

**“Extract of Corporate and Financial Information of CSI Properties Limited”**

## RISK FACTORS

*Prior to making any investment decision, prospective investors should consider carefully all of the information in this Offering Circular, including but not limited to the risks and uncertainties described below. The following factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor is in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring. Any of the risks or uncertainties described below, as well as additional risks or uncertainties, including those which are not currently known to the Issuer or the Guarantor or which the Issuer or the Guarantor currently deems to be immaterial, may affect the Issuer's, the Guarantor's or the Group's business, financial condition or results of operations or their respective ability to fulfil its obligations under the Notes and the Guarantee of the Notes.*

### **Risks Relating to the Group and its Business**

#### ***The Group is dependent on the performance of the Hong Kong property market***

A majority of the Group's assets are located in Hong Kong, and a substantial majority of the Group's revenue is derived from Hong Kong. Consequently, its revenue and operating profits depend on the state of the Hong Kong property market. Hong Kong property values have been affected by supply and demand of comparable properties, the rate of economic growth in Hong Kong, political and economic developments in the PRC and the condition of the global economy. Economic developments outside Hong Kong, such as the global economic crisis, the Eurozone debt crisis, slowdown in the economy in the PRC, efforts by the PRC government to control inflation and property prices in the PRC, the potential interest rate increase in the United States, the social unrest in Hong Kong and the volatility of the global equity markets, including the United States, Europe, the PRC and Hong Kong, could also adversely affect the property market in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong property prices and rents for residential, commercial and industrial properties, after reaching record highs in the mid-1990s, declined significantly in and after the fourth quarter of 1997 as a result of the general economic downturn in Asia, the slowdown in the Hong Kong economy, the increase in supply of new properties in Hong Kong, and high interest rates on Hong Kong dollar borrowings. While the property market showed improvement during the period from 2004 to the third quarter of 2008, property prices and rents in Hong Kong were inevitably affected by the global financial turmoil from September 2008. Property prices remained substantially flat during 2019, but they have generally increased from 2010 onwards. Factors such as the prospect of economic downturn and the tightening of liquidity created negative sentiments for the property market. The demand and rental rates of prime office buildings and for residential, commercial and industrial properties were consequently reduced. Demand and rental rates have since generally improved as a result of the low interest rate environment in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Government increased the stamp duty rate on residential properties (excluding first-time local buyers) to 15 per cent. of the property value from 1.5 per cent. – 8.5 per cent. in November 2016. On 12 April 2017, this increased stamp duty was extended to apply to first-time Hong Kong permanent resident property buyers acquiring multiple properties under a single contract. There can be no assurance that interest rates will not increase in the future. If interest rates increase, this could have a significant impact on the property market, which may in turn affect the Group's operating results and financial condition. Since 2019, Hong Kong's property market has weakened under the strain of the economic slowdown of the PRC and global trade disputes. There is no guarantee that the property market will not be further adversely affected if the PRC and global economies continue to slow.

*Measures adopted from time to time by the Hong Kong Government to restrict the real estate market could slow industry growth rate or cause the real estate market to decline*

The Hong Kong Government may introduce cooling measures on the Hong Kong property market from time to time, which may have a significant impact on the supply and demand in the property market. For example, on 26 October 2012, the financial secretary of the Hong Kong Government announced that the Stamp Duty Ordinance would be amended to adjust the rates and to extend the holding period in respect of the Special Stamp Duty (“SSD”) imposed by the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Ordinance 2011. Under the adjusted regime, any residential property acquired on or after 27 October 2012, either by an individual or a company (regardless of where it is incorporated), and resold within 36 months, will be subject to the new rates of SSD upon the enactment of the relevant legislation. The financial secretary also announced on 26 October 2012 that a Buyer’s Stamp Duty (“BSD”) would be introduced with effect from 27 October 2012 on residential properties acquired by any person (including a company incorporated) except a Hong Kong permanent resident. BSD is to be charged at a flat rate of 15 per cent. on all residential properties, on top of the existing stamp duty and the SSD, if applicable. On 4 November 2016, the Hong Kong Government announced further cooling measures in the form of an increase to stamp duty payable on property transactions to 15 per cent., effective from 5 November 2016 and applying to all residential property acquisitions by individuals or companies with the exception of first-time home buyers who are Hong Kong permanent residents. The new 15 per cent. rate replaces the maximum 8.5 per cent. double ad valorem stamp duty on non-first-time home purchases by Hong Kong permanent residents that had been in place since February 2013. On 12 April 2017, this increased stamp duty was extended to apply to first-time Hong Kong permanent resident property buyers acquiring multiple properties under a single contract. On 29 June 2018, the Hong Kong Government proposed a tax on vacant first-hand private residential units at two times the annual rateable value of the units (the “Vacancy Tax”) to encourage developers to release residential units more quickly into the market. Under the proposal, developers of first-hand private residential units with an occupation permit issued for 12 or more months will be required to make annual returns disclosing the occupancy status of their units. Units that have not been occupied or rented out for more than six of the previous 12 months will be considered vacant and subject to the Vacancy Tax, which will be collected annually. On 13 September 2019, the Hong Kong Government gazetted an amendment bill to implement the proposed Vacancy Tax at the Legislative Council. Although Hong Kong lawmakers decided in June 2020 to shelve the proposal to introduce the Vacancy Tax on property developers due to the lack of time to vet it, there is no assurance that the Hong Kong Government will not reintroduce the amendment bill in the future. If implemented, the Vacancy Tax may present a financial burden to the Group, which may have an adverse effect on its business, operating results and financial condition.

On 16 October 2019, the Hong Kong Government announced plans to expand the eligibility under the Mortgage Insurance Programme of the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited. For a first-time home buyer, the cap on the value of property eligible for a mortgage loan with a maximum cover of 90 per cent. loan-to-value ratio will be raised from the existing HK\$4 million to HK\$8 million. The cap on the value of property eligible for a mortgage loan with a maximum cover of 80 per cent. loan-to-value ratio will also be raised from HK\$6 million to HK\$10 million. On 26 November 2020, the Hong Kong Government abolished the double ad valorem stamp duty on non-residential properties. As the introduction of these measures is subject to policy changes reflecting domestic political or economic circumstances, there can be no assurance that the Hong Kong Government will not introduce further measures in the future that may have a significant impact on the property market, which may in turn affect the Group’s operating results and financial conditions.

In the event of economic decline, the Group may experience market pressures that affect all Hong Kong property companies, such as pressures from tenants or prospective tenants to provide rent reductions or reduced market prices for properties sale. Rental values are also affected by factors such as local, regional and global economic downturns, political developments, governmental regulations and changes in planning or tax laws, interest rate levels and inflation.

There can be no assurance that rents and property values will not decline, tightening of credit provided by banks will not increase or that interest rates will not rise in the future. This could have an adverse effect on the Group's business, operating results and financial condition.

***The adverse market conditions caused by COVID-19 had negatively impacted and may continue to negatively impact the Group's operating results***

The Group's business is subject to global market fluctuations and general economic conditions in Hong Kong, the PRC and the global economy. In particular, the 2019 novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") global pandemic has caused major upheavals on the global economies, and had negatively impacted the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations. Any prolonged downturn, recession or other condition that adversely affects the Group's business and economic environment could have a material adverse impact on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

For the year ended 31 March 2021, the Group's profit attributable to owners of the Guarantor was HK\$330.8 million, as compared to HK\$1,155.6 million last year. Earnings per share was HK3.43 cents, as compared to HK11.77 cents last year. The Group's revenue for the year ended 31 March 2021 was HK\$368.7 million, representing a decrease of HK\$3,341.3 million, as compared to last year. Consolidated profit for the year ended 31 March 2021 was HK\$418.5 million, as compared to HK\$1,243.7 million last year. The decrease in profit was mainly attributable to the reduction in the recorded sales of the Group's properties under the continuing adverse market conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Total revenue attributable to the Group from sales of properties for the year ended 31 March 2021, including those contributed by joint ventures was HK\$1,732.1 million, as compared to HK\$5,198.2 million last year.

As the situation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic is still evolving, the heightened uncertainties surrounding the pandemic, which include, but not limited to, the length of the pandemic, required lockdowns, development and effectiveness of vaccines or other potential treatments, resurgence of infection cases, extent of production disruptions and restoration of business and consumer confidence, may continue to negatively impact the global economies and result in a prolonged global economic crisis or recession that could adversely affect the Group's businesses, financial conditions and results of operations.

***The occurrence of contagious diseases in Asia could affect the Group's business, financial condition or results of operations***

There have been sporadic outbreaks of the H5N1 virus or “Avian Influenza” among birds and, in particular, poultry, as well as some isolated cases of transmission of the virus to humans. There have also been outbreaks among humans of the influenza A/H1N1 virus globally. On 11 June 2009, the World Health Organisation raised its global pandemic alert to Phase 6 after considering data confirming the outbreak. To date, there have been a large number of confirmed cases of influenza A/H1N1 globally. Since 2012, an outbreak of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome corona virus (“MERS”) has affected several countries, primarily in the Middle East. Since late 2019, the outbreak of COVID-19 has resulted in a widespread and global health crisis, restrictions on travel and public transport and prolonged closures of workplaces, which has a material adverse effect on the global economy and creates an interruption of the Group's business. Governments in a number of countries have revised the GDP forecasts for 2020 downward in response to the economic impact caused by the spread of COVID-19, and it is possible that the outbreak of COVID-19 will cause a prolonged global economic crisis, recession or depression despite fiscal and monetary interventions by central banks and governments globally. The outbreak of communicable diseases such as the ones listed above on a global scale may affect investment sentiment and result in sporadic volatility in global capital markets or adversely affect economic activities worldwide. There can be no assurance that there will not be a serious outbreak or recurrence of an outbreak of influenza A/H1N1, MERS, COVID-19 or another contagious disease in Hong Kong, the PRC or other places in the future. If such an outbreak were to occur, it may have a material adverse impact on the business, financial condition or results of operations of the Group.

The outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (“SARS”) that began in the PRC and Hong Kong in early 2003 has had an adverse effect on all levels of business in Hong Kong and the PRC. The outbreak of SARS led to a significant decline in travel volumes and business activities throughout most of the Asian region. The occurrence of another outbreak of SARS or of another highly contagious disease may result in another economic downturn and may have an adverse effect on the overall level of business and travel in the affected areas. It may also disrupt the Group's business operations and consequently have an adverse effect on its financial condition and operating results.

***Social unrest could have an adverse impact on the Group's business, financial condition or operating results***

Social unrest occurring in close proximity to the Group's properties in Hong Kong may disrupt the Group's business. Protests, demonstrations or rioting causing mass disruption to businesses and transportation may result in a decrease in consumer spending. Consumers may avoid areas affected by social upheaval or may be unable to reach these areas due to a disruption in transportation or an outbreak of violence, and local businesses may be affected. There is no assurance that there will not be any unforeseeable interruptions to the business and operations of the Group's properties and affect the potential access to the Group's property sales activities therein. Moreover, inbound tourism may be affected, with less tourists travelling to Hong Kong, which in turn may negatively affect the Hong Kong retail market and hospitality industry. Furthermore, there is no assurance that prolonged social unrest will not have an adverse impact on residential and commercial property prices. Social unrest is outside the control of the Group, and any such demonstrations, protests or riots occurring in close proximity to the Group's properties or over a prolonged period could adversely impact the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

### *The Group is exposed to property market risks in the PRC*

In the PRC, the rapid expansion of the property market in certain major cities, including Shanghai and Beijing, in the early 1990s culminated in oversupply by the mid-1990s and a corresponding decrease in property values and rentals in the second half of the decade. Since the late 1990s, private residential property prices and the number of residential property development projects have gradually increased in certain major cities in the PRC as a result of an increase in demand driven by domestic economic growth. In particular, prices of residential properties in certain major PRC cities such as Shanghai have experienced rapid and significant growth. In recent years, certain major PRC cities have seen cyclical changes in their property markets and property prices in general have been volatile in recent years. Since 2010, the PRC government at both the central and local levels have implemented measure such as home purchase restrictions that have affected market sentiment and reduced transaction volume in the PRC property market.

In recent years, the Group has increased its investment in properties in the PRC. Currently, the Group has substantial property development and investment interests in Shanghai and Beijing and expects to continue to develop and invest in properties in the PRC. The Group is therefore subject to risks usually associated with property development and investment in the PRC. Any real estate market downturn in Shanghai and Beijing in the future could adversely affect the Group's profitability and prospects. There can be no assurance that the demand for commercial and residential properties in Shanghai and Beijing will continue to grow. The Group's results of operations may be influenced by fluctuations of supply and demand in the real estate market, which may in turn be influenced by the general state of the PRC economy or PRC national or local government policies. Since September 2016, certain local governments including without limitation Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Tianjin, Suzhou, Zhengzhou, Jinan, Qingdao, Wuxi, Hefei, Wuhan, Nanjing, Fuzhou, Foshan, Dongguan, Huizhou, Shijiazhuang, Langfang, Baoding, Cangzhou, Chengde, Chengdu, Chuzhou, Changsha, Xiamen, Zhongshan, Jurong, Yangzhou, Hainan province and Hangzhou, have issued new property market control policies, including restoring or strengthening the restriction on purchases of residential properties and tightening credit policy. In September 2018, Beijing issued new rules further tightening the availability of housing provident fund loans. On 25 August 2019, the People's Bank of China (the "PBOC") issued the People's Bank of China No.16 [2019] Announcement, under which, starting from 8 October 2019, new commercial individual housing loans should be determined by adding basis points to the latest monthly loan prime rate ("LPR") of corresponding maturity. The basis points added should conform to the national and local housing credit policy requirements, reflecting the loan risk profile, and remain fixed during the contract period. The interest rate of loans for first-time home purchasers should not be lower than the LPR of corresponding maturity, and the interest rate of loans for second-time home purchasers should not be lower than the LPR of corresponding maturity plus 60 basis points. On 30 December 2020, the PBOC and the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission jointly issued the Notice on Establishing a Centralization Management System for Real Estate Loans of Banking Financial Institutions which becomes effective from 1 January 2021. This notice classifies the banks into five categories and set the upper limits on the proportion of real estate loans and the proportion of personal housing loans according the classification, the former being 40% and the latter being 32.5%, which is subject to certain range of adjustment based on the characteristics of the local economic and financial development level. As a result, there can be no assurance that the problems of oversupply and falling property prices will not recur to the extent of the mid-1990s or be even worse or that the recurrence of such problems with respect to the property market in the PRC will not adversely affect the Group's business, financial condition or results of operations. Any economic downturn or over-supply of commercial or residential properties could result in downward pressure on the Group's income and valuation of its property portfolio.

The PRC central and local governments also frequently adjust monetary and other economic policies to prevent and curtail the overheating of the national and local economies, for example, industry policies and other economic measures, such as control over the supply of land for property development, setting interest rates, controlling the supply of credit by changing bank reserve ratios and implementing lending restrictions, increasing tax and duties on property transfers and imposing foreign investment and currency exchange restrictions; and such economic adjustments may affect the PRC property market. Such policies may be adjusted by the central government of the PRC from time to time in response to the changing market environment. Given that the central and local governments of the PRC are expected to continue to exercise a substantial degree of control and influence over the PRC economy and property market, any form of government control or newly implemented laws and regulations, depending on the nature and extent of such changes and the Group's ability to make corresponding adjustments, may result in a material adverse effect on the Group's business and operating results and its future expansion plans in the PRC. In particular, decisions taken by PRC regulators concerning economic policies or goals that are inconsistent with the Group's interests could adversely affect its operating results, financial condition and prospects. See also “- Risks Relating to the Group's Business in the PRC”. Furthermore, private ownership of property in the PRC is still at an early stage of development. For example, the property market in the PRC has, in the past, experienced weakness in demand due to the lack of a mature and active secondary market for private properties and the limited availability of mortgage loans to individuals in the PRC as a result of government interventions.

In addition, development projects in the PRC are dependent on obtaining the approval of a variety of governmental authorities at different levels, receipt of which cannot be assured. These development projects have been, and may in the future be, subject to certain risks, including the cyclical nature of property markets, changes in governmental regulations and economic policies, including regulations and policies restricting construction of properties and buildings and related limitations on pre-sales and sales, extensions of credit, building material shortages, increases in labour and material costs, changes in general economic and credit conditions and the illiquidity of land and other properties. Any restriction on the Group's ability to pre-sell or sell its properties or any restriction on the use of pre-sale or sale proceeds could extend the time required to recover its capital outlay and could have an adverse impact on its business, financial condition and results of operations, and in particular its cash flow position. There can be no assurance that required approvals will be obtained or that the cost of the Group's developments will not exceed projected costs. These factors could adversely affect the Group's business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

*The Group's businesses are subject to the effects of global economic and political events*

Economic events outside Hong Kong, the PRC and Macau may adversely affect the Group's business. In recent years, volatility in the global credit markets has affected the availability of credit and the confidence of the financial markets, globally as well as in Hong Kong, the PRC and Macau. The global economy and financial markets have been affected by the ongoing sovereign debt crises in several member countries of the European Union in late 2011 to the present, and, more recently, the tapering of the stimulative quantitative easing policy, and the potential interest rate increase, by the U.S. Federal Reserve, the economic slowdown of the PRC, the political instability in the Korean Peninsula and the enhanced market volatility stemming from the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union (“**Brexit**”) effective from 31 January 2021. Given the lack of precedent, it is unclear how Brexit would affect the fiscal, monetary and regulatory landscape within the United Kingdom, the European Union and globally. Furthermore, the rising trade tensions between the United States, China and other major nations create uncertainties in the world economy and global financial market. Starting in April 2018, the United States imposed tariffs on various categories of imports from China, and the PRC responded with similarly sized tariffs on the United States' products. Although the United States and China entered into “phase one” of an economic and trade agreement in early 2020, the effect of such an agreement remains elusive, and the lasting impacts any trade war may have on Hong Kong's and China's economies and the industries the Group operates in remain uncertain.

Following the enactment of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in Hong Kong (the “**Hong Kong National Security Law**”), the United States government signed into law the Hong Kong Autonomy Act (the “**HKAA**”) in July 2020 authorising the United States administration to impose blocking sanctions against individuals and entities determined to “materially contribute to the erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy”. The United States government also issued executive order that withdrew certain privileges granted to Hong Kong. The combined effect of the Hong Kong National Security Law, the HKAA and the executive order have caused, and may continue to cause, substantial market uncertainties, and certain other foreign governments and organisations have also taken actions in response to or expressed concern regarding the enactment of the Hong Kong National Security Law. There can be no assurance that the Group's business, results of operations and financial condition will not be affected by these political and legal developments.

In addition, any deterioration in the financial markets may contribute to a slowdown in the global economy, including in the growth forecasts, and may lead to significant declines in employment, household wealth, consumer demand and lending. These events have had, or may continue to have, a significant adverse impact on economic growth in Hong Kong, the PRC and elsewhere. An economic downturn may also have a negative impact on the overall level of business and leisure travel to Hong Kong and the PRC. There can be no assurance that these conditions will not lead to reduced property prices and rentals, reduced hotel occupancy levels and rates and reduced consumer spending in Hong Kong and the PRC. There can be no assurance that any stimulus measures implemented or proposed by governments will improve economic growth or consumer sentiment in these countries. In addition, if this situation were to worsen, or if the economic recovery fails to continue or if an economic slowdown were to return, the Group may have difficulty accessing the financial markets, which could make it more difficult or expensive to obtain funding and, in addition, there can be no assurance that the Group will be able to raise finance at a reasonable cost. The Group may also be subject to solvency risks of banks and of its counterparties in its financial investments and arrangements. These may have a material adverse impact on the operations of the Group.

### ***The Group's property businesses require substantial capital investment***

The Group has historically required, and expects that it will require in the future, additional financing to fund its capital expenditures, to support the future growth of its business, particularly with respect to its property development and investment activities, and/or to refinance existing debt obligations. The Group's ability to arrange for external financing and the cost of such financing is dependent on numerous factors, including general economic and capital market conditions, interest rates, credit availability from banks or other lenders, investor confidence in the Group, success of the Group's businesses, provisions of tax and securities laws that may be applicable to the Group's efforts to raise capital and political and economic conditions in the PRC and Hong Kong. There can be no assurance that additional financing, either on a short-term or a long-term basis, will be made available or, if available, that such financing will be obtained on terms favourable to the Group.

### ***The Group operates in highly competitive industries***

The Group's principal business operations face significant competition across the markets in which it operates. New market entrants and intensified price competition among existing market players could adversely affect the Group's financial condition or results of operations. New properties and facilities built in areas where the Group's properties are located may compete with the Group for tenants and occupants, which may affect the Group's ability to maintain high occupancy and utilisation levels, rental rates and other charges in respect of its investment properties and buyers, which may affect the Group's ability to sell its development properties. Competition risks faced by the Group include: (i) an increasing number of developers undertaking property investment and development in Hong Kong and the PRC, in particular Shanghai and Beijing where the Group operates, and Macau, which may affect the market share and returns of the Group; and (ii) significant competition and pricing pressure from other developers which may adversely affect the financial performance of the Group's operations.

### ***The Group may not always be able to obtain sites that are suitable for development or redevelopment***

The Group derives a substantial part of its revenue from sales or lease of properties that it has acquired or developed. This revenue stream depends on the completion of, and the Group's ability to sell or lease, its properties. In order to maintain and grow its business in the future, the Group will be required to replenish its project pipeline with suitable sites or buildings for improvement or development. The Group's ability to identify and acquire suitable sites or buildings is subject to a number of factors that are beyond its control. The Group's business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected if it is unable to obtain sites or buildings for improvement or development at prices that allow it to achieve reasonable returns upon sale or lease to its customers. The limited supply of land in Hong Kong has, in the past, made it increasingly difficult to locate suitable property at economical prices for development which could be acquired by the Group. In addition, the Group's acquisition strategy in relation to the property it purchases may prove ineffective and may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business.

While the Hong Kong Government has expressed its desire to increase land supply, the amount of land offered by the Hong Kong Government by auction is nevertheless still fairly limited. This affects the Group's ability to replenish its Hong Kong land bank. In addition, the PRC government controls all new land supply in the PRC and regulates land sales in the secondary market. The PRC central and local governments may regulate the means by which property developers, including the Group, obtain land sites for property developments. Please see "Risks Relating to the Group's Business in the PRC – The economic, political and social conditions of the PRC, as well as government policies, could affect the Group's business". As a result, the policies of the PRC government towards land supply may adversely affect the Group's ability to acquire land use rights for sites it seeks to develop and could increase the costs of any acquisition.

***The Group may not be able to manage properties in a way that meets the demands of local markets***

The Group is focused on the repositioning, investment and redevelopment of quality commercial and premium residential properties in Hong Kong, the PRC and Macau. The success of the Group's business model is dependent on the accuracy of its predictions of local demand for quality commercial and premium residential properties and economic growth of the cities where it has, or will have, a portfolio of properties. The Group's success is also dependent on its managerial, operational and financial resources, as well as its knowledge of the demand for quality commercial and premium residential properties. There can be no assurance that the Group's business model will be successful in each of the markets that it enters into. If it fails to establish or expand its business according to its plans, the Group's business, reputation, financial position and results of operations may be materially and adversely affected.

***Certain of the Group's business activities are conducted through joint ventures***

The Group has equity interests in several joint venture entities in connection with its property investment and development projects. Such joint ventures may involve special risks associated with the possibility that the Group's joint venture partners may:

- have economic or business interests or goals that are inconsistent with those of the Group;
- take action contrary to the instructions or requests of the Group or contrary to the Group's policies or objectives with respect to its property investments;
- be unable or unwilling to fulfil their obligations under the joint ventures or other agreements;
- undergo a change of control; or
- experience financial or other difficulties.

In addition, the Group may not be able to pass certain important board resolutions requiring unanimous consent of all the directors of these joint ventures if there is a disagreement between the Group and its joint venture partners. As such, the Group may not be able to dispose of assets that are jointly owned by the Group and its joint venture partners. Any of these and other factors may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business.

***The Group is subject to risks incidental to the ownership and development of real estate properties***

Investment in property is generally illiquid, limiting the ability of an owner or a developer to convert property assets into cash at short notice or requiring a substantial reduction in the price that might otherwise be sought for such assets to ensure a quick sale. Such illiquidity also limits the Group's ability to manage its portfolio in response to changes in economic or other conditions. Moreover, it may face difficulties in securing timely and commercially favourable financing in asset-based lending transactions secured by real estate due to the illiquidity. The Group is subject to risks incidental to the ownership and operation of residential, office and other properties, including, among other things, competition for tenants and changes in market rents, all of which could adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Group.

The Group's property development business involves significant risks distinct from those involved in the ownership and operation of established properties, including, among other things, the risk that financing for development may not be available on favourable terms (or at all), that construction may not be completed on schedule or within budget (for reasons including shortages of equipment, material and labour, work stoppages, interruptions resulting from inclement weather, unforeseen engineering, environmental and geological problems and unanticipated cost increases), that development may be affected by governmental regulations (including changes in building and planning regulations and delays or failure to obtain the requisite construction and occupancy approvals), that developed properties may not be leased or sold on profitable terms, and that purchasers and/or tenants will default.

***The Group is subject to the risks associated with renewing leases and re-letting property***

The Group is subject to risks associated with the property industry such as competition for tenants, changes in market rents, inability to renew leases or re-let space as existing leases expire, inability to collect rent from tenants due to bankruptcy or insolvency of tenants or otherwise, inability to dispose of major investment properties for the values at which they are recorded in the financial statements, increase in operating costs and the need to renovate, repair and re-let space periodically and to pay the associated costs. The Group's business relies on its ability to identify and let property to premium tenants whom the Group targets. Failure to renew leases could adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Group.

***A material deterioration of its cash flow position may have a material adverse effect on the Group's ability to service its indebtedness and continue its operations***

In addition to borrowing, the Group relies on sale of its properties as a major source of funding for its operations and to assist with servicing its debt. Should the Group's sales be significantly limited or otherwise materially and adversely affected as a result of changes in Hong Kong or PRC laws and regulations or in government policies relating to property or property development, or by a significant economic downturn in the Hong Kong or PRC or in the property markets where the Group operates or otherwise, the Group could experience cash flow difficulties and difficulties in servicing its indebtedness. If major commercial banks decline to provide additional loans to the Group or to re-finance its existing loans when they mature as a result of the Group's credit risk and the Group fails to raise adequate financing through other channels, the Group's financial condition, cash flow position and business prospects may be materially and adversely affected.

***The continuing success of the Group depends on key management personnel***

The success of the Group depends on key management personnel and on the continued service of its executive officers and other experienced and skilled managerial and technical personnel. The board of directors of the Guarantor (the "**Board**") comprises only four Executive Directors, each of whom plays a key role in the management and leadership of the Group, so that management of the Group is run on a very lean basis. Competition for qualified personnel is intense. The Group's business could suffer if the services of a number of key personnel were lost and if the Group could not recruit suitable replacements in a timely manner.

Furthermore, as the business of the Group continues to grow, the Group will need to recruit and train additional qualified personnel. If the Group fails to attract and retain qualified personnel, its business and prospects may be adversely affected.

***The Group is subject to certain risks due to the cyclical nature of consumer spending and economic development***

The Group derives a portion of its revenue from commercial and office properties which are closely tied to general consumer demand and commercial market sentiment. Any change in such general consumer demand and commercial market sentiment can affect overall economic outlook and investor confidence leading to changes in the tenant mix and credit standing of tenants. Competition from new market entrants and fluctuations in the level of disposable household income may adversely affect the relative bargaining position of the Group with its tenants in terms of lease rates, tenure and frequency of rental revisions, and thus adversely affect the Group's revenue and financial performance.

***The Group's revenue and results of operations may fluctuate from period to period***

Substantially all of the Group's revenue is derived from the sale of properties held for sale. The Group's results of operations may fluctuate in the future due to a combination of factors, including the overall improvement or development schedule of its property projects, the level of interest of properties by prospective customers, the proposed timing for completion and sale of the Group's improved or developed properties, the Group's revenue recognition policies, property acquisition costs and price volatility in construction-related and improvement or development expenses. Most of the Group's commercial property projects require at least a year or more to complete the relevant improvement works, whereas the Group's residential property projects require a few years to complete and are often undertaken in phases. Selling prices of developed properties are often higher closer to completion, due in part to the more established community available to prospective purchasers. Furthermore, according to the Group's accounting policy for revenue recognition, it recognises revenue from the sale of properties only upon completion of the relevant contracts of sale, which, in the case of pre-sold residential properties, would often be at the same time as the delivery of completed properties to purchasers. As such, even where a sale and purchase agreement has been entered into by the Group, the Group can only recognise revenue from such sale upon successful completion of that transaction. A time gap ranging from several months to a number of years may pass between the date on which the Group commences pre-sales of its residential properties and the date on which completed properties are delivered to purchasers. Accordingly, the Group's results of operations may vary significantly from period to period depending, in part, on the gross floor area ("GFA") sold and the timetable for the completion and delivery of properties contracted for sale. Historically, periods in which the Group completed more of its improvement works or GFA have often generated a higher level of revenue. Periods in which the Group sells or pre-sells a considerable amount of aggregate GFA, however, may not necessarily generate a higher level of revenue if such sold or pre-sold properties are not completed within the same period. The Group's results of operations are also affected by the limitation that during any particular period of time, it can only undertake a limited number of projects due to the substantial capital requirements for properties or land acquisitions, construction costs and the limited supply of appropriate buildings or land. The Group's ability to complete projects as scheduled may also be affected by seasonal factors, such as heavy winter rainfall and typhoons, which could hinder the renovation, and in turn, the completion of its property projects. The Group's revenue and profits, often recognised upon the completion and delivery of properties, may also be affected by such seasonal effects.

***The Group relies on independent contractors and sub-contractors for the provision of certain services***

The Group engages independent third-party contractors and sub-contractors to provide various services including construction, building and property fitting-out work, interior decoration, installation of air conditioning units and elevators, and transportation of materials by air, sea and road. There can be no assurance that the services rendered by any independent third-party contractor or sub-contractor engaged by the Group will be satisfactory. The Group is also exposed to the risk that its contractors and sub-contractors may require additional capital to complete an engagement in excess of the price originally tendered and the Group may have to bear additional costs as a result. Furthermore, there is a risk that the Group's contractors and subcontractors may experience financial or other difficulties which may affect their ability to discharge their obligations, thus delaying the completion of the Group's projects or resulting in additional costs for the Group. The timely performance by these contractors and sub-contractors may also be affected by natural and human factors such as natural disasters, strikes and other industrial or labour disturbances, terrorism, restraints of government, civil disturbances, accidents or breakages of machinery or equipment, failure of suppliers, interruption of delays in transportation, all of which are beyond the control of the Group. Any of these factors could adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Group.

***Property revaluations may have an adverse impact on the Group's financial results and position***

In accordance with HKFRSs, the Group reviews the net realisable value ("NRV") of its properties classified as properties held for sale at every reporting balance sheet date at the lower of cost or NRV on the basis of an external professional valuation. Any increase in the NRV of these properties above their relevant cost to completion will not be credited to the income statement. However, any decrease in the NRV of the Group's properties below that of their relevant cost to completion will reduce its profit and equity for that year. These factors could have an adverse effect on the Group's business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

***The Group is subject to risks relating to accidents or other incidents which may not be covered by insurance***

The Group maintains insurance coverage on all of its properties under construction, third party liabilities and owner's liabilities in accordance with what it believes to be industry standards. However, the Group may become subject to liability for hazards which it cannot insure against or which it may elect not to insure against because of premium costs disproportionate to the level of risks concerned or other reasons. In particular, the Group's insurance policies generally do not cover certain types of losses incurred due to events such as war, civil disorder and acts of terrorism. Any losses may significantly affect the Group's business operation and the Group may not have sufficient funds to replace any property destroyed as a result of such hazards. Furthermore, whilst every care is taken by the Group and its employees in the selection and supervision of its independent contractors, accidents and other incidents, such as theft, may occur from time to time. Such accidents may expose the Group to liability or other claims by its customers and other third parties. Although the Group believes that it has adequate insurance arrangements in place to cover such eventualities, it is possible that accidents or incidents which are not covered by these arrangements could occur. The occurrence of any such accidents or incidents which are not covered by insurance could adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Group. It is also possible that litigants may seek to hold the Group responsible for the actions of its independent contractors.

***If the Group is not properly insulated from the rising cost of labour, construction materials or building equipment, the Group's results of operations may be adversely affected***

As the result of economic growth and the competition in the property development industry in Hong Kong and the PRC, wages for construction workers and the prices of construction materials and building equipment have experienced increases in recent years. For example, the PRC Labour Contract Law that came into effect on 1 January 2008 (certain amendments to which were adopted on 28 December 2012 and became effective on 1 July 2013) is primarily aimed at the regulation and protection of employee/ employer rights and obligations, including matters with respect to the establishment, performance and termination of labour contracts. In addition, the PRC government has continued to introduce various new labour-related regulations after the effectiveness of the PRC Labour Contract Law. The Group's labour costs may increase as a result of these new protective labour measures, which could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects. In addition, as the interpretation and implementation of these new regulations are still evolving, the Group's employment practice may not at all times be deemed to be in compliance with the new regulations. If the Group is subject to penalties or incurs liabilities in connection with labour disputes or investigations, the Group's business, results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected. Under the terms of most of the Group's construction contracts, the Group's construction contractors are responsible for the wages of construction workers and procuring construction materials for the Group's property development, and would bear the risk of fluctuations in wages and construction material prices during the term of the relevant contract as the Group generally enters into fixed or capped unit price contracts with them. However, the Group is exposed to the price volatility of labour and construction materials to the extent that the Group periodically enters into new, or renews its current, construction contracts during the life of a project, which may span over several years, or that the Group hires the employees directly or purchases the construction materials directly from suppliers. The Group is also exposed to the price volatility of building equipment used in properties developed by the Group because the Group usually procures such equipment by itself. Furthermore, the Group typically pre-sells the Group's properties prior to their completion, and the Group will be unable to pass the increased costs on to the Group's customers if construction costs increase subsequent to the time of such pre-sale. If the Group is unable to pass on any increase in the cost of labour, construction materials and building equipment to either the Group's construction contractors or to the purchasers of the Group's properties, the Group's results of operations may be negatively affected. No assurance can be given as to the future movements of the prices of the construction materials required by the Group, and any detrimental movements in the future may have a material adverse effect upon the Group's business, results of operations and financial condition.

***The Group faces contractual risks relating to the pre-sale of properties, including the risk that property developments cannot be completed, or cannot be completed on time***

The Group faces contractual risks relating to the pre-sale of properties. Failure to complete and/or deliver a pre-sold property in a timely manner may cause the Group to be liable to the relevant purchasers for losses suffered by them. The Group's failure to complete property developments in the time required by pre-sale contracts may entitle purchasers to claim damages under the pre-sale contracts, and in the event that such failure causes a delay that extends beyond any grace period stipulated in the pre-sale contracts, purchasers may be entitled to terminate the pre-sale contracts, claim damages and request a refund of their purchase amount together with interest.

***The Group may experience delays in completion or delivery of its renovated properties which could have an adverse effect on the income of the Group***

The Group's profit margin is sensitive to fluctuations in the costs of construction and renovation materials. Construction costs comprise one of the key components of the Group's cost of sales. Construction costs encompass all costs for the design, construction, renovation and fit-out of a project, including payments to third-party contractors, costs of construction materials, foundation and substructure, fittings, facilities for utilities and related infrastructure such as roads and pipelines. Historically, construction material costs and interior design material costs have been the principal driver of the construction costs of the Group's property development projects. A general trend in the economy of increased inflationary risk may also have an impact on the construction costs and a wider impact on other costs.

Construction costs may fluctuate as a result of the volatile price movement of construction materials such as steel and cement. The Group manages the cost of outsourced construction work through a process of tenders which, among other things, takes into account procurement of supplies of principal construction materials such as steel and cement for the Group's property projects at fixed prices. In line with industry practice, if there is a significant price fluctuation (depending on the specific terms of each contract), the Group will be required to re-negotiate, top up or refund, depending on the price movement, existing construction contracts. Additionally, should existing contractors fail to perform under their contracts, the Group may be required to pay more to contractors under replacement contracts. Therefore, the Group's profit margin is sensitive to changes in the market prices for construction materials and these profit margins will be adversely affected if the Group cannot pass all of the increased costs onto its customers.

***Potential liability for environmental problems could result in costs to the Group***

The Group is subject to various laws and regulations concerning the protection of health and the environment. The particular environmental laws and regulations which apply to any given project development site vary greatly according to the site's location, its environmental condition, the present and former uses of the site, as well as any adjoining properties. Environmental laws and conditions may result in delays to the Group's property developments, may cause the Group to incur compliance and other costs and can prohibit or severely restrict project development activity in environmentally-sensitive regions or areas.

Each project the Group develops in Hong Kong, the PRC or Macau is required under applicable laws and regulations to undergo environmental assessments. Further, an environmental impact assessment document is required to be submitted to the relevant government authorities for approval before commencement of construction. The local authorities may request the Group to submit additional environmental impact documents, issue orders to suspend the construction and/or impose penalties for any projects that have not, prior to the commencement of construction, received approval following the submission of the environmental impact assessment documents. Although the environmental investigations conducted to date have not revealed any environmental liability that the Group believes would have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition or results of operations, it is possible that these investigations did not reveal all environmental liabilities, or that there are material environmental liabilities of which the Group is unaware. Please see "Description of the Group – Environmental and Safety Matters" for a description of the foregoing environmental matters.

***The Group's business is subject to various laws and regulations***

The operations of the Group are subject to various laws and regulations of Hong Kong, the PRC and Macau in which the Group's operations are located. The Group's activities on its commercial and development properties are limited by zoning ordinances and other regulations enacted by the authorities. Developing properties, refurbishment and other redevelopment projects require government permits, some of which may take longer to obtain than others. From time to time, the authorities may impose new regulations on landlords such as mandatory retrofitting of upgraded safety and fire systems in all buildings. The Group's properties are subject to routine inspections by the authorities with regard to various safety and environmental issues. There can be no assurance that the Group will be able to comply with such regulations or pass such inspections.

From time to time, changes in law and regulations or the implementation thereof may require the Group to obtain additional approvals and licences from the relevant authorities for the conduct of its operations. In such event, the Group may incur additional expenses to comply with such requirements. This will in turn affect the Group's financial performance as its business costs will increase.

Furthermore, there can be no assurance that such approvals or licences will be granted to the Group promptly or at all. If the Group experiences delays in obtaining, or is unable to obtain, such required approvals or licences, it may have a material adverse impact on the business, financial condition or results of operations of the Group.

***The Group's business may be adversely affected by further increases in borrowing rates***

Changes in borrowing rates have affected, and will continue to affect, the financing costs for the Group's property development business and, ultimately, the Group's results of operations. While the Group believes that the lending rate has not in the past had a material adverse effect on the Group's ability to obtain adequate financing for the Group's operations or on the Group's overall financial condition, there can be no assurance that lending rates will remain unchanged or that an increase in lending rates in the future will not have a material adverse effect on the Group's operations and financial condition. Although the Group's borrowings are primarily denominated in Hong Kong dollars, as at 31 March 2021 the Group had Renminbi denominated loans with an aggregate outstanding amount of approximately RMB611 million to fund the Group's property business at the Group's PRC subsidiary level. The interest rates are based on premiums or discounts to the Renminbi lending base rate as announced by PBOC from time to time. If PBOC further raises lending rates, the Group's business, results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

***The Group is affected by currency fluctuations***

The results of the Group are recorded in Hong Kong dollars, but its various subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures may receive revenue and incur expenses in other currencies, including Renminbi. Any currency fluctuations on translation of the accounts of these subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, and on the repatriation of earnings, equity investments and loans may therefore impact on the Group's performance. Although currency exposures have been managed by the Group, a depreciation or fluctuation of the currencies in which the Group conducts operations relative to the Hong Kong dollar could adversely affect the Group's financial condition or results of operations.

***The Guarantor is controlled by a single major shareholder***

The ultimate major shareholder of the Guarantor is Mr. Chung Cho Yee, Mico, who is Chairman and Executive Director of the Guarantor and has an interest in approximately 53.22 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Guarantor as at 31 March 2021 with the remaining shares being held by other employees of the Group and by public shareholders. Mr. Chung, as the Guarantor's controlling shareholder, is therefore able to exert considerable influence over the management and affairs of the Group. As a result, transactions between the Guarantor and other companies in which Mr. Chung has an interest are subject to the rules of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") which, in certain circumstances, may require disclosure to, and approval from, the shareholders of the Guarantor.

***The Group's operations are subject to external risks***

A natural disaster, catastrophe or other event could result in severe personal injury, property damage and environmental damage, which may curtail the Group's operations, cause delays in estimated completion dates for projects and materially adversely affect its cash flows and, accordingly, adversely affect its ability to service debt. The Group's operations are based in Hong Kong, the PRC and Macau, which are exposed to potential natural disasters including, but not limited to, typhoons, storms, floods and earthquakes. If any of the Group's developments are damaged by severe weather or any other disaster, accident, catastrophe or other event, the Group's operations may be significantly interrupted. The occurrence or continuance of any of these or similar events could increase the costs associated with the Group's operations and reduce its ability to operate its businesses at their intended capacities, thereby reducing revenues. Risks of substantial costs and liabilities are inherent in the Group's principal operations and there can be no assurance that significant costs and liabilities will not be incurred, including those relating to claims for damages to property or persons.

**Risks Relating to the Group's Business in the PRC**

***The economic, political and social conditions of the PRC, as well as government policies, could affect the Group's business***

The Group's strategy is to continue to expand its business in the PRC to capitalise on China's economic growth and rapid urbanisation. The Group believes that one of its key growth drivers is expected to be its business initiatives in property development and investment in the PRC. The Group's financial condition, operating results and prospects will, accordingly, be subject to economic, political and legal developments in the PRC as well as in the economies in the surrounding region. The economy in the PRC differs from the economies of most developed countries in many respects, including:

- economic and political structure;
- extent of government involvement and control;
- level of development;
- growth rate;
- regulation of capital investment;

- control of foreign exchange; and
- allocation of resources.

While the PRC economy has experienced significant growth in the past 25 years, growth has been uneven, both geographically and among the various sectors of the economy. The PRC government has implemented various measures to encourage economic growth and guide the allocation of resources. Some of these measures benefit the overall PRC economy, but may also have a negative effect on the Group's operations. For example, the Group's financial condition and operating results may be adversely affected by the PRC government's control over capital investments or any changes in tax regulations or foreign exchange controls that are applicable to it.

The PRC economy has been transitioning from a planned economy to a more market-oriented economy. Although in recent years the PRC government has implemented measures emphasising the utilisation of market forces for economic reform, the reduction of state ownership of productive assets and the establishment of sound corporate governance in business enterprises, a substantial portion of productive assets in the PRC is still owned by the PRC government. In addition, the PRC government continues to play a significant role in regulating the development of industries in the PRC by imposing top-down policies. It also exercises significant control over the PRC's economic growth through the allocation of resources, controlling the payment of foreign currency-denominated obligations, setting monetary policy and providing preferential treatment to particular geographies, industries or companies. To curb any inflationary pressures, the PRC government has taken a number of credit-tightening measures to increase the cost of credit and to reduce the availability of credit. The PRC government may implement further credit-tightening measures which could have an adverse impact on the Group's ability to access onshore financing in the PRC.

***The PRC's legal system is less developed than in certain other countries and the PRC laws may not be interpreted and enforced in a consistent manner***

The PRC legal system is based on written statutes in which decided legal cases have little value as precedents. Since 1979, the PRC government has introduced many new laws and regulations to provide general guidance on economic and business practices in the PRC and to regulate foreign investment. Progress has been made in the promulgation of laws and regulations dealing with economic matters such as corporate organisation and governance, foreign investment, commerce, taxation and trade. The promulgation of changes to existing laws and the abrogation of local regulations by national laws could have a negative impact on the business and prospects of the Group and its joint ventures. In addition, as these laws, regulations and legal requirements are relatively recent, their interpretation and enforcement may involve significant uncertainty. The interpretation of PRC laws may be subject to policy changes which reflect domestic political changes. As the PRC legal system develops, the promulgation of new laws, changes to existing laws and the pre-emption of local regulations by national laws may have an adverse effect on the Group's prospects, financial condition and operating results.

### ***Real estate is a highly regulated sector in the PRC***

The supply of substantially all of the land in the PRC is controlled and regulated by the PRC government. The land supply policies adopted by the PRC government directly impact the Group's ability to acquire properties for development and the costs of such acquisitions. For example, in recent years, the PRC government has introduced a series of measures (and may implement further measures) to stabilise the real estate market, including policies to prevent excessive rises in property prices in certain cities and sectors such as taxing capital gains to discourage speculation, restricting purchases of real estate by foreigners, limiting the amount of luxury villa developments and tightening of credit available to real estate developers and individual purchasers. Property developers must comply with various national and local regulatory requirements promulgated by different tiers of regulators. From time to time, the PRC government adjusts its macroeconomic policies to encourage or restrict property development which may have a direct impact on the Group's business.

The PRC government's restrictive measures to control the property development industry's rate of growth could limit the Group's access to capital resources, reduce market demand and increase the Group's operating costs. The PRC government may adopt additional and more stringent measures in the future, which may further slow the development of the industry and materially and adversely affect the Group's business and result of operations. In particular, any additional or more stringent measures imposed by the PRC government in the future to curb high-end residential real estate projects may materially and adversely affect the Group's business and results of operations.

The Group may enter into certain land clearance agreements with relevant land authorities, and may be required to assist local governments with clearing land and relocating original residents with respect to potential development property projects in accordance with the relevant PRC laws and regulations. The complicated administrative process and possibility of unfavourable settlement regarding the amount of compensation may increase the cost of any such development and materially adversely affect the Group's cash flow, business operations and financial condition.

Under PRC law, if a developer fails to perform its obligations according to the terms of the land grant contract (including those relating to payment of fees, land use or the time for commencement and completion of the development of the land), the relevant local government authority may give a warning to or impose a penalty on the developer or forfeit the land granted to the developer. Under the current PRC laws and regulations, if a developer fails to pay any outstanding land premium by the stipulated deadline, it may be subject to a late payment penalty calculated on a per-day basis. In addition, if a developer fails to commence development of a property project within the stipulated period as required under the current PRC laws without the approval from the relevant PRC land bureau, the relevant PRC land bureau may serve a warning notice on the developer and impose an idle land fee of up to 20 per cent. of the land premium unless such failure is caused by a government action or a force majeure event. Even if the commencement of the land development complies with the land grant contract, if the developed GFA on the land is less than one-third of the total GFA of the project or if the total capital expenditure is less than 25 per cent. of the total investment of the project and the suspension of the development of the land is more than one year without government approval, the land will still be treated as idle land. The Notice on Promoting Economisation of Land Use issued by the State Council in January 2008 further confirmed the idle land fee at 20 per cent. of the land premium. If a developer fails to commence such development for more than two years, the land is subject to forfeiture without 30 compensation to the PRC government unless the delay in development is caused by government actions or force majeure. In addition, a developer with idle land together with its shareholders may be restricted from participating in future land bidding.

Although the Group has never been subject to any such penalties or required to pay idle fees or forfeit any of its land in the PRC, there can be no assurance that circumstances leading to possible forfeiture of land or delays in the completion of a project may not arise in the future.

Further, the Group must obtain various permits, certificates, relevant approvals from the relevant administrative authorities at various stages of development, including land use rights document (including land use right certificate and land use planning permit), environmental assessment document, planning permits, construction permits and confirmation of completion and acceptance. Each approval is dependent on the satisfactory compliance with certain requirements or conditions. The Group can give no assurance that it will not encounter material delays or other impediments in fulfilling the conditions precedent to obtain these approvals.

These measures have to date focused on tier-one and tier-two cities, there is a risk that similar measures will be introduced in tier-three and tier-four cities which would have an adverse impact on the Group's potential developments in such cities.

***In the event the total GFA of any of the Group's property developments were to exceed the original authorised area, the excess GFA would be subject to governmental approval and payment of additional land premium***

Given that some of the Group's property projects are located in the PRC, the Group's business is also subject to regulations in the PRC. When the PRC government grants the land use rights for a parcel of land, it will specify in the land grant contract the use of the land and the total GFA that the developer may develop on this land. The actual GFA constructed, however, might exceed the total GFA authorised in the land grant contract due to factors such as subsequent planning and design adjustments. The amount of GFA in excess of the authorised amount is subject to approval when the relevant authorities inspect the properties after their completion, and the developer may be required to pay additional land premium in respect of this excess GFA. If the Group fails to obtain the completion certificate due to such excess GFA, the Group will not be allowed to deliver the relevant properties or recognise the revenue from the relevant pre-sold properties, and may also be subject to liabilities under the pre-sale contracts. No assurance can be given that the total constructed GFA of the Group's existing projects under development or any future property developments will not exceed the relevant authorised GFA upon completion or that the Group will be able to pay the additional land premium and obtain the completion certificate on a timely basis. Any of the above may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, results of operations and financial condition.

***Fluctuations in the value of RMB may have an adverse effect on the Group's financial condition and results of operations***

The value of Renminbi against the U.S. dollar and other currencies may fluctuate and is affected by, among other factors, changes in international and national political and economic conditions and the foreign exchange policy adopted by the PRC government. In August 2015, the People's Bank of China implemented changes to the way it calculates the midpoint against the U.S. dollar to take into account market-maker quotes before announcing the daily midpoint. The International Monetary Fund announced on 30 September 2016 that the Renminbi is joining its Special Drawing Rights currency basket. In August 2019, the U.S. Department of the Treasury labelled China a currency manipulator, while in January 2020, along with the signing of the phase-one trade deal between the United States and the PRC, the U.S. Department of the Treasury formally stepped back from its decision to designate China a currency manipulator. Such changes, among others that may be implemented, may increase the volatility in the value of the Renminbi against other currencies.

There remains significant international pressure on the PRC government to adopt an even more flexible currency policy, which could result in a further and possibly more significant fluctuation of Renminbi against foreign currencies. Some of the Group's revenue and costs are denominated in Renminbi, and its financial assets in the PRC are also denominated in Renminbi. Any fluctuation in the exchange rate between Renminbi and the U.S. dollar could result in foreign currency translation losses for financial reporting purposes.

***The Group's provisions for the payment of land appreciation tax ("LAT") for the disposal of properties may not be adequate to cover the Group's LAT obligations***

Under the tax laws and regulations of the PRC, properties developed for sale are subject to LAT, which is collectible by the local tax authorities. All income from the sale or transfer of state-owned land use rights, buildings and other ancillary facilities in the PRC is subject to LAT at progressive rates up to 60.0 per cent. of the appreciation value, with certain exemptions available for the sale of ordinary residential properties if the appreciation does not exceed 20.0 per cent. of the total deductible items, as such transactions are addressed under relevant tax laws. Sales of properties such as high-class apartments, villas and holiday villages are not eligible for such exemptions.

The Group has estimated and made provisions for what is believed to be the full amount of applicable LAT in accordance with the requirements set forth in the relevant PRC tax laws and regulations. While the Group believes that the Group has made adequate provisions for LAT, there is no assurance that such provisions will be adequate to cover the Group's LAT obligations. In the event that LAT eventually collected by the tax authorities upon completion of a tax audit exceeds the amount that the Group has provided for, the Group's future net profits after tax may be adversely affected.

***The transition from business tax to value-added tax may adversely affect the Group's business, results of operations and financial condition***

Given that some of the Group's property projects are located in the PRC, the Group's business is also subject to regulations in the PRC. The PRC government has been progressively implementing the pilot reform for the transition from business tax to value-added tax in certain regions and industries from 2012. Pursuant to the Notice on the Full Implementation of Pilot Program for Transition from Business Tax to Value-Added Tax (關於全面推開營業稅改徵增值稅試點的通知) and the Implementing Measures for the Pilot Program for Transition from Business Tax to Value-added Tax (營業稅改徵增值稅試點實施辦法) issued by the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China and State Administration of Taxation of the People's Republic of China on 23 March 2016. On 1 May 2016, the "transitioning from business tax to value-added tax" scheme became effective.

Changes in the scope of taxation affect, to a certain extent, the Group's tax burden. The Group has become subject to the value-added tax regime from its financial year ended 31 March 2017. The Group believes the scheme does not materially affect the Group's net profit or cash flow but may negatively affect the Group's revenue and costs. At the same time, the Group has re-formulated the Group's business and financial management procedures and adjusted the Group's accounting and audit treatment as well as tax system in order to comply with such scheme. The scheme also imposes stricter requirements on contractors and suppliers. In addition, the PRC government may further supplement and amend relevant policies and rules, and different interpretations may be applied in implementing these policies and rules. As a result, uncertainties remain as to the tax treatment of the Group's income and expenses under the new value added tax regime.

***Certain facts and statistics are derived from publications not independently verified by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Joint Lead Managers, the Agents or their respective advisers***

Market data and certain information and statistics relating to the real property industry and the Guarantor's affiliated entities are derived from both public and private sources, including market research, publicly available information and industry publications. While the Issuer and the Guarantor have taken reasonable care to ensure that the facts and statistics presented are accurately reproduced from such sources, they have not been independently verified by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Joint Lead Managers, the Agents or their respective advisers and, therefore, neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor make representation as to the accuracy of such facts and statistics, which may not be consistent with other information compiled within or outside Hong Kong. Due to possibly flawed or ineffective calculation and collection methods and other problems, the facts and statistics herein may be inaccurate or may not be comparable to facts and statistics produced for other economies and should not be unduly relied upon. Further, there can be no assurance that they are stated or compiled on the same basis or with the same degree of accuracy as may be the case elsewhere.

## CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS

The following table sets out the consolidated capitalisation and indebtedness of the Group as at 31 March 2021, which has been extracted from the consolidated statement of financial position of the Group as at the same date, and as adjusted to give effect to the issuance of the Notes offered hereby. The table should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial results of the Group as at 31 March 2021 and the notes thereto.

	<b>As at 31 March 2021 (audited)</b>	
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>U.S.\$'000</i>
	(Actual)	(Actual) <sup>(1)</sup>
Bank borrowings - due within one year . . . . .	1,714,909	220,539
Bank borrowings - due after one year . . . . .	8,364,534	1,075,686
Guaranteed notes - due within one year . . . . .	1,859,520	239,136
Notes to be issued . . . . .	–	–
	11,938,963	1,535,360
Shareholders' funds:		
Share capital <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	76,117	9,789
Treasury shares . . . . .	(6,572)	
Reserves . . . . .	13,228,358	1,701,178
Equity attributable to owners of		
the Guarantor . . . . .	13,297,903	1,710,121
Holders of perpetual capital securities <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	1,539,443	197,974
Non-controlling interests . . . . .	33,879	4,357
	14,871,225	1,912,452
Total equity . . . . .	14,871,225	1,912,452
Total Capitalisation . . . . .	26,810,188	3,447,812

*Notes:*

- (1) A rate of HK\$7.776 to U.S.\$1.00 was adopted for the conversion of Hong Kong dollars to U.S. dollars.
- (2) As at 31 March 2021, the total authorised share capital of the Guarantor is HK\$180 million divided into 22,500 million ordinary shares of HK\$0.008 each and its issued share capital was HK\$76.1 million consisting of 9,514.7 million ordinary shares of HK\$0.008 each.
- (3) As at 31 March 2021, the carrying amount of 5.75 per cent. senior perpetual capital securities is face value of U.S.\$200,000,000 net of issuance cost.

Save as disclosed above and as disclosed in “*Description of the Group – Recent Developments – Corporate Activity*”, there has been no material change in the capitalisation of the Guarantor since 31 March 2021.

## Capitalisation and Indebtedness of the Issuer

As at the date of this Offering Circular, the Issuer was authorised to issue a maximum of 50,000 U.S.\$1.00 par value shares of a single class and series, of which one share is held by the Guarantor. Subsequent to the year ended 31 March 2021, the Issuer has redeemed and cancelled U.S.\$500,000 of its U.S.\$238,400,000 in aggregate principal amount 4.875 per cent. guaranteed notes due 2021 (the “**2016 Notes**”). As at the date of this Offering Circular, the Issuer has approximately U.S.\$237,900,000 of the 2016 Notes and the entire amount of its U.S.\$200,000,000 in aggregate principal amount 5.75 per cent. senior perpetual capital securities (the “**2017 Perpetual Capital Securities**”) outstanding.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER

### **Formation**

Estate Sky Limited is a British Virgin Islands business company incorporated under the BVI Business Companies Act of the British Virgin Islands (BVI Company Number: 1740429). It was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands on 25 October 2012. Its registered office is at Vistra Corporate Services Centre, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands. The Issuer is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Guarantor.

### **Business Activity**

The Issuer was established with unrestricted objects and powers as set out in its memorandum of association. The Issuer does not sell any products or provide any services and it has undertaken no business activities since its date of incorporation, other than those incidental to its incorporation and establishment as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Guarantor and those incidental to the issuance of the Notes.

### **Financial Statements**

Under British Virgin Islands law, the Issuer is not required to publish interim or annual financial statements. The Issuer has not published, and does not propose to publish, any financial statements. The Issuer is, however, required to keep proper books of account as are sufficient to show and to explain its transactions and which will, at any time, enable the financial position of the Issuer to be determined with reasonable accuracy.

### **Directors and Officers**

The directors of the Issuer are Messrs. Kan Sze Man and Chow Hou Man and each of their business addresses is c/o 31st Floor, Bank of America Tower, 12 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong. None of the directors of the Issuer holds any shares or options to acquire shares of the Issuer.

The Issuer does not have any employees and has no subsidiaries.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE GROUP

### Overview

The Guarantor is an investment holding company and is primarily engaged in property development, repositioning and investment. The principal subsidiaries of the Guarantor are primarily engaged in property enhancement and development and property investment in Hong Kong, the PRC and Macau.

### Corporate Information

The Guarantor is an exempted company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, with its registered office at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda. The head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong of the Guarantor is located at 31st Floor, Bank of America Tower, 12 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong.

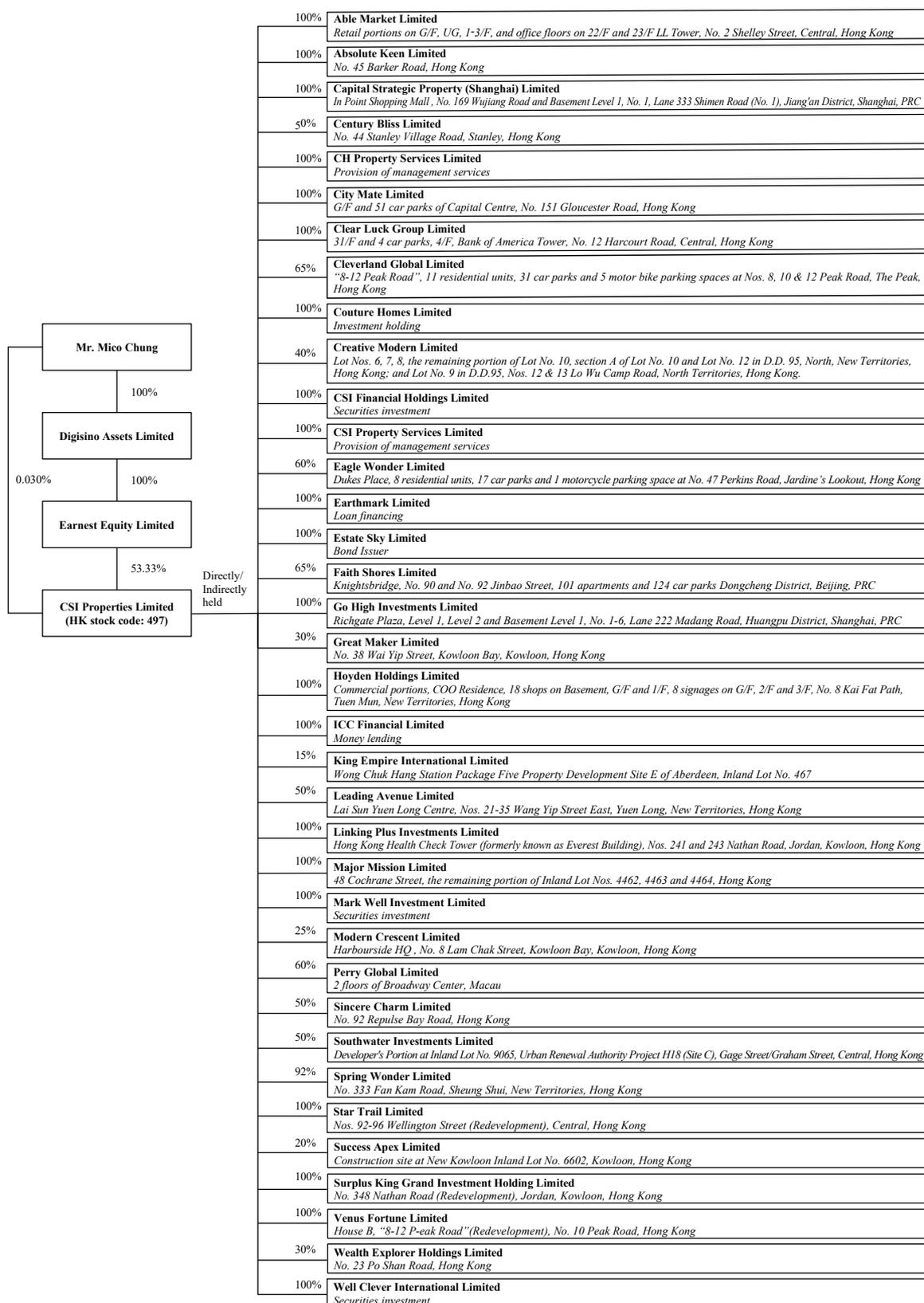
### Business Organisation

Mr. Mico Chung, the Chairman and Executive Director, obtained control of the Group in 2004 as a platform to expand his property investment business. As at 31 March 2021, Mr. Chung had an interest in approximately 53.22 per cent. in the issued share capital of the Guarantor.

The following chart sets forth an overview of the Group's organisational structure:

**Organisation Chart of the Group's Key Subsidiaries and Affiliates and showing principal business activities or properties held (excluding uncompleted commitments)**

*(as at the date of this Offering Circular)*



## Competitive Strengths

### *Solid execution capabilities with proven track record and excellent market reputation*

As at 31 March 2021, the Group's equity attributable to owners of the Guarantor was HK\$13,298 million. The Group currently owns and manages approximately 4.9 million square feet (attributable interest of approximately 2.2 million square feet) of prime commercial and residential space in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and Macau. As at 31 March 2021, the Group held 26 major properties in prime locations across Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and Macau, with a total attributable market value of approximately HK\$37 billion.

### *Self-funded business model through capital recycling*

The Group funds its operations primarily via internally generated cash flow, in addition to bank loans. Compared with typical Hong Kong retail property and office property developers, the Group's inherent business model, coupled with its efficient practices, results in a shorter cash conversion cycle. In the Group's experience, the time required to acquire, plan, reposition, and lease out a commercial property is on average three years, substantially less than the time required to develop and stabilise typical Hong Kong retail and office properties, which is an average between five to six years. Unlike typical Hong Kong commercial property developers who tend to hold on to the properties post-completion, the Group sells those completed properties that have reached rental stabilisation. As such, the Group believes it is able to realise its cash returns earlier compared to commercial property developers, and to reinvest the sale proceeds back into its business through capital recycling.

### *Highly experienced and disciplined management*

The Group has a dedicated and experienced management team which has achieved a consistent track record of success in the real estate sectors in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Each member in the Group's management team has an average of more than 20 years of relevant experience in the industry, providing the Group with both expertise and continuity.

- **Mr. Chung Cho Yee, Mico**, Chairman, Founder and Executive Director, joined the Group in 2004. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Group. He is also the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Nomination Committee, and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Board. He has over 30 years of corporate finance and real estate experience and had previously been involved in several landmark deals.
- **Mr. Kan Sze Man**, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director, joined the Group as Group General Counsel in 2001 and has been the Chief Operating Officer of the Group since 2016. He is a director of certain subsidiaries and associates of the Group and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board. Mr. Kan is a qualified solicitor by profession. He has worked in the commercial department of a Hong Kong law firm and a U.K. City firm, until joining Hikari Tsushin International Limited (now known as China Oil and Gas Group Limited) as its senior vice president and legal counsel in early 2000. Mr. Kan was a non-executive director of BCI Group Holdings Limited ("**BCI**") (a company listed on the Growth Enterprise Market ("**GEM**") of the Stock Exchange) up to February 2021. The Guarantor ceased to be BCI's substantial shareholder on 14 December 2020.

- **Mr. Chow Hou Man**, Group Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director, joined the Group in 2001. He is a director of certain subsidiaries and associates of the Group and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board. He has over 20 years of financial experience in various companies listed in Hong Kong and overseas and an international firm of certified public accountants. He is a member of both the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- **Mr. Fong Man Bun, Jimmy**, Executive Director, joined the Group in 2011 and is a Managing Director of Couture Homes Properties Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries and associates of the Group and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board. Mr. Fong is mainly responsible for identifying and advising on residential development and investment for both acquisition and disposal planning of the Group. Mr. Fong has over 30 years' solid experience in luxury residential real estate project development and investment and has in-depth knowledge of the property market. He worked as a Director of Savills Hong Kong Limited (formerly known as First Pacific Davis) since 1993. Mr. Fong worked in Shanghai, PRC in the 1990s, and in the real estate department of Jones Lang Wotton (now known as Jones Lang LaSalle) in 1989.
- **Mr. Ho Lok Fai**, Executive Director, joined the Group in 2005. He has been involved in the commercial property investment and agency business since 1991, having over 30 years of solid and proven experience specialising in the investment in Grade A and B offices in Hong Kong. He has served the Group from 2005, and is responsible for investment in commercial properties, leasing matters, and the property management business for offices and industrial properties of the Group. He possesses exceptional acumen and insight in the property market business, with comprehensive understanding of extensive clientele in commercial property investments, and has extensive and reliable connections with reputable estate agents in the commercial property market which he can readily call upon to dispose of the Group's commercial and development projects into the market in the most profitable and efficient manner. Over many years, he has achieved very satisfactory results and performance for those projects or investments that he has been involved in. He also holds directorships in certain subsidiaries of the Group.
- **Mr. Leung King Yin, Kevin**, Executive Director, joined the Group in 2021 and was appointed as managing director of development. He is the head of the project management and development department of the Group, leading a team of project managers and surveyors in managing a variety of residential and commercial projects in Hong Kong. Prior to joining the Group, he was the general manager/project director of a number of sizable listed companies. He has over 30 years of experience in the property development field, with a varied portfolio that includes residential, commercial and hotel developments in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Canada. He holds a Bachelor degree of Architecture from the University of Melbourne. He is a registered architect and an authorized person under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "BO"), with extensive project management experience.
- **Mr. Ethan Wong**, Senior Director, Acquisition & Investment – commercial property division, joined the Group in 2017. Mr. Wong is responsible for sourcing, screening and executing real estate investment opportunities. He has over 10 years of real estate planning and acquisition experience in the United States and Asia Pacific, including China, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore.

- **Mr. Fok Paul, Anthony**, Head of Design – Couture Homes Properties, joined the Group in 2008. Before joining the Group, he worked in design at Aedas Limited. He is an experienced and renowned designer with over 10 years of experience, bringing innovative ideas and creating style for the Group’s luxury residential and commercial developments.
- **Mr. Chiu Sin Young, Victor**, Senior Project Director – Couture Homes Properties, joined the Group in 2008. Before joining the Group, he worked at Aedas Limited and Simon Kwan & Associates. He is a registered architect, and member of the Royal Institute of British Architects and Hong Kong Institute of Architects, with over 20 years of experience in residential and commercial property developments in Hong Kong, Macau and Shanghai. He also manages regular property management projects for the Group.
- **Mr. Chan Chun Kei, Barry**, Project Director – Couture Homes Properties, joined the Group in 2015. Before joining the Group, he worked at New World Development in property development and project management. He is an authorized person under the BO and registered architect with over 16 years of experience in luxury residential property development.

Furthermore, Mr. Chung was nominated as one of “Asia’s Business Leaders” at the CNBC Asia Business Leaders Awards 2014. The Group was also awarded the “Best Small-Cap Company in Hong Kong” for 2013 and 2014 and “Best Mid-Cap Company in Hong Kong” for 2018 in Asia’s Best Managed Companies annual poll conducted by Finance Asia, one of the leading financial journals in the Asia-Pacific region.

***Recurring rental income base, underpinned by high quality portfolio with solid fundamentals***

As at 31 March 2021, the Group has a portfolio of 14 major commercial properties across different sectors, covering retail, office and hotel properties in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Macau, with a recurring income base. For the years ended 31 March 2019, 2020 and 2021, the Group’s revenue from rental income has generally been stable and amounted to HK\$302 million, HK\$212 million and HK\$227 million, respectively. Until their disposals, these properties generate a stable recurring income base which reduces the potential volatility in the Group’s financial results, which is associated with property trading and provides a solid foundation for the Group’s future growth and strategy.

### ***Prudent financial policy and conservative capital structure with low gearing***

The Group has a conservative capital structure and adopts a balanced approach to maintain an optimal mix of equity and debt financing. As at 31 March 2021, the Group had a net gearing ratio of approximately 36.4 per cent. (net gearing ratio is calculated by the Group's bank borrowings and guaranteed notes less cash and bank balances divided by total assets) and total debt (banks and other borrowings) to total assets ratio of approximately 41.7 per cent. In addition, it is the Group's policy to maintain a prudent amount of cash and bank balances at all times in order to ensure, among other things, liquidity and credit-worthiness, as well as to provide funds towards project acquisition when opportunities arise. As at 31 March 2021, the Group had consolidated cash and bank balances (including cash held by securities brokers) and marketable securities held for sale comprising of financial assets at FVTPL (which can easily be liquidated) of approximately HK\$1,501 million and HK\$1,701 million, respectively. In addition to its internally generated cash flow, the Group has access to diversified sources of funds for its operations. The Issuer issued the 2016 Notes in August 2016 and the 2017 Perpetual Capital Securities in September 2017. In addition, as at 31 March 2021, the Group has undrawn committed facilities of approximately HK\$4,330 million. The Group's ability to obtain funding from a variety of sources, both internally and externally, allows it to maintain a competitive advantage under volatile market conditions. These factors enable the Group to maintain a strong financial position with a healthy level of liquidity.

The Group also has a prudent dividend policy, which takes into account cash requirements, investment and growth plans, future prospects, general economic and business conditions, and peer group norms. For the years ended 31 March 2019 and 2020, the Group declared dividends of HK\$70.6 million and HK\$49.0 million, respectively. For the years ended 31 March 2021, the Group proposed to declare dividends of HK\$39.9 million, representing 10.6 per cent., 3.9 per cent. and 9.6 per cent., respectively, of the Group's profit for the years ended 31 March 2019, 2020 and 2021.

### **Strategies**

#### ***Focus on core strength of making value-added investments in Hong Kong and the PRC***

The Group's principal strategy is to make value-added investments in Hong Kong and the PRC with a focus on creating value through its "repositioning" strategy by investing in properties for resale and/or enhancing rental income. The Group's approach involves identifying and acquiring under-performing properties with room for rental and capital value enhancement. This is followed by implementation of the Group's proven enhancement strategy through a combination of, among other things: (i) upgrade and refurbishments; (ii) active lease management to improve the tenant mix; (iii) change of usage; and (iv) site redevelopment, followed by disposal soon after the enhancement process is complete and rental yield reaches stabilisation. The Group closely monitors market conditions to optimise disposals of properties for re-investment opportunities. The Group will continue to leverage on its core strength in identifying, acquiring, redeveloping and repositioning strategically located properties to improve rental yields and drive capital value appreciation.

### ***Strategic partnerships with established developers***

The Group is self-sufficient and capable of targeting, acquiring, repositioning, developing and exiting projects on its own. However, where it is expedient and value-adding to do so, the Group has entered into, and will continue to enter into, strategic partnerships and joint ventures with established property developers in Hong Kong and the PRC or such other appropriate partners. The Group's existing joint ventures are all undertaken with existing and recognised institutions in the real estate industry which the Group believes can provide complementary expertise beneficial to the Group's investment strategy.

### ***Active management of the investment property portfolio to maximise value***

The Group intends to actively manage its property portfolio to maximise value creation. The Group will continue to explore opportunities to carry out asset improvement activities on its properties to generate organic growth, including reconfiguration of certain retail and office units and converting certain ancillary areas into leasable space, as well as undertaking refurbishments to enhance the overall positioning of these properties. The Group's business model seeks to attract premium tenants to improve the overall offering of the Group's projects, as well as to improve product offering to allow renegotiation of existing lease agreements with a view to increasing the Group's rental cash flow as well as the capital value of the Group's properties. The Group will also continue to work closely with property managers to actively manage lease renewals and market the properties to prospective tenants in desired target groups, in order to achieve the optimal mix of types of tenants in addition to diversification within each category of tenants (for example, office tenants and food & beverage tenants are accommodated separately).

Improving tenant mix is a key strategy of the Group and an aspect of the development process in which the Group takes an active role – benefiting the product overall and enhancing rental income potential. The Group will continue to monitor the macro environment and market conditions closely in order to capitalise on the optimal market window for property disposals.

### ***Continue to leverage on industry knowledge and relationship network in order to identify and invest in properties that fit within the Group's value enhancement business model***

The Group intends to continue to utilise its extensive network of property brokers and business relationships to identify under-performing properties and draw on its on-the-ground industry knowledge, structuring expertise and strong execution capabilities to seize development opportunities. The Group also demonstrates a competitive advantage with the speed and ease of its decision-making due to the size and closeness of its senior management, which allows the Group to identify potential acquisitions and execute transactions within a short timeframe. The Group's close relationships with property brokers, which have been developed over a number of years, often allow the Group first access to view properties for sale and in advance of other investors, allowing the Group to identify mispricing opportunities earlier than its competitors.

***Expand into luxury residential developments under the “Couture Homes” brand***

The Group intends to further expand its luxury residential development business to capitalise on untapped demand from lifestyle oriented end-users who are willing to pay a premium for a quality residence in Hong Kong and the PRC. Having recognised a gap in the market to provide uniquely designed and furnished premium lifestyle residences to clients from Hong Kong, as well as from the PRC, Taiwan and elsewhere seeking a pre-furnished home in Hong Kong, the Group established the “Couture Homes” brand in 2010 in order to further extend its presence in the residential property markets of Hong Kong and the PRC. Couture Homes combines design concepts from world-renowned interior designers with bespoke furnishings and décor. The Hampton in Happy Valley, the Group’s first project launched under the Couture Homes brand designed and fitted-out by an internationally-renowned design team, led by the award-winning architect and designer, Mr. Steve Leung, was well received in the market. More recently, all units were sold and delivered for the Group’s life-style oriented project in Causeway Bay, yoo Residence, kau to HIGHLAND project in Kau To Shan and the COO Residence in Tuen Mun. The Group believes that the premium pricing achieved for these units reinforces the reputation of Couture Homes as a leading lifestyle property developer in Greater China. Management’s aim is to grow Couture Homes into a world-class premium lifestyle residential developer and a distinguished provider of bespoke premium quality residences to satisfy the growing needs of lifestyle-oriented end-users in Hong Kong and the PRC. In addition, the Group will also further its presence in the mass residential market with our participation in two residential sites at Yau Tong and Wong Chuk Hang MTR stations.

***Continue to grow investments in the PRC to capture the market’s rapid economic growth and its growing commercial property market***

The Group intends to expand its business footprint in the PRC’s affluent “Tier 1” cities to take advantage of these markets’ robust macroeconomic fundamentals and long term growth potential. The Group currently has two projects in Shanghai, which are the In Point Shopping Mall, and the Richgate Plaza. The Group also has a project in Beijing, the renovation of residential apartments at Knightsbridge. The Group intends to further expand its investments in Tier 1 cities in the PRC when appropriate opportunities arise, while maintaining Shanghai and Beijing as its key focus.

## Business

The business of the Guarantor follows a property repositioning model, focusing on commercial projects and premium “lifestyle” residential properties in prime locations in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and Macau. The Guarantor’s luxury residential development division is marketed as “Couture Homes”, which combines architectural and interior design to an internationally recognised standard, with bespoke “lifestyle” furnishing and interior decoration.

As at 31 March 2021, the Group owns and manages over 4.9 million square feet (attributable interest of approximately 2.2 million square feet) of prime properties in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and Macau.

The Group seeks to maximise shareholders’ returns by identifying “mismatched” properties where the property’s true value has not yet been reflected, and by uplifting its true capital value via the Group’s strategic repositioning model. The Group builds on management’s strengths in making swift and professional investment decisions, leverages on internal resources, and forms strategic alliances with partners and shareholders.

The following table sets forth the revenue and results for the business divisions of the Group for the periods indicated:

	<b>For the year ended 31 March</b>		
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<i>HK\$’000</i>	<i>HK\$’000</i>	<i>HK\$’000</i>
	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)
Sales of properties held for sale . . . . .	3,136,961	3,498,030	141,800
Rental income . . . . .	302,219	211,926	226,912
	<b>3,439,180</b>	<b>3,709,956</b>	<b>368,712</b>

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable and operating segments for the year ended 31 March 2021:

	<b>Commercial property holding</b>	<b>Residential property holding</b>	<b>Macau property holding</b>	<b>Securities investment</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)
<b>External revenue</b>					
Rental income	219,676	4,175	3,061	–	226,912
Sales of properties held for sale	141,800	–	–	–	141,800
Revenue of the Group	361,476	4,175	3,061	–	368,712
Interest income and dividend income	–	–	–	229,218	229,218
	361,476	4,175	3,061	229,218	597,930
<b>Share of revenue of associates and joint ventures</b>					
Rental income	75,565	265	–	–	75,830
Sales of properties held for sale	13,994	1,576,287	–	–	1,590,281
	89,559	1,576,552	–	–	1,666,111
Segment revenue	451,035	1,580,727	3,061	229,218	2,264,041
<b>Results</b>					
Share of results of joint ventures ( <i>Note</i> )	(121,122)	367,201	–	–	246,079
Share of results of associates ( <i>Note</i> )	576	(55)	–	–	521
Segment profit (loss) excluding share of results of joint ventures and associates	322,735	(1,305)	609	206,664	528,703
Segment profit	202,189	365,841	609	206,664	775,303
Unallocated other income					39,197
Unallocated other gains and losses					19,125
Central administration costs					(113,858)
Finance costs					(275,280)
<b>Profit before taxation</b>					<b>444,487</b>

*Note: Share of results of associates and joint ventures mainly represent share of the operating profit or loss of these entities from their businesses of property investment and development.*

## *Market developments*

The global economy has been full of challenges due to the continuing trade war disputes between the United States and China. The global economic slowdown due to trade protectionism has affected international finance and trade businesses which are key industries in Hong Kong. Furthermore, recent social incidents in Hong Kong have also increased pressure on retail and travel-related businesses. The outbreak of COVID-19 has caused major upheavals on the global economies, and has impacted the Group's business, especially on the commercial front. The COVID-19 global pandemic may also have a material adverse effect on the properties markets of the PRC and Hong Kong as well. As such, the Group remains cautiously optimistic on the prospect of the commercial sector in the medium term, in particular in prime areas such as Central.

On the residential front in Hong Kong, the Group sees strong first-hand sales figures in the mass market sector and good luxury market sector sales, despite the borders with Mainland China remaining closed. The Group believes the mass market sector will continue to outperform given the disparity in local residential supply and demand. For the luxury market sector, the Group believes that strong sales of units at the Group's Dukes Place and Peak Road projects also indicate the resilience of this sector amidst both local and global events.

Although the Hong Kong economy has been undergoing many unprecedented challenges arising from the proposed amendment of the extradition bill and other social issues, the Group believes such disputes will soon be successfully resolved, and remains confident of the longer term fundamentals and prospects of Hong Kong.

The Group also believes another factor that will help to alleviate the challenging economic situation is the continuing low and declining interest rate environment globally, providing money and liquidity, and supporting the real assets markets. Furthermore, in January 2020, the United States and China entered into "phase one" of an economic and trade agreement as an initial step towards resolving the trade war disputes between them, and the Group expects this initial resolution will improve market sentiment. Combined with the potential of further resolution of the trade war disputes between the United States and China in the near future, the Group expects China's economy to grow at a reasonable rate on the back of government stimulation through monetary and fiscal policies. The Group believes this would help to stabilise and offer support to China's economy which should then also benefit Hong Kong when recent social incidents subside.

Since the Group's inception in 2004, the Group's management team has endured various challenges in Hong Kong, including the SARS epidemic and the global financial crisis that began in 2008, and has repeatedly and successfully steered the Group to navigate challenging economic situations and to maintain the Group's strong growth and profits. With the Group's strong balance sheet, ample liquidity, a solid real estate portfolio in key areas in Hong Kong and highly experienced senior management and project management team, the Group remains optimistic on future businesses and is confident that it will continue to benefit from its strong position as a key opportunistic real estate investor.

## Major Properties

Set out below is a list of the Group's major properties held as at 31 March 2021. The table below sets out the breakdown of major commercial and residential properties held by the Group in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and Macau:

Portfolio Information	Location	Approximate gross floor area <sup>(2)</sup> (sq. ft '000)	Approximate gross floor area attributable to the Group (sq. ft '000)	Market value as at 31 March 2021 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> (HK\$'m)	Market value attributable to the Group as at 31 March 2021 (HK\$'m)	Book Value as at 31 March 2021 <sup>(2)</sup> (HK\$'m)	Book value attributable to the Group as at 31 March 2021 (HK\$'m)
<b>Commercial Properties</b>							
G/F and 51 car parks of Capital Centre, No. 151 Gloucester Road . . . . .	Wan Chai	17	17	700	700	150	150
Retail portions on G/F, UG/F, 1-3/F, and office floors on 22/F and 23/F, LL Tower, No. 2 Shelley Street . . . . .	Central	9 <sup>(3)</sup>	9 <sup>(3)</sup>	580	580	258	258
48 Cochrane Street (Redevelopment) . .	Central	32	32	560	560	560	560
Developer's Portion at Inland Lot No. 9065, Urban Renewal Authority Project H18 (Site C), Gage Street/ Graham Street (Redevelopment) (CSI-50 per cent.) . . . . .	Central	432	216	10,300	5,150	10,300	5,150
No. 348 Nathan Road (Redevelopment)	Jordan	254	254	4,500	4,500	2,727	2,727
No. 38 Wai Yip Street (CSI-30 per cent.) . . . . .	Kowloon Bay	259	78	4,793	1,438	2,027	608
Harbourside HQ, No. 8 Lam Chak Street (CSI-25 per cent.) . . . . .	Kowloon Bay	680	170	7,700	1,925	7,679	1,920
Hong Kong Health Check Tower (formerly known as Everest Building), Nos. 241 and 243 Nathan Road . . . .	Jordan	62	62	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
Lai Sun Yuen Long Centre, Nos. 21-35 Wang Yip Street East (CSI-50 per cent.) . . . . .	Yuen Long	388	194	1,650	825	1,037	519
Nos. 92-96 Wellington Street (Redevelopment) . . . . .	Central	43	43	941	941	609	609
COO Residence, 18 shops on basement, G/F and 1/F, 8 signages on G/F, 2/F and 3/F, No. 8 Kai Fat Path . . . . .	Tuen Mun	11 <sup>(3)</sup>	11 <sup>(3)</sup>	720	720	274	274
2 floors of Broadway Center (CSI-60 per cent.) . . . . .	Macau	9	5	174	104	174	104
In Point Shopping Mall, No. 169 Wujiang Road and Basement Level 1, No. 1, Lane 333 Shimen Road (No. 1) . . . . .	Jing'an District, Shanghai	122	122	2,019	2,019	682	682
Richgate Plaza, Level 1, Level 2 and Basement Level 1, No. 1-6, Lane 222 Madang Road . . . . .	Huangpu District, Shanghai	122	122	2,237	2,237	1,604	1,604
		<u>2,440</u>	<u>1,335</u>	<u>38,574</u>	<u>23,399</u>	<u>29,781</u>	<u>16,865</u>

Portfolio Information	Location	Approximate gross floor area <sup>(2)</sup> (sq. ft '000)	Approximate gross floor area attributable to the Group (sq. ft '000)	Market value as at 31 March 2021 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> (HK\$'m)	Market value attributable to the Group as at 31 March 2021 (HK\$'m)	Book Value as at 31 March 2021 <sup>(2)</sup> (HK\$'m)	Book value attributable to the Group as at 31 March 2021 (HK\$'m)
<b>Residential Properties</b>							
Dukes Place, 8 residential units, 17 car parks and 1 motorcycle parking space at No. 47 Perkins Road (CSI-60 per cent.) . . . . .	Jardine's Lookout	35 <sup>(3)</sup>	21 <sup>(3)</sup>	2,829	1,697	1,504	902
Knightsbridge, No. 90 and No. 92 Jinbao Street (101 apartments and 124 car parks) (CSI-65 per cent.) . . . . .	Dongcheng District, Beijing	365	237	3,825	2,486	2,471	1,606
No. 45 Barker Road . . . . .	The Peak	4	4	1,200	1,200	661	661
"8-12 Peak Road", 11 residential units, 31 car parks and 5 motor bike parking spaces at Nos. 8, 10 & 12 Peak Road (for refurbishment), (CSI-65 per cent.)	The Peak	42 <sup>(3)</sup>	27 <sup>(3)</sup>	3,240	2,106	2,039	1,325
House B, "8-12 Peak Road", No. 10 Peak Road (Redevelopment) .	The Peak	5	5	600	600	385	385
No. 333 Fan Kam Road (CSI-92 per cent.) . . . . .	Sheung Shui	33	30	910	837	710	653
No. 44 Stanley Village Road (CSI-50 per cent.) . . . . .	Stanley	34 <sup>(3)</sup>	17 <sup>(3)</sup>	1,395	698	964	482
Construction site at New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6602 (Redevelopment) (CSI-20 per cent.) . . . . .	Yau Tong	325	65	3,365 <sup>(5)</sup>	673	2,806	561
No. 23 Po Shan Road (Redevelopment) (CSI-20 per cent.) . . . . .	Mid-levels	79	16	3,240	648	1,979	396
Wong Chuk Hang Station Package Five Property Development Site E of Aberdeen Inland Lot No. 467 (Redevelopment) (CSI-15 per cent.) .	Aberdeen	636	95	10,534 <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	1,580	10,504	1,576
No. 92 Repulse Bay Road (Redevelopment) (CSI-50 per cent.) .	Repulse Bay	8	4	655	328	558	279
Lot Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 S.A, 10 R.P. & 12 in Demarcation District No.95, Kwu Tung North (CSI-40 per cent.) . . . . .	Sheung Shui	941	376	1,720	688	1,583	633
		<u>2,507</u>	<u>897</u>	<u>33,513</u>	<u>13,541</u>	<u>26,164</u>	<u>9,459</u>
Total (Commercial and Residential Properties) . . . . .		<u>4,947</u>	<u>2,232</u>	<u>72,087</u>	<u>36,940</u>	<u>55,945</u>	<u>26,324</u>

*Notes:*

- (1) Market value was based on valuation reports conducted by independent qualified valuers subsequent to the year ended 31 March 2021, or transaction price, except as otherwise indicated.
- (2) Approximate gross floor area, market value and book value are on a 100 per cent. interest basis.
- (3) Saleable area applied.
- (4) Market value as at 31 May 2021.
- (5) Being the market value less unpaid lump sum payment payable to MTR Corporation Limited.

***Major disposals, contracted sales commitment and acquisitions for the year ended 31 March 2021***

*Major disposals and contracted sales commitment for the year ended 31 March 2021*

Major disposals and bookings of previous contracted sales and presales of the Group's residential and commercial projects during the year ended 31 March 2021 included (i) the sales of 8 units of Dukes Place at No. 47 Perkins Road, Jardine's Lookout, Hong Kong, (ii) the sale of 55 units (consisting of 22 villas and 33 apartments) of Queen's Gate, Qingpu District, Shanghai, PRC, in which the Group had a 50 per cent. interest, and (iii) the sale of 2 ground floor shops at Oriental Crystal Commercial Building at No. 46 Lyndhurst Terrace in Central, Hong Kong and (iv) the sale of 3 units at the commercial office building at No. 38 Wai Yip Street in Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong. In addition, during the year ended 31 March 2021, 3 units of abovementioned Queen's Gate project entered into sales agreements, and are expected to complete sales and bookings in the year ended 31 March 2022.

*Major acquisitions for the year ended 31 March 2021*

During the year ended 31 March 2021, the Group acquired the remaining 35 per cent. interest in House B, "8-12 Peak Road", No. 10 Peak Road, The Peak, Hong Kong. The Group currently holds a 100 per cent. interest in this house redevelopment project. The property was a rare purchase in the premier residential area at the Peak in Hong Kong. As at 31 March 2021, the market value was HK\$600 million, as compared with the book value of HK\$385 million.

In July 2020, the Group acquired with a joint venture partner an agricultural land lot at Demarcation District No. 95, Kwu Tung North in the New Territories. The Group holds a 40 per cent. interest in this project. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$688 million.

In January 2021, the Group also joined with a consortium formed with New World Development Company Limited, Empire Development Hong Kong (BVI) Limited and Lai Sun Development Company Limited, which won the tender for the Wong Chuk Hang Station Package Five Property Development. The Group holds a 15 per cent. interest in this project. As at 31 May 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$1,580 million.

**Commercial Properties**

The Group's commercial properties section is engaged in investment, re-design, renovation and redevelopment of commercial properties to add value for letting and disposal.

Set out below are the details of the Group's certain major commercial property projects as at 31 March 2021:

### ***Hong Kong***

#### *G/F and 51 car parks of Capital Centre, No. 151 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong*

The Group holds a 100 per cent. interest in its remaining properties in this grade-A office building located at No. 151 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, with a prime view of the Victoria Harbour. As at 31 March 2021, the Group owns the ground floor and 51 car parking spaces, totalling a GFA of approximately 16,600 square feet. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$700 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$150 million as at the same date. The Group's tenant at Capital Centre includes Porsche car dealership which is situated on the ground floor shop.

#### *Retail portions on G/F, UG/F, 1-3/F, and office floors on 22/F and 23/F, LL Tower, No. 2 Shelley Street, Central, Hong Kong*

In March 2011, the Group acquired an old building in the SOHO area in Central, Hong Kong, for a total consideration of HK\$285 million for redevelopment. The Group holds a 100 per cent. interest in this project. The newly redeveloped building has a GFA of approximately 40,200 square feet, with the upper floors being used as office and the ground floor, upper ground floor and 1st to 3rd floors as retail and food and beverage outlets. As at 31 March 2021, the Group has sold the majority of the office floors totalling approximately 31,200 square feet. The market value of the remaining units attributable to the Group, with GFA totalling approximately 9,000 square feet, was HK\$580 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$258 million as at the same date.

#### *48 Cochrane Street, Central, Hong Kong*

In March 2016, the Group acquired an old building at Nos. 46 and 48 Cochrane Street for a total consideration of HK\$405 million for redevelopment. This commercial development project is situated at the heart of SOHO district of Central, immediately across from "Tai Kwun". The SOHO district is world-famous for its restaurants, bars, art galleries and comedy clubs and therefore is also highly frequented by tourists, expatriates and locals alike. The Group plans to make the project a Ginza-style food and beverage destination with a design theme inspired by the New York meatpacking district. The project is progressing well according to schedule. The construction on the superstructure is nearly finished. As at 31 March 2021, this site has a GFA of approximately 31,800 square feet under construction. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$560 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$560 million as at the same date. The Group expects construction of this project to be completed in the later part of 2021. Pre-leasing of the respective floors is currently ongoing to attract the most optimal leases.

*Developer's Portion at Inland Lot No. 9065, Urban Renewal Authority Project H18 (Site C), Gage Street/ Graham Street, Central, Hong Kong*

In December 2017, the Group won the tender for this site from Urban Renewal Authority. The Group holds a 50 per cent. interest through its joint venture with a third party real estate company established in Hong Kong. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$5,150 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$5,150 million as at the same date. The Group is working with the renowned architectural firm Foster + Partners and has initiated the master planning for this project which consists of a grade-A office tower, a luxury hotel and retail shops with a combined GFA of approximately 432,000 square feet. The Group expects this building to be an iconic and high-tech landmark to attract a mix of industries including retail, education and high-end hospitality. The construction work is currently ongoing and the Group expects to complete the construction of this property by 2024.

*No. 348 Nathan Road, Jordan, Kowloon, Hong Kong*

The Group maintains a 100 per cent. interest in the Novotel Hong Kong Nathan Road Kowloon (“**Novotel Hotel**”). The Group’s initial 50 per cent. interest was acquired in 2012 for a total consideration of approximately HK\$1,184 million and the remaining 50 per cent. interest was acquired in November 2015 for a total consideration of approximately HK\$1,560 million. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$4,500 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$2,727 million as at the same date. The Group will redevelop the building into a mixed commercial and residential complex with total GFA of approximately 254,000 square feet. The demolition of the existing hotel is expected to commence in later part of 2021. The new complex is expected to complete its construction in 2025.

*No. 38 Wai Yip Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong*

In May 2015, the Group won a government tender for the acquisition of an office land site in Kowloon Bay by participating in the government tender process through a consortium bid with Billion Development and Project Management Limited and Sino Land Company Limited for a total consideration of HK\$3.04 billion. The Group holds a 30 per cent. interest in this joint venture project. The site has an area of approximately 40,800 square feet with a maximum GFA of approximately 490,200 square feet. In mid-2019, the Group completed construction of a commercial office building on the site. As at 31 March 2021, approximately 51.6 per cent. of the units were sold and handed over. The market value of remaining units attributable to the Group was HK\$1,438 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$608 million as at 31 March 2021.

*Harbourside HQ, No. 8 Lam Chak Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong*

In August 2018, the Group purchased this office tower with three other joint venture partners through a consortium arrangement. The Group holds a 25 per cent. interest in this property. The site has a total GFA of approximately 680,000 square feet. The Group has completed renovations for this property and is actively recruiting high paying tenants from the banking, insurance, and technology, media and telecommunications sectors. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$1,925 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group was HK\$1,920 million as at the same date.

*Hong Kong Health Check Tower (formerly known as Everest Building), Nos. 241 and 243 Nathan Road, Jordan, Kowloon, Hong Kong*

In May 2018, the Group purchased this prime commercial/retail building in Jordan for a total consideration of HK\$1.9 billion. The Group holds a 100 per cent. interest in this project. The total GFA of this property is approximately 62,000 square feet. The building is situated on the junction of Nathan Road and Jordan Road and directly opposite to Jordan MTR station, which only requires a fifteen-minute walk from the high-speed railway station and thus provides fast and frequent access to Mainland China. The area is also well known to both the locals and mainland tourists for its high density of clinic and medical centres. The Group has strategically targeted to make the majority of Hong Kong Health Check Tower's tenant mix towards the medical services industry. With this new strategy, the building had undergone substantial improvement works to its façade, signage, main lobby, lifts, lift lobbies and washrooms which were completed in the first quarter of 2021. With this upgrade, we have secured a leading Hong Kong medical service provider, the Hong Kong Health Check and Medical Diagnostic Centre Limited, to be the anchor tenant to occupy most of the commercial floors. The newly refurbished building has also been renamed as the "Hong Kong Health Check Tower" to reflect this successful transformation to a dedicated medical service-oriented commercial tower. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$1,700 million and the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$1,700 million as at the same date.

*Lai Sun Yuen Long Centre, Nos. 21-35 Wang Yip Street East, Yuen Long, New Territories, Hong Kong*

In October 2017, the Group acquired a 50 per cent. interest in this industrial building with a joint venture partner for a total consideration of approximately HK\$1,037 million. The Group holds a 50 per cent. interest in this project. The total GFA of this property is approximately 388,000 square feet. The tenants in this building include banks, jewellery outlets and offices and commercial tenants. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$825 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$519 million as at the same date.

*Nos. 92-96 Wellington Street, Central, Hong Kong*

In 2019, the Group completed the acquisition of all ownership interest of a commercial site at Nos. 92-96 Wellington Street in Central. The original buildings have been demolished and a new commercial building with a total GFA of approximately 43,000 square feet will be built on the original site. Construction has commenced with the target completion time for the new commercial building set for 2024. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$941 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$609 million as at the same date.

*COO Residence, 18 shops on basement, G/F and 1/F, 8 signages on G/F, 2/F and 3/F, No. 8 Kai Fat Path, Tuen Mun, New Territories, Hong Kong*

In September 2014, the Group acquired a site at Yan Ching Street in Tuen Mun for a total consideration of approximately HK\$427 million by way of a government land tender. The site has a saleable area of approximately 113,000 square feet, with approximately 102,000 square feet reserved for residential use and 11,000 square feet reserved for commercial use. The Group has developed this site into a luxurious high rise residential project with some commercial retail shops. As at 31 March 2021, the Group has sold all 204 residential units of this project for a total consideration of approximately HK\$885 million. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group for the remaining ground floor, first floor and basement shops, together with various signages, was HK\$720 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$274 million as at the same date.

## ***The PRC***

In addition to the Group's strong market presence in Hong Kong and Macau, the Group owns two commercial properties in the PRC under management comprising an aggregate GFA of approximately 244,000 square feet. The Group's interests are focused in Shanghai, where the Group has an office employing local staff with knowledge of, and expertise in, the local market. The Group seeks to target the long-term growth potential for sales of tailor-made residences to high net worth individuals in the PRC looking to invest in Shanghai, as well as the long-term growth in demand for prime retail and commercial spaces.

Particulars of the Group's major commercial projects in the PRC as at 31 March 2021 are set out below:

*In Point Shopping Mall, No. 169 Wujiang Road and Basement Level 1, No. 1, Lane 333 Shimen Road (No. 1), Jing'an District, Shanghai, PRC*

The Group holds a 100 per cent. interest in In Point Shopping Mall, Shanghai, a shopping mall located in central Shanghai, with a GFA of approximately 122,000 square feet. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$2,019 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$682 million as at the same date. This site is located next to the recently opened "HKRI Taikoo Hui" complex jointly owned by Swire Properties and HKR International, which the Group expects to result in a high demand for leasing space in this shopping mall. The Group has completed the repositioning of this property to enhance yield by converting this shopping mall into a strip of double-decker premium street-front stores to attract well-known retail tenants. With the tenancy upgrade, the Group is achieving significant value creation with much improved rental.

*Richgate Plaza, Level 1, Level 2 and Basement Level 1, No. 1-6, Lane 222 Madang Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai, PRC*

In 2017, the Group purchased a retail shopping mall named Richgate Plaza in the prime Xintiandi area for a total consideration of approximately RMB1.37 billion with a total GFA of approximately 122,000 square feet. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$2,237 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$1,604 million as at the same date. The tenants of Richgate Plaza include banks, food and beverage outlets and showrooms. The Group has completed the refurbishment and repositioning of this shopping mall and has achieved significant rental improvement with tenancy upgrade.

### **Residential Properties Development – Couture Homes**

Couture Homes was formally launched in 2010 to meet the demand of premium lifestyle residences which target potential customers willing to pay a premium for bespoke design and furnishings.

Set out below are the details of the Group's certain major residential development projects as at 31 March 2021:

*Dukes Place, 8 residential units, 17 car parks and 1 motorcycle parking space at No. 47 Perkins Road, Jardine's Lookout, Hong Kong*

In December 2012, the Group acquired an old building at this site for redevelopment. In 2020, following extensive construction work, the new luxury residential tower is built. This luxury apartment project, which is located in an ultra-high net-worth neighbourhood, consisting of 16 spacious apartments with multiple layouts, with saleable area ranging from approximately 2,850 square feet to over 6,800 square feet. The Group holds a 60 per cent. interest in this project. The Group collaborated with an internationally renowned architect firm PDP London and with leading interior designers from the United Kingdom, France, Japan and Hong Kong in this masterpiece project. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$1,697 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$902 million. The Group has sold and delivered 8 units out of a total of 16 units at superior pricing.

*Knightsbridge, No. 90 and No. 92 Jinbao Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing, PRC*

In May 2017, the Group with its partner acquired Knightsbridge residential units, which consist of 114 apartments and 124 car parking spaces with a total GFA of approximately 396,000 square feet, located in Beijing. The Group holds a 65% interest in this project. The surrounding area of this site is one of the most prime locations in Beijing and is adjacent to the Regent Hotel and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Beijing Clubhouse. Extensive renovation work was done and sales of the units have commenced at the beginning of 2021. For the year ended 31 March 2021, 13 residential units were sold and delivered. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$2,486 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$1,606 million as at the same date. As of the end of June 2021, the Group has entered into sales agreements for around 30 units for this project.

*No. 45 Barker Road, The Peak, Hong Kong*

In February 2011, the Group acquired a heritage site at No. 45 Barker Road, The Peak, Hong Kong, for a total consideration of approximately HK\$204 million, consisting of an individual house. The Group holds a 100 per cent. interest in this project. The property was a rare purchase in the premier residential area on the Peak in Hong Kong. The Group has redeveloped the old structure into a unique luxury residential villa. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$1,200 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$661 million as at the same date.

*“8-12 Peak Road”, 11 residential units, 31 car parks and 5 motor bike parking spaces at Nos. 8, 10 & 12 Peak Road, The Peak, Hong Kong*

In October 2015, the Group and its partner acquired a 60.3 per cent. ownership interest in a residential development for a total consideration of approximately HK\$1.8 billion. In November 2017, an additional apartment unit was acquired at a consideration of HK\$92 million. The Group holds a 65 per cent. ownership interest in this project. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$2,106 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$1,325 million as at the same date. Following the completion of all renovation work, this project now consists of 11 residential units with a total saleable area of approximately 42,000 square feet. The Group aims to maximise the valuation premium attached to this prime site which has a full and unobstructed 180 degree view of Victoria Harbour.

*House B, “8-12 Peak Road”, No. 10 Peak Road, The Peak, Hong Kong*

In October 2015, the Group acquired with a partner a house at No. 10 Peak Road, The Peak, Hong Kong. In 2021, the Group acquired the remaining 35% interest in the house. The Group currently holds a 100 per cent. interest in this project. The property was a rare purchase in the premier residential area on the Peak in Hong Kong. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$600 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$385 million as at the same date.

*No. 333 Fan Kam Road, Sheung Shui, New Territories, Hong Kong*

In May 2015, the Group won a government tender to acquire this land site for a total consideration of HK\$302 million. The Group holds a 92 per cent. interest in this project. The site area is approximately 69,000 square feet with a maximum GFA of approximately 33,100 square feet. This project comprises 6 luxurious villas with each villa providing a GFA of approximately 6,000 square feet. Each villa also benefits from an exquisite private garden and swimming pool, setting the benchmark for the true dream country houses. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$837 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$653 million as at the same date. The Group has completed construction of six luxurious manors, each consisting of approximately 6,000 square feet, each with a garden and private swimming pool on this site. The Group expects that sales will commence in the later part of 2021.

*No. 44 Stanley Village Road, Stanley, Hong Kong*

In October 2016, the Group acquired with a partner No. 44 Stanley Village Road for a consideration of approximately HK\$780 million for the site of around 82,300 square feet. The Group holds a 50 per cent. interest in this project. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$698 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$482 million as at the same date. The site is located adjacent to Stanley Knoll, a high-end residential area in Stanley with a stunning view of Stanley Bay. The Group is working closely with the relevant government authorities on the preservation plan for this site for which the rezoning plan has been approved.

*Construction site at New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6602, Yau Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong*

The Group acquired a residential site at Yau Tong with its joint venture partner Sino Land Company Limited through a tender of the Mass Transit Railway (“MTR”) in May 2018 for a total consideration of approximately HK\$2.64 billion. The Group holds a 20 per cent. interest in this project. Such property is located near the Yau Tong MTR station and will be developed into a property of around 500 units at this convenient residential site in Kowloon East. The construction work is ongoing for this mass residential project.

*No. 23 Po Shan Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong*

In 2015, the Group acquired with other joint venture partners a residential land lot at No. 23 Po Shan Road in Hong Kong. The Group holds a 20 per cent. in this project. The residential site has a total GFA of approximately 79,000 square feet. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$648 million, as compared with the book value attributable to the Group of HK\$396 million as at the same date. Subsequent to the end of the year ended 31 March 2021, the Group acquired in May 2021 an additional 10 per cent. stake in the project and the Group’s interest in this project raised to 30 per cent.

*Wong Chuk Hang Station Package Five Property Development Site E of Aberdeen Inland Lot No. 467, Aberdeen, Hong Kong*

In January 2021, the Group joined with a consortium formed with New World Development Company Limited, Empire Development Hong Kong (BVI) Limited and Lai Sun Development Company Limited, which won the tender for the Wong Chuk Hang Station Package Five Property Development. The Group holds a 15 per cent. interest in this project. As at 31 May 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$1,580 million. This prime property is located on top of the forthcoming Wong Chuk Hang MTR station mall podium and can be developed into a total GFA of around 636,000 square feet. The units to be built will have excellent unblocked views of the Ocean Park Hong Kong and Deep Water Bay, creating a prime haven for premium residential units at this convenient address with five-minute MTR access to prime area of Central. The construction work will commence soon with target completion around 2025.

No. 92 Repulse Bay Road, Repulse Bay, Hong Kong

In March 2020, the Group acquired with a joint venture partner a residential land lot at No.92 Repulse Bay Road in Hong Kong. The Group is considering the various options available including sale of the site or the redevelopment into a new luxury residential house at this site. The residential site has a total GFA of approximately 8,000 square feet. The Group holds a 50 per cent. interest in this project. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$328 million.

Lot Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 S.A, 10 R. P. & 12 in Demarcation District No. 95, Kwu Tung North, Sheung Shui, New Territories, Hong Kong

In July 2020, the Group acquired with a joint venture partner an agricultural land lot at Demarcation District No. 95, Kwu Tung North in the New Territories. The site has a total site area of approximately 268,000 square feet, and the Group and its joint venture partner are considering the potential conversion into residential use. The site is situated at about 10 to 15 minutes driving distance to the regional town centre of Sheung Shui. The Group holds a 40 per cent. interest in this project. As at 31 March 2021, the market value attributable to the Group was HK\$688 million.

### Asset Value

The Group's properties held for sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value on an individual property basis in accordance with current accounting standards. The principal assets of the Group's joint ventures are properties held for sale and stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value in accordance with HKFRSs.

In order to fully reflect the underlying economic value of the properties held for sale by the Group and its joint ventures, the Group considers it appropriate also to present supplementary information on the Group's statement of net assets on the same basis as if the Group were to state its properties held for sale at their open market valuations as at 31 March 2021.

	<b>As at 31 March 2021</b>
	<i>(HK\$'m)</i>
	(unaudited)
Net assets attributable to owners of the Guarantor (audited) . . . . .	13,298
Add: Attributable revaluation surplus relating to the Group's properties held for sale <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	5,818
Attributable revaluation surplus relating to the Group's properties held for sale by joint ventures <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	<u>1,250</u>
Net assets attributable to owners of the Guarantor as if the properties held for sale and interests in joint ventures were stated at open market value <sup>(2)</sup> . . . . .	<u>20,366</u>
Net assets per ordinary share as if the properties held for sale and interests in joint ventures were stated at open market value <sup>(3)</sup> . . . . .	<u><u>HK\$2.15</u></u>

*Notes:*

- (1) Based on open market valuations as at 31 March 2021 carried out by independent firms of qualified professional valuers not connected to the Group (the value of which has been slightly adjusted due to the RMB to HK\$ exchange rate) or actual transaction prices or estimated based on average transaction price as specified in “Description of the Group – Major Properties”.
- (2) Deferred tax liabilities have not been provided for the attributable revaluation surplus of the properties held for sale.
- (3) Net assets per ordinary share calculated based on 9,488.7 million shares in issue as at 31 March 2021.

***Borrowings***

As at 31 March 2021, the Group’s total net external borrowings comprising of bank borrowings and guaranteed notes (net of cash and bank balances and cash held by securities brokers) amounted to HK\$10,438 million (as compared with HK\$8,968 million and HK\$8,577 million, respectively, as at 31 March 2019 and 2020).

The Group’s short-term bank borrowings decreased from HK\$2,123 million and HK\$1,812 million, respectively, as at 31 March 2019 and 2020 to HK\$1,715 million as at 31 March 2021. However, the Group’s long-term bank borrowings increased from HK\$6,305 million and HK\$7,516 million, respectively, as at 31 March 2019 and 2020 to HK\$8,364 million as at 31 March 2021. As a result, the Group’s total bank borrowings increased from HK\$8,428 million and HK\$9,328 million, respectively, as at 31 March 2019 and 2020 to HK\$10,079 million as at 31 March 2021, and the Group’s ratio of total debt (bank and other borrowings) to total assets was 39.4 per cent., 41.5 per cent. and 41.7 per cent., respectively, as at 31 March 2019, 2020 and 2021. The bank borrowings were mainly denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi, U.S. dollars, British pound sterling and Australian dollars and were on a floating rate basis at either bank prime rate lending rates or short-term inter-bank offer rates. As at 31 March 2021, the Group’s bank borrowings had an effective interest rate ranging from 0.60 per cent. to 5.94 per cent. per annum.

The following table sets out the maturity profile of the Group’s bank borrowings as at 31 March 2021:

	<b>As at 31 March 2021</b>
	<i>(HK\$’m)</i>
	<b>(audited)</b>
Within 1 year . . . . .	1,715
Between 1 to 5 years . . . . .	8,364
Total . . . . .	<u>10,079</u>

## **Competition**

The Group competes with other property investment holding companies engaged in property repositioning, development and investment in Hong Kong, the PRC and Macau for the acquisition of suitable commercial and/or residential properties. The Group has entered into a number of strategic joint venture arrangements with certain of its competitors which are typically project-based only, and such arrangements do not restrict them from competing with the Group on other projects. New competitors entering the market would also make it more competitive for the Group to acquire suitable properties but the Group believes that its cumulative experience in property investment, development, leasing and management enable it to compete effectively with its competitors.

## **Intellectual Property**

The Group has obtained trademarks in Hong Kong in relation to its “Couture Homes”, “Couture Heritage” and “Couture Living”. The Group has filed applications for trademark registration in the PRC in relation to its “Couture Homes” and “CSI Properties” brands. As of the date of this Offering Circular, there have been no instances of any material abuse of the Group’s intellectual property rights.

## **Insurance**

The Group is covered by industry-standard insurance policies arranged with reputable insurance companies which cover loss of rental, fire, flood, riot, strike, malicious damage, other material damage to property and development sites, business interruption and public liability.

The Group believes that its properties are covered with adequate insurance provided by reputable independent insurance companies and with commercially reasonable deductibles and limits on coverage. Notwithstanding the Group’s insurance coverage, damage to the Group’s buildings, facilities, equipment or other properties as a result of occurrences such as fire, floods, water damage, explosion, power loss, typhoons and other natural disasters could nevertheless have a material adverse effect on the Group’s financial condition and results of operations.

## **Employees**

As at 31 March 2021, the total number of employees of the Group was approximately 105 (excluding the employees of Novotel Hotel in Jordan). The Group’s employees are remunerated in line with the prevailing market terms as well as with reference to individual performance, with remuneration packages and policies reviewed on a regular basis. In addition to salaries, discretionary bonuses may be rewarded to employees after assessment of the performance of the Group and the individual employee.

## ***Retirement benefit schemes***

The Group participates in a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (“**MPF Scheme**”) for its employees in Hong Kong. The MPF Scheme is registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Authority under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of an independent trustee. Under the rules of the MPF Scheme, the employer and its employees are each required to make contributions to the scheme at rates specified in the rules. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the MPF Scheme is to make the required contributions under the scheme. No forfeited contributions are available to reduce the contributions payables in the future years.

The Group also operates a defined contribution retirement scheme for all qualifying employees in Macau. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in funds under control of independent trustees. The retirement scheme cost recognised in profit or loss represents contributions payable to funds by the Group at rates specified in the rules of the scheme. Where there are employees of the Group who leave the scheme prior to vesting fully in the contributions, the contributions payable by the Group are reduced by the amount of forfeited contributions.

The employees employed by the operations in the PRC are members of the state managed retirement benefit schemes operated by the PRC government. The PRC operations are required to contribute a certain percentage of payroll cost to the retirement benefits scheme to fund the benefits. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the retirement benefits scheme is to make specified contributions.

Contributions to retirement benefits schemes of the Group amounted to HK\$5,018,000, HK\$5,149,000 and HK\$6,065,000, and were charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss, respectively, for the years ended 31 March 2019, 2020 and 2021.

### *Share option schemes*

#### *2012 Scheme*

On 16 August 2012, the Guarantor adopted a share option scheme (the “**2012 Scheme**”), for the primary purpose of providing incentives to directors and eligible employees. The 2012 Scheme will expire on 15 August 2022. Under the 2012 Scheme, the Board may grant options to eligible employees, including executive directors of the Guarantor and its subsidiaries, non-executive directors, any consultant, adviser or agent engaged by the Guarantor and its subsidiaries and any vendor, supplier of goods or services or customer of the Guarantor and its subsidiaries to subscribe for shares in the Guarantor.

The total number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the 2012 Scheme is not permitted to exceed 10 per cent. of the shares of the Guarantor in issue at 16 August 2012 unless the Guarantor obtains a fresh approval from its shareholders. The number of shares in respect of which options may be granted to any individual is not permitted to exceed 1 per cent. of the number of shares in issue unless the Guarantor obtains a fresh approval from its shareholders.

Options granted must be taken up within 60 days of the date of grant, upon payment of HK\$1 per grant. Options may be exercised at any time during the specific exercise period as determined by the Board. In each grant of options, the Board may at its discretion determine the specific exercise period. The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Guarantor, and will not be less than the higher of (i) the closing price of the Guarantor’s shares on the date of grant, (ii) the average closing price of the Guarantor’s shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant, and (iii) the nominal value of the Guarantor’s shares.

The maximum number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under all share option schemes of the Guarantor is not permitted to exceed 30 per cent. of the shares of the Guarantor in issue from time to time. No share option may be granted under any share option scheme of the Guarantor if such limit is exceeded.

For the years ended 31 March 2019, 2020 and 2021, no share options were granted.

## Environmental and Safety Matters

The Group believes that as at the date of this Offering Circular, it is in compliance in all material respects with applicable environmental regulations in Hong Kong, Macau and the PRC which relate to its business and operations. As at the date of this Offering Circular, the Group is not aware of any environmental proceedings or investigations to which it is or might become a party.

## Government Regulations

The operations of the Group are subject to various laws and regulations in Hong Kong, Macau and the PRC. The Group's activities conducted on its investment and development properties are limited by zoning ordinances and other regulations. Developing properties, refurbishment and other redevelopment projects require government permits, some of which may take a longer time to obtain than others. The Group's properties are subject to routine inspections by government officials in relation to various safety and environmental issues. The Group believes that, as at the date of this Offering Circular, it is in compliance in all material respects with government safety regulations currently in effect. The Group has not experienced significant problems with any regulation with regard to these issues, and is not aware of any pending legislation on these issues that might have a material adverse effect on its properties.

## Legal Proceedings

The Group is involved in litigation as part of its day-to-day business. As at the date of this Offering Circular, the Group is not involved in any litigation which would have a material adverse effect on the business or financial position of the Group.

## Financial Guarantee Contracts

	<b>As at</b> <b>31 March 2021</b> <i>(HK\$'000)</i> <b>(audited)</b>
Guarantees given by the Group for banking facilities granted to:	
Joint ventures .....	8,010,859
An associate .....	<u>282,854</u>
	<u>8,293,713</u>
and utilised by:	
Joint ventures .....	6,716,533
An associate .....	<u>192,280</u>
	<u>6,908,813</u>

## **Recent Developments**

During the period subsequent to 31 March 2021 and up to 30 June 2021, the Group has entered into the following acquisition and disposal transactions.

In May 2021, the Group purchased an additional 10 per cent. stake in the No. 23 Po Shan Road residential project in Hong Kong to raise the Group's interest in this project to 30 per cent.

As of the end of June 2021, the Group has entered into sales agreements for around 30 units for Knightsbridge, the Beijing joint venture residential project.

## ***Corporate Activity***

In April 2021, the Group has refinanced a project loan with DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited for a total loan amount of HK\$1.0 billion for a joint venture project.