right-of-use assets

The carrying amounts of the Group's right-of-use assets and the movements during the year are as follows:

	Office premises HK\$'000	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
As at 1 April 2019	7,585	1,179	8,764
Additions	282	–	282
Depreciation charge	(2,962)	(713)	(3,675)
As at 31 March 2020 and 1 April 2020	4,905	466	5,371
Additions	2,887	–	2,887
Depreciation charge	(3,230)	(363)	(3,593)
As at 31 March 2021	4,562	103	4,665

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16. Leases (Continued)

The Group as a lessee (Continued)

(b) Lease liabilities

The carrying amount of lease liabilities and the movements during the year are as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Carrying amount at beginning of year	5,596	8,464
New leases	2,887	282
Accretion of interest recognised during the year	254	352
Payments	(3,534)	(3,502)
Carrying amount at end of year	5,203	5,596
Analysed into:		
Current portion	3,119	3,354
Non-current portion	2,084	2,242

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is disclosed in note 34 to the financial statements.

(c) The amounts recognised in profit or loss in relation to leases are as follows:

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets	8	3,593	3,675
Interest on lease liabilities	7	254	352
Expenses relating to short-term leases	8	380	633
Total amount recognised in profit or loss		4,227	4,660

(d) Extension option

Extension option is included in the lease contract of an office premise. This is used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing the asset used in the Group's operations.

The extension option held is exercisable only by the Group and not by the respective lessor at a negotiated rate upon renewal for a period of 1 to 2 years.

(e) The total cash outflow for leases is disclosed in note 29(c) to the financial statements.

16. Leases (Continued)

The Group as a lessor

The Group leases its investment properties (note 15) under operating lease arrangements. The terms of the leases generally also require the tenants to pay security deposits and provide for periodic rent adjustments according to the then prevailing market conditions. Rental income recognised by the Group during the year was HK\$644,000 (2020: HK\$222,000), details of which are included in note 5 to the financial statements.

At 31 March 2021, the undiscounted lease payments receivable by the Group in future periods under non-cancellable operating leases with its tenants are as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Within one year	797	301
After one year but within two years	586	211
After two years but within three years	586	–
After three years but within four years	439	–
	2,408	512

17. Goodwill

	HK\$'000
Cost at 1 April 2019, 31 March 2020 and 1 April 2020, net of accumulated impairment	–
Acquisition of a subsidiary (note 28)	17,488
Impairment during the year	(1,911)
At 31 March 2021	15,577
At 31 March 2021:	
Cost	17,488
Accumulated impairment	(1,911)
Net carrying amount	15,577

17. Goodwill (Continued)

Impairment testing of goodwill

Goodwill acquired through a business combination is allocated to Japan property investment business cash-generating unit, which is included in property development and investment segment, for impairment testing.

Japan property investment business cash-generating unit

The recoverable amount of the Japan property investment business cash-generating unit has been determined based on a value in use calculation using cash flow projections based on financial budgets covering a five-year period approved by senior management. The discount rate applied to the cash flow projections is 4.5%. The growth rate used to extrapolate the cash flows of the Japan property investment business cash-generating unit beyond the five-year period is 0.1% which was the same as the long term average growth rate of Japan property investment industry.

The carrying amount of goodwill allocated to Japan property investment business cash-generating unit was HK\$17,488,000 (2020: Nil). The estimated recoverable amount of Japan property investment business cash-generating unit as at 31 March 2021 was HK\$69,071,000 (2020: Nil) and an impairment loss on goodwill of HK\$1,911,000 (2020: Nil) was recognised during the year ended 31 March 2021 as a result of the decline in profit arising from Japan property investment business due to the adverse effect of COVID-19 on business.

Assumptions were used in the value in use calculation of the Japan property investment business cash-generating unit for 31 March 2021. The following describes each key assumption on which management has based its cash flow projections to undertake impairment testing of goodwill:

Budgeted gross margin – The basis used to determine the value assigned to the budgeted gross margin is the average gross margin achieved in the year immediately before the budget year, increased for expected efficiency improvements, and expected market development.

Discount rate – The discount rate used is before tax and reflects specific risks relating to the relevant unit.

Growth rate – The growth rate is determined with reference to the growth rate for the relevant unit, adjusted for relevant businesses and market development and economic conditions.

The values assigned to the key assumptions on the market development of Japan property investment industry, discount rate and growth rate are consistent with external information sources.

18. Interests in Joint Ventures

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Share of net assets	–	–
Due from joint ventures	419	18,221
Due to a joint venture	(280)	–
	139	18,221

Particulars of the joint venture, which is not individually material and is an unlisted corporate entity, are as follows:

Name	Place of registration and business	Particulars of issued and paid-up capital	Proportion of ownership interest			Principal activity
			Group's effective interest	Voting Power	Profit sharing	
Possible Hospitality Management Limited	Hong Kong	Paid-up capital HK\$1,000,000	30%	30%	30%	Hotel management in Japan

The Group has discontinued the recognition of its share of losses of a joint venture, Possible Hospitality Management Limited and its subsidiary because the share of losses of the joint venture exceed the Group's interest in the joint venture and the Group has no obligation to take up further losses. The amounts of the Group's unrecognised share of losses of this joint venture for the current year and cumulatively were HK\$84,000 (2020: HK\$553,000) and HK\$740,000 (2020: HK\$656,000), respectively.

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19. Trade and Other Receivables, Deposits and Prepayments

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Trade receivables	(a)	22,965	19,392
Impairment on trade receivables		(352)	–
		22,613	19,392
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables:			
Prepayments		3,259	1,634
Deposits		1,712	1,751
Other receivables	(b)	5,009	2,805
Impairment on other receivables		(129)	–
		9,851	6,190
		32,464	25,582
Portion classified as current assets		(31,649)	(25,502)
Non-current portion		815	80

Notes:

- (a) Trade receivables represented receivables for contract works. The payment terms of contract works receivables are stipulated in the relevant contracts and payments are normally due within 30 days from the date of issuance of the payment certificate.

An ageing analysis of trade receivables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the payment certificate date and net of loss allowance, is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Less than 30 days	19,336	11,415
31 to 60 days	15	4,109
61 to 90 days	8	80
Over 90 days	3,254	3,788
	22,613	19,392

19. Trade and Other Receivables, Deposits and Prepayments (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(a) (Continued)

An impairment analysis is performed at each reporting date to measure expected credit losses. The provision rates of trade receivables are based on credit risk characteristics for groupings of various customer segments with similar credit risk (i.e., by customer type and rating). The Group applies the simplified approach to provide for the ECLs prescribed by HKFRS 9. The calculation reflects the probability of default of comparable companies with published credit ratings and supportable information that is available at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. Loss allowance for trade receivables of HK\$352,000 (2020: Nil) was recognised during the year ended 31 March 2021. The related ECLs consideration are set out in note 34 to the financial statements.

The movements in the loss allowance for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
At beginning of year	–	–
Impairment losses (note 8)	352	–
At end of year	352	–

As at 31 March 2021, included in the Group's trade receivable balances were customers with an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$3,277,000 (2020: HK\$7,977,000) which were past due as at the reporting date. Out of the past due balances, HK\$3,254,000 (2020: HK\$3,788,000) has been past due more than 90 days and was not considered as in default. The Group rebutted the presumption of default under the expected credit loss model for trade receivables past due over 90 days assuming no significant change in credit quality after having an understanding of those customers' background as well as the good payment records and continuous business relationship with those customers. Further, such long outstanding balances were primarily due to overdue payment which was common in the provision of construction and engineering services industry and was prolonged by the internal procedures of the relevant customers. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

As at 31 March 2020, the carrying amounts of the trade receivables included receivables which were subject to a factoring arrangement. Under this arrangement, the Group had transferred the relevant receivables to a factor in exchange for cash and was prevented from selling or pledging the receivables. However, the Group had retained late payment and credit risk. The Group therefore continued to recognise the transferred assets in their entirety in its consolidated statement of financial position. The amount repayable under the factoring agreement was presented as a borrowing. The Group considered that the held to collect business model remained appropriate for these receivables and hence continued measuring them at amortised cost.

The relevant carrying amounts were as follows:

	Note	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Trade receivables under a factoring arrangement	24(i)	–	751
Associated secured borrowing		–	5,078

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19. Trade and Other Receivables, Deposits and Prepayments (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

- (b) None of the other receivables is either past due or impaired. The financial assets included in the above balances relate to receivables for which there was no recent history of default. The impairment for other receivables as at 31 March 2021 was HK\$129,000 (2020: Nil). Their related ECLs consideration are set out in note 34 to the financial statements.

The movements in the loss allowance for impairment of other receivables are as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
At beginning of year	–	–
Impairment losses (note 8)	129	–
At end of year	129	–

20. Contract Assets/(Liabilities)

	Notes	31 March 2021 HK\$'000	31 March 2020 HK\$'000	1 April 2019 HK\$'000
Unbilled revenue relating to construction contracts	(a)	203,117	228,873	242,257
Retention receivables of construction contracts	(b)	28,491	33,193	43,329
		231,608	262,066	285,586
Impairment	(c)	(2,256)	–	–
		229,352	262,066	285,586
Contract liabilities relating to construction contracts	(d)	(16,481)	(5,360)	(7,867)

20. Contract Assets/(Liabilities) (Continued)

Notes:

- (a) A contract asset, net of the contract liability related to the same contract, is recognised over the period in which the provision of construction and engineering services is performed, representing the Group's right to consideration for the services performed and not billed because the rights are conditional on the Group's future performance accepted by the customers. The contract assets are transferred to trade receivables when the rights become unconditional. The Group typically transfers its contract assets to trade receivables when the payment certificate/invoice is issued. The decrease in contract assets in 2021 and 2020 was the result of the decrease in the provision of construction and engineering services during the year.

The expected timing of recovery or settlement for contract assets as at 31 March is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Within one year	201,388	196,561
After one year	–	32,312
Total contract assets	201,388	228,873

The Group's trading terms and credit policy with customers are disclosed in note 19 to the financial statements.

- (b) Retention receivables are settled in accordance with the terms of the respective contracts. The terms and conditions in relation to the release of retention vary from contract to contract, which is subject to practical completion, the expiry of the defect liability period or a pre-agreed time period. In the consolidated statement of financial position, retention receivables were classified as current assets based on the operating cycle. The expected timing of recovery or settlement of these retention receivables based on the terms of related contracts was as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Will be recovered within twelve months	17,193	17,035
Will be recovered more than twelve months after the end of the year	10,771	16,158
	27,964	33,193

The Group does not hold any collateral over the balances.

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20. Contract Assets/(Liabilities) (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

- (c) During the year ended 31 March 2021, HK\$2,256,000 (2020: Nil) was recognised as an allowance for expected credit losses on contract assets.

The movements in the loss allowance for impairment of contract assets are as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
At beginning of year	–	–
Impairment losses (note 8)	2,256	–
At end of year	2,256	–

An impairment analysis is performed at each reporting date to measure expected credit losses. The provision rates for the measurement of the expected credit losses for the contract assets are based on those for the trade receivables as the contract assets and the trade receivables are from the same customer bases. The provision rates of contract assets are based on credit risk characteristics of trade receivables for groupings of various customer segments with similar credit risk (i.e., by customer type and rating). The Group applies the simplified approach to provide for the ECLs prescribed by HKFRS 9. The calculation reflects the probability of default of comparable companies with published credit ratings and supportable information that is available at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. Loss allowance of HK\$2,256,000 (2020: Nil) was recognised during the year ended 31 March 2021. Details of impairment of contract assets for the years ended 31 March 2021 and 2020 were set out in note 34 to the financial statements.

- (d) Details of contract liabilities are as follows:

	31 March 2021 HK\$'000	31 March 2020 HK\$'000	1 April 2019 HK\$'000
Short-term advances received from customers			
Construction and engineering services	(16,481)	(5,360)	(7,867)

Contract liabilities include short-term advances received to deliver construction and engineering services.

The increase in contract liabilities in 2021 was mainly due to the increase in short-term advances received from customers in relation to the provision of construction and engineering services at the end of the year. The decrease in contract liabilities for 2020 was mainly due to the negotiation of smaller prepayments on overall contract activities.

21. Financial Asset at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

The financial asset at fair value through profit or loss represents an unlisted investment in a life insurance contract for a member of key management, Mr. Leung Kam Fai, former chairman of the Group. The Group is the beneficiary of such investment. The carrying amount represents the cash surrender value of the policy and approximates to its fair value at the end of the reporting period. The financial asset at fair value through profit or loss is categorised in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

This financial asset was mandatorily classified as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss under HKFRS 9 as its contractual cash flows is not solely payments of principal and interest.

Fair value hierarchy

Reconciliation of fair value measurements categorised within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy:

	HK\$'000
Carrying amount at 1 April 2019, 31 March 2020 and 1 April 2020	–
Addition	11,656
Fair value loss	(2,085)
Carrying amount at 31 March 2021	9,571

The fair value of the life insurance contract was determined based on the projection and cash surrender value provided by the counterparty financial institution by reference to the guaranteed crediting interest rate and the estimated policy charges.

During the year, there were no transfers of fair value measurements between Level 1 and Level 2 and no transfers into or out of Level 3 (2020: Nil).

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22. Cash and Bank Balances and Pledged Deposits

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Cash on hand and at bank	17,225	22,866
Time deposit with original maturity of less than 3 months	–	402
Cash and bank balances	17,225	23,268

The carrying amounts of cash and bank balances are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
HK\$	15,335	22,564
Australian dollars	506	403
United States dollars	27	27
Euros	293	273
Japanese Yen	1,063	–
Other currencies	1	1
	17,225	23,268

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. Short term time deposits are made for varying periods of between one day and three months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group, and earn interest at the respective short term time deposit rates. The bank balances are deposited with creditworthy banks with no recent history of default.

Cash and bank balances and bank overdrafts include the following for the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Cash and bank balances	17,225	23,268
Less: bank overdrafts (note 24)	–	(21,674)
Net cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statement of cash flows	17,225	1,594

As at 31 March 2021, deposits amounted to nil (2020: HK\$26,157,000) were pledged to the banks for facilities granted to the Group, details of which are set out in note 24 to the financial statements.

23. Trade and Other Payables and Accruals

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Trade payables	(a)	72,158	80,658
Bills payables	(b)	–	51,413
		72,158	132,071
Other payables and accruals	(c)	7,937	8,950
		80,095	141,021

Notes:

- (a) Credit terms granted to the Group by its suppliers and subcontractors vary from contract to contract. The Group's suppliers and subcontractors, on average, grant the Group a credit period of mostly 30 days to 60 days upon the issuance of an invoice.

An ageing analysis of the trade payables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Less than 30 days	35,063	34,311
31 to 60 days	1,977	6,505
61 to 90 days	2,228	5,321
Over 90 days	32,890	34,521
	72,158	80,658

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23. Trade and Other Payables and Accruals (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(b) As at 31 March 2020, the balance represented bank acceptance notes with maturity dates within six months.

The maturity profile of the bills payables of the Group was as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Due within 30 days	–	17,965
Due within 31 to 60 days	–	17,899
Due within 61 to 90 days	–	12,932
Due over 90 days	–	2,617
	–	51,413

(c) Other payables and accruals

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Accrued staff costs and pension obligations	3,492	5,744
Accrued expenses	2,816	2,509
Other payables	1,629	697
	7,937	8,950

24. Bank and Other Borrowings and Loans from Shareholders

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Bank borrowings		34,599	80,813
Bank overdrafts	22	–	21,674
Total bank borrowings and overdrafts	(i)	34,599	102,487
Other borrowings	(ii)	117,193	–
		151,792	102,487
Current portion		(78,265)	(102,487)
Non-current portion		73,527	–
Loans from shareholders			
Non-current portion	(iii)	57,883	13,337

Notes:

- (i) The Group's bank borrowings and overdrafts are repayable as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Within one year or on demand	34,599	102,487

Bank borrowings due for repayment after one year which contain a repayment on demand clause are classified as current liabilities.

Bank borrowings due for repayment, based on the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements and without taking into account the effect of any repayment on demand clause are as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Within one year	29,368	96,563
In the second year	4,391	2,473
In the third to fifth years, inclusive	840	3,451
	34,599	102,487

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24. Bank and Other Borrowings and Loans from Shareholders (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

(i) (Continued)

As at 31 March 2021, certain of the Group's bank borrowings are secured by personal guarantee from directors of construction and engineering services segment amounting to HK\$10,811,000 (2020: Nil).

As at 31 March 2020, certain of the Group's bank borrowings and overdrafts were secured by:

- (a) Pledged deposits of HK\$26,157,000 (note 22);
- (b) The Group's investment properties amounting to HK\$22,330,000 (note 15);
- (c) Trade receivables under a factoring arrangement amounting to HK\$751,000 (note 19(a));
- (d) Corporate guarantees executed by the Company and certain subsidiaries of the Group; and
- (e) A pledged property of a related company located in Hong Kong.

All of these securities had been released during the year ended 31 March 2021 upon the repayments of bank borrowings and overdrafts.

These bank borrowings and overdrafts carry floating rates at the Prime Rate, Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate or London Interbank Offered Rate plus or minus a margin and the exposure of these bank borrowings to interest rate charges and the contractual repricing dates are six months or less. The weighted average interest rate was 4.47% per annum (2020: 5.1% per annum) as at 31 March 2021.

Other than certain bank borrowings with a carrying amount of HK\$25,097,000 (2020: Nil) denominated in JPY as at 31 March 2021, all the bank and other borrowings of the Group are denominated in HK\$ as at 31 March 2021 and 2020.

As at 31 March 2021, total undrawn bank facilities amounted to HK\$5,253,000 (2020: HK\$61,224,000).

(ii) The Group's other borrowings are repayable as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Within one year	43,666	–
In the second year	73,527	–
	117,193	–

Other borrowings of approximately HK\$107,193,000 from key management as at 31 March 2021 are unsecured, interest-free, repayable in two years from the drawdown dates and denominated in HK\$.

Other borrowings of approximately HK\$10,000,000 as at 31 March 2021 bear interest at 6% per annum, unsecured and are repayable by 12 August 2021 and denominated in HK\$.

24. Bank and Other Borrowings and Loans from Shareholders (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

- (iii) Loans from a shareholder of approximately HK\$49,109,000 as at 31 March 2021 bear interest at 6% per annum, unsecured and are repayable on demand from 1 July 2023 and denominated in HK\$.

Loans from a shareholder of approximately HK\$8,774,000 as at 31 March 2021 are unsecured, interest-free, repayable on demand from 1 July 2023 and denominated in HK\$.

Loans from shareholders of approximately HK\$13,337,000 as at 31 March 2020 were unsecured, interest-free, repayable for an initial term of two years from the drawdown dates and denominated in HK\$. The balances were transferred to other borrowings during the year after the shareholders have disposed of all the shares of the Company.

25. Deferred Tax

The movements in deferred tax liabilities and assets during the year are as follows:

	Accelerated tax depreciation	Fair value adjustment arising from acquisition	Others	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Deferred tax liabilities				
At 1 April 2019	(32)	–	(330)	(362)
Charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (note 11)	(3)	–	(52)	(55)
Set-off of deferred income tax assets	–	–	262	262
At 31 March 2020 and 1 April 2020	(35)	–	(120)	(155)
Credited to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (note 11)	35	–	31	66
Acquisition of a subsidiary (note 28)	–	(1,449)	–	(1,449)
Exchange realignment	–	43	–	43
At 31 March 2021	–	(1,406)	(89)	(1,495)

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25. Deferred Tax (Continued)

	Tax losses	Decelerated tax depreciation	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Deferred tax assets			
At 1 April 2019	433	61	494
Credited to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (note 11)	–	260	260
Set-off of deferred income tax liabilities	–	(262)	(262)
At 31 March 2020 and 1 April 2020	433	59	492
Charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (note 11)	(433)	(4)	(437)
Transferred from tax recoverables (note)	5,858	–	5,858
At 31 March 2021	5,858	55	5,913

The Group has tax losses arising in Hong Kong of HK\$78,691,000 (2020: HK\$17,770,000). Subject to the final assessment of the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department, these tax losses are available indefinitely for offsetting against future taxable profits of the companies in which the losses arose. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these losses as, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, they are not considered probable that the relevant subsidiaries would have sufficient future taxable profits to utilise the tax losses.

There are no income tax consequences attaching to the payment of dividends by the Company to its shareholders.

Note: On 18 September 2020, the Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong (the "HKIRD") published Departmental Interpretation and Practice Notes No. 1 (Revised) to explain the tax principle in relation to the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers where HKFRS 15 applies. The HKIRD takes the views that any upward transitional adjustment that is revenue in nature should be subject to tax and any downward transitional adjustment that is revenue in nature would be deducted from the profits or allowed as a deduction, as the case may be, in the year of assessment relating to the basis period in which HKFRS 15 was adopted for the first time. As a result, the tax recoverable of HK\$5,858,000 recognised in prior years should be transferred to deferred tax assets on the basis that there is foreseeable profits to offset the loss in future and the adjustment arising from the adoption of HKFRS 15 had been adjusted in the respective year.

26. Share Capital

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Authorised:		
2,000,000,000 (2020: 2,000,000,000) ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each	200,000	200,000
Issued and fully paid:		
960,000,000 (2020: 800,000,000) ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each	96,000	80,000

	Number of ordinary shares	Nominal value of ordinary shares HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000
Issued and fully paid:			
At 1 April 2019, 31 March 2020 and 1 April 2020	800,000,000	80,000	12,791
Issue of shares (note (a))	160,000,000	16,000	3,200
At 31 March 2021	960,000,000	96,000	15,991

Notes:

- (a) On 7 August 2020, the Company entered into a placing agreement with CIS Securities Asset Management Limited and Plutus Securities Limited (collectively as the "Placing Agents"), pursuant to which, the Placing Agents agreed to procure not less than six placees to subscribe an aggregate of 160,000,000 new ordinary shares of the Company at a placing price of HK\$0.125 per share. The placing was completed on 20 August 2020 and the Group raised a total of HK\$20 million, before expenses.
- (b) Share options of the Company

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "Scheme") for the purpose of recognising and encouraging the contributions that the eligible participants have made or may make to the Group. Eligible participants of the Scheme include, but are not limited to, the Group's employees and executive and non-executive directors. The Scheme has been conditionally approved and adopted on 13 March 2017 and unless otherwise cancelled or amended, will remain valid and effective for a period of 10 years from that date. No share options have been granted, exercised or cancelled under the Scheme since its adoption date.

27. Reserves

(a) Share premium

The share premium account is governed by the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands and may be applied by the Company subject to the provisions, if any, of its memorandum and articles of association in paying distributions or dividends to equity shareholders.

(b) Exchange reserve

The exchange reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of group entities. The reserve is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policy set out in note 2.4 to the financial statements.

(c) Other reserves

Other reserves of the Group represented the difference between the share capital of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to the reorganisation and the nominal value of the share capital of the Company issued in exchange therefor.

(d) Revaluation reserve

Revaluation reserve of the Group represented the surplus upon transfers of property, plant and equipment to investment properties.

28. Business Combination

On 26 February 2021, the Group entered into a sale and purchase agreement with a joint venture partner of the Group, for the acquisition of the remaining 30% equity interests of PDL plus assignment of a sale loan of HK\$16.3 million. The purchase consideration for the acquisition was in the form of cash, with HK\$12,000,000 paid on 26 February 2021 and the remaining HK\$5,000,000 paid on 9 March 2021. Upon the completion of the acquisition on 26 February 2021, PDL and its subsidiaries (the “PDL group”) became wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company. The PDL group is principally engaged in property development in Japan, and owns a hotel property and a land parcel in Osaka, Japan.

The fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the PDL group as at the date of acquisition were as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000
Investment property	13,602
Property and equipment	55,289
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	428
Cash and cash equivalents	1,096
Other payables and accruals	(38,763)
Borrowings	(45,359)
Deferred tax liabilities	(1,449)
Total identifiable net liabilities at fair value	(15,156)
Assignment of a sale loan	16,300
Goodwill on acquisition	17,488
Fair value of a previously held interest in a joint venture	(1,632)
Total consideration	17,000
Satisfied by:	
Cash consideration	17,000

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28. Business Combination (Continued)

An analysis of the cash flows in respect of the acquisition of a subsidiary is as follows:

	HK\$'000
Cash consideration paid	(17,000)
Cash and bank balances acquired	1,096
Net outflow of cash and bank balances included in cash flows from investing activities	(15,904)

The purpose of the above acquisition is to expand the operation of the Group in the respective field.

The goodwill arising from the above acquisition is attributable to the benefits of synergy and expected business growth as a result of future market development.

The fair value of the other receivables as at the date of the acquisition amounted to HK\$428,000. The gross contractual amount of other receivables was HK\$428,000, of which nil is expected to be uncollectible.

Since the acquisition, the PDL group contributed HK\$56,000 to the Group's revenue and HK\$4,723,000 to the consolidated loss for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Had the combination taken place at the beginning of the year, the revenue and the loss of the Group for the year would have been HK\$123,393,000 and HK\$60,972,000, respectively.

29. Notes to the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(a) Major non-cash transactions

During the year, the Group had non-cash additions to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities of HK\$2,887,000 (2020: HK\$282,000) and HK\$2,887,000 (2020: HK\$282,000), respectively, in respect of lease arrangements for office premises.

29. Notes to the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)

(b) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

	Lease liabilities HK\$'000	Bank and other borrowings (excluding bank overdrafts) HK\$'000	Loans from shareholders HK\$'000
As at 1 April 2019	8,464	115,064	8,750
Changes from financing cash flows	(3,502)	(42,609)	5,361
Interest expense	352	8,358	723
Additions	282	–	–
Discount at initial recognition on interest-free loans from shareholders	–	–	(1,497)
As at 31 March and 1 April 2020	5,596	80,813	13,337
Changes from financing cash flows	(3,534)	12,430	57,397
Interest expense	254	8,391	1,046
Discount at initial recognition on interest-free loans from former shareholders	–	(8,315)	–
Acquisition of a subsidiary	–	45,359	–
Additions	2,887	–	–
Transfers	–	13,897	(13,897)
Foreign exchange alignment	–	(783)	–
As at 31 March 2021	5,203	151,792	57,883

(c) Total cash outflow for leases

The total cash outflow for leases included in the consolidated statement of cash flows is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Within operating activities	380	633
Within financing activities	3,534	3,502
	3,914	4,135

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30. Contingent Liabilities

At 31 March 2021 and 2020, the Group's contingent liabilities were as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Surety bonds	4,747	29,249

Note: As at 31 March 2021, the Group provided guarantees of surety bonds in respect of 3 (2020: 6) construction contracts of the Group in its ordinary course of business. The surety bonds are expected to be released in accordance with the terms of the respective construction contracts.

31. Related Party Balances and Transactions

(a) In addition to the transactions and balances detailed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Group had the following transactions with related parties during the year:

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Hotel management fee paid to Popsible Hospitality Management Limited	(i), (ii)	172	–
Management fee from 泊舍不動産開發株式会社	(i), (iii)	(16)	21
Purchase of materials and consumables from related companies	(i), (iv)	18	415

Notes:

- (i) The pricing of these transactions was determined based on mutual negotiation between the Group and the related parties.
- (ii) The amount in 2021 represented hotel management fee paid to Popsible Hospitality Management Limited, the joint venture, during the period from 26 February 2021 to 31 March 2021. No hotel management fee was paid by the Group before the completion of the acquisition of the subsidiary on 26 February 2021.
- (iii) This entity was a joint venture of the Group during the year ended 31 March 2020 and until 26 February 2021, the date on which the Group acquired the remaining 30% equity interest of this entity. Since then, the entity becomes a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The amount in 2021 represented the transactions with this entity before the completion of acquisition from 1 April 2020 to 26 February 2021.
- (iv) These entities were controlled by Mr. Leung and Mr. Lam, directors and shareholders of the Company during the year ended 31 March 2020 and until 31 December 2020, the date on which both of them disposed of their entire equity interests in these entities. The amount in 2021 represented the transactions with these related companies during the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020.

None of the above related party transactions falls under the definition of connected transaction or continuing connected transaction as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

31. Related Party Balances and Transactions (Continued)

- (b) Key management includes executive, non-executive directors and the senior management of the Group. The compensation paid or payable to key management for employee services is shown below:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	7,556	8,316
Discretionary bonuses	50	179
Retirement benefit costs – defined contribution plans	84	108
	7,690	8,603

- (c) Outstanding balances with related parties:

	Notes	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Amounts due from joint ventures			
Possible Development Limited	(i)	–	17,937
Possible Hospitality Management Limited	(i)	419	134
Top Table Investment Limited	(i)	–	108
泊舍不動產開發株式会社	(i)	–	42
		419	18,221
Amounts due from related companies			
Spartan Construction Materials Limited	(i), (ii)	–	1,882
Spartan Lighting Limited	(i), (ii)	–	814
		–	2,696
Amount due to a joint venture			
Possible Hospitality Management Limited	(i)	(280)	–
Amount due to a related company			
Spartan Construction Materials Limited	(i), (ii)	–	(2)

Notes:

- (i) The balances are unsecured, interest-free, repayable on demand and denominated in HK\$.
- (ii) These entities were controlled by Mr. Leung and Mr. Lam, directors and shareholders of the Company during the year ended 31 March 2020 and until 31 December 2020, the date on which both of them disposed of their entire equity interests in these entities. As a result, none was noted as at 31 March 2021.

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32. Financial Instruments by Category

The carrying amounts of each of the categories of financial instruments as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

Financial assets

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Financial assets at amortised cost:		
Amounts due from joint ventures	419	18,221
Amounts due from related companies	–	2,696
Trade receivables	22,613	19,392
Financial assets included in other receivables and deposits	6,592	4,556
Pledged deposits	–	26,157
Cash and bank balances	17,225	23,268
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9,571	–
	56,420	94,290

Financial liabilities

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:		
Amount due to a joint venture	280	–
Amount due to a related company	–	2
Trade and bills payables	72,158	132,071
Financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals	4,445	3,206
Bank and other borrowings	151,792	102,487
Loans from shareholders	57,883	13,337
Lease liabilities	5,203	5,596
	291,761	256,699

33. Fair Value and Fair Value Hierarchy of Financial Instruments

Management has assessed that the fair values of cash and bank balances, pledged deposits, current portion of financial assets included in trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments, financial liabilities included in trade and other payables and accruals, amounts due from/to joint ventures and related companies and current portion of bank and other borrowings approximate to their carrying amounts largely due to the short term maturities of these instruments.

The fair values of long-term deposits and the non-current portion of loans from shareholders and bank and other borrowings have been calculated by discounting the expected future cash flows using rates currently available for instruments with similar terms, credit risk and remaining maturities. The fair values of the financial assets and liabilities are included at the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

The Group did not have any financial liabilities measured at fair values as at 31 March 2021 and 2020.

Assets for which fair values are disclosed:

As at 31 March 2021

	Fair value measurement using			Total HK\$'000
	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) HK\$'000	Significant observable inputs (Level 2) HK\$'000	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) HK\$'000	
Long-term deposits	–	815	–	815

As at 31 March 2020

	Fair value measurement using			Total HK\$'000
	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) HK\$'000	Significant observable inputs (Level 2) HK\$'000	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) HK\$'000	
Long-term deposits	–	80	–	80

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33. Fair Value and Fair Value Hierarchy of Financial Instruments (Continued)

Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed:

As at 31 March 2021

	Fair value measurement using			Total HK\$'000
	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) HK\$'000	Significant observable inputs (Level 2) HK\$'000	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) HK\$'000	
Bank and other borrowings, non current portion	–	73,527	–	73,527
Loan from a shareholder	–	–	57,883	57,883
	–	73,527	57,883	131,410

As at 31 March 2020

	Fair value measurement using			Total HK\$'000
	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) HK\$'000	Significant observable inputs (Level 2) HK\$'000	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) HK\$'000	
Loans from shareholders	–	–	13,337	13,337

34. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Group's principal financial instruments include bank and other borrowings, financial assets included in other receivables, deposits and prepayments, financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals, lease liabilities, cash and bank balances and loans from shareholders. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the Group's operations. The Group has various other financial assets and liabilities such as trade receivables and trade payables, which arise directly from its operations.

Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in the respective notes to the financial statements.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The board of directors reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below.

Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's debt obligations with a floating interest rate.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Group's loss before tax. There is no material impact on the Group's equity.

	Increase/ (decrease) in basis points	Increase/ (decrease) in loss before tax HK\$'000
2021		
Hong Kong dollar	1%	686
Japanese Yen	1%	251
Hong Kong dollar	(1%)	(686)
Japanese Yen	(1%)	(251)
2020		
Hong Kong dollar	1%	349
Hong Kong dollar	(1%)	(349)

34. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies (Continued)

Credit risk

The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to contract assets, trade receivables, financial assets included in other receivables, deposits and other receivables and cash and bank balances. The Group's maximum credit risk exposure at the end of each reporting period in the event of other parties failing to perform their obligations is represented by the carrying amounts of financial assets as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Management monitors the creditworthiness and payment patterns of each debtor closely and on an ongoing basis. The Group's trade receivables and contract assets from contract works represent interim payments or retentions certified by the customers under terms as stipulated in the contracts and the Group does not hold any collateral over these trade receivables and contract assets. As the Group's customers in respect of contract works primarily consist of government departments and developers or owners with strong financial backgrounds, management considers that the risk of irrecoverable receivables from contract works is not significant.

At 31 March 2021, the Group had certain concentrations of credit risk as 52% and 83% (2020: 37% and 68%) of the trade receivables were due from the Group's largest external customer and the Group's five largest external customers, respectively, within the construction and engineering services segment.

For trade receivables and contract assets, the Group has applied the simplified approach to provide for impairment for ECLs prescribed by HKFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for impairment of all trade receivables and contract assets. To measure the ECLs, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. With the incorporation of forward-looking information in estimating the ECLs, management considered that the provision of impairment allowance in respect of these collectively assessed trade receivables and contract assets based on the weighted average expected credit loss rates up to 2.47% (2020: 2.30%) applied on different groupings. The provision for impairment of trade receivables and contract assets are disclosed in notes 19 and 20 to the financial statements, respectively.

For financial assets included in other receivables, deposits and repayments, cash and bank balances, pledged deposits, amounts due from joint ventures and amounts due from related parties ("Other Financial Assets"), the Group applied the general approach to provide for impairment for ECLs prescribed by HKFRS 9. None of Other Financial Assets as at 31 March 2021 and 2020 were overdue, and all balances were categorised within Stage 1 for the measurement of ECLs. Management considered that the provision of impairment allowance in respect of these collectively assessed receivables was immaterial as at 31 March 2021 and 2020.

Maximum exposure and year-end staging

The tables below show the credit quality and maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Group's credit policy, which is mainly based on past due information unless other information is available without undue cost or effort, and year-end staging classification as at 31 March.

The amounts presented are gross carrying amounts for financial assets.

34. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies (Continued)

Maximum exposure and year-end staging (Continued)

As at 31 March 2021

	12-month ECLs		Lifetime ECLs		Simplified approach HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
	Stage 1 HK\$'000	Stage 2 HK\$'000	Stage 3 HK\$'000			
Amount due from a joint venture	419	–	–	–	–	419
Trade receivables	–	–	–	–	22,965	22,965
Financial assets included in other receivables and deposits	6,721	–	–	–	–	6,721
Contract assets	–	–	–	–	231,608	231,608
Cash and bank balances	17,225	–	–	–	–	17,225
	24,365	–	–	–	254,573	278,938

As at 31 March 2020

	12-month ECLs		Lifetime ECLs		Simplified approach HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
	Stage 1 HK\$'000	Stage 2 HK\$'000	Stage 3 HK\$'000			
Amounts due from joint ventures	18,221	–	–	–	–	18,221
Amounts due from related companies	2,696	–	–	–	–	2,696
Trade receivables	–	–	–	–	19,392	19,392
Financial assets included in other receivables and deposits	4,556	–	–	–	–	4,556
Contract assets	–	–	–	–	262,066	262,066
Pledged deposits	26,157	–	–	–	–	26,157
Cash and bank balances	23,268	–	–	–	–	23,268
	74,898	–	–	–	281,458	356,356

Except for trade receivables and contract assets which apply the simplified approach in calculating ECLs, the credit quality of other financial assets measured at amortised cost is considered to be “normal” as they are not past due and there is no information indicating that the financial assets had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and hence, they are all classified under Stage 1 for measurement of ECLs. The loss allowance for all financial assets measured at amortised cost was not significant as at 31 March 2021 and 2020.

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34. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk

The Group's policy is to monitor regularly the current and expected liquidity requirements to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and long term. In addition, banking facilities have been put in place for contingency purposes.

The following table details the remaining contractual maturities at the end of the reporting period of the Group's financial liabilities, which are based on contractual undiscounted cash flows (including interest payments computed using contractual rates, or if floating, based on rates current at the end of the reporting period) and the earliest date that the Group could be required to repay:

	Within 1 year or on demand	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 31 March 2021					
Loans from shareholders	–	–	64,453	–	64,453
Amount due to a joint venture	280	–	–	–	280
Trade and other payables and accruals	76,603	–	–	–	76,603
Lease liabilities	3,293	2,114	–	–	5,407
Bank and other borrowings	80,062	80,000	–	–	160,062
	160,238	82,114	64,453	–	306,805
At 31 March 2020					
Loans from shareholders	–	14,402	–	–	14,402
Amount due to a related company	2	–	–	–	2
Trade and other payables and accruals	135,277	–	–	–	135,277
Lease liabilities	3,546	2,218	60	–	5,824
Bank and other borrowings	103,604	–	–	–	103,604
	242,429	16,620	60	–	259,109

34. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies (Continued)

Capital management

The primary objective of the Group's capital management policy is to ensure that the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance.

The directors of the Company review the capital structure on a periodical basis. As part of this review, the directors of the Company consider the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital and will balance the Group's overall capital structure through issuing new shares as well as raising new debts or repayment of existing debts.

The Group monitors capital using a net gearing ratio, which is net debt divided by total capital. Net debt includes loans from shareholders, lease liabilities and bank and other borrowings, less cash and bank balances. Total capital represents total equity plus net debt. The following table is an analysis of the Group's capital structure as at 31 March:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Loans from shareholders (note 24)	57,883	13,337
Lease liabilities (note 16)	5,203	5,596
Bank and other borrowings (note 24)	151,792	102,487
Less: cash and bank balances (note 22)	(17,225)	(23,268)
Net debt	197,653	98,152
Total equity	91,882	124,971
Total capital	289,535	223,123
Net gearing ratio	68%	44%

35. Comparative Amounts

Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified and re-presented to conform to the current year's presentation.

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36. Statement of Financial Position of the Company

Information about the statement of financial position of the Company at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	2	–
Investments in subsidiaries	33,657	107,992
Total non-current assets	33,659	107,992
CURRENT ASSETS		
Prepayments	130	109
Amounts due from subsidiaries	128,743	27,762
Amount due from a related party	–	15,098
Tax recoverable	10	–
Cash and bank balances	300	254
Total current assets	129,183	43,223
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Other payables and accruals	3,078	1,714
Borrowings	10,000	–
Tax payable	–	13
Total current liabilities	13,078	1,727
NET CURRENT ASSETS	116,105	41,496
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	149,764	149,488
NON-CURRENT LIABILITY		
Loan from a shareholder	57,883	–
Net assets	91,882	149,488
EQUITY		
Share capital	96,000	80,000
Reserves (note)	(4,118)	69,488
Total equity	91,882	149,488

36. Statement of Financial Position of the Company (Continued)

Note:

A summary of the Company's reserves is as follows:

	Share premium HK\$'000	Other reserves HK\$'000	Retained earnings/ (accumulated losses) HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2019	12,791	56,481	165	69,437
Profit and other comprehensive income for the year	–	–	51	51
At 31 March and 1 April 2020	12,791	56,481	216	69,488
Loss and other comprehensive loss for the year	–	–	(76,806)	(76,806)
Issue of shares (note 26)	3,200	–	–	3,200
At 31 March 2021	15,991	56,481	(76,590)	(4,118)

37. Event after the Reporting Period

On 23 April 2021 and 11 May 2021, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Milestone Builder, entered into three provisional sale and purchase agreements with three independent third parties (the "Purchasers"), pursuant to which Milestone Builder has agreed to dispose of and the Purchasers have agreed to purchase two industrial units and one carpark space (collectively the "Properties") located in the eastern part of Tsuen Wan in New Territories, Hong Kong, at a consideration of HK\$7.3 million, HK\$13.4 million and HK\$2.6 million, respectively. Formal agreements for sale and purchase of the Properties between Milestone Builder and the Purchasers are expected to be completed on 30 June 2021 and 24 July 2021, respectively. The carrying value of the Properties as at 31 March 2021 was approximately HK\$22.8 million, and the gain on disposal before tax is expected to be approximately HK\$0.5 million.

38. Approval of the Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 29 June 2021.

FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the results and of the assets, equity and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is as follows.

Results

	Year ended 31 March				
	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000
Turnover	122,852	260,950	491,839	532,127	407,419
(Loss)/profit before tax	(52,453)	(16,879)	17,075	20,147	12,684
Income tax expenses	(357)	(159)	(2,409)	(4,560)	(4,538)
(Loss)/profit for the year	(52,810)	(17,038)	14,666	15,587	8,146

Assets, Equity and Liabilities

	As at 31 March				
	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000
Assets					
Non-current assets	125,691	28,794	26,140	26,986	19,224
Current assets	279,420	364,160	432,615	303,410	228,834
Total assets	405,111	392,954	458,755	330,396	248,058
Equity and liabilities					
Total equity	91,882	124,971	142,009	163,592	50,518
Non-current liabilities	134,989	15,734	9,479	1,172	2,039
Current liabilities	178,240	252,249	307,267	165,632	195,501
Total liabilities	313,229	267,983	316,746	166,804	197,540
Total equity and liabilities	405,111	392,954	458,755	330,396	248,058

Note: The summary above does not form part of the audited financial statements.



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