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# Annual Report





High Fashion Centre in Hong Kong - With the concept of creating an international fashion technology co-working hub, we aim to provide tenants with a modern, fashionable and intelligent office environment

High Fashion Qianjiang International Technological Park (WL District Phase 2) – positioned with data and high-tech park, it echoes the government's development plan and provides more high-quality partners for the park's innovative co-research projects

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# Chairman's Statement

The global political and economic landscape has experienced significant impact from the US-China trade war, geopolitical issues, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Russo-Ukrainian conflict. Amid these challenges, along with the energy crisis, inflation and interest rate hikes, High Fashion has proactively tackled the difficulties and challenges, first by stabilizing itself with a cautious and prudent approach, then by actively seizing the right timing and opportunities for development. Despite the adverse market conditions, we have achieved commendable results in 2022.

Our key results for the year ended 31 December 2022 are as follow:

- Net profit attributable to shareholders at HK\$154 million
- Gearing ratio of non-current liabilities to shareholders' fund at 50%. Current ratio at 1.6
- Basic earnings per share landed at HK\$0.50
- Net asset value per share amounted to HK\$10.27
- Proposed final dividend per share is HK\$0.12 and the dividend for the year will be HK\$0.15

Throughout this year, the Group has persisted in our commitment to product development and innovation. We have created highquality and fashionable products that excel in style, design, technical expertise and functionality, with a focus on eco-friendly and sustainable solutions. These products have garnered recognition from a multitude of customers, strengthening their trust in High Fashion and augmenting our overall competitive advantage in the market. Consequently, we have ventured into new markets across various regions, spurring further development for the Group.

We continued to enhance our quality management and distinctive corporate culture. By integrating technology, High Fashion makes use of real-time data to drive strategic analysis. We advocate frequent digital marketing activities to further expand our market share and customer base, exploring new avenues for business growth, with the ultimate goal of becoming a preeminent global fashion enterprise.

# Chairman's Statement

Our WL District project in Hangzhou has also made remarkable progress over the past year. The project has received high praise from the local government and aligns with the government's vision for big data and advanced technology. Thus, in addition to a stable rental income, the project has attracted a wealth of talent and capital to the site. A range of industry-university-research collaborations are underway at WL District, offering an array of opportunities for High Fashion's core fashion business.

I appreciate very much the enormous support and advice constantly received from our shareholders, customers, suppliers, banks and our fellow Directors. I would also like to thank the management team and all staff members of our Group for their dedication and contribution.

**Lam Foo Wah** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong, 30 March 2023

High Fashion Tonglu Silk Culture projects – major featured areas: High Fashion Silk Health Expo Centre, Millennium-old Ancient Mulberry Park, Silk Museum, Cultural and Creative Park and Silkfeatured Commercial Street, this is a perfect combination of silk culture and healthy regimen

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The total installed capacity of the solar photovoltaic power generation systems in the Xiaoshan and Xinchang factories is approximately 6 megawatts, effectively reducing carbon emissions.

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The sustainable "Aqua Print Technology" reduces wastewater generation to protect the environment through reduction of steaming process and washing.

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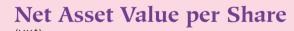
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# Financial Highlights





# Management Discussion and Analysis

#### **Business Review**

In 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic was still not fully under control, and the world also faced uncertainty such as the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, high energy prices, and consecutive interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve, all of which impacted the pace of global economic development. However, as countries began to reopen with the implementation of vaccines, new momentum was brought to economic recovery, and suppressed demand for services and goods gradually returned. Nevertheless, as consumer buying behavior and demand have changed, market recovery may take some time. Therefore, industry leaders need to be aware of new market trends and consumer demands to continue to develop and grow. High Fashion Group, with forward-thinking midset, thrives to research and develop diversified innovative products through incorporation of green intelligent manufacturing, technological advancement, and quick response strategies. We are able to accurately capture the rapidly changing market trends and consumer demands in order to expand our customer base and explore new markets. In 2022, the manufacturing and trading of garment businesses achieved significant growth and good results. The management team will continue to innovate and create competitive advantages to achieve even higher goals for business performance.

To efficiently realise our business strategy, the Group has constructed a more extensive and profound informationization reform. In addition to having a dedicated team to improve the efficiency in processes, automation, and digitization, we also use system transformation and real-time data analysis to draw faster and more accurate decision-making. The Group will invest more resources in technology for, but not limited to, improving production efficiency, reducing production costs, optimizing inventory management and improving product quality. It enables the business processes move towards full automation and become a gear that promotes business development.

Our Group has always been based on green manufacturing to solve the problems such as high energy consumption and pollution in printing and dying industries. We have implemented sustainable development and green environmental fashion intricately into the entire supply chain management and Group-wide operations, thus established the technology-based green manufacturing smart factories. Our factory has been recognized as the "Zhejiang Province Smart Factory Digital Workshop" (「浙江省智能工廠」) and "Future Factory Digital Workshop" (「未來工廠」數字化車間). We launch traceable eco-friendly products with the new techniques, materials and craftsmanship, and to create sustainable fashion in responding the consumers and society's demand for environmentally-friendly products. In addition, the Group has obtained numerous international and domestic certificates, and has also been awarded as "National Textile Industry" Water-saving Benchmark Enterprise" (「全國紡織行業節水標杆企業」), "Zhejiang Province Water-saving Enterprise" (「浙江省節水型企業」), and "Zhejiang Province Green Factory" (「浙江省鈴色低碳工廠」).

Going forward, the management will continue to promote digitization and smart manufacturing for sustainable development and drive the fashion industry to move towards greater sustainability.



High Fashion Xinchang Silk Headquarters – the project combines commercial, office and headquarter research & development to effectively enhance the scale of the Group's overall properties and bring opportunity to transform into a diversified business

# Management Discussion and Analysis

The construction of Phase II of our WL District in Hangzhou is in good progress, and some projects have already been completed as scheduled. Coupled with other high-quality property investments and development portfolios, it is expected to bring stable income for the Group and support the Group's long-term development plans. Not only to facilitate the multi-dimensional expansion of our supply chain, but also bring diversified development opportunities for the Group's overall upgrade and transformation. At the same time it establishes a global network for the fashion and high-tech talents in the industry, creating an unprecedented cross-industry ecosystem.

### **Financial Review**

In 2022, the Group's revenue increased by 21.7% to HK\$3.52 billion (2021: HK\$2.89 billion). Correspondingly, gross profit increased by 36.5% to HK\$680.4 million, and the gross profit margin increased by 2.1% to 19.4% (2021: HK\$498.5 million and 17.3%). The Group's revenue increase mainly came from the manufacturing and trading of garments business, it benefited from the Group's readiness of hardware and software during the economy was recovering amid the pandemic. As the economy gradually recovered during the year, we are already on stand-by for the expansion of our customer base and new market development, the customers' orders increased rapidly. In order to cope with the increasing costs of sales, the Group adopted standardized management that implements cost control measures and restructure initiatives to reduce production costs and improve the gross profit margin. The Group's net profit for 2022 was HK\$155.4 million (2021: HK\$147.6 million).

Geographically, the revenue from China in 2022 was HK\$2.04 billion, accounting for 58.0% of the total revenue, it represented an increase of 31.0% (2021: HK\$1.56 billion and 53.9%). Sales orders from the United States and European countries steadily increased, with a total revenue of HK\$1.05 billion, accounting for 30.0% of the total revenue (2021: HK\$874.3 million and 30.3%). Export sales to Southeast Asian countries (including in Others countries) slightly declined, accounting for 12.0% of the total revenue (2021: 15.8% of the total revenue). The Group will continuously explore different market areas to expand its sales network and reduce risks.

Other gains for the year 2022 was HK\$77.7 million (2021: HK\$140.1 million), mainly including fair value gains from investment properties of HK\$69.5 million (2021: HK\$129.4 million). The difference in fair value gain from investment properties in the two years mainly due to the economic slowdown and a narrowing of the increase in real estate values. As real estate projects are part of the Group's long-term development plan, the temporary narrowing of the increase in real estate values will not affect the Group.

Administrative expenses accounted for 9.0% of the total revenue, an improvement from 9.7% in 2021. The decrease in the proportion of administrative expenses to the total revenue was mainly due to better management of related costs during the reporting year and the achievement of economies of scale in business. Sales and distribution expenses accounted for 6.0% of the total revenue, identical to 2021.

As of the end of the 2022 fiscal year, the basic earnings per share was HK\$0.50, an increase of 4.2% from HK\$0.48 as of the end of 2021. Net asset value per share slightly increased from HK\$10.22 as of the end of 2021, to HK\$10.27 as of the end of 2022.

# Segment Information

The segment information for the year ended 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	Reve	enue	Contribution		
	2022	2021	2022	2021	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
By principal activities:					
Manufacturing and trading of garments	3,416,838	2,760,412	159,840	25,903	
Property investment and development	98,567	127,448	23,951	65,961	
	3,515,405	2,887,860	183,791	91,864	
By geographical segments:					
China	2,040,184	1,557,526	130,233	73,859	
USA	629,976	539,217	23,040	6,408	
Europe	423,082	335,081	15,709	907	
Others	422,163	456,036	14,809	10,690	
	3,515,405	2,887,860	183,791	91,864	

#### Manufacturing and trading of garments

In order to more effectively analyze the development of its primary segment information, as of the fiscal year ending on 31 December 2022, the Group restructured its internal reporting framework, merging its brand business into its manufacturing and trading of garments businesses. The revenue and profit contribution for 2021 has also been restated and disclosed in this year's report.

In 2022, the revenue of the manufacturing and trading of garments businesses was HK\$3.42 billion, an increase of HK\$656.4 million or 23.8% compared to the revenue of HK\$2.76 billion in 2021. The net profit in 2022 was HK\$159.8 million, a significant increase of 517.1% compared to the net profit of HK\$25.9 million in 2021.

The Group actively promotes diversified product development, providing comprehensive services covering the entire supply chain for our customers. The Group has been driving business transformation, focusing on sustainable development and technological innovation through continuous development, product research and process optimization. We have launched a variety of fashion and eco-friendly products, which have been highly recognized by stakeholders from all walks of life.

In addition, the Group has optimized and re-engineered its business processes to improve operational efficiency, enabling employees to focus on critical issues and create cost competitiveness, establishing a customer-centric value chain and continuously enhancing customer value.

# Management Discussion and Analysis

# Segment Information (Cont'd)

#### Property investment and development

Income from property investment and development business was HK\$98.6 million in 2022, while it was HK\$127.0 million in 2021.

The Group has been vigorously expanding the scale of WL District project. The WL District in Hangzhou made good progress during the past year. The first phase of the project has a good occupancy rate, whereas the first stage of the second phase has been completed and gradually generates the return on investment. The second stage of the second phase is progressing according to plan and is expected to be completed by 2023. The management will continue to optimize the combination of enterprises stationed in the districts and collaborate with more high-quality partners for the creation and innovative co-research projects to attract a wealth of talent and capital to the site. The Group's high-quality portfolio of property investments and developments on one hand will continue to create high-value assets and generate income for the Group, on the other hand will also offer an array of opportunities for High Fashion's core fashion business.

### Environmental, Social and Corporate Responsibility

Climate change is an important issue that requires active response from all sectors globally in recent years. As an industry leader and promoter of sustainable development, High Fashion has been committed to establishing a green supply chain and transforming to low-carbon business with integration of scientific and technological innovation into the research and development of green raw materials and green products, as well as investing in the extensive use of renewable energy. Through promoting industry digitalization and intelligence and establishing industry-wide smart factories, we provide customers and consumers with another fashion choice for carbon-reducing life. The Group continues to make breakthroughs in achieving its five-year sustainability goals from 2020 to 2024, demonstrating excellence in carbon emission reduction, water conservation, resource recycling and corporate social responsibility for fulfilling its mission as an industry model.

Over the years, the Group has been actively engaged in the research and development of green innovative technologies, and has obtained various patents in materials, technologies and craftsmanship. For example, our unique "Aqua Print" technology to reduce water consumption in the textile processing significantly, and the use of different parts of plants to develop nature dyeing agents to reduce the impact of harmful chemicals to the environment. In addition, the Group's devotion and achievements in sustainability have been recognized by various international standards, including the ongoing certification of "Low Carbon Manufacturing Programme" ("LCMP") from WWF, the "Global Recycling Standard" ("GRS") and the STeP by Oeko-Tex® certification. At the national level, in response to China's low-carbon development strategy, the Group joined the "China Brand 3060 Climate Innovation Carbon Neutrality Acceleration Plan" (「中國品牌3060氣候創新碳中和加速計劃」) and was awarded the "Pioneering Units and Contributors in Climate Innovation Action in China's Textile and Apparel industry" (「中國紡織服裝行業氣候創新行動先鋒單位及貢獻者」) for the joint efforts in promoting the green development of the industry.

The Group firmly believes that the combination of production and research is the general direction for the future development of the textile industry and the cultivation of industry talents. High Fashion Womenswear Institute cultivates high-quality and capable talents for the textile industry in different professional fields, and collaborates with university institutions to research and develop new materials and craftsmanship for increasing the strength, breadth and depth of research and development. We apply the research and development results on the Company's production to improve product quality and performance. In the future, the Group will enhance the nurturing of talents in advanced manufacturing and 3D digitalization as well as promote school-enterprise training for cultivation of future business leaders in the industry.

# Environmental, Social and Corporate Responsibility (Cont'd)

To promote the Group's sustainable development and integrate it with its corporate strategy, the Group has established a sound corporate governance structure. The Board leads the management and various departments to regularly review the risks and opportunities brought by climate change to the Group, and monitor the implementation and accomplishments of sustainable development policies and projects in various regions. With the assistance of the Environmental, Social and Governance Committee and the Risk Management Committee, the Group identifies industry-relevant climate risks and formulates relevant mitigation measures to lay a sound foundation for the Group's long-term development.

# Liquidity and Financial Resources

The Group's total amount of cash and cash equivalents, short-term deposit and other financial assets at fair value through profit and loss as at 31 December 2022 was HK\$1.07 billion (as at 31 December 2021: HK\$1.10 billion).

Bank borrowings, mainly denominated in Hong Kong Dollar, amounted to HK\$1.70 billion (as at 31 December 2021: HK\$1.68 billion). The bank borrowings are primarily used for operating funds for manufacturing and trading of garments, fixed asset investments in enhancing production facilities in Mainland China as well as various property construction and development projects.

The gearing ratio of non-current liabilities to shareholders' funds as at 31 December 2022 slightly increased to 50.2% (as at 31 December 2021: 45.8%), while the current ratio remained at 1.6 (as at 31 December 2021: 1.5). The Group has a sound capital base.

Net cash inflow from operating activities for the year 2022 was approximately HK\$198.5 million, which mainly attributed from the increase in operating profit. The Group has sufficient bank facilities financing and stable income from investment properties. The management is confident in maintaining healthy working capital and liquidity to meet operational needs and future growth.

# Foreign Currency Risk Exposure

The foreign currency risk mainly relates to the RMB and USD, as most of our operating expenses are settled in RMB, while some of the sales are denominated in USD. The Group adheres to policies to monitor foreign exchange risk. The management promptly responded and effectively reduced the exchange rate losses from buying RMB from USD during the year of 2022 when the RMB and USD exchange rate fluctuated as a result of pandemic control policies and US interest rate hikes. As the Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the US dollar, the Group considers the relevant foreign exchange risk to be minimal. The management will continue to take cautious measures to mitigate foreign currency risk.

# Charges on Assets

Apart from HK\$1.84 billion of mortgaged properties in Hong Kong and Mainland China for long-term bank borrowings (as at 31 December 2021: HK\$1.39 billion of mortgaged properties in Hong Kong), the Group has no collateral for other assets.

# Management Discussion and Analysis

# Capital Expenditure

The Group has purchased the plant and equipment, leasehold improvement and construction in progress of around HK\$75.3 million in order to upgrade the manufacturing capabilities and improve the environmental protection facilities during the year. The Group also invested HK\$161.1 million in certain properties construction and development projects during the reporting year.

# **Capital Commitments**

The Group is committed to capital expenditure in respect of acquisition of property, plant and equipment and construction work contracted but not provided for amounted to HK\$554.4 million as at 31 December 2022.

# **Contingent Liabilities**

Please refer to note 48 to the consolidated financial statements for details of contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2022.

### Human Resources

The total number of employees of the Group, including joint ventures, as at 31 December 2022 was approximately 5,000 (as at 31 December 2021: 4,800). The increase in the number of employees was mainly due to more factory personnel in accordance with the rise in sales orders. The Group's management made much account of employee training in order to equip them with appropriate knowledge. The Group assesses employees based on their job performance, qualifications, and industry norms. In addition, we also provide competitive compensation packages to employees, including subsidies for meals, medical insurance, and share options granted to eligible employees under the Group's share option plan. No share option was granted to employees during the year.

### **Executive Directors**

**Mr. LAM Foo Wah**, aged 74, is the founder of the Group. Mr. Lam is the Chairman and the chairman of the Nomination Committee of the Company. He was the Managing Director of the Company until February 2020. He is also a director of various subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Lam is the visionary leader and provides guidance for the overall strategic planning with goals setting for the Group to pursue aggressively. He has over 40 years of experience in manufacturing of apparel industry and marketing of brand and retail management. Mr. Lam is the father of Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will and Mr. Lam Din Yu, Well, the Executive Directors of the Company. Mr. Lam is a substantial shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. He is also a director of Hinton Company Limited and High Fashion Charitable Foundation Limited, the substantial shareholders of the Company.

Mr. LAM Gee Yu, Will, aged 40, joined the Group in 2010. Mr. Will Lam is an Executive Director, the chairman of the Risk Management Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. He has been appointed as the Managing Director of the Company since February 2020 and is responsible for the management of all the businesses in the Group. He is also a director of various subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Will Lam currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel Limited (HKRITA), an honorary president of The Hong Kong Ningxia Youth Association, a president of High Fashion Womenswear Institute, a vice president of Shenzhen Garment Industry Association, a vice president of Hong Kong Hangzhou Entrepreneurs Association, an executive director of the National Council of Zheijang Zheshang Chuanmei Limited (浙江浙 商傳媒有限公司), a member of Hong Kong Young Industrialists Council, a member of The Hong Kong Real Property Federation Limited, a member of retail and tourism committee of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, a member of The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, a member of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, a member of The Federation of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers, a member of Hong Kong 3D Printing Association, a member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council Garment Advisory Committee and a member of the CreateSmart Initiative Vetting Committee. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Master of Finance Degree from Princeton University. Prior to joining the Group, he worked for an international bank in Asia and an international investment bank in the United States. He is a son of Mr. Lam Foo Wah and a brother of Mr. Lam Din Yu, Well, the Executive Directors of the Company. He is also a director of Hinton Company Limited and High Fashion Charitable Foundation Limited, the substantial shareholders of the Company.

**Mr. LAM Din Yu, Well**, aged 38, joined the Group in 2006. Mr. Well Lam is an Executive Director and has been appointed as the Managing Director (China) of the Company since February 2020. He is also a director of various subsidiaries of the Company. He is responsible for the group business in the Mainland China, as well as the new business development area. He is also the principal member of China Silk Association, Zhejiang Silk Association, Zhejiang New High-Tech Enterprises Association, Hangzhou Silk Association, Federation of Industry and Commerce of Xiaoshan Hangzhou and International Silk Union. He holds a Bachelor Degree of Business Administration from Boston University. He is a son of Mr. Lam Foo Wah and a brother of Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will, the Executive Directors of the Company. He is also a director of Hinton Company Limited and High Fashion Charitable Foundation Limited, the substantial shareholders of the Company.

### Non-executive Director

**Mr. HUNG Ka Hai Clement**, aged 67, joined the Group in 2017. Mr. Hung is a Non-executive Director of the Company and a member of the Audit Committee of the Company. He had served Deloitte China for 31 years. He retired from the chairman role of Deloitte China in June 2016 and had represented Deloitte China in the Deloitte Global Board and Governance Committee as a member during at that time. Mr. Hung assumed various leadership roles in Deloitte, including, the audit group leader and office managing partner of Deloitte Shenzhen Office and Guangzhou Office. He was also a member of the China Management Team of Deloitte China. Later on, Mr. Hung assumed the role of the southern audit leader and the deputy managing partner of the Southern Region (including Hong Kong, Macau, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Xiamen and Changsha).

Mr. Hung was an honorary member of the Shenzhen Institute of Certified Public Accountants in 2004. He served as the Guangzhou Institute of Certified Public Accountants consultant from 2004 to 2014. From 2006 to 2011, he also served as a member of the Political Consultative Committee of Luohu District, Shenzhen. In June 2016, the Ministry of Finance of People's Republic of China appointed Mr. Hung as an expert consultant under his extensive experience as a Hong Kong accounting professional. He is a life member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Lincoln (formerly known as Huddersfield University) in United Kingdom in 1980.

Mr. Hung is an independent non-executive director of Gome Finance Technology Co., Ltd., Aoyuan Healthy Life Group Company Limited, China East Education Holdings Limited, Huarong International Financial Holdings Limited, Skyworth Group Limited and Hong Kong Aerospace Technology Group Limited, the shares of these companies are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). Mr. Hung has also been appointed as an independent supervisor of the supervisory committee of Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd. since 18 July 2022, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange and Shanghai Stock Exchange.

He has served as an independent non-executive director of Zhongchang International Holdings Group Limited until June 2020, retired as an independent non-executive director of Tibet Water Resources Ltd. until the conclusion of its annual general meeting held in June 2021 and resigned as an independent non-executive director of SY Holdings Group Limited (formerly known as "Sheng Ye Capital Limited") on 15 July 2022, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange.

# Independent Non-executive Directors

**Professor YEUNG Kwok Wing**, aged 75, joined the Group in 2000. Professor Yeung has been re-designated as an Independent Nonexecutive Director from a Non-executive Director of the Company with effect from 4 June 2021. He is a member of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee, Nomination Committee and Risk Management Committee of the Company. He was formerly the executive director of Clothing Industry Training Authority ("CITA") in Hong Kong. He holds a PhD from the Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Professor Yeung specializes in textile product development, quality assurance and management, and serves as various honorary fellows and members of international associations of textile, dyers and colorists as well. He has a long and distinguished academic career and was associated with The Hong Kong Polytechnic University ("PolyU") for more than 30 years before joining CITA in June 2006. His administrative ability is also highly appreciated in PolyU when he was posted as its vice president overseeing academic development from 2002 to 2005.

**Mr. LEUNG Hok Lim,** *CPA (Macau)*, aged 87, joined the Group in 2004. Mr. Leung is an Independent Non-executive Director, the chairman of the Audit Committee, and a member of the Remuneration Committee, Nomination Committee and Risk Management Committee of the Company. Mr. Leung is the founder and senior partner of PKF. Mr. Leung is an independent non-executive director of Phoenix Media Investment (Holdings) Limited, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange. He retired as an independent non-executive director of S E A Holdings Limited, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange, with effect from the conclusion of its annual general meeting held in May 2021.

Mr. CHUNG Kwok Pan, aged 59, joined the Group in July 2019. Mr. Chung is an Independent Non-executive Director, the chairman of the Remuneration Committee, a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Risk Management Committee of the Company. He has been responsible for the business management of Chungweiming Knitting Factory Limited since 1988. In early 2022 he established Hong Kong Carbon Trading Centre Co., Ltd ("HKCTC") as the Founder & CEO. HKCTC helps all kinds and sizes of industrial companies in how to reduce the carbon emission in order to help the world's climate change. Mr. Chung also has several social positions, including Honorary Life Chairman of Hong Kong Apparel Society, a member of Honorary General Committee of The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, an advisor of New Territories General Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Design Discipline Advisory Board of Vocational Training Council, Chairman of Fashion Industry Training Advisory Committee, Education Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") and a member of Carbon Market Opportunities Working Group of Financial Services Development Council (FSDC). He was also a member of the 5th and 6th Legislative Council of Hong Kong (Textile and Garment Sector) and a member of the 9th Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in 2005. Mr. Chung is an independent non-executive director of Planetree International Development Limited, Esprit Holdings Limited and Legendary Group Limited, the shares of these companies are listed on the Stock Exchange. Mr. Chung obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Quantity Surveying from Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology, Scotland (currently known as "Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen") in July 1986 and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Stirling, Scotland, United Kingdom in May 1988.

**Mr. TONG Hee Keung, Samuel**, aged 66, has been appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director, a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Risk Management Committee of the Company with effect from 1 January 2023. Mr. Tong was the deputy chief executive of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited ("ICBC Asia") from August 2011 to April 2020. He was responsible for ICBC Asia's Greater Bay Area corporate banking business and Asia Pacific banking business. Mr. Tong holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Brunel, United Kingdom. Mr. Tong is an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers. He is also a graduate of the executive programme at Le Centre Europeen d'Education Permanente (CEDEP) in Fontainebleau, France. Mr. Tong has over 30 years of corporate and commercial banking experience.

### Senior Management

**Ms. LEUNG Suk Yin, Hilda**, aged 66, has been with the Group since its inception. She is the vice chairman of High Fashion (China) Co., Ltd. and a director of various subsidiaries of the Company. Ms. Leung holds a diploma in business management from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and The Hong Kong Management Association. She has over 40 years of experience in the marketing, merchandising and production of garments.

**Mr. RUAN Gen Yao**, aged 62, joined the Group in 2001. He is the vice chairman of High Fashion (China) Co., Ltd. He is a politician engineer in China and Labour Model of Hangzhou and the representation of The People's Congress of Tonglu, China. He has over 25 years' experience in silk finishing and dyeing industry and extensive experience in business management.

**Mr. LIN Ping**, aged 62, joined the Group in 1993. He is the chairman and the CEO of High Fashion Silk (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd. and is responsible for the operation and administration. He serves as vice president of Chinese Textile Enterprisers Association, vice president of China Silk Association, vice president of China Fashion Color Association, vice president of Silk Branch of China Textile Chamber of Commerce, vice president of China Silk Quilt Association, an executive member of China Textile Photography Association, president of Zhejiang Industry Tourism Association, vice president of Zhejiang Textile Association, vice president of Shaoxing Textile Association, vice president of Shaoxing Textile Association, vice president of Shaoxing Textile Association, vice president of Donghua University, professor and tutor for master degree of Wuhan Textile University, part-time professor of Zhejiang Sci-Tech University and honorary professor of Hangzhou Vocational Technical College. He was the dean of High Fashion Womenswear Institute. He attains EMBA education and is the senior economist in China. He has over 40 years' experience in textile industry and extensive experience in product design and development, silk weaving production and management.

The directors of the Company (the "Director(s)") present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Company are investment holding, property investment and development. Details of the principal activities of the principal subsidiaries are set out in note 49 to the consolidated financial statements. There were no significant changes in the nature of the Group's principal activities during the year.

### **Business Review**

The business review of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022, including a fair review of the Group's business, the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group, particulars of important events affecting the Group that have occurred since the end of the financial year and indication of likely future development in the Group's business, is set out in the "Chairman's Statement" and the "Management Discussion and Analysis" sections on pages 2 to 3 and 7 to 12 respectively of this annual report. Details of the Group's financial risk management are set out in note 41 to the consolidated financial statements. An analysis using financial key performance indicators for the year is set out in the "Financial Summary" section on page 143 of this annual report.

The Group has complied with the relevant laws and regulations, which have significant impact on the Group's operation during the year. Details of the Group's compliance are set out in the "Corporate Governance Report" section on pages 27 to 47 and "Management Discussion and Analysis" section of this annual report.

Discussions on the Group's environmental policies and performance, relationships with its employees, suppliers and customers are set out in the "Management Discussion and Analysis" section of this annual report and the Environmental, Social and Governance Report of the Company.

# **Results and Dividends**

The Group's results for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the financial position of the Group at that date are set out in the consolidated financial statements on pages 53 to 142 of this annual report.

An interim dividend of 3 HK cents per ordinary shares was paid on 7 October 2022. The board of Directors (the "Board") recommends the payment of a final dividend of 12 HK cents per ordinary share for the year ended 31 December 2022 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Friday, 23 June 2023 (2021: 6 HK cents per ordinary share). The proposed final dividend is subject to the approval of shareholders of the Company at the forthcoming annual general meeting to be held on Friday, 9 June 2023 (the "2023 AGM"). If being approved, dividend warrants for the final dividend is expected to be dispatched on Friday, 7 July 2023. More information about the proposed final dividend is set out in note 13 to the consolidated financial statements.

# Results and Dividends (Cont'd)

#### **Dividend Policy**

The Company adopted the dividend policy on 29 March 2019 to allow shareholders of the Company to participate in its profits whilst preserving adequate reserves and liquidity for the Company's future development.

The Board would consider the following factors before recommendation or declaration of dividends:

- (a) the actual and expected financial performance of the Group;
- (b) the working capital requirements for future business needs and expansion plans of the Group;
- (c) the liquidity position of the Group;
- (d) the retained earnings and distributable reserves of the Group;
- (e) general economic conditions and other internal and external factors which may have an impact on the financial and business performance of the Group; and
- (f) any other factors that the Board deems relevant.

The Board is at its discretion to declare interim dividends. The recommendation of final dividends is subject to the approval of shareholders at general meetings of the Company. The payment of dividends is subject to the restrictions under the Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws of the Company and other applicable laws. Dividends may be distributed in cash or be satisfied wholly or partly in the form of securities of the Company pursuant to the Bye-laws of the Company (the "Bye-laws").

The Board will review the policy from time to time and has absolute and sole discretion to update, amend or modify the policy.

#### **Closure of Register of Members**

The Register of Members will be closed from Tuesday, 6 June 2023 to Friday, 9 June 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to determine shareholders who are entitled to attend and vote at the 2023 AGM, all transfer of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration by not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 5 June 2023.

In addition, the Register of Members will also be closed from Thursday, 22 June 2023 to Friday, 23 June 2023, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to determine shareholders who are entitled to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfer of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Tricor Secretaries Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration by not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 June 2023.

### **Financial Summary**

A summary of the published results and assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years, as extracted from the audited consolidated financial statements and reclassified as appropriate, is set out on page 143 of this annual report. This summary does not form part of the audited consolidated financial statements.

### Property, Plant and Equipment and Investment Properties

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment and investment properties of the Group during the year are set out in notes 15 and 17 to the consolidated financial statements, respectively.

### **Properties**

Details of the properties of the Group held for investment and sale purposes at 31 December 2022 are set out in the section headed "Schedule of Principal Investment Properties" on page 144 of this annual report.

#### Reserves

Details of movements in the reserves of the Group during the year are set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

### Distributable Reserves

The Company's reserves available for distribution as at 31 December 2022 amounted to HK\$140,694,000 (2021: HK\$119,541,000).

#### Donations

During the year, the Group made charitable and other donations of approximately HK\$3,003,000 (2021: HK\$1,137,000). More information about the donations is set out in the Environmental, Social and Governance Report of the Company.

### Major Customers and Suppliers

For the year ended 31 December 2022, less than 24% of the Group's revenue from sales of goods or rendering of services was attributable to the Group's five largest customers, and less than 13% of the Group's total purchases were attributable to the Group's five largest suppliers.

### Directors

The Directors during the year and up to the date of this annual report were:

#### **Executive Directors:**

Mr. Lam Foo Wah Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will Mr. Lam Din Yu, Well Ms. So Siu Hang, Patricia (Note 1)

#### Non-executive Director:

Mr. Hung Ka Hai, Clement

#### Independent Non-executive Directors:

Professor Yeung Kwok Wing Mr. Leung Hok Lim Mr. Chung Kwok Pan Mr. Tong Hee Keung, Samuel *(Note 2)* 

Notes:

- 1. Ms. So Siu Hang, Patricia retired as an Executive Director with effect from the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company held on 14 June 2022.
- 2. Mr. Tong Hee Keung, Samuel has been appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director with effect from 1 January 2023.

The current Directors' biographical information including their membership at various Board committees and relationships among the Directors are set out in the "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" section of this annual report. Information on the re-election of the retiring Directors at 2023 AGM is set out in the "Corporate Governance Report" section of this annual report.

### Directors' Emoluments

The emoluments of Directors are determined by reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company, the prevailing market condition as well as the performance of the Company's results. Particulars as required to be disclosed pursuant to Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") are set out in note 9 to the consolidated financial statements.

The Company's share option scheme (the "2012 Share Option Scheme") was adopted pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed on 30 May 2012 and expired on 29 May 2022. Following the expiry of the 2012 Share Option Scheme, the Company passed a resolution at the 2022 annual general meeting held on 14 June 2022 to adopt a new share option scheme (the "2022 Share Option Scheme") for the continuation of providing recognition to the contributions or services of eligible participants. Details are set out in the "Share Option Scheme" section on page 24 of this annual report and note 39 to the consolidated financial statements.

### Directors' Service Contracts

No Director proposed for re-election at the 2023 AGM has a service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is not determinable within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

### Directors' Interests in Competing Business

During the year, Executive Directors and Non-executive Directors have confirmed that they have no interests in any business apart from the Company's business, which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the Company's business which is required to be disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules.

### Directors' Interests in Transaction, Arrangement or Contracts

Other than the related party transactions as disclosed in note 47 to the consolidated financial statements, no Director or any entity connected with him had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any transaction, arrangement or contract of significance in relation to the business of the Group to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party at the end of or during the year.

### Controlling Shareholder's Interests in Significant Contracts

At no time during the year had the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and the controlling shareholder or any of its subsidiaries entered into any contracts of significance for the provision of services by the controlling shareholder or any of its subsidiaries to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

### Permitted Indemnity Provision

In accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company, the Directors and officers of the Company, shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they may sustain or incur in or about the execution of their duty, provided that this indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to any of said persons.

The Company has undertaken the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance ("D&O Insurance") to provide such indemnities to the Directors. The permitted indemnity provision in the Bye-laws and the D&O Insurance for the benefit of the Directors are currently in force and was in force throughout this year.

### Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures

As at 31 December 2022, the interests and short positions of the Directors, chief executives of the Company (the "Chief Executives") and their associates 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 ("SFO")) which have been notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which any such director or chief executive was taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or have been recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, or which have been notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") contained in the Listing Rules, were as follows:

#### Long Positions in the Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company

#### (a) Ordinary shares of the Company

Name of Directors	Notes	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of ordinary shares held	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital (Note 4)	
Lam Foo Wah	1, 2	Beneficial owner Other interest	Personal Other	1,789,901 222,039,460	0.59% 72.65%	

#### (b) Share options granted by the Company

Name of Directors	Capacity	Number of underlying shares held pursuant to share options (Note 3)	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital (Note 4)
Lam Gee Yu, Will	Beneficial owner	2,500,000	0.82%
Lam Din Yu, Well	Beneficial owner	2,500,000	0.82%

Notes:

- 1. Mr. Lam Foo Wah is deemed to have interests in 170,867,620 ordinary shares which are beneficially owned by Hinton Company Limited, the entire issued share capital of which is held under The Lam Foo Wah 1992 Trust. Mr. Lam is regarded as a founder of the trust.
- Mr. Lam Foo Wah is deemed to have interests in 51,171,840 ordinary shares which are beneficially owned by High Fashion Charitable Foundation Limited, the entire issued share capital of which is held under High Fashion Trust. Mr. Lam is regarded as a founder of the trust.
- 3. Particulars of these share options and their movements as at 31 December 2022 are set out in the "Share Option Scheme" section below.
- 4. The issued share capital of the Company is 305,615,420 shares as at 31 December 2022.

### Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures (Cont'd)

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2022, none of the Directors, Chief Executives nor their associates had or was deemed to have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which have been recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO or which have been notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code of the Listing Rules.

Furthermore, save as disclosed in the "Share Option Scheme" section below and note 39 to the consolidated financial statements, at no time during the year ended 31 December 2022 was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors or any of their spouses or children under the age of 18 to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO).

# Substantial Shareholders

As at 31 December 2022, the following substantial shareholders, other than Directors and Chief Executives, had the interests and short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company which have been disclosed to the Company pursuant to Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, have been recorded in the register kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of SFO:

Name of shareholders Leung Shuk Bing Hinton Company Limited		Capacity	Number of ordinary shares held	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital (Note 3)	
Leung Shuk Bing	1	Interest of spouse	223,829,361	73.24%	
Hinton Company Limited	2	Beneficial owner	170,867,620	55.91%	
High Fashion Charitable Foundation Limited	2	Beneficial owner	51,171,840	16.74%	

### Long Positions in the Ordinary Shares of the Company:

Notes:

1. Ms. Leung Shuk Bing is spouse of Mr. Lam Foo Wah and is deemed to have interests in 223,829,361 ordinary shares.

2. Such interests have been disclosed as interests of Mr. Lam Foo Wah in the "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures" above.

3. The issued share capital of the Company is 305,615,420 shares as at 31 December 2022.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2022, no person, other than the Directors or Chief Executives, whose interests are set out in the "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures" section above, had registered a long or short position in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company that was required to be recorded pursuant to section 336 of the SFO.

# Share Capital

Details of movements in the Company's share capital during the year, is set out in note 38 to the consolidated financial statements. No shares of the Company were issued during the year.

# Share Option Scheme

The Company passed an ordinary resolution at the annual general meeting to adopt 2012 Share Option Scheme for a period of 10 years commencing on the adoption date. The 2012 Share Option Scheme expired on 29 May 2022 and no further option could thereafter be granted. Notwithstanding the expiry of the 2012 Share Option Scheme, the share options which had been granted and not exercised nor lapsed at the date of expiry shall remain valid and exercisable in accordance with the 2012 Share Option Scheme and in all other respects, the provisions of the 2012 Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect.

Following the expiry of the 2012 Share Option Scheme, the Company passed a resolution at the 2022 annual general meeting held on 14 June 2022 to adopt the 2022 Share Option Scheme for the continuation of providing recognition to the contributions or services of eligible participants. Unless otherwise terminated or amended, the 2022 Share Option Scheme will remain in force for 10 years.

		Exercise price per share HK\$	- Exercise period	Number of share options				
Name of grantees	Date of grant			As at 1 January 2022	Granted during the year	Exercised during the year	Lapsed/ cancelled during the year	As at 31 December 2022
Directors								
Lam Gee Yu, Will	3 December 2018	1.76	3 December 2019 to 2 December 2028	1,250,000	-	_	-	1,250,000
			3 December 2020 to 2 December 2028	1,250,000	-	-	-	1,250,000
				2,500,000	-	-	-	2,500,000
Lam Din Yu, Well	3 December 2018	1.76	3 December 2019 to 2 December 2028	1,250,000	-	-	-	1,250,000
			3 December 2020 to 2 December 2028	1,250,000	-	-		1,250,000
				2,500,000	_	-	-	2,500,000
Total				5,000,000	_	_	_	5,000,000

The movements in the Company's share options during the year ended 31 December 2022 are disclosed as follows:

Note:

The vesting period of the share options is from the date of grant until the commencement of the exercise period.

Save as disclosed above, no share options of the Company was granted, exercised, lapsed or cancelled during the year.

As at the date of this annual report, no share option has been granted under the 2022 Share Option Scheme. The total number of share options available for issue under the 2022 Share Option Scheme is 30,561,542, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company. Further information of the 2022 Share Option Scheme during the year is set out in note 39 to the consolidated financial statements.

# Equity-Linked Agreements

Other than the share option scheme of the Company as disclosed above and note 39 to the consolidated financial statements, no equity-linked agreements that will or may result in the Company issuing shares or that require the Company to enter into any agreements that will or may result in the Company issuing shares were entered into by the Company during the year or subsisted at the end of the year.

# **Pre-Emptive Rights**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Bye-laws or the laws of Bermuda which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to its existing shareholders.

# Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Listed Securities of the Company

During the year, the Company had not redeemed, and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased or sold any of the Company's listed securities.

### **Related Party Transactions**

Significant related party transactions entered into by the Group during the year ended 31 December 2022, which do not constitute connected transactions under the Listing Rules are disclosed in note 47 to the consolidated financial statements.

### **Management Contracts**

No contract for the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company was entered into or existed during the year.

### Sufficiency of Public Float

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, as at the date of this annual report, there is a sufficiency of public float of the Company's securities as required under the Listing Rules.

### **Corporate Governance**

The Company has applied the principles of, and complied with the applicable code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the year ended 31 December 2022, except for the deviation as mentioned in the "Corporate Governance Report" section 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 on the same date of publication of this annual report.

### Auditors

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 were audited by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

A resolution for the re-appointment of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration will be proposed at the 2023 AGM.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

**LAM FOO WAH** Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 March 2023

The Board and the management of the Company are committed to maintaining good corporate governance practices and procedures to enable an effective Board, the long-term success and sustainability of the Company. The Company believes that good corporate governance provides a framework that is essential for effective strategic management and risk control as well as enhancement of shareholders' value and communication. The corporate governance principles of the Company emphasize a quality and diversified Board with responsible decision-making aligning with corporate cultures and values, independent and objective views on the Board, sound and effective risk management and internal control systems, improvement in accountability and transparency to all shareholders with recognition of their legitimate interests.

The Company has complied with all the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as set out in the Listing Rules on the Stock Exchange throughout the year ended 31 December 2022, except for the deviation as described below:

# Code provision C.3.3

Under the code provision C.3.3 of the CG Code, directors should clearly understand delegation arrangements in place and listed companies should have formal letters of appointment for directors setting out the key terms and conditions of their appointment.

The Board considers that though there were no formal letters of appointment entered into between the Company and the Directors, the Directors had a clear understanding of the terms and conditions of their appointment with close communication with the Company and their awareness on the relevant rights and duties pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations.

### **Cultures and Values**

The Board places high degree of importance on the embedment of corporate culture and values to the business decision-making and strategies and future corporate development direction. The Board takes the initiative to set the tone and defines the Company's purpose, values and strategy, and develops the desired culture to support Group's success. The Board ensures that every Board member is familiar with the underlying corporate culture and relevant values are clearly delivered to the employees through employee handbook and code of conduct therein.

# Cultures and Values (Cont'd)

#### Core spirit, culture and values

The culture of "People-oriented and Joyful Mind", "Put the Needs of Others before Your Own" and "One Heart One Power" is deeply ingrained in the Company's governance. The Company has established various management regulations, detailed implementation guidelines, and strict monitoring systems to promote the cultural values of "morality", "virtue", "honest", "faith", "integrity" and "lawfulness". Each Director and management member must take the lead in such promotion, and the Company actively involves employees in management through regular and systematic training and a "managing tomorrow" mindset to achieve its goals and cultivate its people as talented individuals.

The Company values its employees as its most important asset and cares for employees' growth and development as excellent talents. The Company provides employees with diverse training opportunities and platforms to continuously improve and grow their knowledge and skills to enable each employee to realize their full potential. The Company also cultivates the spirit of "Put the Needs of Others before Your Own" and "One Heart One Power" by encouraging employees to understand themselves, do their best and help others. The Company hopes that employees can be wholeheartedly committed to the Company's success, work harmoniously and collaboratively towards common goals.

#### Anti-corruption and Whistleblowing Policy

The Group places high standard and strict compliance of code of conduct as one of the important corporate cultures. To achieve and maintain the highest standards of openness, probity and accountability and to conduct business fairly with integrity, honesty and transparency, the Group has adopted anti-corruption policy and arranged anti-corruption training to Directors and employees during the year to enhance their awareness.

An whistleblowing policy of the Company has also been adopted to encourage employees and those who deal with the Company (e.g. customers and suppliers) to raise any concern on any possible misconduct, violation of company policies or fraudulent activities, in confidence, with the designated committee about possible improprieties in any matter related to the Company. Anonymous complaints and whistle-blowing can also be made through suggestion box at the office. Internal audit member within the Corporate Ethics Team is responsible for investigation of any complaints received and reporting to the Audit Committee quarterly for the details and progress of investigation, if any.

### The Board

The Board is collectively responsible and accountable for the operating and financial performance, oversight of the strategic business management and risk management and internal control of the Group. It leads and supervises the senior management in formulation and implementation of policies in relation to the corporate vision and mission, business and corporate accommodation, compensation policies and succession planning, effective governance and corporate social responsibility.

The Board also holds overall accountability for the Group's ESG management approach, strategy, performance, risk management and reporting as well as decision-making processes. Details of the sustainability governance structure are disclosed in the 2022 Environmental, Social and Governance Report of the Company.

# The Board (Cont'd)

Up to the date of this annual report, the Board comprised a total of eight Directors, including three Executive Directors, one Nonexecutive Director and four Independent Non-executive Directors. The names of Directors and their positions are as follows:

#### **Executive Directors:**

Mr. Lam Foo Wah (*Chairman*) Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will (*Managing Director*) Mr. Lam Din Yu, Well (*Managing Director (China*)) Ms. So Siu Hang, Patricia (*Note 1*)

#### Non-executive Director:

Mr. Hung Ka Hai, Clement

#### Independent Non-executive Directors:

Professor Yeung Kwok Wing Mr. Leung Hok Lim Mr. Chung Kwok Pan Mr. Tong Hee Keung, Samuel *(Note 2)* 

#### Notes:

1. Ms. So Siu Hang, Patricia retired as an Executive Director with effect from the conclusion of the annual general meeting held on 14 June 2022.

2. Mr. Tong Hee Keung was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director with effect from 1 January 2023.

The current Directors' biographical information including their membership at various Board committees and relationships among the Directors are set out in the "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" section of this annual report.

An updated list of directors of the Company and their respective roles and functions have been maintained on the website of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Pursuant to Rule 3.10A of the Listing Rules, listed issuers should appoint independent non-executive directors representing at least one-third of the board. As at the date of this annual report, the Board comprises eight Directors, in which the number of Independent Non-executive Directors represents more than one-third of the Board. One of the four Independent Non-executive Directors has appropriate professional qualifications, or accounting or related financial management expertise.

The Board is committed to appoint at least one female Director by 31 December 2024 to enhance the Board gender diversity. As at 31 December 2022, approximately 33% and 67% of the Company's workforce (including senior management) was male and female respectively. The Group considers that the current gender ratio of workforce is appropriate for promoting gender equality and business development in the textile and fashion industry. The Group is determined to maintain gender diversity and equality in terms of the Board and the whole workforce.

# The Board (Cont'd) Board Independence

The Board recognizes the importance of Board independence in enhancing the effectiveness and decision-making of the Board by providing objective judgement and constructive challenge to management. Board independence is ensured through different means.

As stated in the Nomination Policy and Board Diversity Policy, the independence requirements under the Listing Rules were one of the selection criteria in nomination of Independent Non-executive Directors. During the financial year, each of the Independent Non-executive Directors has made an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company considers that all Independent Non-executive Directors meet the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and are independent. None of the Independent Non-executive Directors holds cross-directorships or has significant links with other Directors through involvement in other companies or bodies.

In addition, Independent Non-executive Directors are not eligible participants for the 2022 Share Option Scheme adopted in June 2022 and no share options were granted to the Independent Non-executive Directors under the 2012 Share Option Scheme expired in May 2022. No equity-based remuneration with performance-related elements is provided to Independent Non-executive Directors. Information about the remuneration of the Directors is set out in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements.

Furthermore, all Directors are entitled to seek advice from the Group Company Secretary or independent professional advisers at the Company's expense to facilitate proper discharge of their duties, which the relevant provisions are set out in the terms of reference of the Board and Board committees. Directors are encouraged to express independent opinions during the meetings and Independent Non-executive Directors are arranged to have direct discussions with the Chairman of the Board or the auditors of the Company without the presence of executives.

#### Directors' and Officers' Insurance

Appropriate insurance cover on Directors' and officers' liabilities has been in force to protect the Directors and officers of the Group from their risk exposure arising from the businesses of the Group. Regular review of the insurance coverage and amount is conducted.

#### **Board Meetings**

During the year, five regular Board meetings were held for facilitating the function of the Board. The Chairman of the Board (the "Chairman") met with the Independent Non-executive Directors once without the presence of other Directors. In any event, all Directors were available for consultation by management from time to time.

In order to ensure that the Board is able to fulfill its responsibilities, it has established and delegated specific authority to the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee, Nomination Committee and Risk Management Committee with specific matters as defined in the respective terms of reference. The main duties and meeting details of these committees are stipulated on pages 32 to 39 of this annual report.

The Company provides at least 14 days' notices of every Board meeting to all Directors. Board papers are circulated not less than 3 days before the Board meetings to enable the Directors to make informed decisions on matters to be raised at the Board meetings.

# The Board (Cont'd)

#### Board Meetings (Cont'd)

During the financial year, the Group Finance Director and the Company Secretary attended the regular Board meetings to advise on corporate governance, statutory compliance, accounting and financial matters when necessary. Directors had full access to information on the Group and were able to seek independent professional advice, upon reasonable request and at the expense of the Company, whenever deemed necessary by the Directors. The Company Secretary prepared minutes and kept records of matters discussed and decisions resolved at all Board meetings.

#### Directors' attendance records

During the year ended 31 December 2022, details of Directors' attendance at the Board and respective Board Committees meetings and the 2022 AGM are as follows:

	Meetings Attended/Held					
- Name of Directors	Board	Audit Committee (Note 1)	Remuneration Committee	Nomination Committee	Risk Management Committee	<b>2022</b> <b>AGM</b> (Note 1)
Executive Directors:						
Mr. Lam Foo Wah	5/5	N/A	N/A	2/2	N/A	1/1
Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will	5/5	N/A	2/2	N/A	1/1	1/1
Mr. Lam Din Yu, Well	5/5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Ms. So Siu Hang, Patricia <i>(Note 2)</i>	0/2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0/1
Non-executive Director:						
Mr. Hung Ka Hai, Clement	5/5	3/3	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Independent Non-executive Directors:						
Professor Yeung Kwok Wing	4/5	3/3	1/2	1/2	0/1	0/1
Mr. Leung Hok Lim	5/5	3/3	2/2	2/2	1/1	1/1
Mr. Chung Kwok Pan	5/5	3/3	2/2	2/2	1/1	1/1

Notes:

1. Representatives of the external auditors participated in every Audit Committee meeting and the 2022 AGM.

2. Ms. So Siu Hang, Patricia retired as an Executive Director with effect from the conclusion of the 2022 AGM.

# Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Managing Directors assume the roles and responsibilities of a chief executive officer of the Company. The roles of the Chairman and the Managing Directors are complementary but distinct and separate with clear division of delegation and accountabilities.

The Board, led by the Chairman, is responsible for adopting and promoting corporate culture and visions; approving and monitoring the Group's overall strategies and policies; approving the financial budget; evaluating the performance of the Group against targets and objectives; ensuring compliance with regulations; and ensuring effective shareholders' communication. The important roles of the Chairman are to provide leadership to the Board, monitor and evaluate Board effectiveness with consideration of Board diversity and independent views from the Independent Non-executive Directors and encourage all Directors to make a full and active contribution to the Board's affairs so as to ensure that the Board acts in the best interests of the Group. The Chairman ensures that all key and appropriate issues are discussed by the Board in a timely manner. All Directors have been consulted about any matters proposed for inclusion in the agenda. The Chairman has delegated the responsibility for drawing up the agenda for each Board meeting to the Company Secretary.

Management is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Group under the leadership of the Chairman. The Managing Directors, working with the other Executive Directors and the executive management team of each business division, is responsible for managing the businesses of the Group, including drawing up strategies and business development plans for Board approval, implementation of strategies adopted by the Board and assuming full accountability to the Board for the operations of the Group. All Directors have full and free access to the Group's information to ensure informed decision making and have made full and active contribution to the affairs of the Board.

With the support from Executive Directors and the Company Secretary, the Chairman seeks to ensure that all Directors are properly briefed on issues arising at Board meetings and receives adequate and reliable information in a timely manner. Apart from the regular Board meetings, the Chairman holds meetings with the Independent Non-executive Directors without the presence of other Directors.

### **Board Committees**

The Board delegates its powers and authorities from time to time to committees in order to ensure the operational efficiency and specific issues are being handled by relevant expertise. Four Board committees have been established and each of them has its specific duties and authorities setting out in its own terms of reference. Written terms of reference, which are in line with the CG Code, of each of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee are available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange. The members of the Board committees as at the date of this annual report is set out in the "Corporate Information" section on page 145 of this annual report. The attendance record of members of the Board committees in 2022 is set out in the "Directors' attendance records" section above.

Each Committee is provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties and where necessary, to seek independent professional advice, at the Company's expense, to perform its responsibility.

# Board Committees (Cont'd)

#### Audit Committee

As at the date of this annual report, the Audit Committee comprises one Non-executive Director and four Independent Non-executive Directors, at least one of whom has appropriate professional qualifications, or accounting or related financial management expertise. The Audit Committee adopted the terms of reference with reference to the guidelines issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and in accordance with the requirements of the CG Code.

No member of the Audit Committee is a former partner of the existing auditing firm of the Company during the two years after he/she ceases to be a partner of the auditing firm.

The main duties of the Audit Committee are set out below:

- (i) to recommend to the Board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditors, and address any questions of resignation or dismissal of the auditors;
- (ii) to review and monitor the external auditors' independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standards;
- (iii) to develop and implement policy on the engagement of external auditors to supply non-audit services;
- (iv) to monitor integrity of financial statements, annual and interim reports of the Company and accounts, and to review significant financial reporting judgements contained in such reports;
- (v) to review the Company's financial controls, internal control and risk management systems;
- (vi) to review and monitor the effectiveness of the internal audit function;
- (vii) to review the Group's financial and accounting policies and practices; and
- (viii) to review arrangements by which employees of the Company can use in confidence, to raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matter.

# Board Committees (Cont'd)

### Audit Committee (Cont'd)

During the year, the Audit Committee held three regular meetings to:

- (a) review the interim and annual financial reports and consolidated financial statements of the Group;
- (b) review with the external auditors and the management on the audit report issued by the external auditors of the Company covering the audit approach and methodology applied in key audit matters;
- (c) review and endorse the changes in accounting and auditing standards;
- (d) review the significant findings and recommendations from the internal audit department and the external auditors of the Company;
- (e) review and approve the internal audit plan of the Group for 2022;
- (f) review and provide supervision of the Group's financial reporting system;
- (g) evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems and internal audit functions;
- (h) review the independence of the external auditors of the Company, approve the scope and nature of audit services and the 2022 audit fee; and
- (i) review the effectiveness of the whistleblowing policy of the Group.

## Board Committees (Cont'd)

### **Remuneration Committee**

As at the date of this annual report, the Remuneration Committee comprises one Executive Director and three Independent Nonexecutive Directors.

The main duties of the Remuneration Committee are set out below:

- (i) to make recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy and structure for remuneration of Directors and senior management;
- (ii) to review the specific remuneration packages of all Executive Directors and senior management by reference to corporate goals and objectives resolved by the Board from time to time;
- (iii) to make recommendation to the Board on the remuneration packages of, including benefits in kind, pension rights and compensation payments, of individual Executive Directors and senior management;
- (iv) to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration of Non-executive Directors; and
- (v) to consider salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities and employment conditions elsewhere in the Group.

The Remuneration Committee consulted the Chairman about their proposals relating to remuneration package and other human resources issues of the Directors and senior management of the Company. The emoluments of Directors and senior management are based on the skill, knowledge, duties and responsibilities of each Director and senior management and are determined by reference to the Company's performance and profitability, as well as remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market conditions.

During the year, the Remuneration Committee performed the followings and held two meetings to:

- (a) make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration package of Mr. Tong Hee Keung, Samuel on his appointment as an Independent Non-executive Director;
- (b) review the policy and structure for all Directors' and senior management's remuneration;
- (c) review the remuneration packages of Executive Directors and senior management and make relevant recommendations to the Board after considering salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities and employment conditions elsewhere in the Group; and
- (d) review the Directors' fee of all Directors and made relevant recommendations to the Board.

Particulars of Directors' emoluments and employees' emoluments for the year ended 31 December 2022 are set out in note 9 to the consolidated financial statements.

## Board Committees (Cont'd)

### Nomination Committee

As at the date of this annual report, the Nomination Committee comprises one Executive Director and four Independent Nonexecutive Directors.

The main duties of the Nomination Committee are set out below:

- (i) to review the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience, expertise and diversity of perspectives) of the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy;
- (ii) to make recommendations to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and succession planning of Directors and senior management, based on merits and having due regard to the benefits of diversity of the Board;
- (iii) to assess the independence of Independent Non-executive Directors; and
- (iv) to conduct regular review on the effectiveness of Board Diversity Policy and Nomination Policy and make relevant recommendations to the Board for any necessary amendments, if appropriate, to achieve Board diversity.

During the year, the Nomination Committee performed the followings and held two meetings to:

- (a) make recommendations to the Board on the appointment of Mr. Tong Hee Keung, Samuel on his appointment as an Independent Non-executive Director and members of Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Risk Management Committee;
- (b) review the structure, size and composition of the Board;
- (c) make recommendations to the Board in relation to the re-appointment of the retiring Directors at the 2023 AGM; and
- (d) assess the independence of the Independent Non-executive Directors.

## Board Committees (Cont'd)

### Nomination Committee (Cont'd)

### **Nomination Policy**

To facilitate the succession planning and refreshment of the Board in the purpose of business development, the Nomination Committee nominates candidates and re-election of Directors on the basis of the Nomination Policy as summarized below:

#### 1. Selection Criteria

The selection of potential candidates is based on the merit and the benefits of diversity on the Board, including but not limited to the following factors:

- (a) Reputation for integrity;
- (b) Diversity in all aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, professional experience and length of service;
- (c) Accomplishment and experience in the textile industry and other relevant sectors;
- (d) Commitment in respect of sufficient time, interest and attention to the Company's affairs, taking into account the number of existing listed company directorships and other major appointments;
- (e) Independence criteria as prescribed under Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules for appointment of an independent nonexecutive director;
- (f) Capability to make contributions to the Board in achieving success of the Company; and
- (g) Any other factors as may be determined by the Nomination Committee or the Board from time to time.

### 2. Nomination Procedures

#### Appointment of Directors

The Nomination Committee identifies and ascertains the integrity, qualification, experience and expertise of the potential candidates based on the criteria set above. The identified candidate will be requested to provide the biographical information and other information as required under the Listing Rules for the review and verification of the Nomination Committee to seek if clarification is required. If the candidate is considered qualified, a nomination proposal will then be submitted to the Board for their consideration. The Board would appoint the candidate to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board or recommend the candidates to stand for election at a general meeting after due consideration and discussion over the qualification of the candidate.

## Board Committees (Cont'd)

Nomination Committee (Cont'd)

### Nomination Policy (Cont'd)

#### 2. Nomination Procedures (Cont'd)

#### Re-election of Directors

The Nomination Committee reviews the contribution made by the retiring Directors and whether his/her capabilities and qualifications continue to satisfy the criteria above and the corporate goals and strategies. The Board will then under the advice of the Nomination Committee, make recommendations to the shareholders of the Company for the re-election of Directors at the general meetings.

The Nomination Committee would state the reasons for recommending on the re-appointment of an Independent Nonexecutive Director serving the Company for more than nine years.

### 3. Review of the Nomination Policy

The Nomination Committee reviews the Nomination Policy from time to time to ensure its effectiveness. Any necessary amendments will be recommended to the Board for consideration and approval.

In accordance with Bye-law 84 of the Company's Bye-laws, every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years and that one-third (or the number nearest to one-third) of the Directors shall retire from office every year at annual general meeting of the Company and being eligible for re-election. Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will, Professor Yeung Kwok Wing, Mr. Chung Kwok Pan will retire from office and be eligible to offer themselves for re-election at the 2023 AGM. In accordance with Bye-law 83(2) of the Company's Bye-laws, Mr. Tong Hee Keung, Samuel who has been appointed as an Independent Nonexecutive Director with effect from 1 January 2023 shall retire at the 2023 AGM and is eligible to offer himself for re-election at the 2023 AGM. All of the above Directors have offered themselves for re-election at the 2023 AGM. The Nomination Committee recommended to the Board on the re-election of the retiring Director on the basis of the Nomination Policy and Board Diversity Policy. Further details will be set out in the circular to shareholders to be dispatched with this annual report.

The re-election of Directors is conducted through a separate resolution and there is no cumulative voting in Director elections. None of the Directors who are proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

## Board Committees (Cont'd)

### **Board Diversity Policy**

The Board adopted the Board Diversity Policy in March 2013 for setting the approach to achieve diversity of the Board. The Company recognises that increasing diversity at the Board level is an essential element to attain strategic objectives and thus enhance the balance, quality and sustainability of its performance. The Policy highlights the benefits of a diversified Board and a number of factors including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skills, knowledge, time commitment, independence requirement for Independent Non-executive Directors as required under the Listing Rules and other qualities are considered in designing the composition of the Board. The Company is committed to maintaining an appropriate level of gender ratio over time when selecting and making recommendations on eligible candidates for Board appointments. The Nomination Committee is responsible for the implementation and conducting annual review on this policy to make necessary amendments for the Board approval.

All Non-executive Directors are professionals with extensive experience in garments and fashion, accounting and business fields and make major contribution to the strategy planning, risk and management control and future development of the Company. In considering the Board's succession, the Nomination Committee would continue to identify potential candidates for Non-executive Directors, as and when appropriate.

### **Risk Management Committee**

As at the date of this annual report, the Risk Management Committee comprises one Executive Director and four Independent Nonexecutive Directors.

The main duties of the Risk Management Committee are set out below:

- (i) to advise the Audit Committee and the Board on the Group's risk appetite statement(s), risk principles and other risk-related issues;
- (ii) to oversee risk management framework to identify and deal with financial, operational, legal, regulatory, technology, business and strategic, environmental and social risks faced by the Group and amend and supplement this from time to time;
- (iii) to review risk reports and breaches of risk tolerances and policies;
- (iv) to review and assess the effectiveness of the Group's risk control/mitigation tools; and
- (v) to review and oversee the environmental and social sustainable development and strategies, evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's sustainability and report to the Board the sustainability risks and opportunities.

During the year, the Risk Management Committee met once to discuss the risk exposure facing the Group in various aspects and the corresponding mitigation measures.

Key risk exposures of the Group identified are set out in the "Management Discussion and Analysis" section on pages 7 to 12 of this annual report.

## **Corporate Governance Functions**

The Board is responsible for performing the corporate governance duties. Specific terms of reference are set out in the Terms of Reference of the Board of the Company and the relevant duties include the following:

- 1. to develop and review the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance, if appropriate, raise recommendations;
- 2. to review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management;
- 3. to review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- 4. to develop, review and monitor the code of conduct and compliance manual (if any) applicable to employees and Directors; and
- 5. to review the Company's compliance with the code and disclosure in the Corporate Governance Report.

## Model Code for Securities Transactions

The Company has adopted the Model Code as its own code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions.

Confirmation has been sought from all Directors and they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Company has established the written guidelines on no less exacting terms than the Model Code relating to securities transactions for the relevant employees.

### Directors' Continuous Professional Development

Comprehensive orientation packages on the Group's business and structure, terms of reference of the Board and committees, corporate governance practices and policies, Directors' rights and duties and updates on applicable laws, rules and regulations are provided for newly appointed Directors.

To keep abreast of the latest industry trends and practices as well as the risks and opportunities facing the Group, the Directors acknowledge the need to update and refresh their knowledge and skills necessary for making contributions to the Company. During the year, Directors were invited to attend the seminars and conferences conducted by external industry experts on various topics of interests including anti-corruption training, corporate governance regulatory updates, preparation of financial statements, continuing disclosure obligations and updates of the environmental, social and governance ("ESG") trends and guidelines. Articles and publication of relevant governance updates are regularly provided to the Directors.

## Directors' Continuous Professional Development (Cont'd)

All Directors are required to provide and confirm their annual training records to the Company. The participation by every Director in the continuous professional development programme with various topics in 2022 is recorded in the table below.

		т	opics of Trainin	ng	
Name of Directors	Directors' roles/duties	ESG trends/ updates	Regulatory compliance	Financial reporting/risk management	Corporate Governance
Executive Directors:				1 - NA 2	
Mr. Lam Foo Wah	1	1	1	1	1
Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will	1	1	1	$\checkmark$	1
Mr. Lam Din Yu, Well	1	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1
Non-executive Director:					
Mr. Hung Ka Hai, Clement	1	1	$\checkmark$	1	1
Independent Non-executive Directors:					
Professor Yeung Kwok Wing	1	1	1	1	1
Mr. Leung Hok Lim	1	1	1	1	1
Mr. Chung Kwok Pan	1	1	1	1	1

The Company Secretary updates Directors on the latest developments and changes to the Listing Rules and other applicable legal and regulatory requirements regarding subjects necessary in the discharge of their duties.

## Accountability And Audit

### **Financial Reporting**

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for overseeing, with support from the Finance Department, the preparation of the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the financial statements were prepared on a "going concern" basis and give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the consolidated financial position of the Group in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. In preparing the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, the Directors believe that they have selected appropriate accounting policies which are applied in consistency, made judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable, and ensured the financial statements are prepared on a "going concern" basis.

The final and interim results of the Company are announced in a timely manner within the limits of three months and two months respectively after the end of the relevant year or period.

A statement by the Auditors of the Company about their reporting responsibilities on the consolidated financial statements of the Group is set out in the "Independent Auditor's Report" Section on pages 48 to 52 of this annual report.

## Accountability And Audit (Cont'd)

### **External Auditors**

The Group has engaged Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu to perform audit services for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Group paid or payable to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in respect of audit services fee and non-audit services (including review, reporting and tax services) amounted to approximately HK\$3,200,000 and HK\$603,000 respectively.

### **Risk Management**

The Board has overall responsibility for maintaining a sound and effective risk management and internal control system (including those for ESG-related risks) and reviewing its effectiveness to safeguard the interests of the shareholders and the Group's assets. The Board is committed to the identification, management and monitoring the nature and extent of risks associated with its business activities and strategic objectives. The Board carries out annual review on the risk management system on the advice of the Risk Management Committee.

Review of the Group's risk management covering major operational, financial, business, information system, human resources, ESG and compliance controls of different systems and has been done on a systematic and on-going basis based on the risk assessments of the operations and controls for the year ended 31 December 2022. The adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the Company's accounting, internal audit and financial reporting functions is ensured. No major issue but areas for improvement have been identified during the year. The Board, the Audit Committee and the Risk Management Committee considered that the present risk management controls of the Group are reasonably implemented and effective.

In addition, up to the date of approval of the Company's 2022 Annual Report based on the respective assessments made by management and also taking into account the results of the audit conducted by the external auditors, the Audit Committee and the Directors considered that:

- the risk management and accounting systems of the Group are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that material assets are protected, business risks attributable to the Group are identified and monitored, material transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and the financial statements are reliable for publication;
- (ii) the risk management systems of the Group have been implemented with room for improvement and the Group internal audit department has actively conducted follow-up audit for any improvements which were identified; and
- (iii) there is an on-going process in place for identifying, evaluating and managing significant risks faced by the Group.

### **Internal Control**

The Board conducts reviews of the effectiveness of the internal control system for the year ended 31 December 2022 covering all material controls, including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management functions by considering reviews performed by the Risk Management Committee, Audit Committee, executive management and both the Group internal audit department and external auditors. The Group's system of internal control comprises a defined management structure with limits of authority, is designed to help the achievement of business objectives, safeguard assets against unauthorised use or disposition, ensure the maintenance of proper accounting records for the provision of reliable financial information for internal use or for publication, and ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulations.

## Accountability And Audit (Cont'd)

### Internal Control (Cont'd)

The system is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss and to manage rather than eliminate risks of failure in operational systems and achievement of the Group's objectives.

The criteria for the Board to assess the effectiveness of the system of internal control are listed below:

#### (i) Organisational Structure

An organisational structure with operating policies and procedures, lines of responsibility and delegated authority has been already established.

#### (ii) Authority and Control

The relevant Executive Directors and senior management are delegated with respective levels of authorities with regard to key corporate strategy and policy and contractual commitments. The Board is responsible for handling and dissemination of inside information through discussion and delegation of authority to the Company Secretary.

### (iii) Budgetary Control and Financial Reporting

Budgets are prepared annually by the senior management and are subject to review and approval of the Executive Directors prior to being adopted. There are procedures for the appraisal, review and approval of major capital and recurrent expenditure. Results of operations against budgets are reported regularly to the Executive Directors. Proper controls are in place for the recording of complete, accurate and timely accounting and management information. Regular reviews and audits are carried out to ensure that the preparation of consolidated financial statements is carried out in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the Group's accounting policies and applicable laws and regulations.

#### (iv) Systems and Procedures

Systems and procedures are set to identify, measure, manage and control risks including business, compliance, operational, financial and information services risks that may have an impact on the Group and each principal division. Exposure to these risks is monitored by the Executive Directors and the management of the respective principal divisions.

#### (v) Internal Audit

The Group internal audit department performs independent reviews of the controls and risks identified to provide reasonable assurance to management of the Company and principal divisions and the Audit Committee that controls have been set in place and adequately addressed.

## Accountability And Audit (Cont'd) Internal Control (Cont'd)

The Group internal audit department monitors compliance with policies and procedures as well as the effectiveness of internal control structures across the Company and the Group. The effectiveness of internal control system is reviewed annually. To preserve the independence of the Group internal audit department, the Group internal audit department reports directly to the Audit Committee. The Group internal audit department plans its internal audit schedules annually in consultation with, but independent of, the management of the Group and the principal divisions. In addition to its agreed annual schedule of work, the Group internal audit department conducts other special reviews as required. As a key criterion of assessing the effectiveness of the internal control system, the Board and the Audit Committee actively monitor the number and seriousness of findings raised by the Group internal audit department and also the corrective actions taken by relevant departments.

According to the 2022 internal audit reports, the Group's internal control system is functioning effectively and there was no significant weakness found in the course of the audits carried out during the year. The Board, through the Audit Committee and the internal audit function, has reviewed the effectiveness of the Group's internal control system and is of the view that there are no suspected frauds, irregularities, internal control deficiencies or suspected infringement of laws, rules and regulations that cause the Board to believe that the systems are ineffective or inadequate. The Board is satisfied that the Company and the Group have fully complied with the code provisions on internal control as set forth in the CG Code for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Group complies with the requirements of the SFO and the Listing Rules in the disclosure of inside information to the public as soon as reasonably practicable unless it is exempted under the Information Disclosure Provisions. Before the information is fully disclosed to the public, the Group ensures that the information is kept strictly confidential. Where the Group believes that the necessary degree of confidentiality cannot be maintained or that confidentiality may have been breached, the Group would immediately disclose the information to the public. The Group ensures that the information contained in an announcement be accurate and complete in all material respects and not be misleading or deceptive, and there are no omissions that would make the information misleading. The information would be presented in a clear and balanced way, which requires equal disclosure of both positive and negative facts.

## **Company Secretary**

Ms. Yung Pik Man, the Company Secretary and Group Finance Director, is a full-time employee of the Company and has day-to-day knowledge of the Company's affairs. All Directors have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary. The Company Secretary reports to the Chairman and is responsible for ensuring that Board procedures and all applicable rules and regulations are followed as well as bridging the information flows and communications among all Directors, the management and shareholders. For the year ended 31 December 2022, Ms. Yung has complied with Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules by taking over 15 hours of relevant professional training during her tenure as the Company Secretary.

## **Constitutional Documents**

The Company's Bye-laws were amended during the year to grant the Company the flexibility in the conduct of general meetings, allowing the Company to hold (i) hybrid general meetings where shareholders may participate by means of electronic facilities in addition to physical attendance and (ii) electronic general meetings. Amendments are also made to explicitly set out other related powers of the Board and the Chairman of the general meeting, including making arrangements for attendance at the meetings, and orderly conduct of the meetings. Other minor amendments also include incorporating certain housekeeping changes. Further, some amendments are also made to reflect the certain updates in relation to the applicable laws of Bermuda and the Listing Rules.

The New Bye-laws were adopted by the shareholders of the Company at the 2022 AGM. The New Bye-laws is available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

### **Communication With Shareholders**

The Board recognises the importance of communication with our shareholders to facilitate their understanding of the Group's prospects and business. In March 2012, the Company adopted a shareholders communication policy to set out the Company's processes to provide shareholders and investment public with equal and timely information on the Company for them to make informed assessments of the Company's strategy, operations and financial performance.

### **General Meeting**

Holding general meetings is a means to establish constructive dialogue with shareholders. Shareholders are encouraged to participate in general meetings or to appoint proxies to attend and vote at meetings for and on their behalf if they are unable to attend the meeting in person. The process of the Company's general meeting will be reviewed from time to time to ensure the compliance with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules and the relevant legislations.

At the 2022 AGM held:

- (i) a separate resolution was proposed by the Chairman of that meeting in respect of each separate issue, including the reelection of Directors.
- (ii) the Chairmen of the Board and respective committees as well as the committee members and key executives of the Company, attended the 2022 AGM to address shareholders' queries.
- (iii) external auditors attended the 2022 AGM and was available to assist the Directors in addressing queries from shareholders relating to the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of its auditor's report.
- (iv) All resolutions were voted by poll according to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and Bye-law 66 of the Bye-laws of the Company. Tricor Secretaries Limited, the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, was engaged as scrutineer to ensure the votes were properly counted.

The poll results of the 2022 AGM are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

## Communication With Shareholders (Cont'd)

### General Meeting (Cont'd)

The 2023 AGM will be held at 11/F, High Fashion Centre, 1-11 Kwai Hei Street, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong on Friday, 9 June 2023 at 11 a.m. All the proposed resolutions will be voted by poll pursuant to the Listing Rules. Notice of the 2023 AGM, which constitutes part of a circular to shareholders, will be despatched together with this annual report and the proxy form. The poll results of the 2023 AGM will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company shortly after the conclusion of the 2023 AGM.

For the interests of health and safety of the shareholders, all the shareholders are reminded that they may appoint the chairman of the meeting as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the 2023 AGM as an alternative to attending the meeting in person Pre-cautionary measures may be implemented in accordance with the legislations and guidelines to ensure safety of every attendee and may issue further announcement on such measures or meeting arrangement as appropriate.

### Shareholders' Rights

### Procedures for shareholders convening meetings

The Company holds a general meeting as its annual general meeting every year. Each general meeting, other than annual general meeting, shall be called a special general meeting ("SGM").

Pursuant to Bye-law 58 of the Company's Bye-Laws, shareholder(s) of the Company holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid-up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or Company Secretary, to require a SGM to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition. The written requisition must be deposited at the Company's head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong, for the attention of the Company Secretary.

Such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition. If within 21 days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting, the requisitionists themselves may do so in accordance with the Bermuda Companies Act 1981.

### Procedures for shareholders putting forward proposals

Pursuant to the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, shareholder(s) of the Company representing not less than one-twentieth of the total voting rights at the date of the requisition or not less than 100 shareholders may put forward a proposal at general meeting, by sending a written requisition to the Board at the Company's head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong. The proposal should be stated in the written requisition and such written requisition should be submitted as early as practicable to enable the Company to make necessary arrangement (in case of a requisition requiring notice of a resolution, not less than six weeks before the meeting; and in case of any other requisition, not less than one week before the meeting).

#### **Procedures for shareholders nominating Directors**

Pursuant to Bye-law 85 of the Company's Bye-Laws, any shareholder, shall at all times have the right, to propose a person other than a retiring Director of the Company for election as a Director at a general meeting of the Company. The Company's procedures for shareholders to propose a person for election as a Director are available on the Company's website.

## Communication With Shareholders (Cont'd)

### **Investor Relations**

The Company has adopted and regularly reviews Shareholders Communication Policy to ensure that the views and concerns raised by the shareholders are properly addressed. The Company has established different communication channels with shareholders and investors: (i) shareholders can receive printed copies of corporate information and correspondence; (ii) the general meeting provides a forum for shareholders to raise comments and exchange views with the Board, (iii) the Company's website offers communication channel between the Company and its shareholders and investors; (iv) the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office serves the shareholders respecting all share registration matters; and (v) investor/analysts briefings and media interviews and marketing activities for investors will be available where necessary to facilitate communication between the Company and the investment public.

The Board has reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the Shareholders' Communication Policy and it is satisfied that the policy implemented during the year is effective with multiple communication channels in place. The Shareholders Communication Policy is reviewed annually by the Board to ensure its effectiveness and amendments shall be adopted if appropriate.

Shareholders may also send their enquiries in writing to the Company's head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong by email to info@highfashion.com.hk for the attention of the Company Secretary.

Information in relation to the Group is disseminated to shareholders in a timely manner through a number of formal channels, which include interim and annual reports, announcements and circulars. Such published documents, together with the latest corporate information are also made available on the Company's website. The corporate information and shareholders & investor relation information is set out on pages 145 to 146 of this annual report.

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### TO THE MEMBERS OF HIGH FASHION INTERNATIONAL LIMITED 達利國際集團有限公司

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(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

## Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of High Fashion International Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "the Group") set out on pages 53 to 142, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and 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 December 2022, 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 ("HKSAs") 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 judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### TO THE MEMBERS OF HIGH FASHION INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (Cont'd)

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## Key Audit Matters (Cont'd)

### Key audit matter

#### Valuation of investment properties

We identified valuation of investment properties as a key audit matter due to the significance of the balance to the consolidated financial statements as a whole, combined with the judgment and estimate associated with determining the fair value.

The Group's investment properties portfolio comprises office properties, retail premises and commercial complex. The carrying value of the Group's investment properties amounted to approximately HK\$3,208,851,000 as at 31 December 2022.

The fair value change recognised in profit or loss in respect of these investment properties was approximately HK\$69,477,000 for the year ended 31 December 2022, as disclosed in note 7 to the consolidated financial statements.

All of the Group's investment properties are measured using the fair value model based on a valuation performed by independent qualified professional valuers (the "Valuers"). As disclosed in notes 4 and 17 to the consolidated financial statements, in determining the fair value, the Valuers have applied a market value basis that involves, inter-alia, certain estimates, including comparable market transaction prices, development costs, appropriate capitalisation rates and discount rates and reversionary income potential.

### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Our procedures in relation to valuation of investment properties as at year end date included:

- evaluating the competence, capabilities, and objectivity of the Valuers and obtaining an understanding of the Valuers' scope of work and their terms of engagement;
- involving our internal valuation expert to evaluate the appropriateness of the valuation methodology and the reasonableness of the key estimates such as comparable market transaction prices, development costs, appropriate capitalisation rates and discount rates used in the valuation models, on sampling basis, based on market data and certain company specific parameters; and
- assessing the adequacy of the disclosures of the fair value measurement of investment properties including the fair value measurement hierarchy, the valuation technique and significant unobservable inputs in the consolidated financial statements.

## TO THE MEMBERS OF HIGH FASHION INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (Cont'd)

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## **Other Information**

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of Directors and Those Charged with Governance 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 are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act, 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.

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## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

## TO THE MEMBERS OF HIGH FASHION INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (Cont'd)

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## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

We communicate with those charged with governance 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 those charged with governance 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 those charged with governance, 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 the independent auditor's report is K.W. Yim.

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu** 

Certified Public Accountants Hong Kong 30 March 2023

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## Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	NOTES	HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Revenue			
Goods and services		3,416,838	2,812,148
Rental		98,567	75,712
Total revenue	5	3,515,405	2,887,860
Cost of sales and services		(2,835,038)	(2,389,328
Gross profit		680,367	498,53
Other income		40,906	42,11
Other gains and losses, net	7	77,689	140,13
Impairment losses under expected credit loss model, net of reversal	41	(5,174)	(4,60
Administrative expenses		(317,016)	(280,53
Selling and distribution expenses		(211,987)	(173,482
Other expenses		(10,412)	(7,33
Finance costs	8	(44,167)	(28,97
Profit before taxation		210,206	185,854
Income tax expense	10	(54,811)	(38,24)
Profit for the year	11	155,395	147,614
Other comprehensive (expense) income	12		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements to			
presentation currency		(113,588)	122,708
Gain on revaluation of owner-occupied properties		- 🖉	38,074
Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		- 8	(9,519
		(113,588)	151,26
Item that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising on translation of financial statements of			
foreign operations	1.11	1,045	(32,235
Other comprehensive (expense) income for the year, net of tax		(112,543)	119,02
Total comprehensive income for the year		42,852	266,642
Profit for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		154,043	147,21
Non-controlling interests		1,352	400
		155,395	147,614
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		41,500	266,24
Non-controlling interests		1,352	40
		42,852	266,64
Earnings per share	14		
Basic		HK\$0.50	HK\$0.48
Diluted		HK\$0.50	HK\$0.48

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

At 31 December 2022

	NOTES	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Non-current assets	110720		
Property, plant and equipment	15	461,562	474,369
Right-of-use assets	16	59,589	74,582
Investment properties	17	3,208,851	3,101,216
Interests in joint ventures	18	7,565	7,559
Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	10	1,000	1,000
("FVTOCI")	19	16,416	16,416
Derivative financial instruments	35		1,989
Deferred tax assets	20	33,380	42,865
Other non-current assets	21	66,924	89,268
Long-term bank deposits		41,578	
		3,895,865	3,808,264
Current assets		-,,	-,,
Inventories	22	436,427	600,337
Properties held for sale	23	95,470	22,042
Trade receivables	24	551,374	517,730
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	25	165,017	113,434
Amounts due from joint ventures	26	5,395	5,395
Derivative financial instruments	35	12,840	1,663
Other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	27	337,430	660,250
Short-term bank deposits	28	116,513	19,981
Cash and cash equivalents	29	611,250	417,527
		2,331,716	2,358,359
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	30	445,876	581,592
Other payables and accruals	31	325,930	284,133
Lease liabilities	32	4,025	6,006
Amount due to an associate	33	583	583
Contract liabilities	34	90,431	64,141
Tax payable		82,832	56,422
Bank borrowings	36	551,368	608,246
		1,501,045	1,601,123
Net current assets		830,671	757,236
Total assets less current liabilities		4,726,536	4,565,500

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

At 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	NOTES	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	20	351,711	348,307
Bank borrowings	36	1,151,618	1,068,833
Lease liabilities	32	8,672	12,404
Provision for long service payments	37	3,074	2,721
Provision		-	2,445
Deferred income		6,976	8,144
Other liabilities	43	66,492	-
		1,588,543	1,442,854
Net assets		3,137,993	3,122,646
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	38	30,562	30,562
Share premium and reserves		3,136,172	3,122,177
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		3,166,734	3,152,739
Non-controlling interests		(28,741)	(30,093)
Total equity		3,137,993	3,122,646

The consolidated financial statements on pages 53 to 142 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 30 March 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

**LAM GEE YU, WILL** DIRECTOR **LAM DIN YU, WELL** DIRECTOR

## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2022

						Attributable to owners of the Company	e Company						
						FVTOCI reserve HK\$'000							Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2021	30,562	287,656	198,643	90,101	392,380	25,247	8,511	1,914	39,853	1,826,910	2,901,777	(30,493)	2,871,284
Profit for the year	I	I	1	T	I	T	T	Г	I	147,214	147,214	400	147,614
Exchange differences arising on translation of financial statements													
to presentation currency	I	I	122,708	T	I	I	I	I	I	I	122,708	I	122,708
Gain on revaluation of owner-occupied													
properties	ı	T	I	I	38,074	I	ı	ı	I	I	38,074	I	38,074
Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified	I	1	T	I	(9,519)	1	I	I	I	I	(9,519)	I	(6,519)
Exchange differences arising on													
translation of financial statements													
of foreign operations	1	T	(32,235)	1	T	T	ı.	I	T	I N	(32,235)	T	(32,235)
Other comprehensive income													
for the year		1	90,473	1	28,555	T	1	1	ı.	1	119,028	T	119,028
Total comprehensive income for the year	1	1	90,473	T	28,555	I	I	I	I	147,214	266,242	400	266,642
Transfer upon partial disposal of equity instruments at EVTOCI	1		I	I	I	(9.354)	I	I	1	9.354	I	1	1
Transfer to reserve funds	I	I	I	1,044	ı		I	I	I	(1,044)	I	ı	ı
Dividends declared and paid in cash													
(Note 13)	1	1	I	T	I	I	ı	ı	ı	(15,280)	(15,280)	1	(15,280)
	T	I	I	1,044	I	(9,354)	I	I	I	(6,970)	(15,280)	1	(15,280)
At 31 December 2021	30,562	287,656	289,116	91,145	420,935	15,893	8,511	1,914	39,853	1,967,154	3,152,739	(30,093)	3,122,646

<b>Consolidated Statement</b>	t of Changes in	Equity
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For the year ended 31 December 2022

						Attributable (	Attributable to owners of the Company	he Company						
		Share capital HK\$'000	Share T premium HK\$'000	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Reserve funds HK\$'000 ( <i>note</i> i)	Property revaluation reserve HK\$'000 ( <i>note ii</i> )	FVTOCI reserve HK\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	Share options reserve HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$*000 (note iii)	Retained profits HK\$'000	, Subtotal HK\$'000	Attributable to non- controlling interests HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2022		30,562	287,656	289,116	91,145	420,935	15,893	8,511	1,914	39,853	1,967,154	3,152,739	(30,093)	3,122,646
Profit for the year		ı	ı	1	•	•				•	154,043	154,043	1,352	155,395
Exchange differences arising on translation of financial statements to presentation currency Exchange differences arising on	ing on statements Sy ing on	I		(113,588)	I		I			1		(113,588)		(113,588)
translation of financial statements of foreign operations	statements	ı	ı	1,045	'	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	1,045	ı	1,045
Other comprehensive expense for the year	ense	ı	T	(112,543)	ı	ı		·	ı	ı	ı	(112,543)	ı	(112,543)
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the year	bense)	ı	I	(112,543)	ı	ı		,	ı	I	154,043	41,500	1,352	42,852
Transfer to reserve funds Dividends declared and baid in cash	aid in cash		·		11,725				1		(11,725)	1		•
(Note 13)	222				'		'				(27,505)	(27,505)		(27,505)
		ı	ı		11,725	•	'			•	(39,230)	(27,505)		(27,505)
At 31 December 2022		30,562	287,656	176,573	102,870	420,935	15,893	8,511	1,914	39,853	2,081,967	3,166,734	(28,741)	3,137,993
notes: <ol> <li>As stipulated by the relevant laws and regulations of the mainland of the People's Republic of China (the "Mainland China"), before distribution of the profit each year, the subsidiaries established in the Mainland China with limited liability shall set aside 10% of their net profit to the statutory surplus reserve. The statutory surplus reserve can only be used upon approval by the board of directors of the relevant subsidiaries and by the relevant authority, to offset accumulated losses or increase capital.</li> </ol>	by the releva stablished in Jpon approvi	ant laws ar the Mainl. al by the bc	ום regulatio and China ע מדל of direc	ns of the ma with limited ctors of the n	ainland of liability sh elevant su	the People <sup>,</sup> nall set aside ubsidiaries a	's Republic e 10% of th nd by the r	and regulations of the mainland of the People's Republic of China (the "Mainland China"), before distribution of the profit nland China with limited liability shall set aside 10% of their net profit to the statutory surplus reserve. The statutory surplu board of directors of the relevant subsidiaries and by the relevant authority, to offset accumulated losses or increase capital.	e "Mainland t to the stat ority, to offs	China"), b utory surpl	efore distribute us reserve. Lated losses	oution of th The statutc or increase	e profit eac ny surplus n : capital.	r year, the
(ii) Property revaluation reserve represents the revaluation reserve arising upon the transfer of owner-occupied property and right-of-use assets to investment property, net of deferred tax. The property revaluation reserve will be transferred to retained profits when the relevant properties are disposed of.	luation reser Fhe property	ve represe revaluatio	ents the reve n reserve wi	aluation rese Il be transfe	erve arisin; rred to ret	g upon the t ained profits	transfer of c s when the	ents the revaluation reserve arising upon the transfer of owner-occupied property and right on reserve will be transferred to retained profits when the relevant properties are disposed of.	oied propert perties are d	y and right lisposed of	-of-use asse	ets to inves	tment prope	erty, net of
(iii) Other reserve represents capitalisati	represents c	apitalisatic	on of retaine	ion of retained profits of a subsidiary.	a subsidia	ry.								

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## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before taxation	210,206	185,854
Adjustments for:		
Impairment losses under expected credit loss model, net of reversal	5,174	4,601
Finance costs	44,167	28,976
Interest income	(28,128)	(19,968)
Increase in fair value of investment properties	(69,477)	(129,443)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	64,325	63,255
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	6,344	10,592
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	2,445	796
Fair value change of derivative financial instruments	(589)	(17,108)
Fair value change of other financial assets at FVTPL	(1,689)	(3,956)
Decrease in deferred income	(556)	—
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	232,222	123,599
Decrease (increase) in inventories	128,317	(240,047)
(Increase) decrease in properties held for sale	(75,206)	19,668
Increase in trade receivables	(42,482)	(62,821)
Increase in deposits, prepayments and other receivables	(55,074)	(18,060)
(Decrease) increase in trade payables	(83,791)	156,612
Increase in other payables and accruals	68,722	69,468
Increase in contract liabilities	29,869	4,096
Increase in long service payments	353	76
Increase in other liabilities	66,492	-
Decrease in provision	(2,247)	-
Net cash from operations	267,175	52,591
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid	(569)	(2,762)
Overseas taxes paid	-	(11,949)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	266,606	37,880

## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
New short-term bank deposits placed	(166,704)	(12,542)
Withdrawal of short-term bank deposits	18,369	6,985
Purchases of other financial assets at FVTPL	(407,051)	(657,550)
Redemption of other financial assets at FVTPL	759,382	631,104
Interests received	28,128	19,968
Proceed on partial disposal of equity instruments at FVTOCI	- 22	9,381
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(75,260)	(97,260)
Additions of right-of-use assets	-	(20,357)
Settlement of derivative financial instruments	(8,599)	14,889
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	486	2,780
Proceeds on disposal of right-of-use assets	-	1,776
Additions to investment properties	(161,103)	(158,027)
Government subsidies received	-	8,144
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(12,352)	(250,709)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
New bank borrowings raised	1,515,643	145,000
Repayment of bank borrowings	(1,477,491)	(177,850)
Interests paid	(44,167)	(27,983)
Dividends paid by the Company	(27,505)	(15,280)
Repayment of lease liabilities and related interest	(4,428)	(9,017)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(37,948)	(85,130)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	216,306	(297,959)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	417,527	710,079
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES, NET	(22,583)	5,407
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR	611,250	417,527
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Bank balances and cash	611,250	417,527

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## 1. General

High Fashion International Limited (the "Company") is incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are disclosed on page 145 to the annual report.

At 31 December 2022, Hinton Company Limited and High Fashion Charitable Foundation Limited, companies ultimately owned by Mr. Lam Foo Wah ("Mr. Lam"), the Chairman of the Company, and Mr. Lam, collectively own 73.24% of ordinary shares of the Company and collectively hold the same percentage of the voting rights of the Company. Accordingly, Mr. Lam is considered as the ultimate controlling party of the Company.

The functional currency of the Company is Renminbi ("RMB"), the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company and its major subsidiaries operate. For the purpose of the preparation of consolidated financial statements and convenience of the financial statements users, the consolidated results and financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$").

The Company acts as investment holding company. The principal activities of the Group are the manufacture and trading of garments, as well as property investment and development.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group reorganised its internal reporting structure which resulted in changes to the composition of its reportable segments. The segment for the brand business is combined with the segment for the manufacturing and trading of garments. Prior year revenue and segment disclosures as disclosed in notes 5 and 6 respectively have been represented to conform with the current year's presentation.

## 2. Application of Amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs")

### Amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual periods beginning on 1 January 2022 for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRS 3	Reference to the Conceptual Framework
Amendment to HKFRS 16	Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021
Amendments to HKAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment — Proceeds before Intended Use
Amendments to HKAS 37	Onerous Contracts — Cost of Fulfilling a Contract
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018–2020

The application of the amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

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## 2. Application of Amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (Cont'd)

### New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

HKFRS 17 (including the October 2020 and	Insurance Contracts <sup>1</sup>
February 2022 Amendments to HKFRS 17)	
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture <sup>2</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020) <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined

<sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

Except for the amendments to HKFRSs mentioned below, the directors of the Company anticipate that the application of all other new and amendments to HKFRSs will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements in the foreseeable future.

### Amendments to HKAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020)

The amendments provide clarification and additional guidance on the assessment of right to defer settlement for at least twelve months from reporting date for classification of liabilities as current or non-current, which:

- specify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current should be based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period. Specifically, the amendments clarify that:
  - (i) the classification should not be affected by management intentions or expectations to settle the liability within 12 months; and
  - (ii) if the right is conditional on the compliance with covenants, the right exists if the conditions are met at the end of the reporting period, even if the lender does not test compliance until a later date; and
- clarify that if a liability has terms that could, at the option of the counterparty, result in its settlement by the transfer of the entity's own equity instruments, these terms do not affect its classification as current or non-current only if the entity recognises the option separately as an equity instrument applying HKAS 32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*.

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## 2. Application of Amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (Cont'd)

### New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective (Cont'd)

### Amendments to HKAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020) (Cont'd)

In addition, Hong Kong Interpretation 5 was revised as a consequence of the Amendments to HKAS 1 to align the corresponding wordings with no change in conclusion.

Based on the Group's outstanding liabilities as at 31 December 2022, the application of the amendments will not result in reclassification of the Group's liabilities.

#### Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2 Disclosure of Accounting Policies

HKAS 1 is amended to replace all instances of the term "significant accounting policies" with "material accounting policy information". Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, it can 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 also clarify that accounting policy information may be material because of the nature of the related transactions, other events or conditions, even if the amounts are immaterial. However, not all accounting policy information relating to material transactions, other events or conditions is itself material. If an entity chooses to disclose immaterial accounting policy information, such information must not obscure material accounting policy information.

HKFRS Practice Statement 2 *Making Materiality Judgments* (the "Practice Statement") is also amended to illustrate how an entity applies the "four-step materiality process" to accounting policy disclosures and to judge whether information about an accounting policy is material to its financial statements. Guidance and examples are added to the Practice Statement.

The application of the amendments is not expected to have significant impact on the financial position or performance of the Group but may affect the disclosures of the Group's significant accounting policies. The impacts of application, if any, will be disclosed in the Group's future consolidated financial statements.

#### Amendments to HKAS 8 Definition of Accounting Estimates

The amendments define accounting estimates as "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty". An accounting policy may require items in financial statements to be measured in a way that involves measurement uncertainty — that is, the accounting policy may require such items to be measured at monetary amounts that cannot be observed directly and must instead be estimated. In such a case, an entity develops an accounting estimate to achieve the objective set out by the accounting policy. Developing accounting estimates involves the use of judgments or assumptions based on the latest available, reliable information.

In addition, the concept of changes in accounting estimates in HKAS 8 is retained with additional clarifications.

The application of the amendments is not expected to have significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

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## 2. Application of Amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (Cont'd)

### New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective (Cont'd)

### Amendments to HKAS 12 Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

The amendments narrow the scope of the recognition exemption of deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets in paragraphs 15 and 24 of HKAS 12 *Income Taxes* ("HKAS 12") so that it no longer applies to transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

As disclosed in note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, for leasing transactions in which the tax deductions are attributable to the lease liabilities, the Group applies HKAS 12 requirements to the relevant assets and liabilities as a whole. Temporary differences relating to relevant assets and liabilities are assessed on a net basis.

Upon the application of the amendments, the Group will recognise a deferred tax asset (to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised) and a deferred tax liability for all deductible and taxable temporary differences associated with the right-of-use assets and the lease liabilities.

The amendments are effective for the Group's annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. As at 31 December 2022, the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities which are subject to the amendments amounted to HK\$11,828,000 and HK\$12,697,000, respectively. The cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments will be recognised as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings (or other component of equity, as appropriate) at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented.

## 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies

### 3.1 Basis of preparation of consolidated financial statements

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA. For the purpose of preparation of the consolidated financial statements, information is considered material if such information is reasonably expected to influence decisions made by primary users. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules") and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

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## 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.1 Basis of preparation of consolidated financial statements (Cont'd)

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, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of HKFRS 2 *Share-based Payment*, leasing transactions that are accounted for in accordance with HKFRS 16 *Leases* ("HKFRS 16"), and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in HKAS 2 *Inventories* or value in use in HKAS 36 *Impairment of Assets* ("HKAS 36").

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.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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## 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies

### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

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 listed above.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the date the Group gains control until the date when the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each item of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intragroup assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries are presented separately from the Group's equity therein, which represent present ownership interests entitling their holders to a proportionate share of net assets of the relevant subsidiaries upon liquidation.

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## 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

### Investments in joint ventures

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

The results and assets and liabilities of joint ventures are incorporated in these consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting. The financial statements of joint ventures used for equity accounting purposes are prepared using uniform accounting policies as those of the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances. Under the equity method, an investment in a joint venture is initially recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the joint venture. Changes in net assets of the joint venture other than profit or loss and other comprehensive income are not accounted for unless such changes resulted in changes in ownership interest held by the Group. When the Group's share of losses of a joint venture exceeds the Group's interest in that joint venture (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the joint venture), the Group discontinues recognising its share of further losses. Additional losses are recognised only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the joint venture.

An investment in a joint venture is accounted for using the equity method from the date on which the investee becomes a joint venture. On acquisition of the investment in a joint venture, any excess of the cost of the investment over the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the investee is recognised as goodwill, which is included within the carrying amount of the investment. Any excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities over the cost of the investment, after reassessment, is recognised immediately in profit or loss in the period in which the investment is acquired.

The Group assesses whether there is an objective evidence that the interest in a joint venture may be impaired. When any objective evidence exists, the entire carrying amount of the investment (including goodwill) is tested for impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 as a single asset by comparing its recoverable amount (higher of value in use and fair value less costs of disposal) with its carrying amount. Any impairment loss recognised is not allocated to any asset, including goodwill, that forms part of the carrying amount of the investment. Any reversal of that impairment loss is recognised in accordance with HKAS 36 to the extent that the recoverable amount of the investment subsequently increases.

When a group entity transacts with a joint venture of the Group, profits and losses resulting from the transactions with the joint venture are recognised in the Group's consolidated financial statements only to the extent of interests in the joint venture that are not related to the Group.

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## 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

### **Revenue from contracts with customers**

The Group recognises revenue when (or as) a performance obligation is satisfied, i.e. when "control" of the goods or services underlying the particular performance obligation is transferred to the customer.

A performance obligation represents a good or service (or a bundle of goods or services) that is distinct or a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same.

Control is transferred over time and revenue is recognised over time by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of the relevant performance obligation if one of the following criteria is met:

- the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group's performance as the Group performs;
- the Group's performance creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the Group performs; or
- the Group's performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the distinct good or service.

A contract liability represents the Group's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Group has received consideration (or an amount of consideration is due) from the customer.

### Variable consideration

The Group sells brand garments to retail customers who can return the goods for refund. These contracts contain variable consideration. The Group estimates the amount of consideration to which it will be entitled using the expected value method.

The estimated amount of variable consideration is included in the transaction price only to the extent that it is highly probable that such an inclusion will not result in a significant revenue reversal in the future when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group updates the estimated transaction price (including updating its assessment of whether an estimate of variable consideration is constrained) to represent faithfully the circumstances present at the end of the reporting period and the changes in circumstances during the reporting period.

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## 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

### Leasing

#### Definition of 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.

For contracts entered into or modified or after the date of initial application of HKFRS 16 or arising from business combinations, the Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease based on the definition under HKFRS 16 at inception, modification date or acquisition date, as appropriate. Such contract will not be reassessed unless the terms and conditions of the contract are subsequently changed.

#### The Group as a lessee

#### Short-term leases

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to leases of properties and office equipment 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 and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis or another systematic basis over the lease term.

#### Right-of-use assets

The cost of right-of-use asset includes:

- the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received; and
- any initial direct costs incurred by the Group.

Except for those that are classified as investment properties and measured under fair value model, right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Right-of-use assets in which the Group is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the underlying leased assets at the end of the lease term are depreciated from commencement date to the end of the useful life. Otherwise, right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term.

The Group presents right-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of investment property or inventory as a separate line item on the consolidated statement of financial position. Right-of-use assets that meet the definition of investment property and inventory are presented within "investment properties" and "properties held for sale" respectively.

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## 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

### Leasing (Cont'd)

#### The Group as a lessee (Cont'd)

#### Refundable rental deposits

Refundable rental deposits paid are accounted under HKFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* ("HKFRS 9") and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments and included in the cost of right-of-use assets.

#### Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of a lease, the Group recognises and measures the lease liability at the present value of lease payments that are unpaid at that date. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable.

The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable; an payments of penalties for terminating a lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising an option to terminate the lease.

After the commencement date, lease liabilities are adjusted by interest accretion and lease payments.

The Group remeasures lease liabilities (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use assets) whenever the lease term has changed, in which case the related lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the date of reassessment.

The Group presents lease liabilities as a separate line item on the consolidated statement of financial position.

### Lease modifications

The Group accounts for a lease modification as a separate lease if:

- the modification increases the scope of the lease by adding the right to use one or more underlying assets; and
- the consideration for the leases increases by an amount commensurate with the stand-alone price for the increase in scope and any appropriate adjustments to that stand-alone price to reflect the circumstances of the particular contract.

For a lease modification that is not accounted for as a separate lease, the Group remeasures the lease liability, less any lease incentives receivable, based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

The Group accounts for the remeasurement of lease liabilities by making corresponding adjustments to the relevant right-of-use asset.

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## 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

### Leasing (Cont'd)

#### The Group as a lessor

Rental income from operating leases is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease and is presented in "Revenue" on the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when it is derived from the Group's ordinary course of business.

#### Allocation of consideration to components of a contract

When a contract includes both leases and non-lease components, the Group applies HKFRS 15 *Revenue from Contract with Customers* ("HKFRS 15") to allocate consideration in a contract to lease and non-lease components. Non-lease components are separated from lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone selling prices.

### Refundable rental deposits

Refundable rental deposits received are accounted for under HKFRS 9 and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments from lessees.

#### Lease modification

Changes in considerations of lease contracts that were not part of the original terms and conditions are accounted for as lease modifications, including lease incentives provided through forgiveness or reduction of rentals.

The Group accounts for a modification to an operating lease as a new lease from the effective date of the modification, considering any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to the original lease as part of the lease payments for the new lease.

#### **Foreign currencies**

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchanges prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of the reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. When a fair value gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in profit or loss, any exchange component of that gain or loss is also recognised in profit or loss. When a fair value gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in other comprehensive income, any exchange component of that gain or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Foreign currencies (Cont'd)

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise, except for exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised initially in other comprehensive income and reclassified from equity to profit or loss on disposal or partial disposal of the Group's interests in joint ventures.

For the purposes of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations are translated into the presentation currency of the Group (i.e. HK\$) using exchange rate prevailing at the end of each reporting period. Income and expenses items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the date of transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the heading of "translation reserve" (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Exchange differences relating to the retranslation of the Group's net assets in RMB to the Group's presentation currency (i.e. HK\$) are recognised directly in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the translation reserve. Such exchange differences accumulated in the translation reserve are not reclassified to profit or loss subsequently.

#### **Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

Any specific borrowing that remains outstanding after the related assets is ready for its intended use or sale is included in the general borrowing pool for calculation of capitalization rate on general borrowings. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### **Retirement benefit costs**

Payments to the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes and state-managed retirement benefit schemes are recognised as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

Short-term employee benefits are recognised at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid as and when employees rendered the services. All short-term employee benefits are recognised as an expense unless another HKFRS requires or permits the inclusion of the benefit in the cost of an asset.

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees (such as wages and salaries and annual leave) after deducting any amount already paid.

Liabilities recognised in respect of other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows expected to be made by the Group in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Any changes in the liabilities' carrying amounts resulting from service cost, interest and remeasurements are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that another HKFRS requires or permits their inclusion in the cost of an asset.

#### Equity-settled share-based payment transactions

Equity-settled share-based payments to employees and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date.

The fair value of the equity-settled share-based payments determined at the grant date without taking into consideration all non-market vesting conditions is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest, with a corresponding increase in equity (share options reserve). At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest based on assessment of all relevant non-market vesting conditions. The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognised in profit or loss such that the cumulative expense reflects the revised estimate, with a corresponding adjustment to the share options reserve.

When share options are exercised, the amount previously recognised in share options reserve will be transferred to share premium. When the share options are forfeited after the vesting date or are still not exercised at the expiry date, the amount previously recognised in share options reserve will be transferred to retained profits.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit before taxation because of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profits. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and interests in joint ventures, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments and interests are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

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 profits will be available to allow all or part of the assets to be recovered.

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

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amounts of its assets and liabilities.

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax for investment properties that are measured using the fair value model, the carrying amounts of such properties are presumed to be recovered entirely through sale, unless the presumption is rebutted. The presumption is rebutted when the investment property is depreciable and is held within a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the investment property over time, rather than through sale.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Taxation (Cont'd)

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax for leasing transactions in which the Group recognises the right-of-use assets and the related lease liabilities, the Group first determines whether the tax deductions are attributable to the right-of-use assets or the lease liabilities.

For leasing transactions in which the tax deductions are attributable to the lease liabilities, the Group applies HKAS 12 requirements to the leasing transaction as a whole. Temporary differences relating to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are assessed on a net basis. Excess of depreciation on right-of-use assets over the lease payments for the principal portion of lease liabilities resulting in net deductible temporary differences.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied to the same taxable entity by the same taxation authority.

Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss, except when they relate to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

In assessing any uncertainty over income tax treatments, the Group considers whether it is probable that the relevant tax authority will accept the uncertain tax treatment used, or proposed to be use by individual group entities in their income tax filings. If it is probable, the current and deferred taxes are determined consistently with the tax treatment in the income tax filings. If it is not probable that the relevant taxation authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment, the effect of each uncertainty is reflected by using either the most likely amount or the expected value.

#### **Government grants**

Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Group recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Specifically, government grants whose primary condition is that the Group should purchase, construct or otherwise acquire non-current assets are recognised as a deduction from the carrying amount of the relevant asset in the consolidated statement of financial position and transferred to profit or loss on a systematic and rational basis over the useful lives of the related assets.

Government grants related to income that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Group with no future related costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they become receivable. Such grants are presented under "other income".

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are tangible assets that are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes (other than properties under construction as described below). Property, plant and equipment are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Properties in the course of construction for production, supply or administrative purposes are carried at cost, less any recognised impairment loss. Costs include any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management and, for qualifying assets, borrowing costs capitalised in accordance with the Group's accounting policy. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

When the Group makes payments for ownership interests of properties which includes both leasehold land and building elements, the entire consideration is allocated between the leasehold land and the building elements in proportion to the relative fair values at initial recognition.

To the extent the allocation of the relevant payments can be made reliably, interest in leasehold land that is accounted for as an operating lease is presented as "right-of-use assets" in the consolidated statement of financial position except for those that are classified and accounted for as investment properties under the fair value model.

If a property becomes an investment property because its use has changed as evidenced by end of owner-occupation, any difference between the carrying amount and the fair value of that item (including the relevant leasehold land classified as right-of-use assets) at the date of transfer is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in property revaluation reserve. On the subsequent sale or retirement of the asset, the relevant revaluation reserve will be transferred directly to retained profits.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets (other than construction in progress) less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### **Investment properties**

Investment properties are properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation (including properties under construction for such purposes).

Investment properties are initially measured at cost, including any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measured at their fair values, adjusted to exclude any prepaid or accrued operating lease income.

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

Construction costs incurred for investment properties under construction are capitalised as part of the carrying amount of the investment properties under construction.

An investment property is derecognised upon disposal or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from its disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the property (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the profit or loss in the period in which the property is derecognised.

#### Internally-generated intangible assets - research and development expenditure

Expenditure on research activities is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

An internally-generated intangible asset arising from development activities (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognised if, and only if, all of the following have been demonstrated:

- the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale;
- the intention to complete the intangible asset and use or sell it;
- the ability to use or sell the intangible asset;
- how the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits;
- the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the intangible asset; and
- the ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development.

The amount initially recognised for internally-generated intangible asset is the sum of the expenditure incurred from the date when the intangible asset first meets the recognition criteria listed above. Where no internally-generated intangible asset can be recognised, development expenditure is charged to profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Internally-generated intangible assets - research and development expenditure (Cont'd)

Subsequent to initial recognition, internally-generated intangible assets are reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses (if any), on the same basis the intangible assets that are acquired separately.

#### Impairment losses on property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets

At the end of the reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its property, plant and equipment, right-ofuse assets and intangible assets with finite useful lives to determine whether there is any indication that these assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the relevant asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment at least annually, and whenever there is an indication that they may be impaired.

The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets are estimated individually. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount individually, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

In testing a cash-generating unit for impairment, corporate assets are allocated to the relevant cash-generating unit when a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be established, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be established. The recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units to which the corporate asset belongs, and is compared with the carrying amount of the relevant cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. 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 (or a cash-generating unit) for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or a cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. For corporate assets or portion of corporate assets which cannot be allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis to a cash-generating unit, the Group compares the carrying amount of a group of cash-generating units, including the carrying amounts of the corporate assets or portion of corporate assets allocated to that group of cash-generating units, with the recoverable amount of the group of cash-generating units. In allocating the impairment loss, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill (if applicable) and then to the other assets on a pro-rata basis based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit or the group of cash-generating units. The carrying amount of an asset is not reduced below the highest of its fair value less costs of disposal (if measurable), its value in use (if determinable) and zero. The amount of the group of cash-generating units. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Impairment losses on property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets (Cont'd)

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit or a group of cash-generating units) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or a cash-generating unit or a group of cash-generating units) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### **Provisions and contingent liabilities**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (where the effect of the time value of money is material).

Contingent liability is a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents presented on the consolidated statement of financial position include:

- (a) cash, which comprises of cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks; and
- (b) cash equivalents, which comprises of other short-term (generally with original maturities of three months or less), highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes.

For the purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs of inventories are determined on a weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale. Costs necessary to make the sale include incremental costs directly attributable to the sale and non-incremental costs which the Group must incur to make the sale.

#### **Properties held for sale**

Properties for/under development which are intended to be sold upon completion of development and properties for sale are classified as current assets. Except for the leasehold land element which is measured at cost model in accordance with the accounting policies of right-of-use assets, properties for/under development/properties for sale are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a specific identification basis including allocation of the related development expenditure incurred and where appropriate, borrowing costs capitalised. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for the properties less estimated cost to completion and costs necessary to make the sales. Costs necessary to make the sale include incremental costs directly attributable to the sale and non-incremental costs which the Group must incur to make the sale.

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value except for trade receivables arising from contracts with customers which are initially measured in accordance with HKFRS 15. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating interest income and interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts and payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

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## 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial assets

#### Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at FVTOCI:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both selling and collecting contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All other financial assets are subsequently measured at FVTPL, except that at the date of initial recognition of a financial asset the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value of an equity investment in other comprehensive income if that equity investment is neither held for trading nor contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which HKFRS 3 *Business Combinations* applies.

A financial asset is held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is a part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

In addition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that are required to be measured at the amortised cost or FVTOCI as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial assets (Cont'd)

#### Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets (Cont'd)

(i) Amortised cost and interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for financial assets measured subsequently at amortised cost. Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired (see below). For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset from the next reporting period. If the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset from the beginning of the reporting period following the determination that the asset is no longer credit impaired.

#### (ii) Equity instruments designated as at FVTOCI

Investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI are subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses arising from changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve; and are not subject to impairment assessment. The cumulative gain or loss will not be reclassified to profit or loss on disposal of the equity investments, and will be transferred to retained profits.

Dividends from these investments in equity instruments are recognised in profit or loss when the Group's right to receive the dividends is established, unless the dividends clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Dividends are included in the "other income" line item in profit or loss.

(iii) Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for being measured at amortised cost or FVTOCI or designated as FVTOCI are measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the "other gains and losses, net" line item.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial assets (Cont'd)

#### Impairment of financial assets and lease receivables subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9

The Group performs impairment assessment under expected credit loss ("ECL") model on financial assets (including trade receivables, deposits and other receivables, amounts due from joint ventures, long-term bank deposits, short-term bank deposits and bank balances) and lease receivables which are subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition.

Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of the relevant instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL ("12m ECL") represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. Assessment are done based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current conditions at the reporting date as well as the forecast of future conditions.

The Group always recognises lifetime ECL for trade and lease receivables. The ECL on trade and lease receivables are assessed individually.

For all other instruments, the Group measures the loss allowance equal to 12m ECL, unless when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, in which case the Group recognises lifetime ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognised is based on significant increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition.

#### (i) Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, 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. In making this assessment, the Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial assets (Cont'd)

Impairment of financial assets and lease receivables subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Cont'd)

(i) Significant increase in credit risk (Cont'd)

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor;
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

The Group regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

(ii) Definition of default

For internal credit risk management, the Group considers an event of default occurs when information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Group, in full (without taking into account any collaterals held by the Group).

Irrespective of the above, the Group considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

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## 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial assets (Cont'd)

#### Impairment of financial assets and lease receivables subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Cont'd)

(iii) Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events of default that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
- the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider; or
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.
- (iv) Write-off policy

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, for example, when the counterparty has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or in the case of trade receivables, when the amounts are over two years past due, whichever occurs sooner. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event. Any subsequent recoveries are recognised in profit or loss.

(v) Measurement and recognition of ECL

The measurement of ECL is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data and forward-looking information. Estimation of ECL reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined with the respective risks of default occurring as the weights.

Generally, the ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate determined at initial recognition. For a lease receivable, the cash flows used for determining the ECL is consistent with the cash flows used in measuring the lease receivable in accordance with HKFRS 16.

Interest income is calculated based on the gross carrying amount of the financial asset unless the financial asset is credit impaired, in which case interest income is calculated based on amortised cost of the financial asset.

The Group recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments by adjusting their carrying amount, with the exception of trade receivables, where the corresponding adjustment is recognised through a loss allowance account.

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# 3. Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Cont'd)

#### Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial assets (Cont'd)

#### Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss.

On derecognition of an investment in equity instrument which the Group has elected on initial recognition to measure at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the FVTOCI reserve is not reclassified to profit or loss, but is transferred to retained profits.

#### Financial liabilities and equity

#### Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

#### Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

#### Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities including trade payables, other payables, amounts due to joint ventures and an associate and bank borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

#### Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date when derivative contracts are entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at the end of the reporting period. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

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### 4. Critical Accounting Judgments and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in note 3, the directors of the Company are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Critical judgments in applying accounting policies

The following are the critical judgments, apart from those involving estimations (see below), that the directors of the Company have made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

#### Revenue recognition from sale of garments with no alternative use

Under HKFRS 15.35(c), control of an asset is transferred over time when the Group's performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date, or otherwise at a point in time upon customer obtains control of that asset. Significant judgment is required in determining whether the terms of the Group's contracts with customers create an enforceable right to payment for the Group. The Group has considered the contractual terms with the relevant customers, the laws that apply to the relevant contracts for sale of garments with no alternative use and the opinion from external legal counsel. Based on the assessment of the directors of the Company, the terms of these sales contracts do not create an enforceable right to payment to the Group, and accordingly, sale of garments with no alternative use is considered to be performance obligation satisfied at a point in time.

#### **Deferred taxation on investment properties**

For the purposes of measuring deferred taxes arising from investment properties that are measured using the fair value model, the directors of the Company have reviewed the Group's investment property portfolio and concluded that the Group's investment properties are held under a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the investment properties over time, rather than through sale. Therefore, in determining the Group's deferred taxation on investment properties, the directors of the Company have determined that the presumption that the carrying amounts of investment properties measured using the fair value model are recovered entirely through sale is rebutted. As a result, the Group has recognised deferred taxes on changes in fair value of investment properties during the year to reflect the tax consequences through consuming the inherent economic benefits through use.

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# 4. Critical Accounting Judgments and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty (Cont'd)

### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The followings are 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.

#### Fair value of investment properties

Investment properties are stated at fair value based on the valuation performed by independent professional valuers. The determination of the fair value involves, inter-alia, certain estimates including comparable market transaction prices, development costs, appropriate capitalisation rates and discount rates and reversionary income potential, which are set out in note 17.

In relying on the valuation report, the directors of the Company have exercised their judgment and are satisfied that the method of valuation is reflective of the current market conditions. Whilst the Group considers valuations of the Group's investment properties are the best estimates, changes to these assumptions would result in changes in the fair values of the Group's investment properties and the corresponding adjustments to the amount of gain or loss reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

As at 31 December 2022, the carrying amount of the Group's investment properties is HK\$3,208,851,000 (2021: HK\$3,101,216,000).

#### **Provision of ECL for trade receivables**

The debtors which are not credit-impaired are grouped by internal credit rating and assessed collectively. Debtors which are credit impaired are assessed individually. The provision rates are based on the Group's historical default rates and forward-looking information that is reasonable, supportable and available without undue cost or effort. At each reporting date, the historical observed default rates are reassessed and changes in the forward-looking information are considered.

The provision of ECL is sensitive to changes in estimates. The information about the ECL and the Group's trade receivables is disclosed in note 41.

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### 5. Revenue

### Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000 (represented)
Recognised at a point in time under HKFRS 15:		
Manufacturing and trading of garments	3,416,838	2,760,412
Sale of properties	-	51,736
Revenue from contracts with customers	3,416,838	2,812,148
Rental income recognised under HKFRS 16	98,567	75,712
	3,515,405	2,887,860
Geographical markets:		
China (including Mainland China and Hong Kong)	2,040,184	1,557,526
United States of America ("USA")	629,976	539,217
Europe	423,082	335,081
Others	422,163	456,036
	3,515,405	2,887,860

Set out below is the reconciliation of revenue from contracts with customers with the amounts disclosed in segment information:

	Manufacturing and trading of garments HK\$'000	Property investment and development HK\$'000
For the year ended 31 December 2022		
Segment revenue	3,416,838	98,567
Less: rental income recognised under HKFRS 16	-	(98,567)
Revenue from contracts with customers	3,416,838	-
For the year ended 31 December 2021 (represented)		
Segment revenue	2,760,412	127,448
Less: rental income recognised under HKFRS 16	-	(75,712)
Revenue from contracts with customers	2,760,412	51,736

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### 5. Revenue (Cont'd)

Performance obligations for contracts with customers

#### Manufacturing and trading of garments

Contracts with customers within the Group's manufacturing and trading business include promises to sell garments, fabrics and accessories. Significant judgment is required in determining the timing of revenue recognition in accordance with HKFRS 15.35(c) on whether the terms of the Group's contracts with customers create an enforceable right to payment for the Group. The Group has considered the contractual terms with the relevant customers, the laws that apply to the relevant contracts for sale of garments with no alternative use and the opinion from external legal counsel. Based on the assessment of the Group, and accordingly, revenue associated with the sale of products are recognised at the point in time when control of the promised goods has been transferred to the customers. The point in time when control transfers to the customer depends on the contractually agreed upon shipping terms, but typically occurs once the product has been shipped or once it has been delivered to a location specified by the customers. Transportation and handling activities that occur before the customers obtain control over the relevant goods are considered as fulfilment activities.

Certain contracts, primarily those for sale of tailor-made products, require upfront customer deposits that result in a contract liability. Upfront deposits or prepayments are usually invoiced upon acceptance of sales orders for certain customers. Revenue is recognised when the products have been shipped to the customer's specific location (delivery) as specified in the customer contract. Upon delivery, customers are granted credit terms which generally range from 30 to 90 days from the invoice date, which approximates the respective revenue recognition dates. Such terms are common within the industries in which the Group is associated and are not considered financing arrangements.

In addition, certain revenue is also recognised when the customer takes physical possession of the products, which occurs at the point of sale for merchandise purchased at the Group's retail stores. Customers are allowed to return the goods for refund within 7 days after the respective sales take place. Revenue is recognised at an expected value of the transaction price adjusted for estimated returns based on historical trends. Payment is due at the point of sale. The payments settled by credit cards or mobile payment by customers are normally received within one to two days from the transaction date.

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### 5. Revenue (Cont'd)

### Performance obligations for contracts with customers (Cont'd)

#### Sale of properties

For contracts entered into with customers on sale of properties, the relevant properties specified in the contracts are based on customer's specifications with no alternative use. Taking into consideration of the relevant contract terms and the legal environment in the Mainland China, the Group concluded that the Group does not have an enforceable right to payment prior to transfer of the relevant properties to customers. Revenue from sales of residential properties is therefore recognised at a point in time when the completed property is transferred to customers, being at the point that the customer obtains the control of the completed property and the Group has present right to payment and collection of the consideration is probable.

#### Transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations

As at 31 December 2022, contracts with customers with unsatisfied performance obligations have original expected duration of one year of less. As permitted under HKFRS 15, the aggregate amount of transaction price allocated to these unsatisfied contract is not disclosed.

#### Leases

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
For operating leases: Lease payments that are fixed	98,567	75,712

### 6. Segment Information

Information reported to the Group's executive directors, being the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment, is analysed based on components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the CODM. These components are (i) manufacture and trading of garments; and (ii) property investment and development.

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### 6. Segment Information (Cont'd)

### Segment revenue and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable and operating segment.

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000 (represented)
Segment revenue		
<ul> <li>Manufacturing and trading of garments</li> </ul>	3,416,838	2,760,412
<ul> <li>Property investment and development</li> </ul>	98,567	127,448
Revenue — external sales	3,515,405	2,887,860
Segment results		
<ul> <li>Manufacturing and trading of garments</li> </ul>	159,840	25,903
<ul> <li>Property investment and development</li> </ul>	23,951	65,961
	183,791	91,864
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	589	17,108
Change in fair value of investment properties	69,477	129,443
Unallocated corporate overhead and other expenses (note)	(43,651)	(52,561)
Profit before taxation	210,206	185,854

*note:* Central administration costs are apportioned between segments and corporate and allocated to the respective segments according to segment revenue in the respective reporting periods.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in note 3. Segment profit represents the profit earned by each segment without the allocation of change in fair value of derivative financial instruments and investment properties, certain portion of the central administration costs and other expenses. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment. Furthermore, as the assets and liabilities for operating segments are not provided to the CODM for the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment, no segment assets and liabilities is presented accordingly.

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### 6. Segment Information (Cont'd)

Other segment information

#### For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Manufacturing and trading of garments HK\$'000	Property investment and development HK\$'000	<b>Consolidated</b> HK\$'000
Amounts included in the measure of segment profit or loss:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of right-of-use assets Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Impairment losses under expected credit loss model, net of	56,454 6,249 2,445	7,871 95 -	64,325 6,344 2,445
reversal Interest income Finance costs	5,174 (27,771) 24,982	- (357) 19,185	5,174 (28,128) 44,167
Amounts regularly provided to the CODM but not included in the measure of segment profit or loss:			
Fair value gain on derivative financial instruments Increase in fair value of investment properties			(589) (69,477)
For the year ended 31 December 2021 (represented)			
Amounts included in the measure of segment profit or loss:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of right-of-use assets Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Impairment losses under expected credit loss model,	59,068 10,592 796	4,187 - -	63,255 10,592 796
net of reversal Interest income Finance costs	4,601 (19,466) 17,867	_ (502) 11,109	4,601 (19,968) 28,976
Amounts regularly provided to the CODM but not included in the measure of segment profit or loss:			
Fair value gain on derivative financial instruments Increase in fair value of investment properties			(17,108) (129,443)

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### 6. Segment Information (Cont'd)

### Geographical information

The Group's operations are mainly located in China.

Information about the Group's revenue from continuing operations from external customers is presented based on the location of the customers. Information about the Group's non-current assets (excluding interests in joint ventures, deferred tax assets and financial instruments) is presented based on the geographical location of the assets.

	Revenue		Non-curre	ent assets
	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
China	2,040,184	1,557,526	3,760,048	3,702,716
USA	629,976	539,217	63	149
Europe	423,082	335,081	-	-
Others	422,163	456,036	3,603	4,329
	3,515,405	2,887,860	3,763,714	3,707,194

#### Information about major customer

During the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021, there is no customer from manufacture and trading of garments segment nor property investment and development segment which contributed over 10% of the total revenue of the Group.

### 7. Other Gains and Losses, Net

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	589	17,108
Change in fair value of other financial assets at FVTPL	1,689	3,956
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	(2,445)	(796)
Net foreign exchange gains (losses)	8,379	(9,581)
Increase in fair value of investment properties	69,477	129,443
	77,689	140,130

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### 8. Finance costs

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Interests on:		
Bank borrowings and overdrafts	42,714	26,747
Lease liabilities	686	993
Borrowings on discounted bills	767	1,236
Total borrowing costs	44,167	28,976

### 9. Directors' and Managing Director's Emoluments and Employee's Emoluments Directors' and Managing Director's emoluments

The emoluments paid or payable to each of the eight (2021: nine) directors of the Company, disclosed pursuant to the applicable Listing Rules and Hong Kong Companies Ordinances, are as follows:

		(	Other emoluments	;	
	Fees HK\$'000	Salaries and other benefits HK\$'000	Retirement benefits schemes contributions HK\$'000	Performance related incentive payments HK\$'000	Total emoluments HK\$'000
2022					
Executive directors					
Lam Foo Wah	200	5,070	-	3,000	8,270
Lam Gee Yu, Will	200	3,960	18	3,500	7,678
Lam Din Yu, Well	200	3,660	18	3,000	6,878
So Siu Hang, Patricia <i>(note)</i>	90	2,593	9	-	2,692
Non-executive director					
Hung Ka Hai, Clement	200	840	-	-	1,040
Independent non-executive directors					
Yeung Kwok Wing	200	-	-	-	200
Leung Hok Lim	200	-	-	-	200
Chung Kwok Pan	200	-	-	-	200
Total for 2022	1,490	16,123	45	9,500	27,158

note: After the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company held on 14 June 2022, Ms. So Siu Hang, Patricia retired as an executive director of the Company.

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# 9. Directors' and Managing Director's Emoluments and Employee's Emoluments (Cont'd)

Directors' and Managing Director's emoluments (Cont'd)

		(	Other emoluments		
	- Fees HK\$'000	Salaries and other benefits HK\$'000	Retirement benefits schemes contributions HK\$'000	Performance related incentive payments HK\$'000	Total emoluments HK\$'000
2021					
Executive directors					
Lam Foo Wah	200	5,070	-	-	5,270
Lam Gee Yu, Will	200	3,960	18	1,400	5,578
Lam Din Yu, Well	200	3,660	18	1,400	5,278
So Siu Hang, Patricia	200	3,430	18	-	3,648
Non-executive directors					
Yeung Kwok Wing <i>(note (a))</i>		_	_	-	-
Hung Ka Hai, Clement	200	840	-	-	1,040
Independent non-executive directors					
Yeung Kwok Wing <i>(note (a))</i>	200	_			200
Wong Shiu Hoi, Peter <i>(note (b))</i>	85	-			85
Leung Hok Lim	200	-			200
Chung Kwok Pan	200				200
Total for 2021	1,685	16,960	54	2,800	21,499

notes:

a. On 4 June 2021, Professor Yeung Kwok Wing was re-designated as an independent non-executive director of the Company.

b. After the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company held on 4 June 2021, Mr. Wong Shiu Hoi, Peter retired as an independent non-executive director of the Company.

The emoluments for executive directors and one of the non-executive directors of the Company, except for their fees, are for their services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and the Group, while the fee for non-executive directors, independent non-executive directors and executive directors of the Company are for their services as directors of the Company.

The performance related incentive payment is determined by reference to the individual performance of the directors of the Company and approved by the Remuneration Committee of the Company.

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# 9. Directors' and Managing Director's Emoluments and Employee's Emoluments (Cont'd)

### Directors' and Managing Director's emoluments (Cont'd)

Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will and Mr. Lam Din Yu, Well are the Managing Director and Managing Director (China) of the Company respectively.

During both years, no emolument was paid by the Group to the directors of the Company or five employees with highest emoluments as compensation for loss of office or an inducement to join or upon joining the Group. None of the directors of the Company has waived any emoluments for both years.

#### **Employee's emoluments**

Out of the five individuals with the highest emoluments in the Group, four (2021: four) of them are directors of the Company whose emoluments are disclosed above. The emoluments of the remaining one individual (2021: one) are as follows:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Salaries and other benefits	1,235	1,347
Retirement benefits schemes contributions	18	18
Performance related incentive payments	700	550
	1,953	1,915

The number of the highest paid individual whose emoluments fell within the following band is as follows:

	2022	2021
HK\$1,500,001 to HK\$2,000,000	1	1

### 10. Income Tax Expense

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Current tax charge:		
Hong Kong	18,027	3,817
Mainland China	9,183	13,253
Other jurisdictions	-	3
	27,210	17,073
(Over) under provision in prior years:		
Hong Kong	1,494	118
Mainland China	(1,672)	(1,307)
Other jurisdictions	(16)	-
	(194)	(1,189)
Deferred taxation (Note 20):		
Current year	27,795	22,356
	54,811	38,240

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### 10. Income Tax Expense (Cont'd)

On 21 March 2018, the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017 (the "Bill") which introduces 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 profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime at a flat rate of 16.5%.

The directors of the Company considered the amount involved upon implementation of the two-tiered profits tax rates regime is insignificant to the consolidated financial statements. Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit for both years.

Under the Law of the Mainland China on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate applicable to the Mainland China subsidiaries of the Group is 25% from 1 January 2008 onwards, except for High Fashion Silk (Zhejiang) Co., Ltd. ("High Fashion Silk") and High Fashion (China) Co., Ltd. ("High Fashion (China)"), which have been recognised as an advanced technology enterprise by the Mainland China Tax Bureau in 2021 and 2022. High Fashion Silk and High Fashion (China) are subject to an income tax rate of 15% for three years starting from the year being recognised as an advanced technology enterprise.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdiction.

The income tax expense for the year can be reconciled to the profit before taxation per the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as follows:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Profit before taxation	210,206	185,854
Tax at the income tax rate of 16.5% (2021: 16.5%)	34,684	30,666
Effect of different tax rates of subsidiaries operating in other jurisdictions	(8,032)	2,227
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purpose	(2,928)	(2,585)
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purpose	14,627	8,600
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	18,328	9,759
Utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised	(1,128)	(2,398)
Overprovision in prior years	(194)	(1,189)
Tax effect on two-tiered tax rate	(165)	-
Withholding tax on undistributed earnings	4,589	-
Tax relief in relation to additional tax deductions on research and		
development costs incurred	(9,916)	(6,840)
Others	4,946	-
Income tax expense	54,811	38,240

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### 11. Profit for the Year

Profit for the year has been arrived at after charging (crediting):

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Costs of inventories recognised as expenses (including allowance for		
inventory obsolescence)	2,690,244	2,360,069
Research and development costs recognised as expenses (included in cost of sales)	120,056	45,600
Cost of properties sold (included in cost of sales)	-	25,098
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	64,325	63,255
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	6,344	10,592
Less: Amount capitalised in inventories	(48,565)	(33,729)
	22,104	40,118
Auditor's remuneration	3,200	3,200
Staff costs (including directors' emoluments):		
Wages, salaries and bonuses	572,036	631,898
Retirement benefits schemes contributions	31,735	28,114
Less: Amount capitalised in investment properties under construction,		
construction in progress and inventories	(286,456)	(381,154)
	317,315	278,858
Gross rental income from investment properties	(98,567)	(75,712)
Less: Outgoings for investment properties rented out (included in cost of services)	24,738	9,420
Net rental income	(73,829)	(66,292)
Government grants (included in other income) (note)	(4,110)	(8,838)
Bank interest income (included in other income)	(28,128)	(19,968)

*note:* The amounts represent subsidies received from the Mainland China government for the purpose of encouraging the Group to expand its business in the Mainland China. There is no conditions attached to the subsidies granted to the Group and the grants are not related to capital expenditures.

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### 12. Other Comprehensive (Expense) Income

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Gain on revaluation of owner-occupied properties		38,074
Exchange differences on translation to presentation currency	(113,588)	122,708
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	1,045	(32,235)
Other comprehensive (expense) income	(112,543)	128,547
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income:		
Revaluation of owner-occupied properties	-	(9,519)
Other comprehensive (expense) income for the year, net of tax	(112,543)	119,028

### 13. Dividends

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Dividends recognised as distribution and paid during the year:		
Interim dividend — 3 HK cents per ordinary share for 2022		
(2021: 2 HK cents per ordinary share for 2021)	9,168	6,112
Final dividend — 6 HK cents per ordinary share for 2021		
(2021: HK 3 cents per ordinary share for 2020)	18,337	9,168
	27,505	15,280

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, a final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2022 of 12 HK cents (2021: final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2021 of 6 HK cents) per ordinary share, in an aggregate amount of HK\$36,674,000 (2021: HK\$18,337,000) has been proposed by the directors of the Company and is subject to the approval by the Company's shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

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### 14. Earnings Per Share

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

### Earnings

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company	154,043	147,214

### Number of shares

	'000	<b>'</b> 000'
Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	305,616	305,616

The computation of diluted earnings per share for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 does not assume the exercise of the Company's share options because the exercise price of those options was higher than the average market price for shares during the years.

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### 15. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Buildings (in	Buildings (outside	Construction	Leasehold	Plant and	Furniture and	Motor	
	Hong Kong) HK\$'000	Hong Kong) HK\$'000	in progress HK\$'000	<b>improvements</b> HK\$'000	<b>equipment</b> HK\$'000	<b>fixtures</b> HK\$'000	<b>vehicles</b> HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
COST				2.5	215	-07		
At 1 January 2021	40,816	385,145	64,688	130,572	559,378	136,290	31,547	1,348,436
Additions			42,873	5,370	10,737	7,185	881	67,046
Transfers		6,120	(69,935)	15,285	34,646	13,793	91	-
Transfers to investment properties		(109,523)	(27,502)	-	-	-	-	(137,025
Disposals	-	-	-	(29)	(14,660)	(3,566)	(1,308)	(19,563
Exchange realignment	-	15,948	1,608	4,068	16,163	3,861	592	42,240
At 31 December 2021	40,816	297,690	11,732	155,266	606,264	157,563	31,803	1,301,134
Additions	-	1,386	27,837	7,826	30,597	3,517	4,097	75,260
Transfers	-	-	(27,325)	7,027	20,298	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(13,704)	(1,805)	(2,115)	(17,624
Exchange realignment	-	(26,273)	(1,455)	(18,048)	(44,109)	(3,833)	(1,438)	(95,156
At 31 December 2022	40,816	272,803	10,789	152,071	599,346	155,442	32,347	1,263,614
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND								
IMPAIRMENT								
At 1 January 2021	2,802	131,522	-	116,332	416,865	98,222	28,066	793,809
Provided for the year	1,479	15,264	-	12,380	24,691	8,589	852	63,255
Transfers to investment properties	-	(38,052)	-	-			-	(38,052
Eliminated on disposals		-	-	-	(11,590)	(3,219)	(1,178)	(15,987
Exchange realignment	-	5,133	-	3,746	-11,681	2,689	491	23,740
At 31 December 2021	4,281	113,867	-	132,458	441,647	106,281	28,231	826,765
Provided for the year	1,439	11,642	-	13,915	34,199	2,061	1,069	64,325
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	(10,994)	(1,775)	(1,924)	(14,693
Exchange realignment	-	(13,366)	-	(16,006)	(40,254)	(3,508)	(1,211)	(74,345
At 31 December 2022	5,720	112,143	-	130,367	424,598	103,059	26,165	802,052
CARRYING VALUE								
At 31 December 2022	35,096	160,660	10,789	21,704	174,748	52,383	6,182	461,562
At 31 December 2021	36,535	183,823	11,732	22,808	164,617	51,282	3,572	474,369

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### 15. Property, Plant and Equipment (Cont'd)

The above items of property, plant and equipment other than construction in progress are depreciated on a straight-line basis at the following rates per annum:

Buildings	2% to 5% or over remaining lease term if shorter
Leasehold improvements	The shorter of lease terms and 5 years
Plant and equipment	9% to 20%
Furniture and fixtures	9% to 25%
Motor vehicles	15% to 25%

The Group has pledged its buildings in Hong Kong with a net book value of approximately HK\$35,096,000 (2021: HK\$36,535,000) to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group.

### 16. Right-of-Use Assets

	Leasehold land HK\$'000	Leased properties HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> НК\$'000
As at 31 December 2022 Carrying amount	47,761	11,828	59,589
As at 31 December 2021 Carrying amount	57,468	17,114	74,582
For the year ended 31 December 2022 Depreciation charge	1,666	4,678	6,344
For the year ended 31 December 2021 Depreciation charge	3,218	7,374	10,592

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### 16. Right-of-Use Assets (Cont'd)

	2022	2021
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Expenses relating to short-term leases	1,768	3,028
Total cash outflow for leases	6,882	8,024
Addition of right-of-use assets (note)	4,315	-
Disposal of right-of-use assets	(4,058)	(1,776)
Transfer to investment properties	-	(1,319)

*note:* In 2022, the Group entered into new lease agreements for the use of leased properties for 2 to 5 years. On the lease commencement, the Group recognised right-of-use assets and lease liabilities of HK\$4,315,000 and HK\$4,315,000, respectively, which are non-cash transactions.

For both years, the Group leases various offices premises, retail stores, factories and warehouses for its operations. Lease contracts are entered into for fixed term of 12 months to 10 years (2021: 12 months to 10 years), but may have termination options as described below. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. In determining the lease term and assessing the length of the non-cancellable period, the Group applies the definition of a contract and determines the period for which the contract is enforceable.

In addition, the Group owns several industrial buildings where its manufacturing facilities are primarily located and office buildings. The Group is the registered owner of these property interests, including the underlying leasehold lands. Lump sum payments were made upfront to acquire these property interests. The leasehold land components of these owned properties are presented separately only if the payments made can be allocated reliably.

The Group entered into short-term leases for retail stores in prior year. As at 31 December 2021, the portfolio of short-term leases is similar to the portfolio of short-term leases to which the short-term lease expenses disclosed above.

In addition, lease liabilities of HK\$12,697,000 (2021: HK\$18,410,000) are recognised with related right-of-use assets of HK\$11,828,000 (2021: HK\$17,114,000) as at 31 December 2022. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor and the relevant leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

Details of the lease maturity analysis of lease liabilities are set out in note 32.

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### 17. Investment Properties

At 31 December 2022	3,088,824	120,027	3,208,851
Exchange realignment	(117,245)	(26,057)	(143,302)
(included in other gains and losses, net) — unrealised	(7,799)	77,276	69,477
Increase in fair value recognised in profit or loss			
Transfer	348,565	(348,565)	-
Additions	-	181,460	181,460
At 31 December 2021	2,865,303	235,913	3,101,216
Exchange realignment	39,914	4,550	44,464
(included in other gains and losses, net) — unrealised	84,359	45,084	129,443
Increase in fair value recognised in profit or loss	130,300	_	100,000
Transfer from property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets	138,366		138,366
Transfer	508,733	(508,733)	-
Additions	-	158,027	158,027
FAIR VALUE At 1 January 2021	2,093,931	536,985	2,630,916
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	properties	construction	Total
	investment	under	
	Completed	development/	
		held for	
		properties	
		Investment	

The Group leases out various investment properties under operating leases with monthly rental receivable up to ten years, some with extension option subject to agreement of both lessor and lessee.

The Group is not exposed to foreign currency risk as a result of the lease arrangements, as all leases are denominated in the respective functional currencies of group entities. The lease contracts do not contain residual value guarantee and/or lessee's option to purchase the property at the end of lease term.

All of the Group's completed investment properties are held under operating leases to earn rentals or for capital appreciation purposes. They are measured using the fair value model and are classified and accounted for as investment properties.

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### 17. Investment Properties (Cont'd)

During the year ended 31 December 2021, certain property, plant and equipment and right-of-assets with carrying amounts of HK\$98,973,000 and HK\$1,319,000, respectively, were transferred to investment properties. Valuations which were made by Centaline Surveyors Limited and 新昌信安達資產評估有限公司, independent qualified professional valuers not connected with the Group, at the date of transfer was approximately HK\$138,366,000. The difference between the carrying amount and the fair value of these properties amounting to HK\$38,074,000 was credited to "property revaluation reserve".

The fair value of the Group's investment properties at the end of the reporting period have been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out by Centaline Surveyors Limited and 新昌信安達資產評估有限公司, independent qualified professional valuers not connected with the Group. Centaline Surveyors Limited are members of the Institute of Valuers, while 新昌信安達 資產評估有限公司 are certified public valuers in the Mainland China.

For the completed investment properties, the valuations were arrived at by making reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties in similar locations and conditions or on the basis of capitalisation of net income with due allowance for the reversionary income potential. The net income is the market rentals of all lettable units of the properties and discounted at the market yield expected by investors for this type of properties. The market rentals are assessed by making reference to the rentals achieved in the lettable units of the properties as well as other lettings of similar properties in the neighbourhood. The discount rate is determined by making reference to the yields derived from analysing the sales transactions of similar properties in the relevant locations and adjusted to take into account the market expectation from property investors to reflect factors specific to the Group's investment properties.

For investment properties held for development/under construction, the valuations were arrived at by direct comparison with comparable properties as available in the market with due allowance for development costs and indirect cost that will be expended to complete the development of the properties, as well as developer's risks associated with the development at the valuation date and the return that the developer would require for bringing the properties to the completion status, which is determined by the valuers on the analysis of recent land transactions and the market value of similar completed properties in the relevant locations.

In estimating the fair value of the completed properties, the highest and best use of the properties is their current use. In estimating the fair value of investment properties held for development/under construction, management of the Group has taken into account the highest and best use of the properties from the perspective of market participants, taking into account the future development potential of the properties.

The Group's investment properties are categorised into level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. At the end of each reporting period, the Group Finance Director ("GFD") works closely with the independent qualified professional valuers to establish and determine the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs to be used in determining the fair value of the investment properties. Discussions on valuation processes and results are held between GFD and the directors of the Company at least twice a year.

There is no transfer into or out of Level 3 for both years.

The premises located in Hong Kong have been pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

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### 17. Investment Properties (Cont'd)

The following table shows the valuation techniques used in the determination of the fair values of investment properties and unobservable inputs used in the valuation models:

Description	Fair value as at		Valuation techniques	Relationship of Unobservable inputs inputs to fair value
	2022 HK\$'000			
Completed investment properties Office premises				
— Shenzhen	200,584	220,877	Income capitalisation approach	<ul> <li>(i) Capitalisation rate of 4.5% (2021: The higher the capitalisation 4.5%), taking into account the rate, the lower the fair value capitalisation of rental income potential and nature of properties</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>(ii) Monthly market rent of RMB280 The higher the market rent,</li> <li>(2021: RMB280) per month per the higher the fair value square meter in average</li> </ul>
— Xiaoshan	478,413	513,226	Income capitalisation approach	<ul> <li>(i) Capitalisation rate of 7.2% (2021: The higher the capitalisation 7.7%), taking into account the capitalisation of rental income potential and nature of properties</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>(ii) Monthly market rent of RMB19 (2021: The higher the market rent, RMB20) per month per square meter the higher the fair value in average</li> </ul>
— Shanghai	39,409	43,051	Income capitalisation approach	<ul> <li>(i) Capitalisation rate of 4.7% (2021: The higher the capitalisation 4.7%), taking into account the capitalisation of rental income potential and nature of properties</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Monthly market rent of RMB25 (2021: The higher the market rent, RMB27) per month per square meter the higher the fair value in average</li> </ul>

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## 17. Investment Properties (Cont'd)

Description	Fair valı	ıe as at	Valuation techniques	Unobservable inputs	Relationship of inputs to fair value
	2022 HK\$'000				
Completed investment properties (Cont'd) Retail premises		X			
— Xinchang	295,751	327,553	Income capitalisation approach	<ul> <li>(i) Capitalisation rate of 4.0% (2021: 4.0%), taking into account the capitalisation of rental income potential and nature of properties</li> </ul>	The higher the capitalisation rate, the lower the fair value
				<ul> <li>Monthly market rent of RMB18 (2021: RMB20) per month per square meter in average</li> </ul>	The higher the market rent, the higher the fair value
Commercial Complex					
— Hong Kong	1,420,000	1,356,000	Comparison approach	Market price of HK\$9,520 (2021: HK\$8,400) per square foot in average and adjusting for age, location, condition and surrounding facilities of the properties	The higher the market price, the higher the fair value
— Tonglu	306,102	404,596	Income capitalisation approach (2021: Comparison approach) (note)	Capitalisation rate of 6.0% to 8.0%, taking into account the capitalisation of rental income potential and nature of properties	The higher the capitalisation rate, the lower the fair value
				(2021: Market price of RMB16,000 per square foot in average and adjusting for age, location, condition and surrounding facilities of the properties)	(2021: The higher the market price, the higher the fair value)
- Xiaoshan	348,565	-	Comparison approach	Market price of RMB9,520 per square foot in average and adjusting for age, location, condition and surrounding facilities of the properties	The higher the market price, the higher the fair value

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## 17. Investment Properties (Cont'd)

Description	Fair valı	ue as at	Valuation techniques	Unobservable inputs		Relationship of inputs to fair value	
	2022 HK\$'000						
Investment properties held for development/ under construction Industrial and Commercial Complex — Xiaoshan	120,027	56,316	Residual approach	(i)	Market price of RMB322 (2021: RMB302) per square meter in average and adjusting for location of the land	The higher the market price the higher the fair value	
				(ii)	Construction costs of RMB3,900 (2021: nil) per square meter	The higher the costs, the lower the fair value	
— Xiaoshan	-	179,597	Residual approach	(i)	Market price of RMB3,900 per square meter in average and adjusting for location of the land	0	
				(ii)	Construction costs of RMB3,400 per square meter	The higher the costs, the lower the fair value	
	3,208,851	3,101,216					

note: The change of valuation techniques is due to more market evidence of transaction prices for the basis of capitalisation of net income with due allowance for the reversionary income potential is available in current year.

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### 18. Interests in Joint Ventures

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Cost of unlisted investments in joint ventures	17,407	17,407
Share of post-acquisition losses	(13,963)	(13,963)
Exchange realignment	4,121	4,115
	7,565	7,559

Included in interests in joint ventures is High Fashion New Media Corporation Limited's ("New Media") 100% investment in Longford Information & Technology Co., Limited ("Longford"). Longford was established in the Mainland China during the year ended 31 December 2014 by New Media with a registered capital of RMB30,000,000. The legal representative of Longford was Ms. Mary Leong Ma Li ("Ms. Leong"), who kept the company chops, books and records as well as other relevant documents of Longford since establishment.

On 26 September 2014, the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region made an interim order ("Longford Order") to New Media, under which the bank mandate of Longford had to be followed to the effect that one representative of the Group and Ms. Leong shall form joint signatories of the bank account and to operate it jointly. As a result of the Longford Order, Longford has become effectively jointly controlled by New Media and Ms. Leong as decisions regarding the relevant activities of the Longford effectively required unanimous consent of both the Group and Ms. Leong starting from 26 September 2014. As the Longford Order has not been released as at 31 December 2022, Longford is accounted for as a joint venture of the Group irrespective of the Group's 65% effective shareholding thereon.

	Form of business	Place of registration and			Percent	tage of			_
Name	structure	operations	Ownership	o interest	Voting	power	Profit sharing Principa		Principal activities
			<b>2022</b> %	2021 %	<b>2022</b> %	2021 %	<b>2022</b> %		
Hangzhou Dalifu Silk Finishing Co., Ltd. <i>(note i)</i>	Established	Mainland China	51	51	50	50	51	51	Dyeing, printing and sandwashing of fabric
The Silk Passion Company Limited ("Silk Passion") (notes ii & iii)	Incorporated	Hong Kong	51	51	60	60	51	51	Trading, marketing and promoting silk products
Longford	Established	Mainland China	65	65	67	67	65	65	E-commerce

As at 31 December 2022 and 2021, the Group has interests in the following joint ventures:

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### 18. Interests in Joint Ventures (Cont'd)

notes:

- (i) This joint venture provides subcontracting services to the Group during both years.
- (ii) This joint venture aims to enter into the fashion market in France.
- (iii) The Group holds 51% of the registered/issued share capital and 60% voting power of Silk Passion. However, under the joint venture agreement of Silk Passion, all significant events including operating and financial decisions must require unanimous consent by the Group and the other shareholder. Therefore, Silk Passion is classified as joint venture of the Group.

In the opinion of the directors of the Company, these joint ventures, are not individually material to the Group for both years and therefore no separate disclosure on summarised financial information of these joint ventures is presented. The aggregate financial information of all individually immaterial joint ventures, which are accounted for using the equity method is set out below:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Group's share of losses of joint ventures	-	-

The Group has discontinued recognition of its share of losses of certain joint ventures. The amount of unrecognised share of results of these joint ventures is as follows:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Unrecognised share of losses of joint ventures for the year	933	2
Accumulated unrecognised share of losses of these joint ventures	9,178	8,245

At the end of both reporting periods, the Group has no commitment to fund the losses in relation to its investments in any of the joint ventures.

## 19. Equity Instruments at FVTOCI

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Unlisted equity investments, at fair value	16,416	16,416

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group exercised a put option to dispose of its 0.42% equity interest in the above investment at a consideration of approximately HK\$9.4 million, which was also the fair value as at the date of disposal. A cumulative gain on disposal of HK\$9,354,000 was transferred to retained profits during the year ended 31 December 2021.

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## 20. Deferred Taxation

For the purpose of presentation in the consolidated statement of financial position, certain deferred tax assets and liabilities have been offset. The followings are the major deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised and movements thereon during the current and prior years:

			Deferred ta	ax assets		
_	Allowance for credit losses HK\$'000	Allowance on obsolete inventories HK\$'000	Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment HK\$'000	Government grants received in respect of properties HK\$'000	<b>Others</b> HK\$'000	<b>Тоtal</b> НК\$'000
At 1 January 2021	3,442	16,934	3,166	6,922	357	30,821
Credit (charge) to profit or loss	157	9,934	-	(251)	1,668	11,508
Exchange realignment	14	196	99	216	11	536
At 31 December 2021	3,613	27,064	3,265	6,887	2,036	42,865
Credit (charge) to profit or loss	1,441	(7,823)	-	-	(133)	(6,515)
Exchange realignment	(109)	(2,184)	(518)	-	(159)	(2,970)
At 31 December 2022	4,945	17,057	2,747	6,887	1,744	33,380

At 31 December 2022	836	256,858	111,060	1,431	22,689	2,736	(43,899)	351,711
Exchange realignment	-	(9,321)	(6,743)	(126)	(1,589)	(97)	-	(17,876)
(Credit) charge to profit or loss	(166)	11,928	-	-	4,589	1,875	3,054	21,280
At 31 December 2021	1,002	254,251	117,803	1,557	19,689	958	(46,953)	348,307
Exchange realignment	=	3,285	1,861	47	=	40	-	5,233
Charge to other comprehensive income	-		9,519		-	-		9,519
(Credit) charge to profit or loss	(644)	23,692	-	, 10 <sup>-1</sup> 7 =	-	(612)	11,428	33,864
At 1 January 2021	1,646	227,274	106,423	1,510	19,689	1,530	(58,381)	299,691
	depreciation	properties	properties	rights	Mainland China	deposits	losses	Total
	tax	investment	investment	land use	subsidiaries in	and structured	Тах	
	Accelerated	of	transferred to	cost of	earnings of	instruments		
		Revaluation	of-use assets	Acquisition	undistributed	financial		
			and right-		respect of	derivative		
			of properties		tax in	change of		
			Revaluation		Withholding	Fair value		
				Deferred tax li	abilities (assets)			

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### 20. Deferred Taxation (Cont'd)

Under the law in Mainland China, withholding tax is imposed on dividends declared to non-residents in respect of profits earned by subsidiaries in the Mainland China from 1 January 2008 onwards. Deferred tax liabilities have not been provided for in the consolidated financial statements in respect of the temporary differences attributable to the profits earned by subsidiaries in the Mainland China amounting to HK\$1,148,968,000 (2021: HK\$1,033,067,000) as the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not be reversed in the foreseeable future.

The Group has estimated unused tax losses of HK\$735,508,000 (2021: HK\$649,549,000) available for offsetting against future taxable profits of the companies in which the losses arose. A deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of HK\$266,055,000 (2021: HK\$284,563,000) of the temporary differences, while no deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of the remaining temporary differences of HK\$469,453,000 (2021: HK\$364,986,000) due to unpredictability of future profit streams. Included in unrecognised tax losses are losses of HK\$102,775,000 (2021: HK\$125,923,000) that will expire in 5 to 10 years from the year of origination. Other tax losses may be carried forward indefinitely.

### 21. Other Non-current Assets

	Notes	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Life insurance contract	(a)	33,212	32,241
Customs deposit	(b)	33,712	36,670
Deposit for purchasing a leasehold land		-	20,357
		66,924	89,268

#### notes:

(a) The Group entered into a life insurance contract with an insurance company to insure an executive director. Under the contract, the beneficiary and contract holder is High Fashion Garments Management Limited ("HFGML"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and the total insured sum is approximately United States Dollar ("US\$") 10,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$77,500,000). HFGML paid a gross premium of US\$3,582,000 (equivalent to HK\$27,763,000), including a premium charge at inception of the contract amounting to US\$215,000 (equivalent to HK\$1,666,000). HFGML may request a partial surrender or full surrender of the contract at any time and receive cash based on the cash value of the contract at the date of withdrawal, which is determined by the gross premium paid plus accumulated guaranteed income earned and minus insurance premium charged at inception. In addition, if withdrawal is made between the 1st to 15th year, there is a specified surrender charge. The insurer will pay HFGML a guaranteed interest of 5.2% per annum for the first year, followed by minimum guaranteed return of 3% per annum for the following years, with the actual return determined at the discretion of the insurer.

At the inception date, the gross premium was separated into the investment component of a life insurance contract and prepayment of life insurance premium. The prepayment of life insurance premium was amortised to profit or loss over the insured period and the investment component is classified as a financial asset at FVTPL as contractual rights to cash flows do not represent contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding upon initial application of HKFRS 9 at 1 January 2018. At 31 December 2022, the fair value of the investment component of a life insurance contract was HK\$33,212,000 (2021: HK\$32,241,000).

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### 21. Other Non-current Assets (Cont'd)

notes: (Cont'd)

(b) The deposit of RMB30,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$33,712,000) (2021: RMB30,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$36,670,000) in current assets) paid to the customs authority in Shaoxing City of Zhejiang Province in the Mainland China in relation to an ongoing enquiry of customs duty for import of certain machinery parts and apparel accessories for manufacturing by the factories in the Mainland China.

On 24 February 2023, the Group received a judgment from the Shaoxing Intermediate People's Court that, following the Higher People's Court of Zhejiang Province issuing the judgment on 14 February 2023 to return the customs proceedings to the Shaoxing Intermediate People's Court for retrial due to unclear fact and insufficient evidence, the People's Procuratorate of the Shaoxing City of Zhejiang Province has withdrawn the charges against the Group and the Shaoxing Intermediate People's Court granted its approval for such withdrawal.

The management of the Group expects the refund of the deposit would not be settled within the twelve months from the end of the reporting period and therefore the deposit has been presented as a non-current asset (2021: a non-current asset) in the consolidated statement of financial position.

## 22. Inventories

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Raw materials	222,894	205,882
Work in progress	102,528	213,777
Finished goods	111,005	180,678
	436,427	600,337

## 23. Properties Held for Sale

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Properties under development held for sale	75,206	$ \rightarrow $
Completed properties	20,264	22,042
	95,470	22,042
Analysis of leasehold land:		
Carrying amount	37,027	3,606

The properties under development held for sale are expected to be completed more than twelve months after the end of the reporting period.

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### 24. Trade Receivables

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Trade receivables		
Contracts with customers	566,311	535,998
Rental	4,588	1,506
	570,899	537,504
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(19,525)	(19,774)
	551,374	517,730

Trade receivables mainly comprise of receivable from sales of garments and renting of properties. Credit terms granted to the customers for garment trading range from 30 days to 90 days. Rentals are payable by tenants upon presentation of demand notes. No credit period is granted to tenants.

At 1 January 2021, trade receivables from contracts with customers net of allowance for credit losses amounted to HK\$453,348,000.

At 31 December 2022, total sales invoices amounting to HK\$23,911,000 (2021: HK\$4,516,000) are held by the Group for future settlement of trade receivables that are pledged by the Group for bank borrowings.

The aged analysis of the Group's trade receivables net of allowance for credit losses is presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period, which approximates the respective revenue recognition dates.

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Within 90 days	495,540	460,373
91 to 180 days	26,049	46,310
181 to 360 days	22,977	3,260
Over 360 days	6,808	7,787
	551,374	517,730

At 31 December 2022, included in the Group's trade receivables balance are debtors with aggregate carrying amount of HK\$188,235,000 (2021: HK\$68,014,000) which are past due as at the reporting date. The trade receivables which have been past due 90 days or more from the reporting date amounted to HK\$57,219,000 (2021: HK\$25,323,000), of which HK\$47,492,000 (2021: HK\$10,968,000) are not considered as defaulted due to long and on-going business relationship and by considering the expected subsequent and historical repayment from these customers. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

Details of impairment assessment on trade and lease receivables are set out in note 41.

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### 25. Deposits, Prepayments and Other Receivables

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Prepayments and advances to suppliers	110,228	58,782
Value-added tax receivables and prepaid other taxes	28,739	30,334
Other receivables	22,198	15,335
Utility and other deposits	3,852	8,201
Others		782
	165,017	113,434

Details of impairment assessment on other receivables and refundable rental deposits are set out in note 41.

### 26. Amounts Due From Joint Ventures

The amounts due from joint ventures are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

The amounts due from joint ventures represent receivable of HK\$5,395,000 (2021: HK\$5,395,000) which is non-trade in nature. In prior years, the Group considered the prospect of recovery for the amount due from Longford of HK\$17,086,000 is remote due to the legal dispute and determined that a full impairment should be made after assessment of ECL in accordance with HKFRS 9 as described in note 41 and an impairment loss of HK\$17,086,000 was recognised in profit or loss.

Details of impairment assessment on amounts due from joint ventures are set out in note 41.

## 27. Other Financial Assets at FVTPL

	notes	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Structural deposits	(a)	165,187	564,281
Unlisted funds in the Mainland China	(b)	151,898	77,548
Unlisted fund in Hong Kong	(c)	20,345	18,421
		337,430	660,250

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## 27. Other Financial Assets at FVTPL (Cont'd)

notes:

(a) The structured deposits are placed with banks in the Mainland China with coupon linked to certain exchange rates and interest rates detailed below.

Major terms of the structured deposits are as follows:

Principal amount	<b>Maturity</b> (note i)	Annual coupon rate	Notes
As at 31 December 2022			
RMB55,000,000	July 2023	From 1.0% to 2.8%	(ii)
RMB92,000,000	February 2023	From 1.7% to 2.5%	(iii)
As at 31 December 2021			
RMB367,500,000	January — December 2022	From 1.0% to 2.8%	(ii)
RMB92,000,000	January 2022	From 1.15% to 2.1%	(iii)

(i) All the deposits are subject to the option for early termination by issuing banks.

- (ii) The annual coupon rate is dependent on whether the spot rate for conversion of Euro for US\$ (2021: Euro, Japanese Yen and Australia Dollar for US\$) as prevailing in the international foreign exchange market falls within ranges as specified in the relevant agreements during the period from inception date to maturity date of the relevant agreements.
- (iii) The annual coupon rate is dependent on whether 1-year RMB loan prime rate (2021: 3-month US\$ London Interbank Offered Rate) falls within ranges as specified in the relevant agreement during the period from inception date to maturity date of the relevant agreement.
- (iv) As at 31 December 2022, the Group's structural deposits of HK\$165,187,000 (2021: HK\$564,281,000) were pledged to banks for the Group's banking facilities.
- (b) The unlisted funds in the Mainland China with principal amount of RMB134,130,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$150,725,000) (2021: RMB63,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$77,008,000)) have expected return ranging from 2.1% (2021: 2.1%) per annum to 3.5% (2021: 3.1%) per annum and they are due to redeemable at any time.
- (c) The unlisted fund in Hong Kong with principal amount of RMB18,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$18,335,000) (2021: RMB15,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$18,335,000)) and have expected minimum return of 8% (2021: 8%) per annum and the principal amount and the return thereof are guaranteed by a company listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The unlisted fund is redeemable in whole or partially every six months.

The above structured deposits and unlisted funds are stated at fair value based on valuation provided by respective counterparties. The fair values are calculated using discounted cash flow analysis based on the applicable yield curves of relevant rates of return, exchange rates and interest rates. Details of which are set out in note 41.

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### 28. Long-Term Bank Deposits/Short-Term Bank Deposits

The long-term and short-term bank deposits carry interests at rates ranging from 3.3% to 5.0% (2021: rates ranging from 1.5% to 2.0%) per annum.

Bank deposits are deposits placed with banks with more than three months to maturity when deposited. Short-term bank deposits will mature within 12 months from the end of the reporting period and are classified as current assets, while long-term bank deposits will mature 12 months after the end of the reporting period and are classified as non-current assets.

As at 31 December 2022 and 2021, the Group's long-term and short-term deposits were pledged to banks for the Group's banking facilities.

Details of impairment assessment of long-term and short-term bank deposits are set out in note 41.

### 29. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include bank balances and short-term deposits with a short maturity of generally less than three months for the purpose of meeting the Group's short term cash commitments, which carry interests at market rates ranging from 0.001% to 5% (2021: 0.001% to 0.35%) per annum.

Details of impairment assessment of cash equivalents are set out in note 41.

### 30. Trade Payables

The following is an aged analysis of the trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Within 90 days	232,134	517,560
91 to 180 days	18,400	12,258
181 to 360 days	21,920	11,671
Over 360 days	18,654	12,908
	291,108	554,397
Accrued purchases	154,768	27,195
	445,876	581,592

The average credit period on purchases of goods is 90 days. The Group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables are within the credit timeframe.

The Group's trade payables included trade payables under supplier finance arrangements in which the Group has issued bills with the carrying amount of HK\$28,856,000 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$17,634,000) to the relevant suppliers for future settlement and continues to recognise trade payables as the relevant banks are obliged to make payments only on due dates of the bills, under the same conditions as agreed with the suppliers without further extension.

Accrued purchases represent the purchase of goods of which the invoices have not been received by the Group. The purchase invoices will normally be received within one month from the receipt of the goods purchased.

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## 31. Other Payables and Accruals

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Accruals	33,035	31,143
Construction costs payable	21,186	23,441
Payables to non-trade suppliers	96,889	81,829
Overpayment from customers	-	198
Staff salaries and welfare payable and bonus provision	141,216	110,119
Value-added tax payable	21,059	20,311
Others	12,545	17,092
	325,930	284,133

## 32. Lease Liabilities

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Lease liabilities payable:		
Within one year	4,025	6,006
Within a period of more than one year but not more than two years	3,759	4,704
Within a period of more than two year but not more than five years	4,850	7,218
Within a period of more than five years	63	482
	12,697	18,410
Less: Amount due for settlement within 12 months shown under current liabilities	(4,025)	(6,006)
Amount due for settlement after 12 months shown under non-current liabilities	8,672	12,404

The incremental borrowing rates applied to lease liabilities ranging from 3.7% to 5.2% (2021: ranging from 3.9% to 5.2%) per annum.

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### 33. Amount Due to an Associate

The amount due to Sherman-Theme (China) Limited, an associate of the Group, is unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

In the opinion of the directors of the Company, the associate is not material to the Group for both years and therefore no further information for the associate is disclosed.

### 34. Contract Liabilities

All contract liabilities of the Group as at 31 December 2021 and 2022 represent receipts in advance from customers for sale of garment products and were/are expected to be recognised as revenue during the year ended 31 December 2022 and 2023, respectively. As at 1 January 2021, such contract liabilities amounted to HK\$58,619,000.

### 35. Derivative Financial Instruments

	Current		Non-c	urrent
	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Foreign exchange forward contract	-	1,663	-	_
Interest rate swap contract	12,840	-	-	1,989

The foreign exchange forward contacts as at 31 December 2021 sell an aggregate notional amount of US\$33,500,000 for Renminbi at exchange rates of RMB6.3050 — RMB6.5155: US\$1, with maturity date for the period from 7 January 2022 to 24 February 2022.

The interest rate swap contacts as at 31 December 2022 swap the interest rate from Hong Kong Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("HIBOR") to 0.38% (2021: from HIBOR to 0.38%) per annum for an aggregate notional amount of HK\$480,000,000 (2021: HK\$480,000,000), with maturity date on 17 October 2023 (2021: 17 October 2023).

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## 36. Bank Borrowings

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Bank borrowings	1,702,986	1,677,079
Analysed as:		
Secured	1,413,161	1,162,102
Unsecured	289,825	514,977
	1,702,986	1,677,079
Carrying amount of bank borrowings repayable based on scheduled		
repayment dates set out in the loan agreements:		
Within one year	219,202	93,269
More than one year, but not exceeding two years	538,370	118,000
More than two years, but not exceeding five years	495,000	950,833
More than five years	118,248	_
	1,370,820	1,162,102
Carrying amount of bank borrowings that contain a repayment on demand clause		
based on scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements:		
Within one year	332,166	514,977
	1,702,986	1,677,079
Less: Amount due within one year shown under current liabilities	(551,368)	(608,246)
Amount shown under non-current liabilities	1,151,618	1,068,833

The exposure of the Group's borrowings are as followings:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Fixed-rate bank borrowings	342,001	-
Variable-rate bank borrowings	1,360,985	1,677,079
	1,702,986	1,677,079

The ranges of effective interest rates (which are same as the contracted interest rates) on the Group's fixed-rate bank borrowings and variable-rate bank borrowings are 3.25% to 4.7% (2021: nil) per annum and from 3.25% to 6.49% (2021: from 0.9% to 3.1%) per annum, respectively.

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## 37. Provision for Long Service Payments

	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2021	2,645
Amount accrued during the year	76
At 31 December 2021	2,721
Amount accrued during the year	353
At 31 December 2022	3,074

The Group provides for the probable future long service payments expected to be made to employees under the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance. The provision represents management's best estimate of the probable future payments which have been earned by the employees from their service to the Group up to the end of the reporting period.

Pursuant to the Employment Ordinance, Chapter 57, the Group has the obligation to pay Long Service Payment ("LSP") to qualifying employees in Hong Kong upon retirement, subject to a minimum of 5 years employment period, based on the following formula:

Last monthly wages (before termination of employment) × 2/3 × Years of service

Last monthly wages are capped at HK\$22,500 while the amount of long service payment shall not exceed HK\$390,000. This obligation is accounted for as a post-employment defined benefit plan. Furthermore, the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance passed in 1995 permits the Group to utilise the Group's mandatory provident fund contributions, plus/minus any positive/negative returns thereof (collectively, the "Eligible Offset Amount"), for the purpose of offsetting LSP payable to an employee (the "Offsetting Arrangement"). The LSP obligation, if any, is presented on a net basis.

The Employment & Retirement Schemes Legislation (Offsetting Arrangement) (Amendment) Ordinance 2022 was gazetted on 17 June 2022, which will eventually abolish the Offsetting Arrangement. The Amendment will come into effect prospectively from a date to be determined by the Hong Kong SAR Government, which is expected to be in 2025 (the "Transition Date"). Under the amended Ordinance, the Eligible Offset Amount after the Transition Date can only be applied to offset the pre-Transition Date LSP obligation but no longer eligible to offset the post-Transition Date LSP obligation. Furthermore, the LSP obligations before the Transition Date will be grandfathered and calculated based on the Last monthly wages immediately preceding the Transition Date.

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## 38. Share Capital

	Number of shares '000	<b>Amount</b> HK\$'000
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each		
Authorised: At 1 January 2021, 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022	1,000,000	100,000
Issued and fully paid: At 1 January 2021, 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022	305,616	30,562

All the issued shares rank pari passu in all respects including all rights as to dividends, voting and return of capital.

### 39. Share-Based Payments

The Company passed an ordinary resolution at the annual general meeting to adopt a share option scheme on 30 May 2012 (the "2012 Share Option Scheme") for a period of 10 years commencing on the adoption date. The 2012 Share Option Scheme expired on 29 May 2022 and no further option could thereafter be granted. Notwithstanding the expiry of the 2012 Share Option Scheme, the share options which had been granted and not exercised nor lapsed at the date of expiry shall remain valid and exercisable in accordance with the 2012 Share Option Scheme and in all other respects, the provisions of the 2012 Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect.

Following the expiry of the 2012 Share Option Scheme, the Company passed a resolution at the 2022 annual general meeting held on 14 June 2022 to adopt the 2022 Share Option Scheme (the "2022 Share Option Scheme") for the continuation of providing recognition to the contributions or services of executive directors, non-executive directors and eligible employees of the Group. Unless otherwise terminated or amended, the 2022 Share Option Scheme will remain in force for 10 years.

At 31 December 2022, the number of shares in respect of which options had been granted and remained outstanding under the 2012 Share Option Scheme was 5,000,000 (2021: 5,000,000), which if exercised in full representing 1.64% (2021: 1.64%) of the shares of the Company in issue at that date. The total number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the 2022 Share Option Scheme is not permitted to exceed 30% of the shares of the Company in issue at any point in time, without prior approval from the Company's shareholders. The number of shares issued and to be issued in respect of which options granted to any individual in any 12-month period is not permitted to exceed 1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any point in time, without prior approval from the Company or any of their respective associates that would result in the total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options granted and to be granted (including options exercised, cancelled and outstanding) to such person in any 12-month period up to and including the date of such grant exceeding 0.1% of the shares in issue and with an aggregate value (based on the closing price of the shares on the date of grant) in excess of HK\$55 million is subject to shareholders' approval in a general meeting.

No consideration is payable by the Grantee in respect of the offer of the grant, the acceptance of the offer of grant or the grant of the Option. The exercise period of the share options granted is determinable by the directors of the Company, but no later than 10 years from the date of the offer. The minimum period for which an option must be held before it can be exercised is to be determined by the directors of the Company after taking into account a wide range of factors including but not limited to the responsibilities and years of services of each eligible participant, business development and other areas concerning the operation and sustainable development of the Group.

50% of the options granted were exercisable from 3 December 2019 to 2 December 2028, while the remaining 50% of the options granted were exercisable from 3 December 2020 to 2 December 2028. The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Company, and will not be less than the highest of (i) the closing price of the Company's shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet on the date of grant of option; (ii) the average closing price of the shares in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant of option; and (iii) the par value of the Company's share.

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## 39. Share-Based Payments (Cont'd)

Details of options granted are as follows:

Number of share options	Date of grant	Exercise period	<b>Exercise</b> price НК\$	Fair value at grant date HK\$
5,000,000	3 December 2018	3 December 2019 to 2 December 2028	1.76	0.3828

There is no movement of the Company's share options granted during the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021.

The Group did not recognise any expense for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: nil) in relation to share options granted by the Company.

### 40. Capital Risk Management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from prior year.

The capital structure of the Group consists of net debt, which includes the bank borrowings and lease liabilities disclosed in notes 36 and 32, respectively, net of long-term bank deposits, short-term bank deposits, cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued share capital, reserves and retained profits.

The directors of the Company review the capital structure on a continuous basis. As part of this review, the directors of the Company consider the cost of capital. The Group will balance its overall capital structure through payment of dividends, share buy-backs, issuance of new shares as well as raising new debts or repayment of existing debts.

## 41. Financial Instruments

#### Categories of financial instruments

Financial liabilities		
Derivative financial instruments Equity instruments at FVTOCI Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVTPL Financial assets at amortised cost Financial liabilities	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Equity instruments at FVTOCIFinancial assets mandatorily measured at FVTPLFinancial assets at amortised costFinancial liabilities		
Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVTPL         Financial assets at amortised cost         Financial liabilities	12,840	3,652
Financial assets at amortised cost     Image: Cost in the second se	16,416	16,416
Financial liabilities	370,642	692,491
	1,352,160	984,951
Amortised cost		
	2,267,520	2,364,524

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### 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's financial instruments include investment component of a life insurance contract, trade receivables, deposits and other receivables, derivative financial instruments, equity instruments at FVTOCI, amounts due from joint ventures, structured deposits, unlisted funds, long-term/short-term bank deposits, cash and cash equivalents, trade payables, other payables, amount due to an associate and bank borrowings. Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in the respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk (currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. Management of the Group manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

#### **Market risk**

#### **Currency** risk

Several subsidiaries of the Company have foreign currency sales and purchases. The carrying amounts of major foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities (including trade receivables, deposits and other receivables, long-term/short-term bank deposits, cash and cash equivalents, trade payables, other payables and bank borrowings) which expose the Group to foreign currency risk at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	Ass	ets	Liabilities		
	2022	2021	2022	2021	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
HK\$ against RMB	519	1,056	-	800	
US\$ against RMB	27,770	17,976	-	88	
RMB against HK\$	176,993	67,904	583	1,019	

In addition, the Group was also exposed to foreign currency risk arising from foreign currency forward contracts which were not subject to cash flow hedges as at 31 December 2022 and 2021. Management of the Group monitors foreign exchange exposure and considers hedging significant foreign exchange exposure should the need arise.

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### 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

#### Market risk (Cont'd)

#### Currency risk (Cont'd)

#### Sensitivity analysis

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% (2021: 5%) strengthening in the group entities' functional currencies against the relevant foreign currencies except for the Group's exposure of US\$ relative to HK\$ since the directors of the Company consider HK\$ is pegged to US\$ and the exposure related to US\$ is insignificant. 5% (2021: 5%) is the sensitivity rate used which represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items, and adjusts their translation at the end of the reporting period for a 5% (2021: 5%) change in foreign currency rates. A positive/negative number below indicates an increase/decrease in post-tax profit for the year.

	Impact on HK\$		Impact	on US\$	Impact on RMB	
	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Profit or loss	(22)	(10)	(1,180)	(761)	(7,615)	(2,770)

In management's opinion, the sensitivity analysis is unrepresentative of the inherent currency risk as the exposure at the end of the reporting period does not reflect the exposure during the year.

No sensitivity analysis on foreign exchange forward contracts is performed for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021 as it is not regarded as significant.

#### Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to fair value interest rate risk in relation to fixed-rate bank deposits and lease liabilities. The Group is also exposed to cash flow interest rate risk relating to the variable-rate bank balances, bank borrowings and derivative financial instruments, including interest rate swap, which mainly concentrated on fluctuation of HIBOR. Management of the Group monitors interest rate exposure and considers hedging significant interest rate exposure should the need arise.

A fundamental reform of major interest rate benchmarks is being undertaken globally, including the replacement of some interbank offered rates with alternative nearly risk-free rates. As listed in note 36, all of the Group's HIBOR bank borrowings may be subject to the interest rate benchmark reform. Details of the impacts on the Group's risk management strategy arising from the interest rate benchmark reform and the progress towards implementation of alternative benchmark interest rates are set out under "interest rate benchmark reform" in this note.

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### 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

#### Market risk (Cont'd)

#### Interest rate risk (Cont'd)

#### Sensitivity analysis

For the variable-rate bank balances at 31 December 2022 and 2021, the directors of the Company consider the Group's exposure to cash flow interest rate risk is minimal taking into account the minimal fluctuation on market interest rate. Accordingly, no sensitivity analysis on interest rate risk on bank balances is presented.

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for both derivatives and nonderivative instruments at the end of the reporting period. The analysis includes the variable-rate bank borrowings, assuming that outstanding balances at the end of the reporting period are outstanding for the whole year, and interest rate swaps. A 50 basis points (2021: 50 basis points) increase or decrease represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rate.

If interest rates had been 50 basis points (2021: 50 basis points) higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's post-tax profit for the year would decrease/increase by approximately HK\$5,682,000 (2021: HK\$7,006,000).

In management's opinion, the sensitivity analysis is unrepresentative of the interest rate risk as the exposure at the end of the reporting period does not reflect the exposure during the year.

#### Price risk

The Group is exposed to equity price risk through its equity interests in private entity for long term strategic purposes which has been designated as financial assets at FVTOCI. In addition, the Group also measured investment component of a life insurance contract, derivative financial instruments, structured deposits and unlisted funds at FVTPL. The Group has appointed a special team to monitor the price risk and will consider hedging the risk exposure should the need arise.

Sensitivity analysis for investment component of a life insurance contract and unquoted equity investments with fair value measurement are not disclosed as the effect is considered insignificant.

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### 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment

Credit risk refers to the risk that the Group's counterparties default on their contractual obligations resulting in financial losses to the Group. The Group's credit risk exposures are primarily attributable to trade receivables, deposits, other receivables, amounts due from joint ventures, long-term/short-term deposits and cash equivalents, whose carrying amounts best represent the maximum exposure to credit risk. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements to cover its credit risks associated with its financial assets.

The Group performed impairment assessment for trade receivables and other financial assets (deposits, other receivables, amounts due from joint ventures, long-term/short-term deposits and cash equivalents) under ECL model.

Internal credit rating	Description	Trade receivables	Other financial assets
Low risk	The counterparty has a low risk of default and does not have any past-due over 30 days amounts	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired	12-month ECL
Watch list	Debtor frequently repays after due dates but usually settle in full	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired	12-month ECL
Doubtful	There have been significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition through information developed internally or external resources	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired
Loss	There is evidence indicating the asset is credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the Group has no realistic prospect of recovery	Amount is written off	Amount is written off

The Group's internal credit risk grading assessment comprises the following categories:

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## 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

### Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Cont'd)

The tables below detail the credit risk exposures of the Group's financial assets at amortised cost which are subject to ECL assessment:

	Notes	External credit rating	12-month or lifetime ECL	Gross carry	ing amount
				2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Trade receivables	24	N/A	Lifetime ECL (not credit-impaired)	561,272	523,149
		N/A	Lifetime ECL (credit-impaired)	9,627	14,355
Deposits and other receivables	25	N/A	12-month ECL (not credit-impaired)	26,050	24,318
Amounts due from joint ventures	26	N/A	12-month ECL (not credit-impaired)	5,395	5,395
		N/A	Lifetime ECL (credit-impaired)	17,086	17,086
Long-term bank deposits	28	Baa2	12-month ECL (not credit-impaired)	41,578	-
Short-term bank deposits	28	Al – Baa2 (2021: Aa3 – Baa1)	12-month ECL (not credit-impaired)	116,513	19,981
Cash equivalents	29	Aal – Baa3 (2021: Aa3 – Baal)	12-month ECL (not credit impaired)	610,868	416,987

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### 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Cont'd)

#### Trade receivables

Before accepting any new customer, the Group assesses the potential customer's credit quality by internal credit rating and defines credit limits by customer. Credit limits attributed to customers are reviewed twice a year. The terms of payment of the major customers are under bank's letter of credit. Other monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Group performs impairment assessment under ECL model on trade receivables which are not credit-impaired collectively grouped by internal credit rating and individually for debtors which are credit impaired. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

The expected credit losses on trade receivables are estimated by reference to past due status of the individual debtor and an analysis of the debtor's current financial position, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtor, future economic conditions of the industry in which the debtors operate and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date.

		2022			2021	021	
Internal credit rating	Loss rate	Gross carrying amount HK\$'000	Impairment loss allowance HK\$'000		Gross carrying amount HK\$'000	Impairment loss allowance HK\$'000	
Low risk	0.16%	290,608	453	0.46%	393,333	1,810	
Watch list	3.25%	102,083	3,319	1.98%	52,516	1,039	
Doubtful	3.63%	168,581	6,126	6.02%	77,300	4,650	
		561,272	9,898		523,149	7,499	

The debtors which are not credit-impaired are grouped by internal credit rating and assessed collectively as below:

An estimated loss rate is applied to each group of internal credit rating. The loss rates are estimated taking into consideration past repayment histories and proxy to default rates published by international credit-rating agencies and are adjusted for forward-looking information.

Debtors which are credit impaired with gross carrying amounts of HK\$9,627,000 (2021: HK\$14,355,000) are assessed individually, with impairment allowance on the fully impaired balance of HK\$9,627,000 (2021: HK\$10,421,000) and partially impaired balance of nil (2021: HK\$1,854,000) made at 31 December 2022.

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### 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Cont'd)

#### Trade receivables (Cont'd)

The following table shows the movement in lifetime ECL that has been recognised for trade receivables under the simplified approach.

	Lifetime ECL (not credit- impaired) HK\$'000	Lifetime ECL (credit- impaired) HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
At 1 January 2021	3,799	10,293	14,092
Changes due to trade receivables recognised at 1 January 2021:			
<ul> <li>Impairment loss recognised</li> </ul>	2,701	4,776	7,477
<ul> <li>Impairment loss reversed</li> </ul>	(3,799)	(2,900)	(6,699)
New trade receivables originated	4,798	-	4,798
Exchange realignment	_	106	106
At 31 December 2021	7,499	12,275	19,774
Changes due to trade receivables recognised at 1 January 2022: — Write-offs — Impairment loss recognised — Impairment loss reversed — Transfer to credit-impaired New trade receivables originated Exchange realignment	- 2,421 (2,792) (4,707) 7,610 (133)	(4,947) 1,993 (4,058) 4,707 - (343)	(4,947) 4,414 (6,850) - 7,610 (476)
At 31 December 2022	9,898	9,627	19,525

The Group writes off a trade receivable when the amount is over two years past due. None of the trade receivables that have been written off is subject to enforcement activities.

#### Deposits, other receivables and amounts due from joint ventures

For deposits, other receivables and amounts due from joint ventures, the directors of the Company make individual assessment on the recoverability of these balances based on historical settlement records, past experience, and also available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information, to ensure that adequate provisions for impairment losses are made for irrecoverable amounts. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

Deposits and other receivables mainly represent refund and claims receivables and utility deposits. The directors of the Company consider that there is no material credit risk inherent with the outstanding balance of deposits and other receivables after individual assessment on the recoverability of these balances based on historical settlement records, past experience, and also available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information.

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### 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Cont'd)

#### Deposits, other receivables and amounts due from joint ventures (Cont'd)

The directors of the Company consider that the risk of default by the counterparties is low taking into account the historical settlement records and the financial position of the joint ventures except for the amount due from Longford. At 31 December 2022 and 2021, the Group considered the prospect of recovery for the amount due from Longford is remote due to the legal dispute and determined that a full impairment of HK\$17,086,000 (2021: HK\$17,086,000) was recognised.

#### Long-term/short-term deposits and cash equivalents

The Group's long-term/short-term deposits and cash equivalents are placed with banks of high credit ratings. The directors of the Company assessed the credit risk by reference to information relating to probability of default and loss given default of the respective external credit rating grades published by external credit rating agencies and concluded the risk of default by counterparties is low.

The credit risk on cash equivalents and long-term/short-term bank deposits is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit rating ranging from Aa1 to Baa3 (2021: Aa3 to Baa2) assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The Group performed an impairment assessment at 12m ECL by reference to information published by external credit rating agencies relating to probability of default and loss given default of the respective credit rating grades, and concluded that the risks of default of these counterparties are low. Accordingly, no impairment loss has been recognised as amount involved is insignificant.

#### **Liquidity risk**

In the management of the liquidity risk, the Group monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by management of the Group to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. Management of the Group monitors the utilisation of bank borrowings and ensures compliance with loan covenants.

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities and derivative financial instruments. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay. Specifically, bank borrowings with a repayment on demand clause are included in the earliest time band regardless of the probability of the banks which choose to exercise their rights. The maturity dates for other non-derivative financial liabilities are based on the agreed repayment dates.

The table includes both interest and principal cash flows. To the extent that interest flows are floating rates, the undiscounted amount is derived from interest rate curve at the end of the reporting period.

In addition, the following table details the Group's liquidity analysis for its derivative financial instruments. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted contractual net cash outflows on derivative instruments that settle on a net basis. When the amount payable is not fixed, the amount disclosed has been determined by reference to the projected interest rates as illustrated by the yield curves existing at the end of the reporting period. The liquidity analysis for the Group's derivative financial instruments is prepared based on the contractual maturities as management of the Group considers that the contractual maturities are essential for an understanding of the timing of the cash flows of derivatives.

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## 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

### Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

Liquidity risk (Cont'd)

Liquidity tables

	Weighted average interest rate %	On demand or less than 3 months HK\$'000	<b>3 months to 1 year</b> HK\$'000	<b>1–2</b> years HK\$'000	<b>2–5</b> years HK\$'000	<b>Over</b> <b>5 years</b> HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Carrying amount HK\$'000
2022								
Non-derivative financial liabilities								
Trade payables		445,876	-	-	-	-	445,876	445,876
Other payables		118,075	-	-	-	-	118,075	118,075
Amount due to an associate		583	-	-	-	-	583	583
Lease liabilities	4.0	1,922	5,825	4,596	5,041	64	17,448	12,697
Bank borrowings								
— Fixed-rate	4.21	146,283	-	77,470	-	118,248	342,001	342,001
— Variable-rate	5.96	322,672	106,112	469,325	499,666	-	1,397,775	1,360,985
		1,035,411	111,937	551,391	504,707	118,312	2,321,758	2,280,217
Derivative-net settlement								
Derivative financial instruments								
<ul> <li>Interest rate swaps</li> </ul>		-	(12,840)	-	-	-	(12,840)	(12,840)
2021								
Non-derivative financial liabilities								
Trade payables		581,592	-	-	-	-	581,592	581,592
Other payables		105,270	-	-	-	-	105,270	105,270
Amount due to an associate		583	-	-	-	-	583	583
Lease liabilities	4.5	964	5,455	5,121	7,654	627	19,821	18,410
Bank borrowings								
– Variable-rate	1.5	538,546	83,658	134,910	966,802	-	1,723,916	1,677,079
		1,226,955	89,113	140,031	974,456	627	2,431,182	2,382,934
Derivative-net settlement								
Derivative financial instruments								
<ul> <li>Interest rate swaps</li> </ul>		-	-	(1,989)	-	-	(1,989)	(1,989)
- Foreign exchange forward contracts		(1,663)	-	-	_	-	(1,663)	(1,663)
		(1,663)	_	(1,989)	_	-	(3,652)	(3,652)

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### 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

#### Liquidity risk (Cont'd)

#### Liquidity tables (Cont'd)

Bank loans with a repayment on demand clause are included in the "on demand or less than 3 month" time band in the above maturity analysis. As at 31 December 2022, the aggregate carrying amounts of these bank loans amounted to HK\$322,166,000 (2021: HK\$514,977,000). Taking into account the Group's financial position, the management does not believe that it is probable that the banks will exercise their discretionary rights to demand immediate repayment. The management believes that such bank loans will be repaid within 2 years after the end of the reporting period in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements, details of which are set out in the table below:

	Weighted average interest rate %	On demand or less than 3 months HK\$'000	<b>3 months to 1 year</b> HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Carrying amount HK\$'000
Non-derivative financial liabilities					
31 December 2022	5.8	290,982	42,340	333,322	332,166
31 December 2021	1.5	538,546	-	538,546	514,977

The amounts included above for variable interest rate instruments of non-derivative financial liabilities is subject to change if changes in variable interest rates differ to those estimates of interest rates determined at the end of the reporting period.

#### Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis

The Group's structured deposits, investment component of a life insurance contract, equity instruments at FVTOCI, derivative financial instruments and other financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following table gives information about how the fair values of these financial assets and financial liabilities are determined (in particular, the valuation technique(s) and inputs used), as well as the level of the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurements are categorised (levels 1 to 3) based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements is observable.

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### 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

## Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (Cont'd)

For valuation technique using discounted cash flows, the discount rates used take into consideration the credit risk of the relevant counterparties of the contracts or the Group, as appropriate.

Financial assets/ financial liabilities	Fair val 31 December 2022	ue as at 31 December 2021	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation(s) technique and key input(s)
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Assets — nil	Assets — HK\$1,663,000	Level 2	Valuation technique: Discounted cash flow.
				Key inputs: Forward exchange rates, contracted exchange rates and discount rates.
Interest rate swap contract	Assets — HK\$12,840,000	Assets — HK\$1,989,000	Level 2	Valuation technique: Discounted cash flow and option pricing model.
				Key inputs: Forward interest rates, forward exchange rates, contracted interest rates, discount rate and HSBC Dynamic Term Premium Index 10 as published on Bloomberg Screen and its volatility.
Structured deposits	Assets — HK\$165,187,000	Assets — HK\$564,281,000	Level 2	Valuation techniques: Discounted cash flow
				Key inputs: Forward interest rates, forward exchange rates, contracted interest rates, contracted exchange rates and volatility of exchange rates.
Unlisted funds	Assets — HK\$172,243,000	Assets — HK\$95,969,000	Level 2	Valuation techniques: Discounted cash flow
				Key inputs: Forward interest rates, forward exchange rates, contracted interest rates, contracted exchange rates and volatility of exchange rates.
Investment component of a life insurance contract (note i)	Assets — HK\$33,212,000	Assets — HK\$32,241,000	Level 3	Valuation technique: account value quoted by insurer.
Equity instruments at FVTOCI (note ii)	Assets — HK\$16,416,000	Assets — HK\$16,416,000	Level 3	Valuation technique: Market approach.
(note II)				Key inputs: Recent transaction price

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### 41. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

## Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (Cont'd)

notes:

- (i) The return of the investment is at the discretion of the insurer and the surrender charge is for termination of both the insurance and investment components. Accordingly, the directors of the Company consider the account value quoted by insurer as at 31 December 2022 as an appropriate estimate of fair value. Fair value gain of HK\$971,000 (2021: gain of HK\$58,000) is recognised in profit or loss for the year ended 31 December 2022.
- (ii) As disclosed in note 19, the Group's investment in equity interest in a private entity located in the British Virgin Islands ("BVI") was classified as equity instruments at FVTOCI. The fair value of the investments is measured by reference to recent transaction for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021.

There is no transfer amongst level 1, 2 and 3 for both years.

Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements:

	Investment component of a life insurance contract HK\$'000	Equity instruments at FVTOCI HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
At 1 January 2021	32,183	25,797	57,980
Total gains — profit or loss Disposals	58		58
— realised gain — cost	-	(9,354) (27)	(9,354) (27)
At 31 December 2021 Total gains — profit or loss	32,241 971	16,416	48,657 971
At 31 December 2022	33,212	16,416	49,628

The directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values.

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### 42. Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Subject to Offsetting Enforceable Master Netting Arrangements

The Group has entered into certain derivative transactions that are covered by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association Master Netting Agreements ("ISDA Agreements") signed with various banks. These derivative instruments are not offset in the consolidated statement of financial position as the ISDA Agreements are in place with a right of set off only in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy so that the Group currently has no legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts. The carrying amounts of financial assets presented under "Derivative financial instruments" in the consolidated statement of financial assets presented under "Derivative financial instruments" in the consolidated statement of financial position is HK\$12,840,000 (2021: HK\$3,652,000).

The gross amounts of the recognised financial assets and financial liabilities disclosed in the above tables, which are subject to enforceable master netting arrangements, are measured as follows:

• Derivatives financial instruments — fair value

### 43. Operating Leasing Arrangements

#### The Group as lessor

As at 31 December 2022, the Group received rentals from tenants in advance amounting to HK\$66,492,000 (2021: nil) for leases after twelve months from the end of the reporting period that is classified as non-current other liabilities.

Fixed lease payments receivable on committed leases for the next one to ten years (2021: one to ten years) are as follows:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Within one year	99,627	87,389
In the second year	75,563	82,406
In the third year	61,000	64,469
In the fourth year	63,220	55,765
In the fifth year	22,873	27,967
After five years	58,187	29,001
	380,470	346,997

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### 44. Capital Commitments

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
apital expenditure in respect of the property, plant and equipment and		
investment properties contracted for but not provided for in the		
consolidated financial statements	554,398	181,918

### 45. Retirement Benefits Schemes

The Group participates in the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (the "MPF Schemes") for all qualifying employees of the Group in Hong Kong. The Group follows the minimum contribution requirement of 5% of eligible employees' relevant aggregated income with a cap of HK\$1,500 per month. The assets of the MPF Schemes are held separately from those of the Group, in funds under the control of the trustees. The employees of the subsidiaries in the Mainland China are members of retirement benefits schemes operated by the Chinese government. The contributions are charged to the profit or loss as incurred. The relevant subsidiaries in the Mainland China are required to make contributions to the state retirement schemes in the Mainland China based on a certain percentage of the monthly salaries of their current employees to fund the benefits. The employees are entitled to retirement pension calculated with reference to their basic salaries on retirement and their length of service in accordance with the relevant government regulations. The Chinese government is responsible for the pension liability to these retired staff.

## 46. Reconciliation of Liabilities Arising From Financing Activities

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from financing activities are those for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Group's consolidated statement of cash flows as cash flows from financing activities.

	Dividend payable (Note 13) HK\$'000	<b>Bank</b> <b>borrowings</b> (Note 36) HK\$'000	Lease liabilities (Note 32) HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
At 1 January 2021		(1,709,362)	(25,416)	(1,734,778)
Net cash flows	15,280	60,833	9,017	85,130
Finance costs <i>(Note 8)</i>	-	(27,983)	(993)	(28,976)
Dividends declared	(15,280)		-	(15,280)
Exchange realignment	-	(567)	(1,018)	(1,585)
At 31 December 2021	-	(1,677,079)	(18,410)	(1,695,489)
Net cash flows	27,505	5,329	5,114	37,948
Finance costs (Note 8)	-	(43,481)	(686)	(44,167)
Dividends declared	(27,505)	-	-	(27,505)
New lease entered	-	-	(4,315)	(4,315)
Termination of leases	-	-	4,671	4,671
Exchange realignment	-	12,245	929	13,174
At 31 December 2022	-	(1,702,986)	(12,697)	(1,715,683)

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### 47. Related Party Transactions

Apart from amounts due from joint ventures and amount due to an associate as set out in notes 26 and 33, respectively, the Group had the following transactions with related parties during the year:

#### Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors of the Company, which are the key management personnel during the year are set out in note 9, is determined by the remuneration committee having regard to the performance of individuals and market trends.

#### 48. Contingent Liabilities

In addition to the ongoing enquiry of customs duty as disclosed in note 21(b), the Group has the following contingent liabilities:

There were disputes amongst the Group, Transpac World Trade Services Holding Limited ("Transpac", previously called "Tai Ding Century Limited"), Ms. Leong, the beneficial owner of Transpac, and certain directors of the Company. Several legal proceedings are taking place in relation to court orders over bank accounts of Longford and the claim for damages for breaching the cooperation agreement. The aforesaid parties in the action have agreed to generally extend the deadlines of filing various documents with court. In the opinion of directors of the Company, the amount of claim is not yet provided by the counterparty and it is not probable that a material outflow of resources will be required and no provision has been made accordingly.

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## 49. Particulars Of Principal Subsidiaries

Details of the Company's principal subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	or registration/ paid		Proportion of nominal ssued and fully value of issued capital/ paid share capital/ registered capital egistered capital held by the Group 2022 202		Principal activities	
			%			
Advance Textile and Apparel Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1	100	100	Garment trading	
Angel Star Investment Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 Ordinary HK\$2 Non-voting deferred	65	65	Holding of trademarks	
Bramead International Inc.	BVI/USA	US\$1	100	100	Holding of trademarks	
Dayu Garments Company Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	100	100	Garment trading and retailing	
Dongguan Dalisheng Fashion Co., Ltd.	Mainland China	HK\$28,000,000	80	80	Garment manufacturing	
Dongguan Yihao Fashions Limited <i>(note)</i>	Mainland China	HK\$20,500,000	100	100	Garment manufacturing	
Eminent Garment (Cambodia) Limited <i>(note)</i>	Cambodia	US\$12,000,000	100	100	Garment manufacturing	
Eminent Garment Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	100	100	Garment trading	
Hangzhou Fortune Property Co., Ltd.	Mainland China	RMB3,000,000	100	100	Property management	
High Fashion Accessories and Gifts Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	100	100	Garment trading	
High Fashion Apparel Limited	BVI/Hong Kong	US\$1,000	100	100	Investment holding	
High Fashion (China) Co., Ltd. <i>(note)</i>	Mainland China	US\$121,865,779	100	100	Dyeing, printing and sandwashing of fabrics and garment manufacturing	

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## 49. Particulars Of Principal Subsidiaries (Cont'd)

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation Issued and fully or registration/ paid share capital/ operations registered capital		Proportion of value of issue registered held by the	d capital/ capital	Principal activities	
			<b>2022</b> %	2021 %		
High Fashion Garments Company Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 Ordinary HK\$10,000,000 Non-voting deferred	100	100	Garment trading and property leasing	
High Fashion Garments, Inc.	USA	US\$5,000	100	100	Marketing and garment trading	
High Fashion Garments Management Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$20 Ordinary HK\$20 Non-voting deferred	100	100	Provision of management services	
High Fashion International (USA) Inc.	USA	US\$1,800	100	100	Investment holding	
High Fashion Knit Company Limited	Hong Kong	НК\$2	100	100	Garment trading	
High Fashion Garments International Company Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 Ordinary HK\$1,000,000 Non-voting deferred	100	100	Garment trading and provision of investment services	
High Fashion Knitwear Overseas Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2 Ordinary HK\$10,000 Non-voting deferred	100	100	Garment trading and investment holding	
High Fashion Silk (note)	Mainland China	US\$50,000,000	100	100	Silk weaving	
Navigation Limited	BVI	US\$1	100	100	Investment holding	
上海達利發絲綢有限公司	Mainland China	RMB500,000	100	100	Sales of silk products	
Shenzhen Daliyu Fashion Co. Ltd.	Mainland China	RMB10,000,000	100	100	Garment retailing	
The King Garment Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	100	100	Garment trading	

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## 49. Particulars Of Principal Subsidiaries (Cont'd)

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation or registration/ operations	Issued and fully paid share capital/ registered capital	Proportion of value of issue registered held by the	d capital/ capital	Principal activities
			2022 %	2021 %	
Theme Garments (Shenzhen) Company Limited <i>(note)</i>	Mainland China	RMB60,000,000	100	100	Garment retailing
Theme International Holdings (B.V.I.) Limited	BVI	US\$10,001	100	100	Investment holding
新昌縣達利商業廣場有限公司	Mainland China	RMB5,000,000	100	100	Property development
新昌縣達利順文化創意有限公司	Mainland China	RMB6,000,000	100	100	Silk culture tourism development
新昌達利置業有限公司 (note)	Mainland China	RMB5,000,000	100	100	Property development
Zhejiang High Fashion Culture Creativity Co., Ltd. <i>(note)</i>	Mainland China	US\$20,000,000	100	100	Culture development

*Note:* These companies are registered as a wholly-owned foreign enterprise.

High Fashion Apparel Limited is a directly held wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Except for High Fashion Apparel Limited, all subsidiaries listed above are indirectly held by the Company.

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

None of the subsidiaries had issued any debt securities at the end of the year.

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## 50. Statement of Financial Position and Reserves of the Company

	2022	202		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'00(		
Non-current asset				
Investment in a subsidiary	427,628	427,62		
Current assets				
Prepayment	151	15		
Amount due from a subsidiary	58,074	36,93		
Cash and cash equivalents	147	14		
	58,372	37,22		
Current liabilities				
Other payables and accruals	143	14		
Net current assets	58,229	37,07		
	485,857	464,70		
Capital and reserves				
Share capital	30,562	30,56		
Reserves	455,295	434,14		
Total equity	485,857	464,70		

#### Movement in the Company's reserves

	Share premium HK\$'000	<b>Capital</b> reserve НК\$'000	Capital redemption reserve HK\$'000	<b>Contribution</b> surplus HK\$'000	Share option reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
At 1 January 2021 Profit for the year Dividends declared and paid in cash	287,656 -	16,520	8,511 -	101,171 _	1,914 	7,524 26,126 (15,280)	423,296 26,126 (15,280)
At 31 December 2021 Profit for the year Dividends declared and paid in cash	287,656 - -	16,520 - -	8,511 - -	101,171	1,914 - -	18,370 48,658 (27,505)	434,142 48,658 (27,505)
At 31 December 2022	287,656	16,520	8,511	101,171	1,914	39,523	455,295

# **Financial Summary**

A summary of the published results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial periods, as extracted from the audited financial statements, is set out below:

## RESULTS

		Year e	nded 31 Decemb	er	
	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000
Revenue	3,416,838	2,887,860	2,157,101	2,913,710	3,074,745
Profit before taxation Taxation	210,206 (54,811)	185,854 (38,240)	161,667 (36,503)	46,028 19,242	29,748 8,920
Profit for the year	155,395	147,614	125,164	65,270	38,668
Profit for the year attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	154,043 1,352	147,214 400	124,518 646	71,964 (6,694)	43,640 (4,972)
	155,395	147,614	125,164	65,270	38,668

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	At 31 December					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Total assets	6,227,581	6,166,623	5,679,482	5,016,210	5,083,752	
Total liabilities	(3,089,588)	(3,043,977)	(2,808,198)	(2,536,580)	(2,589,515)	
	3,137,993	3,122,646	2,871,284	2,479,630	2,494,237	

In 2019, the Group has applied HKFRS 16 and other amendments to HKFRSs. The comparative information for the years ended 31 December 2019 has not been restated on initial application of HKFRS 16.

# Schedule of Principal Investment Properties

Particulars	Approximate Gross Floor Area (square meters)	Lease Term	Usage	Stage of Completion	Group's interest (%)
G/F-10/F, 13/F, partly 11/F and 12/F, High Fashion Centre, 1-11 Kwai Hei Street, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong. (note i)	16,777	Medium term	Commercial/Office	Completed	100%
Shennan Road, Che Gong Miao, Fu Tian District, Shenzhen. Hanggang Fuchun Commercial Building 12 units on L1 & L2.	3,667	Long term	Commercial/Office	Completed	100%
8, Qiannong Road (E), Xiaoshan Economic and Technological Development Zone, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. (note ii)	104,926	Medium term	Industrial	Completed	100%
109, Renmin East Road, Xinchang County, Shaoxing, Zhejiang Province. 達利廣場	33,252	Medium term	Commercial	Completed	100%
Jiangbin East Road, Xinchang County, Shaoxing, Zhejiang Province. 達利大廈	6,913	Long term	Commercial/Office	Completed	100%
Southeast intersection of Yingchun South Road and 320 National Road, Chengxin Zone, Tonglu County, Zhejiang Province. (land lot no. 1&2)	56,632	Medium term	Cultural and tourist attraction	Completed	100%
Qianjiang farm, Qianjiang Road South, Bridge South, Xiaoshan, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province.	84,001	Long term	Industrial	Under development	100%
Unit 1 Block 17, 618 Ding Yuan Lu Songjiang Qu, Shanghai, China	3,795	Medium term	Industrial	Completed	100%

(i) The lot number of the property is Lot No. 338. 11/F-12/F of High Fashion Centre serving as the Group's head office not included in the above.

(ii) Areas currently occupied by the Group's manufacturing business not included in the above.

## **Corporate Information**

## Board of Directors

## **Executive Directors**

Mr. Lam Foo Wah (*Chairman*) Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will (*Managing Director*) Mr. Lam Din Yu, Well (*Managing Director (China*))

#### Non-executive Director

Mr. Hung Ka Hai, Clement

#### **Independent Non-executive Directors**

Professor Yeung Kwok Wing Mr. Leung Hok Lim Mr. Chung Kwok Pan Mr. Tong Hee Keung, Samuel *(appointed on 1 January 2023)* 

### Audit Committee

Mr. Leung Hok Lim *(Chairman)* Mr. Hung Ka Hai, Clement Professor Yeung Kwok Wing Mr. Chung Kwok Pan Mr. Tong Hee Keung, Samuel *(appointed on 1 January 2023)* 

### **Remuneration Committee**

Mr. Chung Kwok Pan *(Chairman)* Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will Professor Yeung Kwok Wing Mr. Leung Hok Lim

### Nomination Committee

Mr. Lam Foo Wah (*Chairman*) Professor Yeung Kwok Wing Mr. Leung Hok Lim Mr. Chung Kwok Pan Mr. Tong Hee Keung, Samuel (*appointed on 1 January 2023*)

### **Risk Management Committee**

Mr. Lam Gee Yu, Will *(Chairman)* Professor Yeung Kwok Wing Mr. Leung Hok Lim Mr. Chung Kwok Pan Mr. Tong Hee Keung, Samuel *(appointed on 1 January 2023)* 

## **Company Secretary**

Ms. Yung Pik Man

### Auditor

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Registered Public Interest Entity Auditors

## Legal Adviser in Hong Kong

Wilkinson & Grist

#### Legal Adviser on Bermuda Law

Conyers Dill & Pearman

### **Registered Office**

Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda

## Head Office and Principal Place of Business

11/F, High Fashion Centre, 1–11 Kwai Hei Street, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong

## Principal Share Registrar and Transfer Office

Conyers Corporate Services (Bermuda) Limited Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda

## Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar and Transfer Office

Tricor Secretaries Limited 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong

### Principal Bankers

Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited Hang Seng Bank Limited Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited OCBC Wing Hang Bank Limited Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited The Bank of East Asia, Limited The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited United Overseas Bank Limited, Hong Kong Branch

### Stock Code

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#### **Company Website**

www.highfashion.com.hk

# Shareholders & Investor Relation Information

## **Results Announcement:**

2022 Final 2022 Interim 2021 Final 2021 Interim	30 March 2023 18 August 2022 31 March 2022 30 August 2021	
2023 Annual General Meeting	9 June 2023	
Closure of Register of Members	<u>Events</u>	<b>Book close period</b> (both days inclusive)
	For attendance to 2023 Annual General Meeting For entitlement to the proposed final dividend	6 June 2023 to 9 June 2023 22 June 2023 to 23 June 2023
Dividends: 2022 Final 2022 Interim 2021 Final 2021 Interim	12 HK cents per share payable on 7 July 2023 3 HK cents per share paid on 7 October 2022 6 HK cents per share paid on 15 July 2022 2 HK cents per share paid on 15 October 2021	
Authorised Shares	1,000,000,000 ordinary shares	
Issued Shares	305,615,420 ordinary shares (as at 31 December 2022)	
Board Lot	2,000 shares	
Financial Year End	December 31	
Stock Code	608	
Company Website	www.highfashion.com.hk	
Listing Date	4 August 1992	

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