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CMBC CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Contents

Abbreviations

In this interim report, the following abbreviations have the following meanings unless otherwise specified:

"Audit Committee"	audit committee of the Board
"Board"	board of Directors
"CG Code"	the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules
"China Minsheng Bank"	China Minsheng Banking Corp., Ltd. (中國民生銀行股份有限公司), a joint stock limited company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability, the H shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1988) and the A shares of which are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange (stock code: 600016)
"China Minsheng Bank Group"	China Minsheng Bank and its subsidiaries, excluding members of the Group
"CMBCI"	CMBC International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability and an indirect controlling Shareholder of the Company
"CMBC International Investment"	CMBC International Investment Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands with limited liability and a controlling Shareholder of the Company
"Company"	CMBC Capital Holdings Limited
"Director(s)"	director(s) of the Company
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"HK$" and "HK cents"	Hong Kong dollars and Hong Kong cents, respectively, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Model Code"	the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules

Abbreviations

"Money Lenders Ordinance"	the Money Lenders Ordinance (Chapter 163 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"Nomination Committee"	the nomination committee of the Board
"PRC" or "China"	The People's Republic of China, for the purpose of this interim report only, excluding Hong Kong, Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan
"Previous Period"	the six months ended 30 June 2025
"Remuneration Committee"	the remuneration committee of the Board
"Reporting Period"	the six months ended 30 June 2026
"Risk Management and Internal Control Committee"	the risk management and internal control committee of the Board
"SFC"	the Securities and Futures Commission
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Share(s)
"Share(s)"	the share(s) of the Company
"Share Award Scheme"	the share award scheme adopted by the Company on 19 February 2016
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"US" or "United States"	The United States of America
"US$"	United States dollars, the lawful currency in the United States
"%"	per cent

Corporate Information

(as at the date of this interim report)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Directors[1]

Mr. Li Baochen *(Chairman)*
Mr. Chen Hua *(General Manager)*[2]

Non-executive Directors

Ms. Wu Yuan
Mr. Xu Feng

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Lee, Cheuk Yin Dannis
Mr. Wu Bin
Mr. Wang Lihua

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Lee, Cheuk Yin Dannis *(Chairman)*
Mr. Wu Bin
Mr. Wang Lihua

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Wu Bin *(Chairman)*
Ms. Wu Yuan
Mr. Wang Lihua

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Wu Bin *(Chairman)*
Ms. Wu Yuan
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Howse Williams

Corporate Information

(as at the date of this interim report)

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Notes:

(1) Mr. Li Ming retired as an executive Director upon conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 June 2026. Following his retirement, Mr. Li ceased to be the General Manager of the Company as well as the member of each of the Executive Committee, Risk Management and Internal Control Committee and Strategic Development Committee of the Company.

(2) Mr. Chen Hua was appointed as an executive Director, the General Manager of the Company and a member of each of the Executive Committee, Risk Management and Internal Control Committee and Strategic Development Committee of the Company with effect from 30 July 2026.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group is currently licensed to engage in Type 1 (dealing in securities), Type 2 (dealing in futures contracts), Type 4 (advising on securities), Type 6 (advising on corporate finance) and Type 9 (asset management) regulated activities, as well as financing and money lending businesses in the capacity as "exempted persons" as defined in the Money Lenders Ordinance (no license required pursuant to the Money Lenders Ordinance). The Group has all material licenses required for provision of services requested by most of its existing and potential clients at the current stage.

During the Reporting Period, the Group recorded total revenue of approximately HK$302.0 million, representing a period-over-period increase of approximately 10.5%. The net profit amounted to approximately HK$139.6 million, representing a period-over-period increase of approximately 18.4%. The increase in total revenue was mainly attributable to the period-over-period increases in coupon income and interest income resulting from the expansion of bond investment scale and securities margin financing during the Reporting Period, the period-over-period increases in net gains from investment trading and net fair value gains from investment portfolios, and the period-over-period increase in commission income from brokerage and related services driven by the growth of securities business during the Reporting Period, which is partially offset by the period-over-period decreases in income from bond underwriting and client referral businesses. The increase in profit was mainly attributable to the growth in total revenue and the decrease in impairment losses during the Reporting Period, partially offset by increased finance costs and information technology-related expenses. In particular, the period-over-period decrease in impairment losses during the Reporting Period was mainly due to the large provisions made in prior years for the Group's credit-impaired assets, together with the reversal of impairment losses on the margin financing business arising from the forced liquidation of a margin financing client during the Reporting Period. However, the increase in investment scale during the Reporting Period led to a corresponding increase in financing, resulting in a period-over-period rise in interest expenses; meanwhile, the Group increased its technological enhancement, leading to a period-over-period increase in information technology-related expenses.

Securities

The customer base of the Group's offshore bond underwriting business remained mainly financial institutions and investment-grade local state-owned enterprises. During the Reporting Period, according to the underwriting rankings of CSCI Technology Co., Ltd. as of 30 June 2026, the Group completed a total of 82 bond underwriting issuances, and the total underwriting scale exceeded US$1.14 billion. Both core indicators, namely the number of underwriting issuances and underwriting scale, ranked first among Chinese bank-backed investment banks, continuously leading the market and consolidating its top-tier industry position. The creditworthiness of the underwriting entities remained stable, with simultaneous improvement in business development quality and efficiency.

BUSINESS REVIEW (CONTINUED)

Securities (continued)

In terms of wealth management business, the Group continued to upgrade its "Minying Future" (民贏未來®) APP and other digital platforms, optimising the online interactive experience for securities trading and product subscription, while also meeting clients' diversified wealth management needs through customised asset allocation solutions.

Investment and Financing

During the Reporting Period, geopolitical risks escalated significantly, with the outbreak of the US-Iran conflict triggering substantial volatility in global capital markets and leading to divergent performance among various risk assets. China's economy maintained moderate growth in the first half of the year, and the market expects that fiscal and monetary policies will continue to provide support to the economy, creating structural investment opportunities for Greater China-related assets. In the US, although the economic fundamentals remain resilient, geopolitical conflicts and demand from the AI industry have pushed up inflation, coupled with reduced tariff revenues and expanded war-related expenditures, which have continued to deteriorate the US fiscal position and driven up treasury yields. Overall, the prolonged coexistence of global macroeconomic uncertainties and geopolitical risks, together with multiple factors such as concerns over US private credit, have created a market landscape where risks and opportunities coexist. Given the persistent uncertainty in the macroeconomic environment, the Group further strengthened its risk control over investment and financing businesses.

In terms of investment positioning, the Group focused on the Greater China region and expanded its business to markets such as Asia, Europe and the United States, achieving a diversified allocation. Bonds are mainly invested in leading companies with stable operations such as banks, insurance, and public utilities to form a diversified and stable investment portfolio. The Group focuses on industries that are in the growth or expansion stage and have high competitive barriers, and actively seeks companies with outstanding core technological advantages and strong revenue growth and profit potential. In the process of diversifying investment risks, the Group actively captures investment opportunities in assets denominated in RMB, Australian dollars, euros and other currencies to further diversify portfolio risks. The Group also focuses on investment opportunities in technological innovation enterprises and medical and pharmaceutical healthcare enterprises with higher growth potential that comply with the requirements of Chapter 18A of the Listing Rules. In terms of financing, the Group provides customized financing solutions with different structures or forms according to customers' needs and provides a series of services including transaction structure design, coordination of intermediaries and overall financing arrangements. Specific products include but are not limited to asset-backed loans, merger and acquisition loans, equity pledge financing, bridge financing, etc. The Group adopts a prudent development strategy with respect to financing based on risk control.

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BUSINESS REVIEW (CONTINUED)

Asset Management

During the Reporting Period, the sudden outbreak of the US-Iran geopolitical conflict, sharp fluctuations in energy prices, persistently high market uncertainty and significant divergence in performance among various asset classes prevailed. The Group adhered to a prudent investment strategy, seized market opportunities, strengthened risk control measures and diligently managed the net asset value of its asset management products. As at 30 June 2026, compared with 31 December 2025, the net asset value of the CMBC Aggregate Greater China Select Bond Fund increased by 0.84%, the CMBC Aggregate Greater China Strategy Fund decreased by 1.70%, and the CMBC Aggregate US Dollar Money Market Fund increased by 1.63%.

The Group's asset management products have achieved leading performance in terms of net asset value among the industry. In the "Hong Kong Offshore Chinese Public Fund Performance List" for the first quarter of 2026 jointly announced by Wind Information and the Chinese Asset Management Association of Hong Kong, the CMBC Aggregate Greater China Select Bond Fund ranked fourth on the "5-Year Greater China Bond Fund Performance List" and fourth on the "3-Year Greater China Bond Fund Performance List", while the CMBC Aggregate Greater China Strategy Fund ranked third on the "3-Year Greater China Hybrid Fund Performance List" and second on the "1-Year Greater China Hybrid Fund Performance List". In the 2026 Professional Investment Awards held by Insights & Mandate magazine, the CMBC Aggregate Greater China Select Bond Fund won the "China Offshore Bonds (3 Years)" Investment Performance Award for the third consecutive year and for the first time received the "China Offshore Bonds (5 Years)" award; the CMBC Aggregate Greater China Strategy Fund won the "Multi-Strategy (3 Years): Greater China Multi-Asset" award for the first time.

Corporate Finance and Advisory

During the Reporting Period, the Group successfully assisted Shenzhen HQVT Technology Co., Ltd. (Stock Code: 1392.HK), Keytop Parking Inc. (Stock Code: 2272.HK) and Baige Online Digital Technology Co., Ltd. (Stock Code: 2672.HK) in their listing on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, and successfully assisted four IPO projects in submitting their initial listing applications to the Stock Exchange and posting on the exchange, covering industries such as AI agent solutions, mineral processing reagents, battery recycling and innovative drugs. The Group also successfully assisted two biotechnology companies in submitting their listing applications on a confidential basis. Meanwhile, during the Reporting Period, the Group acted as a financial advisor in completing a voluntary unconditional cash offer project as well as a discloseable and connected transaction project. In terms of equity underwriting, the Group completed a total of 13 IPO underwriting projects during the Reporting Period (based on the listing date). It acted in capacities including overall coordinator and joint bookrunner, covering industries such as artificial intelligence, robotics, medical devices and new energy materials.

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PROSPECTS AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Prospects

In the second half of 2026, the global economy is expected to face multiple disruptions and uncertainties. Geopolitical conflicts in the Middle East continue to intensify, with the US-Iran rivalry escalating and the Strait of Hormuz facing navigation obstructions, driving up crude oil prices and further elevating global inflation levels. The interest rate cut processes of multiple central banks have been interrupted in the earlier period, with monetary policy stances shifting towards tightening. The Federal Reserve of the US still has the possibility of one more rate hike within the year, and persistently high overseas interest rates will continue to exert pressure on global capital markets. China's economy got off to a good start in the first quarter, but downside pressures have intensified in the second quarter. The Political Bureau meeting once again emphasised counter-cyclical adjustment, and the implementation of monetary and fiscal policies in the second half of the year is expected to be further strengthened. The domestic economy faces both opportunities and challenges, with the effects of policy support yet to be fully released. Structural opportunities exist in the capital markets, while the real estate market remains in an adjustment phase. Hong Kong's economy has maintained a recovery trend amid changes in both domestic and external environments, with the financial market sustaining its improving and recovering momentum. The Group maintains a cautiously optimistic outlook on the development of the Chinese and Hong Kong economies, while also thoroughly assessing external risks such as geopolitical conflicts and shifts in overseas monetary policy. The Group will respond to external shocks while seizing market opportunities arising from policy implementation, and grasp the opportunities brought by the recovery of Hong Kong's financial markets. Across all business areas, the Group will actively serve corporate and private clients, continuing to create value for clients and shareholders.

Development Strategies

The Group will adhere to the strategy of "One Minsheng" and conscientiously implement policies made by China Minsheng Bank. Leveraging on its competitive advantages on internationalisation and its Hong Kong licensed investment banking services, the Group will strive to promote business synergies and coordination, so as to accommodate the diversified financial services needs of China Minsheng Bank's clientele in an all-round manner; maximise its role as a platform to develop its licensed business and to build a capital-light investment bank; continue to improve its corporate governance and to strengthen its risk management capabilities. Specific measures are set out below.

(1) For investment banking business, the Group will adhere to the development path of a "boutique investment bank", leveraging the unique advantages of a bank-backed investment bank to gradually build a differentiated brand reputation of being "small but exquisite, specialised and refined". Seizing market consolidation opportunities and leveraging China Minsheng Bank's client resources, the Group will actively expand financial advisory businesses such as cross-border mergers and acquisitions, privatisations and corporate restructurings, and deeply embed IPO services into the

PROSPECTS AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (CONTINUED)

Development Strategies (continued)

comprehensive financial solutions for strategic clients of China Minsheng Bank Group, establishing a virtuous business cycle of "commercial banking cultivation, investment banking listing".

(2) For bond underwriting business, the Group will continue to consolidate its leading position among Chinese bank-backed investment banks. The Group will deeply develop incremental client segments and business tracks including central state-owned enterprises, leading private enterprises, financial institutions and "Belt and Road" sovereign bond issuers, positioning the underwriting business as a core tool for serving China Minsheng Bank Group's strategic clients. Seizing the strategic opportunities of RMB internationalisation, the Group will actively explore the issuance demand for dim sum bonds from sovereign and quasi-sovereign institutions in the Middle East, Southeast Asia and other regions, and deeply participate in international projects to enhance its global market influence. Leveraging its primary market resources and information advantages, the Group will expand secondary market bond trading and trade matching businesses, establishing a business system that connects the primary and secondary markets.

(3) For asset management business, the Group will adhere to the philosophy of value investing and long-termism, continuously optimising portfolio quality, with a focus on building a flagship product matrix. Broadening its global investment horizon, the Group will gradually increase its allocation to global investment-grade bonds, equity assets and alternative assets on a risk-controllable basis, enhancing portfolio risk-adjusted returns. The Group will position its asset management products as an important vehicle for serving China Minsheng Bank Group's client base, providing customised segregated account management and investment advisory services for high-net-worth clients.

(4) For wealth management business, the Group will deepen synergy and coordination with China Minsheng Bank Group, anchor its positioning as a wealth product supply centre, improve its global wealth product system. Through regular roadshows and investor education activities, the Group will build an offshore wealth management platform with its distinctive characteristics.

(5) For investment and financing business, the Group will operate around the Group's integrated synergy and serving China Minsheng Bank's client base, building a professional team driven by the dual-engine of "investment + financing", focusing on new quality productive forces, and developing comprehensive financial service capabilities covering the entire life cycle of enterprises. For equity investments, the Group will closely follow the main themes of technological innovation and

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PROSPECTS AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (CONTINUED)

Development Strategies (continued)

domestic substitution, with a focus on sectors such as intelligent manufacturing, semiconductors, new energy, artificial intelligence and healthcare. Through in-depth industry research, the Group will proactively screen and identify high-quality targets with high growth potential. By combining equity investments with structured financing, the Group will provide portfolio companies with comprehensive "equity + debt" capital support.

(6) For institutional business, the Group is committed to building a premier service platform for strategic clients of China Minsheng Bank and various institutional investors in respect of overseas investment and financing, providing comprehensive trading services covering multiple markets, multiple strategies and multiple scenarios. The Group will strengthen coordination through brand-building activities such as investor forums and listed company roadshows, and will construct a business ecosystem featuring two-way connectivity between issuers and investors and professional empowerment by the Group, continuously enhancing client loyalty and market share.

(7) The Group will continue to enhance its corporate governance and internal refined management capabilities, strengthen research empowerment and brand building. It will strictly comply with regulatory requirements, improve its corporate governance structure, enhance information disclosure, safeguard shareholders' interests, strengthen investor relations management, and enhance brand recognition and market confidence. The Group will continue to refine its management to improve operational efficiency and service quality, strengthen the development of its talent pipeline, and build a professional and career-oriented team. It will reinforce research empowerment, build a research team with market influence, deepen the integration of investment and research, provide professional support for business development, and facilitate accurate pricing and value discovery.

(8) The Group will establish a market-oriented, professional and international human resources system, and build a talent pipeline that supports the strategy of a first-class investment bank. It will implement a diversified talent acquisition strategy, focusing on recruiting core talents in short supply such as experienced sponsors, industry research analysts, quantitative traders and compliance technology specialists, and continuously strengthen its professional talent pool.

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FINANCIAL RESULTS

During the Reporting Period, the Group's profit attributable to the owners of the Company was approximately HK$139.6 million, as compared to a profit of approximately HK$117.9 million in the Previous Period, representing a period-on-period increase of 18.4%. The Group's basic and diluted earnings per share was approximately 12.73 HK cents (Previous Period: 10.73 HK cents).

Revenue

During the Reporting Period, the Group's total revenue increased by approximately 10.5% to approximately HK$302.0 million from approximately HK$273.2 million in the Previous Period. The increase in total revenue was mainly attributable to the period-over-period increases in coupon income and interest income resulting from the expansion of bond investment scale and securities margin financing during the Reporting Period, the period-over-period increases in net gains from investment trading and net fair value gains from investment portfolios during the Reporting Period, and the period-over-period increase in commission income from brokerage and related services driven by the growth of securities business, which is partially offset by the period-over-period decreases in income from bond underwriting and client referral businesses. The table below presents the breakdown of segment total revenue and segment results during the Reporting Period with comparative figures for the Previous Period.

	Segment Total Revenue For the six months ended 30 June		Segment Results For the six months ended 30 June	
	2026 HK$'000	2025 HK$'000	**2026 HK$'000**	2025 HK$'000
Securities	**52,997**	59,015	**10,625**	28,128
Fixed-income direct investment	**63,739**	52,942	**2,219**	(15,758)
Other investment and financing	**43,791**	25,019	**35,015**	15,969
Asset management	**97,357**	93,305	**81,782**	82,880
Corporate finance and advisory	**44,139**	42,937	**25,230**	25,779
Others	**–**	–	**7,355**	(3,186)
Total	**302,023**	273,218	**162,226**	133,812

FINANCIAL RESULTS (CONTINUED)

Securities Segment

The Group's securities business mainly includes the provision of brokerage services, securities margin financing and securities underwriting/placing business to clients.

During the Reporting Period, the total revenue contributed by the securities segment decreased to approximately HK$53.0 million, while the segment profit decreased to approximately HK$10.6 million; as compared with total revenue and profit of approximately HK$59.0 million and HK$28.1 million, respectively, in the Previous Period. The decrease in segment total revenue was mainly due to a decline in revenue from bond underwriting business. However, the increase in interest income from securities margin financing driven by higher receivables from margin clients and the period-on-period growth in commission income from brokerage and related services arising from the expansion of securities business narrowed the overall revenue decline. The segment profit decreased period-on-period mainly as a result of the drop in segment revenue, together with a period-on-period increase in operating costs and funding costs arising from the expansion of securities business.

Investment and Financing Segment

Fixed-income Direct Investment

During the Reporting Period, the total revenue of the fixed-income direct investment segment, including but not limited to coupons from directly invested bonds, amounted to approximately HK$63.7 million as compared to approximately HK$52.9 million in the Previous Period. The segment results turned from loss to profit, with segment profit of approximately HK$2.2 million for the Reporting Period, as compared to a segment loss of approximately HK$15.8 million for the Previous Period. The increase in segment total revenue was mainly due to a period-on-period rise in coupon income resulting from the expansion of bond investment scale during the Reporting Period. The turnaround from loss to profit in segment results was mainly attributable to revenue growth and a period-on-period reduction in impairment provisions recognised in respect of the investment portfolio during the Reporting Period.

Other Investment and Financing

During the Reporting Period, the total revenue of the other investment and financing segment, which included but is not limited to coupons, dividends and distribution income from bonds (other than those under fixed-income direct investment), listed equities, unlisted equity interests, quoted and unlisted funds, amounted to an aggregate of approximately HK$43.8 million as compared to approximately HK$25.0 million in the Previous Period. The increase in segment total revenue was mainly due to a rise in gains from bond investments as compared with the Previous Period. The segment profit increased to approximately HK$35.0 million, compared to a profit of approximately HK$16.0 million for the Previous Period. The increase in segment profit was mainly attributable to the increase in segment total revenue.

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FINANCIAL RESULTS (CONTINUED)

Investment and Financing Segment (continued)

The following table sets out the breakdown of investment and financing:

	30 June 2026 HK$'000	31 December 2025 HK$'000
Investment		
Listed equities (measured at FVTPL)	279	275
Unlisted equity interests (measured at FVTPL)	42,655	48,760
Bonds (measured at FVOCI)	1,758,601	1,548,748
Bonds (measured at FVTPL)	601,942	412,765
Quoted investment funds (measured at FVTPL)	18,131	8,442
Unlisted funds (measured at FVTPL)	767,450	726,406
Total	3,189,058	2,745,396

As at 30 June 2026, the Group's investment portfolio mainly included, but was not limited to listed equities, bonds, unlisted equity interests, quoted and unlisted funds, covering a wide range of sectors such as industrial, healthcare, technology, consumer goods, real estate and finance.

As at 30 June 2026, the proprietary investment assets of the Group amounted to approximately HK$3.2 billion (31 December 2025: HK$2.7 billion), including bond investments of approximately HK$2.4 billion (31 December 2025: HK$2.0 billion). The future performance of such portfolio will depend on many factors, including uncertainties in the financial markets, the economic development trends in both Hong Kong and Mainland China and investors' sentiment.

During the Reporting Period, the Group's investment portfolio generated a total revenue of approximately HK$107.5 million (Previous Period: HK$78.0 million), mainly consisting of interest income of approximately HK$15.5 million (Previous Period: HK$16.6 million) from debt securities investments, interest income of approximately HK$13.6 million (Previous Period: HK$7.1 million) from financial assets measured at FVTPL, dividend income of approximately HK$33.9 million (Previous Period: HK$26.2 million) from financial assets measured at FVOCI, net gains of approximately HK$43.7 million (Previous Period: HK$28.9 million) from financial assets measured at FVTPL, as well as net gains of approximately HK$0.8 million (Previous Period: net losses of approximately HK$1.1 million) from financial assets measured at FVOCI.

FINANCIAL RESULTS (CONTINUED)

Investment and Financing Segment (continued)

For investments classified as financial assets measured at FVOCI and FVTPL, the Group recorded a net gain during the Reporting Period mainly consisting of net gains recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, net gains not recycled through profit or loss upon disposal of financial assets measured at FVOCI, as well as fair value movement losses recognised in fair value reserve through other comprehensive income. The Group's unlisted direct investment business (including equities and funds) is mainly focused on technology and innovative enterprises and consumer enterprises.

The Group engages in financing and loan provision business in the capacity of an "exempted person" as defined under the Money Lenders Ordinance which does not require a licence under the Money Lenders Ordinance. The Group conducts the relevant business by relying on the said exemption by virtue of China Minsheng Bank, being a bank, i.e. an authorised institution, which holds a valid banking licence under the Banking Ordinance (Cap. 155, Laws of Hong Kong).

The loan business of the Group focuses on short-to-mid term financing so as to ensure the flexible configuration and high liquidity of the Group's assets. During the Reporting Period, no new loans were granted. The Group implements pre-, peri- and post-investment management. Through putting in place practicable risk control measures and rigorous risk review on each client and each project, the overall credit and operational risks of the loan business of the Group are controllable. The Group constantly monitors and adjusts the concentration, maturity profile and risk-to-revenue ratio of its asset portfolio, in order to strike a balance between the overall risk and revenue generation.

Asset Management Segment

During the Reporting Period, the Group's asset management segment recorded a total revenue of approximately HK$97.4 million, as compared to approximately HK$93.3 million in the Previous Period, and a segment profit of approximately HK$81.8 million was recorded during the Reporting Period, as compared to approximately HK$82.9 million in the Previous Period. The increase in segment total revenue was due to the growth of assets under management during the Reporting Period, while the decrease in segment profit was attributable to a period-on-period rise in operating expenses such as information technology and labour costs during the Reporting Period.

FINANCIAL RESULTS (CONTINUED)

Corporate Finance and Advisory Segment

During the Reporting Period, the Hong Kong capital market performed well overall, with the IPO market experiencing a strong rebound. Additionally, benefiting from the trend of mainland Chinese companies being encouraged to list in Hong Kong this year, the Group's corporate finance and advisory segment recorded a total revenue of approximately HK$44.1 million, as compared to approximately HK$42.9 million in the Previous Period. Segment profit of approximately HK$25.2 million was recorded during the Reporting Period, as compared to a segment profit of approximately HK$25.8 million in the Previous Period. The increase in segment total revenue was primarily due to rise in the Group's sponsorship income and equity underwriting income during the Reporting Period, while the decrease in segment profit was mainly attributable to higher labour costs during the Reporting Period.

Administrative Expenses and Finance Costs

Administrative expenses and finance costs for the Reporting Period amounted to approximately HK$160.3 million in aggregate as compared to approximately HK$134.1 million in the Previous Period. The analysis and breakdown of the administrative expenses and finance costs are set out below:

	For the six months ended	
	30 June 2026 HK$'000	30 June 2025 HK$'000
Staff costs	**49,238**	45,758
Depreciation	**6,324**	10,643
Other operating expenses	**37,736**	29,288
Finance costs	**67,049**	48,368
Total	**160,347**	134,057

The increase in staff costs was mainly due to bonus incurred during the Reporting Period.

The decrease in depreciation was due to the derecognition of right-of-use asset and leasehold improvements resulting from the expiration of lease during the Reporting Period.

The increase in other operating expenses was mainly due to the increase in information technology expenses and increase in commission paid to external parties in connection with wealth management-related business during the Reporting Period.

The increase in finance costs was mainly due to the increase in financing resulting from the increase in investment scale and the reserve of sufficient funds to support business operations as compared to the Previous Period.

LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Capital Structure

As at 30 June 2026, the total number of the issued Shares with a par value of HK$0.4 each was 1,096,968,693 (31 December 2025: 1,096,968,693) and the total equity attributable to the Shareholders was approximately HK$1,765.2 million (31 December 2025: HK$1,627.8 million).

During the Reporting Period, no Shares had been purchased or granted to selected persons of the Group under the Share Award Scheme.

Liquidity and Financial Resources

The Group primarily financed its operations with internally-generated cash flows, borrowings, internal resources and Shareholders' equity.

As at 30 June 2026, the Group had current assets of approximately HK$5,761.7 million (31 December 2025: HK$5,484.5 million) and liquid assets comprising cash (excluding cash held on behalf of customers), investment in listed equity securities and debt investments totaling approximately HK$3,139.0 million (31 December 2025: HK$2,702.1 million).

The Group's current ratio as at the end of the Reporting Period, calculated based on current assets of approximately HK$5,761.7 million (31 December 2025: HK$5,484.5 million) over current liabilities of approximately HK$4,026.5 million (31 December 2025: HK$3,894.4 million), was approximately 1.4 (31 December 2025: 1.4).

LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE (CONTINUED)

Liquidity and Financial Resources (continued)

The Group's finance costs for the Reporting Period mainly consisted of the interest on loans from CMBCI of approximately HK$42.2 million (Previous Period: HK$30.3 million) and interest on repurchase agreements of approximately HK$24.8 million (Previous Period: HK$17.5 million).

As at 30 June 2026, the Group's indebtedness, which mainly comprised loans from CMBCI and financial assets sold under repurchase agreements, was approximately HK$3,239.2 million (31 December 2025: HK$3,132.8 million). The principal of the loans from CMBCI of approximately HK$1,695.6 million (31 December 2025: HK$2,091.5 million) were denominated in Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars, bearing interest at 4.5% per annum (2025: 4.5% per annum) and were repayable within one year. As at 30 June 2026, the Group entered into repurchase agreements with financial institutions to sell bonds recognized as financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income and financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss, with carrying amount of approximately HK$1,943.1 million (31 December 2025: HK$1,314.0 million), which are subject to simultaneous agreements to repurchase these investments at the agreed dates and prices.

The Group's gearing ratio as at the end of the Reporting Period, calculated on the basis of total indebtedness divided by the sum of total indebtedness and equity attributable to the Company's owners, was approximately 64.7% (31 December 2025: 65.8%).

With the amount of liquid assets on hand, the management of the Group is of the view that the Group has sufficient financial resources to meet its ongoing operational requirements.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

Except as otherwise disclosed, as at 30 June 2026, the Group did not have other pledge or charge on assets (31 December 2025: Nil).

CONTINGENT LIABILITY

As at 30 June 2026, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities (31 December 2025: Nil).

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS HELD

During the Reporting Period, the Group did not hold any single significant investment which accounted for over 5% of the total assets.

Management Discussion and Analysis

FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENT OR CAPITAL ASSETS

There is no specific plan for material investments or capital assets as at 30 June 2026. In the event that the Group has any plans for material investments or capital assets, the Company will make announcement(s) in compliance with relevant requirements under the Listing Rules as and when appropriate.

CAPITAL COMMITMENT

As at 30 June 2026, the Group did not have any significant capital commitments (31 December 2025: Nil).

MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATES

During the Reporting Period, the Group had no material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries and associates.

FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group's revenue is mainly denominated in United States dollars and Hong Kong dollars while its expenditure is mainly denominated in Hong Kong dollars. The Group's foreign exchange exposure is mainly from the translation of assets and liabilities denominated in United States dollars. The Group does not use derivative financial instruments to hedge its foreign currency risk. As Hong Kong dollars are pegged to United States dollars, the Directors believe that the Group's foreign exchange exposure is manageable and the Group will closely monitor this risk exposure from time to time.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30 June 2026, the Group had 88 (30 June 2025: 100) employees. For the Reporting Period, the total staff costs, including Directors' remuneration, was approximately HK$49.2 million (Previous Period: HK$45.8 million). Remuneration packages for employees are structured by reference to market terms, individual competence, performance and experience. Benefit plans maintained by the Group include the mandatory provident fund scheme, subsidised training program, share award scheme and discretionary bonuses.

Other Information

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Save as disclosed in this interim report, there were no significant events after the Reporting Period and up to the date of this interim report.

RISK MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES

The Group is constantly strengthening its overall risk management capabilities, and has always attached great importance to risk management and internal control. The Board has established the Risk Management and Internal Control Committee to monitor the Group's overall risk management structure and determine the Company's overall risk appetite. The Group implements comprehensive risk management and adopts a pragmatic approach to manage different risks according to professional categories, mainly including credit risk, market risk, legal compliance risk, operational risk and liquidity risk. The Group has established comprehensive internal control procedures to monitor, evaluate and manage risks involved in various businesses. The Group strictly implements various risk management work in accordance with the existing governance structure, enhances the culture and concept of risk management and compliance and continues to improve risk management measures and internal monitoring systems.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of interim dividend for the Reporting Period (Previous Period: Nil).

SHARE AWARD SCHEME

The Company adopted the Share Award Scheme on 19 February 2016 (the "**Adoption Date**"). For further details of the Share Award Scheme, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 19 February 2016 (the "**Adoption Announcement**").

As disclosed in the Adoption Announcement, the Share Award Scheme was not subject to the provisions of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules. However, the Stock Exchange made amendments to Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules in July 2022, which took effect on 1 January 2023. The amended scope of application of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules covers the Share Award Scheme. Therefore, the operation of the Share Award Scheme is subject to the provisions of the revised Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules from 1 January 2023. In addition, according to the transitional arrangements provided by the Stock Exchange, the Company can only grant shares to eligible participants as defined in Chapter 17 of the revised Listing Rules under the Share Award Scheme.

Since the Adoption Date, the Company has not granted any share awards under the Share Award Scheme, and hence no share awards were vested, canceled or lapsed during the Reporting Period. Accordingly, no awards were outstanding or unvested at the beginning or end of the Reporting Period, nor were there shares to be issued under the Share Award Scheme during the Reporting Period.

Other Information

SHARE AWARD SCHEME (CONTINUED)

At the beginning of the Reporting Period, 114,446,894 Shares were available for grant under the Share Award Scheme. However, as the Company did not set and seek the Shareholders' approval for setting sublimit (as defined in Rule 17.03(3) of the Listing Rules) under the Share Award Scheme pursuant to Rule17.03B(2) of the Listing Rules, no share awards could be granted to service providers (as defined in Rule 17.03A(1)(c) of the Listing Rules) under the Share Award Scheme as at the beginning of the Reporting Period. The Share Award Scheme expired on 19 February 2026. No further awards could be granted after that date. Accordingly, no Shares were available for grant under the Share Award Scheme as at 30 June 2026.

Save as the abovementioned Share Award Scheme, the Company does not have any other share award schemes or share option schemes during the Reporting Period.

UPDATE ON DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION

Pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, the change to the Director's information is set out as follows:

— Mr. Lee, Cheuk Yin Dannis ceased to be an independent non-executive director of Luen Thai Holdings Limited (a company listed on the Stock Exchange; stock code: 0311.HK) with effect from 28 May 2026.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30 June 2026, none of the Directors nor the chief executive of the Company or their respective associates had any interest or short position in the Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which were required to be and were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed in the sections headed "Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures" and "Share Award Scheme" above, at no time during the Reporting Period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements which would enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of an acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate, and none of the Directors or their spouse or minor children had any rights to subscribe for the securities of the Company, or had exercised any such rights during the Reporting Period.

Other Information

INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2026, according to public information available on the website of the Stock Exchange and to the knowledge of the Directors, the following Shareholders, other than a Director or the chief executive of the Company, had an interest in the Shares which was recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO:

Name of Shareholder	Capacity/ nature of interest	Number of Shares held	Approximate percentage of the issued Shares of the Company	Long position/ Short position
China Minsheng Bank	Interest of controlled corporations	760,588,477 (Note)	69.34%	Long position
CMBCI	Interest of controlled corporation	758,166,477 (Note)	69.12%	Long position
	Beneficial owner	2,422,000 (Note)	0.22%	Long position
		760,588,477	69.34%	
CMBC International Investment	Beneficial owner	758,166,477 (Note)	69.12%	Long position

Note: CMBC International Investment is beneficially and wholly-owned by CMBCI, which is in turn beneficially and wholly-owned by China Minsheng Bank. As such, each of CMBCI and China Minsheng Bank is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by CMBC International Investment and China Minsheng Bank is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by CMBCI.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2026, according to public information available on the website of the Stock Exchange and to the knowledge of the Directors, no companies or persons, other than a Director or the chief executive of the Company, had an interest or short position in the Shares and underlying Shares which was recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with all applicable provisions of the CG Code throughout the Reporting Period.

Other Information

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED ISSUERS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, the Company confirms that all Directors have complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code throughout the Reporting Period.

REVIEW OF INTERIM RESULTS

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company for the Reporting Period have been reviewed by the Audit Committee, which was of the opinion that such unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have complied with the applicable accounting standards, the requirements under the Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements and that adequate disclosures have been made.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the Reporting Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities (including treasury shares).

Li Baochen
Chairman

Hong Kong, 31 August 2026

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	Six months ended 30 June 2026 HK$'000 (Unaudited)	30 June 2025 HK$'000 (Unaudited)
Commission and fee income		**166,423**	183,575
Interest income		**43,553**	28,297
Net trading and investment income		**92,047**	61,346
Total revenue	4	**302,023**	273,218
Other income	5	**9,476**	6,963
Other net gains	6	**15,752**	23,815
Impairment losses	7	**(4,678)**	(36,127)
Staff costs		**(49,238)**	(45,758)
Depreciation		**(6,324)**	(10,643)
Other operating expenses		**(37,736)**	(29,288)
Finance costs	8	**(67,049)**	(48,368)
Profit before taxation	9	**162,226**	133,812
Taxation	10	**(22,586)**	(15,882)
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company		**139,640**	117,930
		HK cents	HK cents
Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company	11		
– Basic		**12.73**	10.73
– Diluted		**12.73**	10.73

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 30 June 2026

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2026 HK$'000 (Unaudited)	30 June 2025 HK$'000 (Unaudited)
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company	**139,640**	117,930
Other comprehensive (loss)/income		
Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
– Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income – net movement in fair value reserves (non-recycling)	**(8,347)**	31,437
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
– Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income – net movement in fair value reserves (recycling)	**6,065**	18,669
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period, net of tax	**(2,282)**	50,106
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the Company	**137,358**	168,036

The notes on pages 30 to 54 form part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2026

	Notes	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000 (Audited)
Non-current assets			
Property and equipment		**9,529**	8,866
Right-of-use asset		**–**	4,802
Goodwill		**16,391**	16,391
Intangible assets		**960**	960
Other assets		**6,112**	9,657
		32,992	40,676
Current assets			
Accounts receivable	13	**1,162,589**	1,420,258
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		**147,498**	17,456
Interest receivables		**29,302**	24,633
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("**FVOCI**")	14	**1,758,601**	1,548,748
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("**FVTPL**")	15	**1,430,457**	1,196,648
Amounts due from an intermediate holding company		**28,990**	–
Cash held on behalf of customers		**435,767**	533,933
Cash and cash equivalents		**768,481**	742,820
		5,761,685	5,484,496

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2026

	Notes	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000 (Audited)
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	16	**520,876**	632,468
Other payables and accruals		**151,565**	59,552
Amount due to an intermediate holding company		**–**	9,165
Loans from an intermediate holding company	17	**1,768,095**	2,121,793
Tax payable		**42,400**	24,575
Financial assets sold under repurchase agreements	18	**1,543,609**	1,041,305
Lease liabilities		**–**	5,526
		4,026,545	3,894,384
Net current assets		**1,735,140**	1,590,112
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,768,132**	1,630,788
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities		**2,932**	2,946
		2,932	2,946
NET ASSETS		**1,765,200**	1,627,842
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	19	**438,787**	438,787
Reserves		**1,326,413**	1,189,055
TOTAL EQUITY		**1,765,200**	1,627,842

The notes on pages 30 to 54 form part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 30 June 2026

	Attributable to owners of the Company							
	Share capital HK$'000	Share premium HK$'000	Contributed surplus* HK$'000	Fair value reserve (recycling) HK$'000	Fair value reserve (non-recycling) HK$'000	Other reserve HK$'000	Accumulated losses HK$'000	Total HK$'000
At 31 December 2025 (audited)	**438,787**	**1,615,465**	**1,823,745**	**(1,148)**	**(15,534)**	**761**	**(2,234,234)**	**1,627,842**
Profit for the period	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**139,640**	**139,640**
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	**–**	**–**	**–**	**6,065**	**(8,347)**	**–**	**–**	**(2,282)**
Total comprehensive income	**–**	**–**	**–**	**6,065**	**(8,347)**	**–**	**139,640**	**137,358**
Disposal of equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(274)#**	**–**	**274#**	**–**
At 30 June 2026 (unaudited)	**438,787**	**1,615,465**	**1,823,745**	**4,917**	**(24,155)**	**761**	**(2,094,320)**	**1,765,200**

	Attributable to owners of the Company							
	Share capital HK$'000	Share premium HK$'000	Contributed surplus* HK$'000	Fair value reserve (recycling) HK$'000	Fair value reserve (non-recycling) HK$'000	Other reserve HK$'000	Accumulated losses HK$'000	Total HK$'000
At 31 December 2024 (audited)	439,702	1,615,202	1,823,745	(47,202)	(57,142)	761	(2,386,296)	1,388,770
Profit for the period	–	–	–	–	–	–	117,930	117,930
Other comprehensive income	–	–	–	18,669	31,437	–	–	50,106
Total comprehensive income	–	–	–	18,669	31,437	–	117,930	168,036
Disposal of equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	–	–	–	–	322#	–	(322)#	–
Shares repurchased but not yet cancelled	–	–	–	–	–	(652)	–	(652)
At 30 June 2025 (unaudited)	439,702	1,615,202	1,823,745	(28,533)	(25,383)	109	(2,268,688)	1,556,154

* Contributed surplus is a distributable reserve and will be used for payment of dividends.

Amounts reclassified to accumulated losses upon disposal of equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The notes on pages 30 to 54 form part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the six months ended 30 June 2026

	Six months ended 30 June 2026 HK$'000 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2025 HK$'000 (Unaudited)
Net cash generated from operating activities	**437,847**	244,851
Net cash used in investing activities		
Payment for the purchase of property and equipment	**(2,309)**	(3,183)
	(2,309)	(3,183)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		
Repurchase of shares	**–**	(652)
New loans raised	**272,821**	448,654
Repayments of loans	**(671,624)**	(313,625)
Principal and interest elements of lease payments	**(5,547)**	(11,094)
	(404,350)	123,283
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	**31,188**	364,951
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	**742,820**	248,550
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net	**(5,527)**	(15,214)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	**768,481**	598,287

The notes on pages 30 to 54 form part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

For the six months ended 30 June 2026

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Listing Rules**") and in compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("**HKAS**") 34, Interim Financial Reporting, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("**HKICPA**"). It was authorised for issue on 31 August 2026.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2025 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2026 annual financial statements. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in note 2.

The preparation of an interim financial report in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

This interim financial report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2025 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with HKFRS Accounting Standards.

2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The HKICPA has issued a number of amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards that are first effective for the current accounting period. Of these, only the amendments to HKFRS 9, Financial instruments and HKFRS 7, Financial instruments: Disclosures – Amendments to the classification and measurement of financial instruments, are relevant to the Group's financial statements. The adoption of the amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards does not have a material impact on the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group.

The Group has not applied any new standard, amendment or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

3 SEGMENT INFORMATION

In a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group's management, being the chief operating decision makers, for the purpose of resources allocation and assessment of segment performance focusing on types of services provided, the Group has presented the following reportable segments:

- the "securities" segment representing the business line of provision of brokerage services, securities margin financing services to clients and debt securities underwriting/placing;
- the "fixed-income direct investment" segment representing direct investment and trading activities in fixed-income securities;
- the "other investment and financing" segment representing investment and trading activities in equity securities, bonds and funds other than direct investment and trading activities in fixed-income securities, and provision of loan financing services;
- the "asset management" segment representing provision of asset management services to clients;
- the "corporate finance and advisory" segment representing provision of sponsorship, equity underwriting, financial advisory and financial arrangement services to clients, and provision of client referral services; and
- the "others" segment primarily includes head office operations as well as interest income and interest expense incurred for generating working capital for general operations.

3 SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

Disaggregation of revenue

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by service lines is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June 2026 HK$'000	Six months ended 30 June 2025 HK$'000
Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of HKFRS 15		
Disaggregated by service lines		
– Commission income from brokerage and related services	13,389	4,751
– Commission income from underwriting, sub-underwriting, placing and sub-placing	31,920	49,380
– Financial advisory, sponsorship, arrangement fee and other service income	23,757	36,139
– Asset management fee, investment advisory services fee and performance fee income	97,357	93,305
	166,423	183,575
Revenue from other sources		
Loan and financing		
– Interest income from provision of finance and securities margin financing	28,070	11,682
Financial investments		
– Interest income from debt securities investments	15,483	16,615
– Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	–	263
– Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	33,948	26,221
– Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	13,562	7,083
– Net gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	43,693	28,915
– Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	844	(1,136)
	107,530	77,961
	302,023	273,218

The Group's revenue from external customers are located in Hong Kong.

3 SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

Disaggregation of revenue (continued)

Disaggregation of revenue is set out below:

For the six months ended	Securities		Fixed-income direct investment		Other investment and financing		Asset management		Corporate finance and advisory		Total	
	30 June 2026 HK$'000	30 June 2025 HK$'000	**30 June 2026 HK$'000**	30 June 2025 HK$'000	**30 June 2026 HK$'000**	30 June 2025 HK$'000	**30 June 2026 HK$'000**	30 June 2025 HK$'000	**30 June 2026 HK$'000**	30 June 2025 HK$'000	**30 June 2026 HK$'000**	30 June 2025 HK$'000
Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of HKFRS 15	**24,927**	47,333	**–**	–	**–**	–	**97,357**	93,305	**44,139**	42,937	**166,423**	183,575
Revenue from other sources												
Loan and financing												
– Interest income from provision of finance and securities margin financing	**28,070**	11,682	**–**	–	**–**	–	**–**	–	**–**	–	**28,070**	11,682
Financial investments												
– Interest income from debt securities investments	**–**	–	**15,483**	16,615	**–**	–	**–**	–	**–**	–	**15,483**	16,615
– Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**–**	–	**–**	–	**–**	263	**–**	–	**–**	–	**–**	263
– Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	**–**	–	**33,948**	26,221	**–**	–	**–**	–	**–**	–	**33,948**	26,221
– Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**–**	–	**13,465**	6,970	**97**	113	**–**	–	**–**	–	**13,562**	7,083
– Net (losses)/gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**–**	–	**(1)**	4,272	**43,694**	24,643	**–**	–	**–**	–	**43,693**	28,915
– Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	**–**	–	**844**	(1,136)	**–**	–	**–**	–	**–**	–	**844**	(1,136)
	–	–	**63,739**	52,942	**43,791**	25,019	**–**	–	**–**	–	**107,530**	77,961
Reportable segment revenue	**52,997**	59,015	**63,739**	52,942	**43,791**	25,019	**97,357**	93,305	**44,139**	42,937	**302,023**	273,218

3 SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

Segment revenue and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable segments:

	Six months ended 30 June 2026						
	Securities HK$'000	Fixed-income direct investment HK$'000	Other investment and financing HK$'000	Asset management HK$'000	Corporate finance and advisory HK$'000	Others HK$'000	Total HK$'000
Reportable segment revenue	52,997	63,739	43,791	97,357	44,139	–	302,023
Other income	893	566	16	2	1	7,998	9,476
Other net gains/(losses)	7,037	(3,999)	(260)	2,687	240	10,047	15,752
Segment expenses	(50,302)	(58,087)	(8,532)	(18,264)	(19,150)	(10,690)	(165,025)
Segment results	10,625	2,219	35,015	81,782	25,230	7,355	162,226

	Six months ended 30 June 2025						
	Securities HK$'000	Fixed-income direct investment HK$'000	Other investment and financing HK$'000	Asset management HK$'000	Corporate finance and advisory HK$'000	Others HK$'000	Total HK$'000
Reportable segment revenue	59,015	52,942	25,019	93,305	42,937	–	273,218
Other income	1,200	595	124	–	1	5,043	6,963
Other net gains/(losses)	6,250	(2,330)	2,085	1,445	93	16,272	23,815
Segment expenses	(38,337)	(66,965)	(11,259)	(11,870)	(17,252)	(24,501)	(170,184)
Segment results	28,128	(15,758)	15,969	82,880	25,779	(3,186)	133,812

3 SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

Segment assets and liabilities

	As at 30 June 2026						
	Securities HK$'000	Fixed-income direct investment HK$'000	Other investment and financing HK$'000	Asset management HK$'000	Corporate finance and advisory HK$'000	Others HK$'000	Total HK$'000
Assets							
Segment assets	2,113,407	2,543,008	858,179	151,397	61,020	67,666	5,794,677
Liabilities							
Segment liabilities	1,570,886	2,407,405	26,792	20,896	51	3,447	4,029,477

	As at 31 December 2025						
	Securities HK$'000	Fixed-income direct investment HK$'000	Other investment and financing HK$'000	Asset management HK$'000	Corporate finance and advisory HK$'000	Others HK$'000	Total HK$'000
Assets							
Segment assets	2,495,683	1,983,440	811,610	133,543	53,941	46,955	5,525,172
Liabilities							
Segment liabilities	1,968,877	1,859,174	24,074	15,109	–	30,096	3,897,330

4 TOTAL REVENUE

	Six months ended 30 June 2026 HK$'000	Six months ended 30 June 2025 HK$'000
Commission income from brokerage and related services	**13,389**	4,751
Commission income from underwriting, sub-underwriting, placing and sub-placing	**31,920**	49,380
Financial advisory, sponsorship, arrangement fee and other service income	**23,757**	36,139
Asset management fee, investment advisory services fee and performance fee income	**97,357**	93,305
Commission and fee income	**166,423**	183,575
Interest income from provision of finance and securities margin financing	**28,070**	11,682
Interest income from debt securities investments	**15,483**	16,615
Interest income	**43,553**	28,297
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**–**	263
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	**33,948**	26,221
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**13,562**	7,083
Net gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**43,693**	28,915
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	**844**	(1,136)
Net trading and investment income	**92,047**	61,346
	302,023	273,218

5 OTHER INCOME

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2026 HK$'000	30 June 2025 HK$'000
Bank interest income	**1,351**	1,104
Office sharing fee income	**2,220**	4,440
Other income	**5,905**	1,419
	9,476	6,963

6 OTHER NET GAINS

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2026 HK$'000	30 June 2025 HK$'000
Net exchange gains	**15,876**	23,815
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	**(124)**	–
	15,752	23,815

7 IMPAIRMENT LOSSES

	Six months ended 30 June 2026 HK$'000	Six months ended 30 June 2025 HK$'000
(Reversal)/provision of impairment losses on		
– Loans and advances	**–**	3,578
– Accounts receivable (Note 13)	**(8,412)**	(209)
– Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 14)	**12,651**	31,398
– Interest receivables	**439**	1,370
– Financial assets at amortised cost	**–**	(10)
	4,678	36,127

8 FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 June 2026 HK$'000	Six months ended 30 June 2025 HK$'000
Interest expenses on:		
Loans from an intermediate holding company	**42,196**	30,265
Repurchase agreements	**24,832**	17,490
Lease liabilities	**21**	613
	67,049	48,368

9 PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2026 HK$'000	30 June 2025 HK$'000
The Group's profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	**1,522**	1,039
Depreciation of right-of-use asset	**4,802**	9,604
Office sharing fee	**850**	–

10 TAXATION

(a) Taxation in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income represents:

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2026 HK$'000	30 June 2025 HK$'000
Current period – Hong Kong Profits Tax	**(22,600)**	(15,716)
Deferred tax credited/(charged) for the period	**14**	(166)
	(22,586)	(15,882)

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods.

(b) Pillar Two income tax

The Group is part of a multinational enterprise group which is subject to Pillar Two model rules. Certain subsidiaries are subject to domestic minimum top-up tax that has been implemented in the jurisdictions where those subsidiaries operate.

Based on the assessment, the effective tax rates of those subsidiaries are above 15%. Therefore, no top-up tax is recognized during the six months ended 30 June 2026 (Previous Period: Nil).

11 EARNINGS PER SHARE

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

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2026 HK$'000	30 June 2025 HK$'000
Earnings		
Profit attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	**139,640**	117,930

	Six months ended	
	30 June 2026 '000	30 June 2025 '000
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	**1,096,969**	1,099,256

The denominators used are the same as those detailed above for the basic and diluted earnings per share.

There was no dilutive items during the six months ended 30 June 2026 and 2025.

12 DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (Previous Period: Nil).

13 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Accounts receivable arising from the ordinary course of business of securities brokerage, futures and options dealing services:		
– Clearing houses	**83,125**	205,084
– Cash clients	**12,072**	4,991
– Margin clients	**1,035,945**	1,138,017
– Brokers	**10,368**	60,423
	1,141,510	1,408,515
Accounts receivable arising from the ordinary course of business of securities underwriting services	**4,302**	5,506
Accounts receivable arising from the ordinary course of business of advisory and client referral services	**11,593**	9,878
Accounts receivable arising from the ordinary course of business of asset management services	**50,451**	52,751
	1,207,856	1,476,650
Less: Allowance for expected credit losses	**(45,267)**	(56,392)
	1,162,589	1,420,258

Accounts receivable arising from the business of dealing in securities

The normal settlement terms of accounts receivable from clients and clearing houses, except for accounts receivable due from margin clients, arising from the ordinary course of business of securities brokerage services are two trading days after the trade date. No ageing analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of directors of the Company, an ageing analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of this business.

Accounts receivable due from margin clients are repayable on demand and the fair values of the pledged securities as at 30 June 2026 was approximately HK$4,382,085,000 (31 December 2025: HK$4,292,556,000).

13 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (continued)

Accounts receivable arising from the business of dealing in securities (continued)

During the six months ended 30 June 2026, reversal of impairment losses of approximately HK$8,412,000 was recognised (for the six months ended 30 June 2025: HK$209,000) in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

As at 30 June 2026, the Group has concentration risk on its accounts receivable as the balance with the largest client represent approximately 32% (31 December 2025: 42%) of the total accounts receivable from cash clients and margin clients. The Group has no other significant concentration risk.

Accounts receivable arising from the businesses of securities underwriting, advisory and client referral services

Ageing of accounts receivable arising from the ordinary course of business of securities underwriting, advisory and client referral services, based on the due date, is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Not past due	**5,781**	1,037
Less than 31 days past due	**5,471**	2,702
31–60 days past due	**712**	4,564
61–90 days past due	**351**	5
Over 90 days past due	**3,580**	7,076
	15,895	15,384
Less: Allowance for expected credit losses	**–**	(2,713)
Total	**15,895**	12,671

The Group applies HKFRS 9 simplified approach to measure the expected credit losses for accounts receivable arising from the business of securities underwriting, advisory and client referral services. There were no impairment losses recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the six months ended 30 June 2026 and 2025. Accounts receivable with a carrying amount of approximately HK$2,713,000, which had been fully provided for expected credit losses, were written off during the six months ended 30 June 2026.

13 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (continued)

Accounts receivable arising from asset management services

Accounts receivable arising from asset management services represented the receivables from the counterparties for the assets managed by the Group. The Group considers that the accounts receivable arising from asset management service have low credit risk as the Group has right to discharge the asset management fee from its managed assets directly on the date that the asset management fee confirmed. As such, no ageing analysis in respect of accounts receivable from asset management fee is disclosed as, in the opinion of directors of the Company, an ageing analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of this business.

14 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Listed, unlisted or quoted investments at fair value:		
Debt investments (Note)	**610,533**	563,525
Equity investments	**1,148,068**	985,223
	1,758,601	1,548,748

Note: The Group has further recognised expected credit losses amounting to approximately HK$12,651,000 in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the six months ended 30 June 2026 (for the six months ended 30 June 2025: HK$31,398,000). As at 30 June 2026, an allowance for expected credit losses amounting to approximately HK$472,601,000 (31 December 2025: HK$460,033,000) has been included in fair value reserve (recycling).

15 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Listed equity investments	**871**	1,226
Unlisted equity investments	**42,655**	48,760
Debt investments	**601,350**	411,814
Quoted investment fund	**18,131**	8,442
Unlisted investment funds	**767,450**	726,406
	1,430,457	1,196,648

The fair values of the listed equity investments, debt investments and quoted investment fund were determined based on the quoted market prices.

16 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Accounts payable arising from the ordinary course of business of securities brokerage, futures and options dealing services:		
– Cash clients	**241,152**	365,547
– Margin clients	**179,641**	266,295
– Clearing house	**5,827**	626
– Broker	**94,256**	–
	520,876	632,468

Accounts payable arising from the business of dealing in securities

The accounts payable balances arising from the ordinary course of business of securities brokerage services are normally settled in two trading days after the trade date except for the money held on behalf of clients at the segregated bank accounts which are repayable on demand. No ageing analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of directors of the Company, an ageing analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of this business.

17 LOANS FROM AN INTERMEDIATE HOLDING COMPANY

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Loans from an intermediate holding company	**1,768,095**	2,121,793
The carrying amounts of the above borrowings are repayable:		
Within one year	**1,768,095**	2,121,793

As at 30 June 2026, the Group had loans amounting to approximately HK$1,695,595,000 (31 December 2025: HK$2,091,535,000) from CMBC International Holdings Limited ("**CMBCI**"), an intermediate holding company, and interest payable amounting to approximately HK$72,500,000 (31 December 2025: HK$30,258,000). The loans are unsecured, bear interest at 4.5% per annum (2025: 4.5% per annum) and are repayable within one year (31 December 2025: within one year). The Group's undrawn amount of the loan facilities is approximately HK$8,304,405,000 (31 December 2025: HK$7,908,465,000).

18 FINANCIAL ASSETS SOLD UNDER REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Bonds	**1,543,609**	1,041,305

As at 30 June 2026, the Group entered into repurchase agreements with financial institutions to sell bonds recognised as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss with aggregate carrying amount of approximately HK$1,943,098,000 (31 December 2025: approximately HK$1,313,993,000), which are subject to the simultaneous agreements to repurchase these investments at the agreed dates and prices.

Sale and repurchase agreements are transactions in which the Group sells bonds and simultaneously agrees to repurchase them (or assets that are substantially the same) at agreed dates and prices. The repurchase prices are fixed and the Group is still exposed to substantially all the credit risks, market risks and rewards of those bonds sold. The bonds are not derecognised from the condensed consolidated financial statements but regarded as "collaterals" for the liabilities because the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of the bonds.

19 SHARE CAPITAL

		Number of shares		Amount	
	Note	**As at 30 June 2026 '000**	As at 31 December 2025 '000	**As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000**	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Authorised:					
Ordinary shares at HK$0.4 each		**2,500,000**	2,500,000	**1,000,000**	1,000,000
Issued and fully paid:					
At the beginning of the period/year		**1,096,969**	1,099,256	**438,787**	439,702
Cancellation for shares repurchased	(i)	**–**	(2,287)	**–**	(915)
At the end of the period/year		**1,096,969**	1,096,969	**438,787**	438,787

Note:

(i) During the year ended 31 December 2025, the Company repurchased an aggregate of 2,287,000 ordinary shares of the Company on market at prices ranging from HK$0.235 to HK$0.330 per share with a total consideration of approximately HK$652,000 (before transaction costs). These repurchased shares were cancelled during the year ended 31 December 2025. The discount of approximately HK$263,000 on the repurchase of shares was credited to share premium account.

20 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on recurring basis

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Level 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable for the six months ended 30 June 2026:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as price) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

20 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on recurring basis (continued)

	Fair value		Fair Value hierarchy	Valuation techniques	Significant unobservable input
	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000			
Financial assets					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
– Listed equity investments	**279**	275	Level 1	Quoted market closing prices in an active market	N/A
– Listed equity investments	**592**	951	Level 2	Quoted price from brokers/ financial institutions	N/A
– Debt investments	**601,350**	411,814	Level 2	Quoted price from brokers/ financial institutions	N/A
– Quoted investment fund	**18,131**	8,442	Level 1	Quoted market closing prices in an active market	N/A
– Unlisted equity investments	**42,655**	48,760	Level 3	Recent transaction price/ Equity allocation model	Discount rate for lack of marketability/ Scenario probability/ Sales multiples
– Unlisted investment funds	**767,450**	726,406	Level 3	Recent transaction price/ Calibration/Binomial model/Equity allocation model/Net asset value	Discount rate for lack of marketability/ Scenario probability/ Sales multiples/ EBITDA multiples/ Price-to-sales ratio
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income					
– Debt investments	**602,123**	552,581	Level 2	Quoted price from brokers/ financial institutions	N/A
– Debt investments	**8,410**	10,944	Level 3	Discounted cash flow model	Discount rate taking into account the credit risk of the issuer
– Equity investments	**1,148,068**	985,223	Level 2	Quoted price from brokers/ financial institutions	N/A

During the periods under review, there were no transfers among Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

20 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on recurring basis (continued)

The movements during the six months ended 30 June 2026 and the year ended 31 December 2025 in the balance of these Level 3 fair value measurements are as follows:

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Unlisted equity investments:		
At the beginning of the period/year	**48,760**	40,552
Disposal	**(5,868)**	–
Changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss during the period/year	**(607)**	8,121
Exchange gain recognised in profit or loss during the period/year	**370**	87
At the end of the period/year	**42,655**	48,760
Unlisted investment funds:		
At the beginning of the period/year	**726,406**	691,032
Capital contribution	**–**	44,138
Changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss during the period/year	**35,433**	(10,154)
Exchange gain recognised in profit or loss during the period/year	**5,611**	1,390
At the end of the period/year	**767,450**	726,406

20 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on recurring basis (continued)

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Debt investments:		
At the beginning of the period/year	**10,944**	23,405
Changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income during the period/year	**(2,534)**	(12,461)
At the end of the period/year	**8,410**	10,944

Fair value measurements and valuation processes

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities with standard terms and conditions and traded on active liquid markets are determined with reference to quoted market closing prices. The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in active liquid markets are determined using appropriate valuation techniques and inputs. The appropriateness of the valuation techniques and inputs to the fair value measurements are reviewed by the directors of the Company periodically.

Fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not measured at fair value

The directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of other financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at amortised cost approximate their fair values as at 30 June 2026 and 31 December 2025.

21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group had the following related party transactions for the six months ended 30 June 2026 and 2025:

(a) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group

	Six months ended 30 June 2026 HK$'000	Six months ended 30 June 2025 HK$'000
Short-term employee benefits	**450**	450
Post-employment benefits	**–**	–
Total compensation to key management personnel	**450**	450

(b) Material transaction with related parties

Apart from transactions disclosed in other notes of the condensed consolidated financial statements, during the period ended 30 June 2026, the Group had the following material transactions with related parties.

	Six months ended 30 June 2026 HK$'000	Six months ended 30 June 2025 HK$'000
Interest expense to an intermediate holding company (Note (i))	**42,196**	30,265
Interest income from a branch of the ultimate holding company	**1**	1
Underwriting fee income from an intermediate holding company	**5,203**	–
Asset management fee and investment advisory services fee income from an intermediate holding company, segregated portfolios invested by an intermediate holding company and the ultimate holding company and funds invested by an intermediate holding company (Note (ii))	**94,150**	90,157
Performance fee income from funds invested by an intermediate holding company (Note (ii))	**–**	90
Office sharing fee income from an intermediate holding company	**2,220**	4,440
Office sharing fee paid to an intermediate holding company	**850**	–

21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(b) Material transaction with related parties (continued)

Notes:

(i) At 30 June 2026, an intermediate holding company provided loans in an aggregate amount of approximately HK$1,695,595,000 (31 December 2025: HK$2,091,535,000) to the Group. The loans bear annual interest rate of 4.5% (2025: 4.5%) and repayable within one year (31 December 2025: within one year). Interest payable of approximately HK$72,500,000 (31 December 2025: HK$30,258,000) has been accrued from the loans as at 30 June 2026.

(ii) During the periods, the Group earned asset management fee and investment advisory services fee income for services provided to an intermediate holding company, segregated portfolios invested by an intermediate holding company and the ultimate holding company and funds invested by an intermediate holding company. During the six months ended 30 June 2025, the Group also earned performance fee income for the asset management services provided to funds invested by an intermediate holding company.

All related party transactions referred to in Note 21(b) constitute connected transactions or continuing connected transactions defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules ("**Chapter 14A**"). The Company has complied with the provisions of Chapter 14A for the periods ended 30 June 2026 and 2025.

(c) Material balances with related parties

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Bank balances at a branch of the ultimate holding company		
– House accounts	40,407	40,574
– Segregated accounts	48,288	22,327
Accounts receivable from an intermediate holding company	48,471	50,592
Accounts receivable from segregated portfolios and funds invested by an intermediate holding company	1,876	1,786
Amounts due from an intermediate holding company	28,990	–
Amounts due to an intermediate holding company	–	9,165
Loans from an intermediate holding company	1,768,095	2,121,793
Accounts payable to the immediate holding company	2,938	2,938
Accounts payable to an intermediate holding company	58,089	92,164
Accounts payable to a fellow subsidiary	6,957	4,747

21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(d) Service agreements with related parties

On 31 May 2019, the Company entered into an office sharing agreement with CMBCI, pursuant to which the Company agreed to grant CMBCI the non-exclusive right to use certain areas of the office space in consideration of the sharing fees payable by CMBCI. On 31 December 2019 and 9 December 2022, the Company entered into the renewed office sharing agreements with CMBCI to renew the office sharing agreement.

On 29 November 2024, the Company (for itself and on behalf of other members of the Group) entered into the service agreement with China Minsheng Bank (for itself and on behalf of other members of China Minsheng Bank Group), pursuant to which, (a) the Group agreed to provide asset management services, investment advisory service and/or ancillary services to the China Minsheng Bank Group, its associates or any third parties who are deemed to be connected with the Company under Rule 14A.20 of the Listing Rules and China Minsheng Bank Group agreed to provide the distribution services to the Group; (b) the Group agreed to provide the underwriting services to China Minsheng Bank Group; and (c) China Minsheng Bank Group agreed to provide the deposit services to the Group. The service agreement and the transactions contemplated thereunder, and the proposed annual caps were approved at the special general meeting on 31 December 2024.

On 6 February 2026, the Company and CMBCI entered into the office sharing agreement, pursuant to which CMBCI agreed to grant the Company the non-exclusive right to use areas of approximately 11,000 square feet of the office space in consideration of the sharing fees payable by the Company.

During the period ended 30 June 2026, there were transactions relating to provision of asset management and investment advisory services, provision of underwriting service, provision of deposit services and office sharing (Previous Period: transactions relating to provision of asset management and investment advisory services, provision of deposit services and office sharing).

22 INVOLVEMENT WITH UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES

	As at 30 June 2026 HK$'000	As at 31 December 2025 HK$'000
Unlisted investment funds	**767,450**	726,406
Quoted investment fund	**18,131**	8,442
	785,581	734,848

The Group has concluded that the unlisted investment funds and quoted investment fund in which it invests, but that it does not consolidate meets the definition of structured entities because:

– the voting rights in the funds are not dominant rights in deciding who controls them as they relate to administrative tasks only;

– each fund's activities are restricted by its articles of associations; and/or

– the funds have narrow and well defined objectives to provide investment opportunities to investors.

The table below describes the types of structured entities that the Group does not consolidate but in which it holds an interest:

Type of structured entity	Nature and purpose	Interest held by the Group
Unlisted investment funds	To manage assets on behalf of third party investors	Acting as limited partner
Quoted investment fund	To manage assets on behalf of third party investors and generate fees for the investment manager This vehicle is financed through the issue of units to investors	Investment in units issued by the funds

22 INVOLVEMENT WITH UNCONSOLIDATED STRUCTURED ENTITIES (continued)

The table below sets out interests held by the Group in unconsolidated structured entities. The maximum exposure to loss is the carrying amount of the financial assets held.

	As at 30 June 2026	
	Number of investment funds	**Carrying amount included in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss HK$'000**
Unlisted investment funds	**7**	**767,450**
Quoted investment fund	**1**	**18,131**
	8	**785,581**

	As at 31 December 2025	
	Number of investment funds	Carrying amount included in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss HK$'000
Unlisted investment funds	7	726,406
Quoted investment fund	1	8,442
	8	734,848

During the six months ended 30 June 2026 and the year ended 31 December 2025, the Group did not provide financial support to the unconsolidated structured entities and has no intention of providing financial or other support.

23 IMMEDIATE AND ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANIES

The immediate holding company is CMBC International Investment Limited, which is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, and the ultimate controlling company is China Minsheng Banking Corp., Ltd., which is incorporated in the People's Republic of China.