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## LIPPO CHINA RESOURCES LIMITED

力寶華潤有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 156)

### INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The Board of Directors of Lippo China Resources Limited (the “Company”) announces the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2023 together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2022 as follows:

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Unaudited	
		Six months ended 30 June	
		2023	2022
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Revenue</b>	4	<b>350,352</b>	278,995
Cost of sales		(153,715)	(137,743)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>196,637</b>	141,252
Other income	5	1,437	10,121
Administrative expenses		(185,994)	(181,154)
Other operating expenses	7	(73,211)	(69,192)
Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	7	29,066	(23,445)
Net fair value gain/(loss) on investment properties		100	(5,700)
Other losses — net	6	(6,634)	(6,933)
Finance costs		(24,788)	(15,684)
Share of results of associates		(13,453)	23,044
Share of results of joint ventures		(386)	(399)
<b>Loss before tax</b>	7	<b>(77,226)</b>	(128,090)
Income tax	8	(1,746)	(1,734)
<b>Loss for the period</b>		<b>(78,972)</b>	(129,824)
<b>Attributable to:</b>			
Equity holders of the Company		(59,146)	(132,946)
Non-controlling interests		(19,826)	3,122
		<b>(78,972)</b>	(129,824)
		HK\$	HK\$
			(Restated)
<b>Loss per share attributable to equity holders of the Company</b>	9		
Basic and diluted		(0.06)	(0.14)

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Unaudited	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Loss for the period</b>	<b>(78,972)</b>	(129,824)
<b>Other comprehensive loss</b>		
Other comprehensive loss that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	<b>(24,104)</b>	(33,085)
Exchange differences reclassified to profit or loss upon:		
Liquidation of foreign operations	-	(102)
Deemed disposal of a foreign associate	-	(12)
Share of other comprehensive loss of associates	<b>(3,713)</b>	(17,700)
Other comprehensive loss that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods, net of tax	<b>(27,817)</b>	(50,899)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Changes in fair value of equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	<b>(18,325)</b>	29
Other comprehensive loss for the period, net of tax	<b>(46,142)</b>	(50,870)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>	<b>(125,114)</b>	(180,694)
<b>Attributable to:</b>		
Equity holders of the Company	<b>(88,682)</b>	(170,240)
Non-controlling interests	<b>(36,432)</b>	(10,454)
	<b>(125,114)</b>	(180,694)

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2022 HK\$'000 (Audited)
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Intangible assets		21,034	21,034
Fixed assets		966,139	1,003,229
Investment properties		638,378	644,432
Right-of-use assets		142,739	155,841
Interests in associates		798,236	821,898
Interests in joint ventures	11	77,648	76,900
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		71,752	72,639
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		443,370	476,427
Debtors, prepayments and other assets	12	20,252	14,450
Deferred tax assets		6,172	6,937
		<u>3,185,720</u>	<u>3,293,787</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories		23,334	25,196
Debtors, prepayments and other assets	12	173,257	111,041
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		196,932	308,198
Other financial assets		-	651
Tax recoverable		402	403
Cash and cash equivalents		581,588	652,761
		<u>975,513</u>	<u>1,098,250</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Bank and other borrowings		509,613	550,922
Lease liabilities		49,474	56,782
Creditors, accruals and other liabilities	13	156,350	194,250
Tax payable		116,591	116,456
		<u>832,028</u>	<u>918,410</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>143,485</u>	<u>179,840</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>3,329,205</u>	<u>3,473,627</u>

	Note	<b>30 June 2023 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)</b>	31 December 2022 HK\$'000 (Audited)
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Bank and other borrowings		<b>278,880</b>	312,515
Lease liabilities		<b>102,792</b>	108,601
Creditors, accruals and other liabilities	13	<b>8,373</b>	9,150
Deferred tax liabilities		<b>19,254</b>	20,326
		<hr/> <b>409,299</b>	<hr/> 450,592
<b>Net assets</b>		<hr/> <b>2,919,906</b>	<hr/> 3,023,035
<b>Equity</b>			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Share capital	14	<b>1,705,907</b>	1,705,907
Reserves		<b>878,628</b>	967,310
		<hr/> <b>2,584,535</b>	<hr/> 2,673,217
Non-controlling interests		<b>335,371</b>	349,818
		<hr/> <b>2,919,906</b>	<hr/> 3,023,035

Note:

## 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim results are unaudited, condensed and have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The interim results do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The interim results have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company.

The financial information relating to the year ended 31 December 2022 that is included in the interim results as comparative information does not constitute the Company’s statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that year but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements required to be disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance is as follows:

The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

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

## 2. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim results are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022, except for the adoption of the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), HKASs and Interpretations for the first time for the current period’s interim results:

HKFRS 17	<i>Insurance Contracts</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 17	<i>Insurance Contracts</i>
Amendment to HKFRS 17	<i>Initial Application of HKFRS 17 and HKFRS 9 – Comparative Information</i>
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	<i>Disclosure of Accounting Policies</i>
Amendments to HKAS 8	<i>Definition of Accounting Estimates</i>
Amendments to HKAS 12	<i>Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction</i>
Amendments to HKAS 12	<i>International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules</i>

The nature and impact of the new and revised HKFRSs that are applicable to the Group are described below:

- (a) Amendments to HKAS 1 require entities to disclose their material accounting policy information rather than their significant accounting policies. 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. Amendments to HKFRS Practice Statement 2 provide non-mandatory guidance on how to apply the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosures. The Group has applied the amendments since 1 January 2023. The amendments did not have any impact on the Group's interim results but are expected to affect the accounting policy disclosures in the Group's annual financial statements.
- (b) Amendments to HKAS 8 clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies. Accounting estimates are defined as monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty. The amendments also clarify how entities use measurement techniques and inputs to develop accounting estimates. The Group has applied the amendments to changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates that occur on or after 1 January 2023. Since the Group's policy of determining accounting estimates aligns with the amendments, the amendments did not have any impact on the financial position or performance of the Group.
- (c) Amendments to HKAS 12 *Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction* narrow the scope of the initial recognition exception in HKAS 12 so that it no longer applies to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences, such as leases and decommissioning obligations. Therefore, entities are required to recognise a deferred tax asset (provided that sufficient taxable profit is available) and a deferred tax liability for temporary differences arising from these transactions. For leases and decommissioning liabilities, the associated deferred tax assets and liabilities are required to be recognised from the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, with any cumulative effect recognised as an adjustment to retained earnings or other components of equity at that date. For all other transactions, the amendments are applied to those transactions that occur after the beginning of the earliest period presented.

Prior to the initial application of these amendments, the Group applied the initial recognition exception and did not recognise a deferred tax asset and a deferred tax liability for temporary differences for transactions related to leases. Upon initial application of these amendments, the Group has determined the temporary differences in relation to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately. The change primarily impacts disclosures of components of deferred tax assets and liabilities in the annual financial statements, but does not impact the overall deferred tax balances presented in the consolidated statement of financial position as the related deferred tax balances qualify for offsetting under HKAS 12.

### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

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

- (a) the property investment segment includes investments relating to the letting and resale of properties;
- (b) the treasury investment segment includes investments in money markets;
- (c) the securities investment segment includes investments in securities that are held for trading and for long-term strategic purposes;
- (d) the food businesses segment mainly includes food manufacturing and food retail operations in chains of cafés and bistros;
- (e) the healthcare services segment includes the provision of healthcare management services;
- (f) the property management segment includes the provision of property management services; and
- (g) the “other” segment comprises principally development and sale of properties, mineral exploration and extraction, the provision of fund and investment management services and investment in a closed-end fund.

Management monitors the results of the Group’s operating segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on reportable segment profit/(loss) and comprises segment results of the Company and its subsidiaries, the Group’s share of results of associates and joint ventures.

Segment results are measured consistently with the Group’s profit/(loss) before tax except that the Group’s share of results of associates and joint ventures, unallocated corporate expenses and certain finance costs are excluded from such measurement.

Segment assets exclude interests in associates and joint ventures, deferred tax assets, tax recoverable and other head office and corporate assets which are managed on a group basis.

Segment liabilities exclude tax payable, deferred tax liabilities and other head office and corporate liabilities which are managed on a group basis.

Inter-segment transactions are on an arm’s length basis in a manner similar to transactions with third parties.

## Six months ended 30 June 2023

	Property investment	Treasury investment	Securities investment	Food businesses	Healthcare services	Property management	Other	Inter- segment elimination	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Revenue</b>									
External	9,904	2,027	2,279	328,848	-	6,243	1,051	-	350,352
Inter-segment	1,928	-	-	-	-	273	834	(3,035)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,832</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>328,848</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,516</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>(3,035)</b>	<b>350,352</b>
<b>Segment results</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>26,826</b>	<b>(35,978)</b>	<b>(1,607)</b>	<b>4,904</b>	<b>(3,839)</b>	<b>(320)</b>	<b>(6,741)</b>
Unallocated corporate expenses									(38,352)
Finance costs									(18,294)
Share of results of associates	-	-	-	-	8,943	-	(22,396)	-	(13,453)
Share of results of joint ventures	-	-	-	(389)	-	-	3	-	(386)
Loss before tax									(77,226)
<b>Other segment information:</b>									
Capital expenditure ( <i>Note</i> )	-	-	-	19,360	-	4	195	-	19,559
Depreciation	(8,410)	-	-	(56,823)	-	(6)	(56)	1,592	(63,703)
Interest income	-	2,027	492	911	-	-	835	-	4,265
Finance costs	-	-	(33)	(6,477)	-	-	-	16	(6,494)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	(2,428)	-	-	(33)	-	(2,461)
Provision for impairment losses on inventories	-	-	-	(757)	-	-	-	-	(757)
Net fair value gain on financial instruments									
at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	29,066	-	-	-	-	-	29,066
Net fair value gain on investment properties	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Unallocated:									
Capital expenditure ( <i>Note</i> )									14
Depreciation									(2,944)
Finance costs									(18,294)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets									(1)



Six months ended 30 June 2022

	Property investment HK\$'000	Treasury investment HK\$'000	Securities investment HK\$'000	Food businesses HK\$'000	Healthcare services HK\$'000	Property management HK\$'000	Other HK\$'000	Inter- segment elimination HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
<b>Revenue</b>									
External	8,314	1,335	7,398	254,226	-	6,417	1,305	-	278,995
Inter-segment	1,928	-	-	-	-	262	1,856	(4,046)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,242</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>7,398</b>	<b>254,226</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,679</b>	<b>3,161</b>	<b>(4,046)</b>	<b>278,995</b>
<b>Segment results</b>	<b>(6,439)</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>(19,922)</b>	<b>(66,862)</b>	<b>(920)</b>	<b>4,892</b>	<b>(3,769)</b>	<b>(140)</b>	<b>(91,825)</b>
Unallocated corporate expenses									(47,993)
Finance costs									(10,917)
Share of results of associates	-	-	-	-	17,770	-	5,274	-	23,044
Share of results of joint ventures	-	-	-	(388)	-	-	(11)	-	(399)
Loss before tax									<b>(128,090)</b>
<b>Other segment information:</b>									
Capital expenditure ( <i>Note</i> )	-	-	-	18,153	-	10	214	-	18,377
Depreciation	(8,454)	-	-	(50,543)	-	(2)	(64)	1,705	(57,358)
Interest income	-	1,335	812	856	-	-	-	-	3,003
Finance costs	-	-	-	(4,850)	-	-	-	83	(4,767)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	(34)	-	-	-	-	(34)
Loss on deemed disposal of an associate	-	-	-	-	(45)	-	-	-	(45)
Provision for impairment losses on inventories	-	-	-	(929)	-	-	-	-	(929)
Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	(23,703)	258	-	-	-	-	(23,445)
Fair value loss on investment properties	(5,700)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,700)
Unallocated:									
Capital expenditure ( <i>Note</i> )									19
Depreciation									(5,005)
Finance costs									(10,917)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets									(3)
Realised translation gains reclassified to the statement of profit or loss relating to liquidation of foreign operations									102

*Note:* Capital expenditure includes additions to fixed assets and exploration and evaluation assets.

	Property investment HK\$'000	Treasury investment HK\$'000	Securities investment HK\$'000	Food businesses HK\$'000	Healthcare services HK\$'000	Property management HK\$'000	Other HK\$'000	Inter-segment elimination HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
<b>At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)</b>									
<b>Segment assets</b>	<b>1,231,189</b>	<b>280,699</b>	<b>901,516</b>	<b>774,377</b>	-	<b>925</b>	<b>62,869</b>	<b>(1,225)</b>	<b>3,250,350</b>
Interests in associates	-	-	-	-	<b>480,251</b>	-	<b>317,985</b>	-	<b>798,236</b>
Interests in joint ventures	-	-	<b>41,976</b>	<b>35,339</b>	-	-	<b>333</b>	-	<b>77,648</b>
Unallocated assets									<b>34,999</b>
Total assets									<b>4,161,233</b>
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	<b>199,059</b>	-	<b>42,163</b>	<b>406,237</b>	<b>415,606</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>386,171</b>	<b>(1,036,854)</b>	<b>413,293</b>
Unallocated liabilities									<b>828,034</b>
Total liabilities									<b>1,241,327</b>
<b>At 31 December 2022 (audited)</b>									
<b>Segment assets</b>	<b>1,245,789</b>	<b>294,070</b>	<b>1,076,215</b>	<b>832,727</b>	-	<b>610</b>	<b>8,399</b>	<b>(4,567)</b>	<b>3,453,243</b>
Interests in associates	-	-	-	-	<b>473,843</b>	-	<b>348,055</b>	-	<b>821,898</b>
Interests in joint ventures	-	-	<b>41,773</b>	<b>34,795</b>	-	-	<b>332</b>	-	<b>76,900</b>
Unallocated assets									<b>39,996</b>
Total assets									<b>4,392,037</b>
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	<b>204,216</b>	-	<b>42,167</b>	<b>463,587</b>	<b>421,728</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>338,932</b>	<b>(1,003,780)</b>	<b>468,071</b>
Unallocated liabilities									<b>900,931</b>
Total liabilities									<b>1,369,002</b>

#### 4. REVENUE

An analysis of revenue is as follows:

	<b>Six months ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Revenue from contracts with customers:		
Sale of goods and fast-moving consumer products	<b>158,454</b>	125,123
Sale of food and beverage	<b>169,020</b>	127,806
Provision of management services	<b>6,243</b>	7,384
	<b>333,717</b>	260,313
Revenue from other sources:		
Property rental income from operating leases:		
Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate	<b>479</b>	-
Other lease payments, including fixed payments	<b>9,425</b>	8,314
	<b>9,904</b>	8,314
Interest income	<b>4,265</b>	3,003
Dividend income	<b>1,787</b>	6,586
Other	<b>679</b>	779
	<b>350,352</b>	278,995

## Disaggregated revenue information for revenue from contracts with customers

Segments	Food businesses HK\$'000	Property management HK\$'000	Other HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>Six months ended 30 June 2023</b>				
Types of goods or services:				
Sale of goods and fast-moving consumer products	158,454	-	-	158,454
Sale of food and beverage	169,020	-	-	169,020
Provision of management services	-	6,243	-	6,243
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u>327,474</u>	<u>6,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>333,717</u>
Geographical markets:				
Hong Kong	104,336	5,134	-	109,470
Mainland China	-	1,109	-	1,109
Republic of Singapore	219,419	-	-	219,419
Malaysia	3,719	-	-	3,719
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u>327,474</u>	<u>6,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>333,717</u>
Timing of revenue recognition:				
Goods transferred at a point in time	327,474	-	-	327,474
Services transferred over time	-	6,243	-	6,243
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u>327,474</u>	<u>6,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>333,717</u>
<b>Six months ended 30 June 2022</b>				
Types of goods or services:				
Sale of goods and fast-moving consumer products	125,123	-	-	125,123
Sale of food and beverage	127,806	-	-	127,806
Provision of management services	-	6,417	967	7,384
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u>252,929</u>	<u>6,417</u>	<u>967</u>	<u>260,313</u>
Geographical markets:				
Hong Kong	73,164	5,267	-	78,431
Mainland China	-	1,150	-	1,150
Republic of Singapore	179,329	-	967	180,296
Malaysia	436	-	-	436
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u>252,929</u>	<u>6,417</u>	<u>967</u>	<u>260,313</u>
Timing of revenue recognition:				
Goods transferred at a point in time	252,929	-	-	252,929
Services transferred over time	-	6,417	967	7,384
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u>252,929</u>	<u>6,417</u>	<u>967</u>	<u>260,313</u>

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

Segments	Food businesses HK\$'000	Property management HK\$'000	Other HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>Six months ended 30 June 2023</b>				
Revenue from contracts with customers				
External customers	327,474	6,243	-	333,717
Inter-segment	-	273	834	1,107
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Total revenue from contracts with customers	327,474	6,516	834	334,824
Revenue from other sources — external	1,374	-	1,051	2,425
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Total segment revenue	<u>328,848</u>	<u>6,516</u>	<u>1,885</u>	<u>337,249</u>
<b>Six months ended 30 June 2022</b>				
Revenue from contracts with customers				
External customers	252,929	6,417	967	260,313
Inter-segment	-	262	1,856	2,118
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Total revenue from contracts with customers	252,929	6,679	2,823	262,431
Revenue from other sources — external	1,297	-	338	1,635
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Total segment revenue	<u>254,226</u>	<u>6,679</u>	<u>3,161</u>	<u>264,066</u>

## 5. OTHER INCOME

	<b>Six months ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	HK\$'000
Government grants ( <i>Note</i> )	<u>1,437</u>	<u>10,121</u>

*Note:* Government grants mainly represent subsidies received in Singapore (2022 — Hong Kong and Singapore). There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attaching to these grants.

## 6. OTHER LOSSES — NET

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(2,462)	(37)
Loss on deemed disposal of an associate	-	(45)
Provision for impairment losses on inventories	(757)	(929)
Foreign exchange losses — net	(3,415)	(6,024)
Realised translation gains reclassified to the statement of profit or loss relating to liquidation of foreign operations	-	102
	<u>(6,634)</u>	<u>(6,933)</u>

## 7. LOSS BEFORE TAX

Loss before tax is arrived at after crediting/(charging):

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss:		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss mandatorily classified as such, including those held for trading:		
Equity securities	20,822	(72,309)
Debt securities	(1,224)	(1,388)
Investment funds	9,690	51,398
Derivative financial instruments	(222)	(1,146)
	<u>29,066</u>	<u>(23,445)</u>
Interest income:		
Loans and advances	1,615	850
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	476	812
Other	2,174	1,341
Depreciation of fixed assets	(35,357)	(34,326)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(31,290)	(28,037)
Cost of inventories sold	(152,881)	(136,559)
Selling and distribution expenses <sup>#</sup>	(21,096)	(19,060)
Legal and professional fees <sup>#</sup>	(10,218)	(8,479)
Consultancy and service fees <sup>#</sup>	(4,710)	(7,776)
Utilities charges <sup>#</sup>	(6,628)	(5,523)
Repairs and maintenance expenses <sup>#</sup>	(2,594)	(2,744)

<sup>#</sup> The amounts are included in “Other operating expenses” in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss.

## 8. INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong:		
Charge for the period	-	86
Deferred	(580)	64
	<u>(580)</u>	<u>150</u>
Mainland China and overseas:		
Charge for the period	1,059	1,383
Overprovision in prior periods	-	(212)
Deferred	1,267	413
	<u>2,326</u>	<u>1,584</u>
Total charge for the period	<u>1,746</u>	<u>1,734</u>

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 8.25% or 16.5% (2022 — 8.25% or 16.5%), as appropriate. For the companies operating in mainland China and the Republic of Singapore, corporate taxes have been calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the period at the rates of 25% and 17% (2022 — 25% and 17%), respectively. Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the jurisdictions in which the Group operates.

## 9. LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

### (a) Basic loss per share

Basic loss per share is calculated based on (i) the consolidated loss for the period attributable to equity holders of the Company; and (ii) the weighted average number of approximately 918,691,000 ordinary shares (2022 (restated) — approximately 918,691,000 ordinary shares) in issue during the period.

On 6 June 2023, every ten issued ordinary shares of the Company were consolidated into one share (the “Share Consolidation”). For the six months ended 30 June 2022, the weighted average number of ordinary shares has been adjusted for the effect of the Share Consolidation.

### (b) Diluted loss per share

The Group had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue during the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022.

## 10. INTERIM DIVIDEND

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interim dividend, declared — Nil		
(2022 — HK0.35 cents per ordinary share before Share Consolidation)	-	32,154
	<u>-</u>	<u>32,154</u>

## 11. INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES

Reference was made to the Group's minority ownership interest in Skye Mineral Partners, LLC ("Skye") whose major asset, prior to the events described below, was substantially all of the equity interests in CS Mining, LLC ("CS Mining"), a company that owned a number of copper ore deposits in the U.S.A. Subsequently, CS Mining sold its assets through a court-supervised sale process under its bankruptcy proceedings and a former joint venture of the Company participated and won the bid to acquire the assets in 2017. In 2018, a verified complaint (the "Complaint") was filed in a state court in the U.S.A. by the majority investors in Skye (the "Majority Investors") individually and derivatively on behalf of Skye against, among others, certain entities and persons in or related to the Group (collectively, the "Parties"), alleging, among other things, that they suffered from diminution in the value of their equity interests in CS Mining based on an alleged scheme perpetrated by the Parties on CS Mining. The Parties filed a motion to dismiss the Complaint. As a result, the court issued a decision in 2020 to grant the motion in part and dismiss several causes of action. With respect to the remaining parts of the Complaint that were not dismissed, the court did not rule on the merits of those claims and the Parties filed their answer to the same. The Majority Investors will have to provide evidence to establish the claims that were not dismissed. The Group, individually and derivatively on behalf of Skye, also filed a counterclaim (the "Counterclaim") against the Majority Investors and their related persons (the "Counterparties"), in which the Group has claimed that the Counterparties, at all relevant times, controlled both Skye and CS Mining, preferred their own interests over those of Skye and its creditors and other owners and that this misconduct of the Counterparties caused the Group to suffer loss. The Counterparties filed a motion to dismiss the Counterclaim. In 2021, the court issued its decision to grant the motion in part, resulting in certain counts of the Counterclaim being dismissed. Importantly, with respect to the counts of the Counterclaim that were dismissed, the court specifically ruled that the Group may present evidence of the Counterparties' alleged misconduct to defend against or set off any potential damages that may arise from the claims asserted against the Group. The Counterparties filed their answer to the remaining counts of the Counterclaim. The litigation is still ongoing. The Group continues to believe the Complaint is wholly frivolous and without basis and will continue to defend the Complaint vigorously and also prosecute the Counterclaim against the Counterparties to recover for the harm that they caused both CS Mining and Skye.

## 12. DEBTORS, PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS

Included in the balances are trade debtors with an ageing analysis, based on the invoice date and net of loss allowance, as follows:

	<b>30 June 2023 HK\$'000</b>	31 December 2022 HK\$'000
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within 30 days	<b>27,715</b>	28,189
Between 31 and 60 days	<b>21,615</b>	19,105
Between 61 and 90 days	<b>13,570</b>	12,155
Over 90 days	<b>469</b>	582
	<hr/> <b>63,369</b> <hr/>	<hr/> 60,031 <hr/>

### 13. CREDITORS, ACCRUALS AND OTHER LIABILITIES

Included in the balances are trade creditors with an ageing analysis, based on the invoice date, as follows:

	<b>30 June 2023 HK\$'000</b>	31 December 2022 HK\$'000
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within 30 days	23,331	32,617
Between 31 and 60 days	11,247	10,601
Between 61 and 90 days	440	460
Over 90 days	1,437	1,642
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	<b>36,455</b>	45,320
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### 14. SHARE CAPITAL

	<b>Number of ordinary shares</b>	<b>Share capital HK\$'000</b>
<b>Issued and fully paid:</b>		
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	9,186,912,716	1,705,907
Share Consolidation ( <i>Note</i> )	(8,268,221,445)	-
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At 30 June 2023	918,691,271	1,705,907
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*Note:* Pursuant to an ordinary resolution passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 2 June 2023, every ten issued ordinary shares of the Company were consolidated into one share. The Share Consolidation became effective on 6 June 2023.

In accordance with section 135 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, the ordinary shares of the Company have no par value.



## **BUSINESS REVIEW**

### **Overview**

The World Health Organisation announced in May 2023 that it no longer considered COVID-19 pandemic (the “Pandemic”) to be a global health emergency. However, forces hindered growth in 2022 persisted during the six months ended 30 June 2023 (the “Period”). Inflation remained high. Tight monetary and fiscal policies in response to inflation had raised the cost of borrowing and constrained the economic activity. Mainland China’s reopening at the beginning of the Period lifted its economy but the recovery momentum was slow. After a second year of rapid economic recovery from the Pandemic in 2022, economic growth momentum in the Republic of Singapore (“Singapore”) had moderated significantly during the Period. However, international tourism has rebounded substantially in Singapore.

### **Results for the Period**

Against this backdrop, the Group recorded a consolidated loss attributable to shareholders of HK\$59 million for the Period, as compared to a consolidated loss of HK\$133 million for the six months ended 30 June 2022 (“2022”). The variance of results was mainly attributable to the net fair value gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss of the Group during the Period while a net fair value loss was recorded in 2022.

Total revenue for the Period increased to HK\$350 million (2022 — HK\$279 million), of which 63% (2022 — 65%) and 33% (2022 — 30%) were generated from Singapore and Hong Kong, respectively. Food businesses remain the principal sources of revenue of the Group and registered 29% increase in revenue after all the Pandemic’s containment measures in Hong Kong were removed in late 2022, contributing to 94% (2022 — 91%) of total revenue for the Period.

The Group’s other operating expenses mainly included selling and distribution expenses and utilities charges for food businesses, legal and professional fees, consultancy and service fees, and repairs and maintenance expenses. Other operating expenses amounted to HK\$73 million for the Period (2022 — HK\$69 million).

### ***Food businesses***

The Group’s food businesses segment recorded a revenue of HK\$329 million for the Period (2022 — HK\$254 million), mainly from food retail operations in chains of cafés and bistros and food manufacturing. After the lifting of the dine-in restrictions and social gatherings in late 2022, the performance of the food retail business in Hong Kong was improved. The performance of the Group’s food manufacturing business was also improved during the Period. Such improvement was mainly due to enhanced operational cost management and higher sales revenue. However, the operating environment of the food businesses of the Group as a whole remains challenging due to intense competition, manpower shortages, high operation cost and slower-than-expected economic recovery. As a result, the segment loss amounted to HK\$36 million for the Period (2022 — HK\$67 million).

The Group will continue to focus on its food retail business and food manufacturing business. The Group is currently operating restaurants under the brands such as “Chatterbox Café”, “Chatterbox Express”, “Délifrance”, “alfafa” and “Lippo Chiuchow Restaurant”. A new concept store “Délifrance Bistro” was opened during the Period. The Group had opened a new “Chatterbox Café” outlet in “The Wai” in Tai Wai, Shatin in July 2023 and is well received. It is expected that another new “Chatterbox Café” outlet will be opened in Kai Tak in the second half of the year.

## Property investment

Segment revenue was mainly attributable to recurrent rental income from the Group's investment properties. The total segment revenue for the Period amounted to HK\$12 million (2022 — HK\$10 million). The Group's property investment portfolio mainly comprises commercial properties in Hong Kong and mainland China. The Group recorded fair value gain on investment properties of HK\$0.1 million for the Period (2022 — loss of HK\$6 million). As a result, the property investment segment reported a profit of HK\$1 million for the Period (2022 — loss of HK\$6 million).

## Treasury and securities investments

The Group managed its investment portfolio in accordance with its investment committee's terms of reference and looked for opportunities to enhance yields. The Group invested in a diversified portfolio mainly including listed and unlisted equity securities, debt securities and investment funds. Treasury and securities investments businesses recorded a total revenue of HK\$4 million during the Period (2022 — HK\$9 million). The global stock markets and bond markets were still volatile during the Period. The Group recorded a net fair value gain of HK\$29 million in the statement of profit or loss from its securities investments for the Period as compared with a loss of HK\$24 million in 2022 under this segment. As a result, the treasury and securities investments businesses recorded a net profit of HK\$29 million in the statement of profit or loss for the Period (2022 — loss of HK\$19 million).

During the Period, the Group reduced the size of its investment portfolio in response to the high volatility of the markets. As at 30 June 2023, the treasury and securities investment portfolio of HK\$1,182 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$1,370 million) comprised mainly cash and bank balances of HK\$456 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$505 million), financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL") of HK\$640 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$785 million) and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") of HK\$72 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$73 million). Further details of securities investments under different categories are as follows:

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

As of 30 June 2023, the Group's financial assets at FVPL amounted to HK\$640 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$785 million), comprising equity securities of HK\$133 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$235 million), debt securities of HK\$39 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$41 million) and investment funds of HK\$468 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$509 million).

Details of the major financial assets at FVPL were as follows:

	As at 30 June 2023		As at 31 December 2022		Six months ended 30 June 2023
	Fair value HK\$'000	Approximate percentage of financial assets at FVPL	Fair value HK\$'000	Approximate percentage to the total assets	Net fair value gain HK\$'000
GSH Corporation Limited ("GSH")	76,600	12.0%	72,918	1.8%	3,682
Amasia CIV T, L.P. ("Amasia")	56,351	8.8%	56,111	1.4%	241
Quantedge Global Fund ("Quantedge")	38,049	5.9%	49,860	0.9%	2,407
Ascapia Fund II ("Ascapia")	36,778	5.7%	34,992	0.9%	1,989
Others ( <i>Note</i> )	432,524	67.6%	570,744	10.4%	20,969
<b>Total</b>	<b>640,302</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>784,625</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>29,288</b>

*Note:* Others comprised of various securities, none of which accounted for more than 5.5% of financial assets at FVPL as at 30 June 2023.

## GSH

As at 30 June 2023, the fair value of the Group's equity securities in GSH amounted to HK\$77 million, representing approximately 12.0% and 1.8% of the Group's total financial assets at FVPL and total assets, respectively. An unrealised fair value gain of HK\$4 million was recognised by the Group for the Period. The Group also invested in the listed convertible bonds issued by GSH. As at 30 June 2023, the fair value of the Group's debt securities in GSH amounted to HK\$20 million, representing approximately 3.1% and 0.5% of the Group's total financial assets at FVPL and total assets, respectively.

GSH, having its shares listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST"), is a property developer in Asia with five properties under development in Malaysia and mainland China. It also owns and operates the Sutera Harbour Resort in Kota Kinabalu, comprising two five-star hotels, a 104-berth marina and a 27-hole championship golf course, and the idyllic Sutera@Mantanani Resort on the Mantanani Islands in Sabah. GSH's hospitality revenue continues to recover but the operating costs are increasing due to higher personnel expense, utilities charges and maintenance costs. With the opening of travel from mainland China, there was increased interest in property business in Malaysia though the real estate market in mainland China remained challenging.

## Amasia

Amasia is a single portfolio fund, consisting of only one company namely Dialpad, Inc. ("Dialpad"), which was founded in 2011 and has its headquarters in the U.S. Dialpad offers a suite of business communication software, including PBX in the cloud as well as conference calling solution. The Group invested US\$2 million into Amasia in year 2015 for long-term capital gain. As at 30 June 2023, the fair value of the Group's investment in Amasia maintained at HK\$56 million, representing approximately 8.8% and 1.4% of the Group's total financial assets at FVPL and total assets, respectively. The Group reported a fair value gain of HK\$0.2 million for the Period.

## Quantedge

Quantedge is an unlisted investment fund which aims to achieve absolute long-term capital growth by investing in multiple asset classes across the globe. The performance of Quantedge is satisfactory. Cumulated fair value gain has been recognised by the Group in prior years and fair value gain of HK\$2 million was recorded by the Group for the Period. In line with the objective of the Group to manage its investment portfolio by adopting a proactive but prudent approach, partial redemption of investment in Quantedge has been made since year 2022 to realise the cumulated fair value gain and to re-allocate the proceeds for general working capital. During the Period, the Group partially redeemed HK\$14 million of the investment. As a result, the fair value of the Group's investment in Quantedge decreased to HK\$38 million as at 30 June 2023, representing approximately 5.9% and 0.9% of the Group's total financial assets at FVPL and total assets, respectively. Further redemption with estimated proceeds of approximately HK\$1.9 million is expected to be completed by 31 August 2023.

## Ascapia

Ascapia is an unlisted investment fund with investment objective to preserve capital and deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns and to outperform the market indices in bearish markets. The investment manager seeks to avoid securities that it considers to be fraudulent, faddish, or financially unsustainable and actively attempts to hedge tail-risk with currency, commodities or futures. As at 30 June 2023, the fair value of the Group's investment in Ascapia amounted to HK\$37 million, representing approximately 5.7% and 0.9% of the Group's total financial assets at FVPL and total assets, respectively. The Group reported a fair value gain of HK\$2 million for the Period. The Group has partially redeemed the investment in Ascapia since year 2022 to unlock the cumulated fair value gain. Further redemption of approximately HK\$26 million will be completed in the second half of year 2023.

### *Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income*

In addition to the above investments under financial assets at FVPL, the Group also invested in equity securities which are held for long term strategic purposes and recorded them under financial assets at FVOCI. As at 30 June 2023, the fair value of such investments amounted to HK\$72 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$73 million). The decrease of financial assets at FVOCI during the Period was mainly due to the fair value loss recorded in other comprehensive income of HK\$18 million offset with acquisition of a listed equity investment of HK\$17 million during the Period.

GenieBiome Holdings Limited (“GB”) is one of the major investments in this category. As at 30 June 2023, the fair value of the Group’s investment in GB amounted to HK\$19 million, representing approximately 26.5% and 0.5% of the Group’s total financial assets at FVOCI and total assets, respectively. In 2021, the Group made an investment in GB, a biotech company established by a team of internationally renowned university professors of medicine and clinician-scientists in Hong Kong. GB pioneers the use of novel microbes as diagnostic markers and potential remedies for different diseases, and has positioned itself to be a leading force in the development of new diagnostics and therapeutics based on the gut microbiome. GB has a pipeline of new products to be launched in market as well as continuing its research and development using microbes for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. The Group recorded an unrealised fair value gain of HK\$0.1 million through other comprehensive income for the Period.

### *Healthcare services*

The Group’s healthcare services business is mainly carried out through its investments in Healthway Medical Corporation Limited (“Healthway”, together with its subsidiaries, the “Healthway Group”), a 40.8% owned associate of the Company. Healthway is a company listed on the sponsor-supervised listing platform (the “Catalist Board”) of the SGX-ST and has a wide network of over 100 clinics and medical centres in Singapore, offering comprehensive services including general practitioner and family medicine clinics, health screening, adult specialists, baby and child specialists, dental services and allied healthcare services.

The Healthway Group posted stronger revenue for the Period. The revenue growth was contributed by an increase in revenue from the specialist healthcare segment, offset by the decrease in revenue from primary healthcare segment. As Singapore eases pandemic measures and enters into an endemic COVID-19 new norm, there was no revenue contribution from COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction and serology testing projects during the Period for the primary healthcare segment. However, primary healthcare segment witnessed an increase in patient volume and revenue contribution comprising organic growth and from the acquisition of general practice clinics during the Period. The Group recognised a share of profit of HK\$9 million (2022 — HK\$18 million) from Healthway for the Period. As at 30 June 2023, the Group’s interest in Healthway amounted to HK\$480 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$474 million).

The Healthway Group is an active participant of Healthier SG, the national initiative by the Ministry of Health in Singapore focusing on preventive health, with 55 clinics in its network already enrolled in Healthier SG. This is in line with the Healthway Group’s steadfast commitment to empower individuals to take charge of their health through preventive care, by enrolling with a family doctor to support them in their healthcare needs throughout their lives. Apart from encouraging both its patients and clinics to embark on the Healthier SG journey, the Healthway Group has continued to grow its primary care clinic network. During the Period, the Healthway Group set up a total of three greenfield clinics and acquired four clinics. Since the lifting of all border restrictions in February 2023, Singapore has continued to experience an influx of foreign patients seeking medical treatment. The Healthway Group has been well-prepared to cater to this surging demand as bolstering its specialist healthcare segment has been a priority over the past few years. A prime example of its commitment in this area is the recent acquisition of UROHEALTH Pte Ltd., one of the largest private urology practices in Singapore.

In July 2023, a wholly-owned subsidiary of OUE Healthcare Limited (“OUEH”, together with its subsidiaries, the “OUEH Group”) (the “Offeror”) has announced that it will make a conditional exit offer at S\$0.048 per offer share in cash, to acquire all the issued ordinary shares in Healthway, other than those already owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror and parties acting in concert with it (the “Exit Offer”) in connection with the proposed voluntary delisting of Healthway from the Official List of the SGX-ST. OUEH, a subsidiary of OUE Limited (“OUE”) listed on the Catalist Board of the SGX-ST, is a regional healthcare group that is focused on building a regional healthcare ecosystem. OUE is a subsidiary of a joint venture of Hongkong Chinese Limited, a subsidiary of Lippo Limited which in turn is the holding company of the Company. Accordingly, the Exit Offer will not be extended to the Group. If the Exit Offer becomes effective, the enlarged group will serve as a collaborative regional platform for all its healthcare business verticals to grow, develop and scale their businesses in the region. The potential synergies between the Healthway Group and the OUEH Group will provide cost-saving opportunities through streamlining of operations and economies of scale.

### ***Other business***

The Group recorded a share of loss of HK\$22 million from its investment in TIH Limited (“TIH”, together with its subsidiaries, the “TIH Group”), a 39.9% owned associate of the Company and listed on the Mainboard of the SGX-ST, for the Period (2022 — profit of HK\$6 million). Such loss was mainly attributable to fair value loss on its debt investment and equity investments at fair value through profit or loss and operating expenses. The Group’s interests in TIH as at 30 June 2023 amounted to HK\$268 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$298 million).

The TIH Group currently has two business segments, that is, investment business and fund management. The TIH Group’s income is mostly derived from the realisation and/or revaluation of its investments and fee income. Total deal value in Southeast Asia’s private equity market has declined significantly in 2022 and 2023 due to increased challenges given softer economic environment, increasing volatility and greater uncertainty. With the slowdown in dealmaking, investors are sitting on a higher amount of capital ready to be deployed in anticipation of potential market correction. The current operating environment is likely to provide investors with opportunities to invest in companies at good value and private equity investments are expected to remain attractive. Defensive sectors such as healthcare and consumer staples are expected to drive the recovery of private equity activities. TIH will continue to monitor the market vigilantly to identify investment opportunities and capitalise on it as and when they arise, leveraging its expertise and track record in cross-border private equity deals.

### **Financial Position**

The Group’s financial position remained healthy. As at 30 June 2023, its total assets amounted to HK\$4.2 billion (31 December 2022 — HK\$4.4 billion). Total liabilities amounted to HK\$1.2 billion (31 December 2022 — HK\$1.4 billion). As at 30 June 2023, total cash and cash equivalents amounted to HK\$0.6 billion (31 December 2022 — HK\$0.7 billion). Current ratio as at 30 June 2023 was 1.2 (31 December 2022 — 1.2).

As at 30 June 2023, bank and other borrowings of the Group reduced to HK\$788 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$863 million), which included secured bank borrowings of HK\$762 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$852 million) and secured other loans of HK\$26 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$11 million). The Group’s bank borrowings were denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Singapore dollars and Malaysian ringgits and secured by fixed and floating charges on certain properties and assets of certain subsidiaries of the Group. All the Group’s bank borrowings carried interest at floating rates. Where appropriate, the Group would use interest rate swaps to modify the interest rate characteristics of its borrowings to limit interest rate exposure. Other loans were fixed rate loans from a third party. The loans were denominated in Singapore dollars and secured by certain financial assets of the Group.

As at 30 June 2023, approximately 65% (31 December 2022 — 64%) of the bank and other borrowings were repayable within one year. As at 30 June 2023, the gearing ratio (measured as total borrowings, net of non-controlling interests, to equity attributable to equity holders of the Company) was 27.2% (31 December 2022 — 28.6%).

The consolidation of every ten issued ordinary shares of the Company into one share (the “Share Consolidation”) became effective on 6 June 2023. The Share Consolidation does not have any material impact on the financial position or performance of the Group. As at 30 June 2023, the net asset value attributable to equity holders of the Company amounted to HK\$2.6 billion (31 December 2022 — HK\$2.7 billion). This was equivalent to HK\$2.8 per share as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022 — HK\$2.9 per share, restated based on the number of shares after Share Consolidation).

The Group monitors the relative foreign exchange position of its assets and liabilities to minimise foreign currency risk. When appropriate, hedging instruments including forward contracts, swaps and currency loans would be used to manage the foreign exchange exposure.

The Group had bankers’ guarantees issued in lieu of rental and utility deposits for the premises used for operation of food businesses. As at 30 June 2023, the Group has secured bankers’ guarantees of HK\$1 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$1 million) and unsecured bankers’ guarantees of HK\$4 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$3 million). The secured bankers’ guarantees were secured by certain assets of the Group. Aside from the abovementioned, the Group had neither material contingent liabilities outstanding nor charges on the Group’s assets at the end of the Period (31 December 2022 — Nil).

Total capital commitment of the Group as at 30 June 2023 amounted to HK\$103 million (31 December 2022 — HK\$121 million), which are mainly related to the committed investments in certain unlisted investment funds for long-term strategic purpose. The investments or capital assets will be financed by the Group’s internal resources and/or external bank financing, as appropriate.

### **Staff and Remuneration**

The Group had 746 full-time employees as at 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022 — 774 full-time employees). Staff costs (including directors’ emoluments) charged to the statement of profit or loss for the Period amounted to HK\$134 million (2022 — HK\$134 million). The Group ensures that its employees are offered competitive remuneration packages. The Group also provides benefits such as medical insurance and retirement funds to employees to sustain competitiveness of the Group.

### **PROSPECTS**

Ongoing geopolitical tensions and growing geoeconomic fragmentation continue. Prospects for a robust global economic recovery remain uncertain amid stubborn inflation, rising interest rates and heightened uncertainties. Singapore narrowed its economic growth forecast for 2023 to the range of 0.5% to 1.5%, down from the range of 0.5% to 2.5% expected earlier, amid a weak global economy and sluggish demand among key trade partners like mainland China. A slowdown risks to mainland China’s growth outlook are tilted to the downside. Sluggish income growth and excessive leverage among the property developers remain to be addressed. It is expected that the Chinese government will roll out more stimulus policies. The International Monetary Fund recently revised their forecast for global economic growth from an estimated 3.5% in 2022 to 3.0% for 2023 and 2024, reflecting their lack of confidence in a strong economic rebound. Amid the challenging operating environment, the Group and its associates will continue to exercise prudent capital management in their operations.

### **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Directors have resolved not to declare the payment of any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (2022 — HK0.35 cents per share).

### **PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY’S LISTED SECURITIES**

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, there was no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company’s listed securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established an audit committee (the “Committee”). The existing members of the Committee comprise two independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Victor Ha Kuk Yung (Chairman) and Mr. Edwin Neo and one non-executive Director, Mr. Leon Nim Leung Chan. The Committee has reviewed with the management of the Company the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to ensuring high standards of corporate governance practices. The Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) believes that good corporate governance practices are increasingly important for maintaining and promoting investor confidence. Corporate governance requirements keep changing, therefore the Board reviews its corporate governance practices from time to time to ensure they meet public and shareholders’ expectation, comply with legal and professional standards and reflect the latest local and international developments. The Board will continue to commit itself to achieving a high quality of corporate governance so as to safeguard the interests of shareholders and enhance shareholder value.

To the best knowledge and belief of the Directors, the Directors consider that the Company has complied with the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

By Order of the Board  
**Lippo China Resources Limited**  
**John Luen Wai Lee**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, 30 August 2023

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises eight directors, of which Dr. Stephen Riady (Chairman), Mr. John Luen Wai Lee (Chief Executive Officer), Mr. James Siu Lung Lee and Mr. Brian Riady as executive Directors, Mr. Leon Nim Leung Chan as non-executive Director and Mr. Edwin Neo, Mr. Victor Ha Kuk Yung and Ms. Min Yen Goh as independent non-executive Directors.*