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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2019 INTERIM RESULTS

### FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

	Six months ended 30th June, 2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'M	Six months ended 30th June, 2018 (Unaudited) HK\$'M	% Change
Revenue	1,394.0	3,342.1	-58.3%
Gross profit	693.0	1,050.7	-34.0%
Operating profit before depreciation, finance costs and tax	773.3	900.5	-14.1%
Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the parent	68.6	120.1	-42.9%
Basic earnings per ordinary share attributable to equity holders of the parent	HK1.39 cents	HK2.99 cents	-53.5%
Interim dividend per ordinary share	HK0.65 cent	HK0.70 cent	-7.1%
	As at 30th June, 2019 (Unaudited)	As at 31st Dec, 2018 (Unaudited)	
Net asset value per ordinary share attributable to equity holders of the parent			
Book	HK\$2.86	HK\$2.81	+1.8%
Adjusted*	HK\$3.77	HK\$3.76	+0.3%

\* compiled, for the purpose of reference, on an adjusted basis to restate the hotel property portfolio owned by the Regal group in Hong Kong at its market value at 31st December, 2018 and 30th June, 2019, respectively, with the relevant deferred tax liabilities added back

- During the period under review, the Group achieved an unaudited consolidated profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$68.6 million, as compared to a consolidated profit of HK\$120.1 million attained in the corresponding period in 2018.
- The decrease in the profit achieved for the period was primarily due to the fact that, in the comparative period last year, there were substantial profits derived from the completed sales of the residential units in the composite development in Tianjin, the PRC undertaken by Cosmopolitan International Holdings Limited, an indirect listed subsidiary of the Company. While for the period under review, despite the substantial contracted sales secured at Mount Regalia in Kau To in Hong Kong developed by P&R Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of the Company, and the contracted pre-sales of the residential units in the third stage of the other composite development undertaken by Cosmopolitan in Chengdu, the PRC, the profits recognised from property sales were relatively small, as profits from property sales will only be recognised when the properties sold are handed over to the respective purchasers after completion of the relevant sales.
- The Group's operating profit before depreciation, finance costs and tax for the period amounted to HK\$773.3 million, which was lower than the corresponding amount of HK\$900.5 million last year, largely because of the reduction in the profits from property sales.
- Depreciation charges for the period, most of which were related to the Group's hotel properties, amounted to HK\$325.2 million which, although not having an effect on cash flow, have nonetheless impacted the Group's reported profit.
- The Century City Group comprises a total of five listed entities in Hong Kong. As the ultimate holding company of the Group, the Company held a controlling shareholding interest in Paliburg Holdings Limited, its intermediate listed subsidiary, and the core hotel and property businesses of the Group are conducted through different subsidiaries of Paliburg, including Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited, Regal Real Estate Investment Trust and Cosmopolitan.
- The Group currently owns, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, a Boeing B737-800F freighter aircraft on finance lease to a logistics operator, which is generating steady income. In addition, the Regal group also owns at present a fleet of 3 passenger aircraft which are all on operating leases.

- **The Group still holds a reasonably positive view in the long-term growth of the aviation industry and will continue to review new acquisitions if they could offer attractive returns. The Group will also continue to examine different available proposals to devise an appropriate holding structure for its overall aircraft ownership and leasing business.**
- **Century Innovative Technology group (CIT), a 48% owned associate of the Group, is an edutainment company principally engaged in the production of education and entertainment multimedia content, products and services.**
- **As part of the rebranding process into an educational IP, CIT developed 360 minutes of English video courses in 2018 and partnering with a video content creator in China, produced 598 minutes of Chinese language learning and emotional intelligence courses in 2019. These courses have garnered over 120,000 followers on Wechat and CIT plans to develop additional premium content to monetize the fan base.**
- **To foster holistic child development and meet the growing demand for day-care and quality early childhood education, CIT is also considering to develop early childhood centres and kindergartens across Hong Kong and China and is in discussions with leading international educational institutions to bring the best content and practices to China.**
- **Management is confident that the expanding portfolio of high-quality educational content, products and services in collaboration with our world-class partners will help elevate *Bodhi and Friends*, CIT's flagship brand, to become China's first international preschool brand.**
- **Detailed information on the business operations of Paliburg, Regal, Regal REIT and Cosmopolitan, the four listed subsidiary members of the Group, are contained in their separate results announcements released today.**
- **The Century City Group as a whole has a strong asset and financial base and is well prepared for potential volatility in the local or worldwide economic conditions. The Group believes that any market fluctuations in Hong Kong will be relatively short term and the economy of Hong Kong will gradually revive when the social sentiments regain harmony.**
- **The Directors are cautiously optimistic of Hong Kong's future prospects.**

## FINANCIAL RESULTS

For the six months ended 30th June, 2019, the Group achieved an unaudited consolidated profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$68.6 million, as compared to a consolidated profit of HK\$120.1 million attained in the corresponding period in 2018.

As explained in the profit warning announcement published by the Company on 21st August, 2019, the decrease in the profit achieved for the period was primarily due to the fact that, in the comparative period last year, there were substantial profits derived from the completed sales of the residential units in the composite development in Tianjin, the People's Republic of China undertaken by Cosmopolitan International Holdings Limited, an indirect listed subsidiary of the Company. While for the period under review, despite the substantial contracted sales secured at Mount Regalia in Kau To in Hong Kong developed by P&R Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of the Company, and the contracted pre-sales of the residential units in the third stage of the other composite development undertaken by Cosmopolitan in Chengdu, the PRC, the profits recognised from property sales were relatively small, as profits from property sales will only be recognised when the properties sold are handed over to the respective purchasers after completion of the relevant sales.

The Group's operating profit before depreciation, finance costs and tax for the period amounted to HK\$773.3 million, which was lower than the corresponding amount of HK\$900.5 million last year, largely because of the reduction in the profits from property sales explained above. Depreciation charges for the period, most of which were related to the Group's hotel properties, amounted to HK\$325.2 million which, although not having an effect on cash flow, have nonetheless impacted the Group's reported profit.

Supplementary information showing the adjusted net asset value of the Company as at 30th June, 2019 of HK\$3.77 per share, after adjusting for the market value of the hotel properties in Hong Kong owned within the Group on the basis therein presented, is contained in the paragraph headed "Assets Value" in the section headed "Management Discussion and Analysis" in this announcement.

## **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

The Century City Group comprises a total of five listed entities in Hong Kong, with the Company acting as the ultimate holding company of the Group. As at 30th June, 2019, the Company held approximately 62.3% shareholding in Paliburg Holdings Limited and the core hotel and property businesses of the Group are conducted through different subsidiaries of Paliburg.

Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited, a listed subsidiary approximately 69.3% held by Paliburg as at the half year end date, primarily undertakes the Group's hotel businesses. Apart from engaging in hotel operating and management businesses, Regal has a significant portfolio of diversified business interests and held approximately 74.6% of the outstanding units of Regal Real Estate Investment Trust, a listed subsidiary of Regal which presently owns nine Regal and iclub Hotels operating in Hong Kong.

The Group's property development businesses are principally conducted through P&R Holdings, a joint venture 50:50 owned by each of Paliburg and Regal. As Regal is a subsidiary of the Group, P&R Holdings is effectively also a subsidiary of the Company. As at 30th June, 2019, P&R Holdings also held an effective controlling shareholding interest of approximately 70.5% in Cosmopolitan (comprising interests in its ordinary shares and convertible preference shares) and, in addition, the convertible bonds issued by the Cosmopolitan group. Cosmopolitan is consequently also a listed member of the Group, which is principally undertaking property and other investment businesses in China.

The Group currently owns, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, a Boeing B737-800F freighter aircraft on finance lease to a logistics operator, which is generating steady income. In addition, the Regal group also owns at present a fleet of 3 passenger aircraft which are all on operating leases.

The Group still holds a reasonably positive view in the long-term growth of the aviation industry and will continue to review new acquisitions if they could offer attractive returns.

The Group will also continue to examine different available proposals to devise an appropriate holding structure for its overall aircraft ownership and leasing business.

The Group effectively owns an aggregate of 48% interest (comprising 36% held by the Regal group and 12% held through wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company) in Century Innovative Technology group (CIT), an edutainment company principally engaged in the production of education and entertainment multimedia content, products and services.

To date, CIT has developed over 2,000 minutes of award-winning 3D animated content based on its flagship brand, *Bodhi and Friends*, which were launched in four seasons on televisions broadcasting in China, Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. In further testament of the brand's growing popularity, *Bodhi and Friends* was one of the first Chinese brands licensed by Minecraft, one of the world's bestselling video games.

As part of the rebranding process into an educational IP, CIT developed 360 minutes of English video courses in 2018 and partnering with a video content creator in China, produced 598 minutes of Chinese language learning and emotional intelligence courses in 2019. These courses have garnered over 120,000 followers on Wechat and CIT plans to develop additional premium content to monetize the fan base.

Over 3 million *Bodhi and Friends* bilingual books were distributed in 2017 and 2018 during CIT's partnership with KFC among its 4,000 outlets in China. In conjunction with the KFC campaign, 100 kindergarten offline events were held in China with over 30,000 participants. Building upon the success of the KFC campaign and kindergarten events, CIT has gained interests from high-quality and award-winning children content creators and authors worldwide for future collaborations, attesting its growing reputation in both education and publishing sectors. To expand its edutainment IP portfolio, CIT is in discussions with KFC to continue the partnership with various IPs this year.

To foster holistic child development and meet the growing demand for day-care and quality early childhood education, CIT is also considering to develop early childhood centres and kindergartens across Hong Kong and China and is in discussions with leading international educational institutions to bring the best content and practices to China.

Management is confident that the expanding portfolio of high-quality educational content, products and services in collaboration with our world-class partners will help elevate *Bodhi and Friends* to become China's first international preschool brand.

The operational performance and business review of the listed members of the Group during the period under review are highlighted below.

### **PALIBURG HOLDINGS LIMITED**

For the six months ended 30th June, 2019, Paliburg achieved an unaudited consolidated profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$106.3 million, as compared to the profit of HK\$221.7 million attained in the corresponding period in 2018.

Further information on the principal business operations and outlook of Paliburg, including its Management Discussion and Analysis, is contained in Paliburg's announcement separately released today.

### **REGAL HOTELS INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

For the six months ended 30th June, 2019, Regal achieved an unaudited consolidated profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$379.1 million, an increase of about 29% over the comparative profit of HK\$294.0 million attained for the same period in 2018.

Further information on the principal business operations and outlook of Regal, including its Management Discussion and Analysis, is contained in Regal's announcement separately released today.

## **REGAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST**

For the six months ended 30th June, 2019, Regal REIT recorded an unaudited consolidated loss before distribution to unitholders of HK\$362.9 million, as compared to the profit of HK\$942.9 million for the corresponding period in 2018.

Further information on the principal business operations and outlook of Regal REIT, including its Management Discussion and Analysis, is contained in Regal REIT's announcement separately released today.

## **COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

For the six months ended 30th June, 2019, Cosmopolitan recorded an unaudited consolidated loss attributable to shareholders of HK\$57.5 million, as compared to a consolidated profit of HK\$238.7 million attained for the corresponding period in 2018.

Further information on the principal business operations and outlook of Cosmopolitan, including its Management Discussion and Analysis, is contained in Cosmopolitan's announcement separately released today.

## **OUTLOOK**

The Century City Group as a whole has a strong asset and financial base and is well prepared for potential volatility in the local or worldwide economic conditions. The Group believes that any market fluctuations in Hong Kong will be relatively short term and the economy of Hong Kong will gradually revive when the social sentiments regain harmony.

The Directors are also cautiously optimistic of Hong Kong's future prospects.

## **MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Group's significant investments and principal business activities mainly comprise property development and investment, construction and building related businesses, hotel ownership, hotel operation and management, asset management, aircraft ownership and leasing and other investments including financial assets investments.

The principal businesses of Paliburg, the Group's listed intermediate subsidiary, comprise its investment in Regal, its property development and investment businesses (including those undertaken in Hong Kong through P&R Holdings, the joint venture with Regal, and those in the PRC through Cosmopolitan, which is a listed subsidiary of P&R Holdings), construction and building related businesses, and other investment businesses. The business review of Paliburg during the period, the commentary on the property sectors in which the Paliburg group operates and the changes in the general market conditions and the potential impact on their operating performances and future prospects are contained in the separate interim results announcements for 2019 released by Paliburg and Cosmopolitan.

The significant investments and business interests of Regal comprise hotel ownership business undertaken through Regal REIT, hotel operation and management businesses, asset management of Regal REIT, property development and investment, including those undertaken through the joint venture in P&R Holdings, aircraft ownership and leasing and other investment businesses. The performance of Regal's hotel, property and other investment businesses as well as that of Regal REIT during the period under review, the commentary on the hotel and property sectors in which the Regal group operates and the changes in general market conditions and the potential impact on their operating performances and future prospects are contained in the separate interim results announcements for 2019 released by Regal and Regal REIT.

The Group has no immediate plans for material investments or capital assets, other than those as disclosed in the above sections headed “Business Overview” and “Outlook” and in this sub-section.

### **CENTURY INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY GROUP (CIT)**

The Group effectively owns an aggregate of 48% interests (comprising 36% held by the Regal group and 12% held through wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company) in 8D Matrix Limited, an associate of the Group, which wholly owns CIT. The remaining 52% interest in 8D Matrix is held by private companies owned by Mr. Lo Yuk Sui, the Chairman and controlling shareholder of the Company. CIT is a dynamic edutainment company principally engaged in the production of high-quality education and entertainment multimedia content as well as related products and services for families of preschoolers, focusing primarily on the China market. CIT’s flagship property “*Bodhi and Friends*” was created by Miss Lo Po Man, the daughter of Mr. Lo and a Vice Chairman and an Executive Director of the Company, and the intellectual property rights over such characters are beneficially owned by Miss Lo.

To date, CIT has developed over 2,000 minutes of award-winning 3D animated content based on its flagship brand, *Bodhi and Friends*. The first and second seasons debuted on China’s two leading children television channels, CCTV (China Central Television) and Hunan Television in 2014 and 2015, respectively, and Season Two reached No.1 in viewership ratings. Season four, written by an Emmy-award winning writer, achieved No. 1 status on Kaku TV and Jinying TV in 2017. The rerun of Season One and Two also ranked No. 1 on Kaku in 2018 and 2019, respectively. It was also launched on CCTV, Shandong TV, TVB, Hong Kong’s leading television channel, and in Southeast Asia on Dimsum and Miao Mi TV. In further testament of the brand’s growing popularity, *Bodhi and Friends* was one of the first Chinese brands licensed by Minecraft, one of the world’s bestselling video games with over 150 million copies sold.

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CIT plans to expand the existing eight titles of *Bodhi and Friends* bilingual books, and launch a complete series of twenty titles as a box set in the second half of 2019. Leveraging the existing fan base, the box set will be accompanied by online courses and *Bodhi Galaxy* digital content to optimize learning experience and user engagement.

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**PALIBURG HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**P&R HOLDINGS LIMITED**

P&R Holdings is a 50:50 owned joint venture established by Paliburg and Regal, with capital contributions provided by Paliburg and Regal on a pro-rata basis in accordance with their respective shareholdings in P&R Holdings. P&R Holdings is effectively a subsidiary of Paliburg and the Company, and its business scope encompasses the development of real estate projects for sale and/or leasing, the undertaking of related investment and financing

activities, and the acquisition or making of any investments (directly or indirectly) in the financial assets of or interests in, or extending loans to, any private, public or listed corporations or undertakings that have interests in real estate projects or other financial activities where the underlying assets or security comprise real estate properties.

Further information relating to the property development projects being undertaken and properties owned by the P&R Holdings group in Hong Kong is set out below:

Apart from the Shun Ning Road development project in Sham Shui Po, Kowloon and the Anchor Street/Fuk Tsun Street development project in Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon, both of which were undertaken pursuant to the development contracts awarded by the Urban Renewal Authority of Hong Kong, all of the other ongoing development projects and properties are wholly owned by P&R Holdings group.

*Domus and Casa Regalia at Nos.65-89 Tan Kwai Tsuen Road, Yuen Long, New Territories*

This residential project has a site area of approximately 11,192 square metres (120,470 square feet) and provides a total of 170 units, comprising 36 luxurious garden houses and a low-rise apartment block with 134 units, having aggregate gross floor area of approximately 11,192 square metres (120,470 square feet). The occupation permit for the project was issued in November 2015 and the certificate of compliance was obtained in April 2016.

With the exception of 1 unit, all the other 133 units in the apartment block, named Domus, had been sold in 2015. The sale programme for the garden houses, named Casa Regalia, which constitute the main component of the development, was first launched in May 2016 and, up to date, a total of 26 houses have been sold or contracted to be sold. The 10 remaining houses will continue to be disposed of on a gradual basis but some of them may in the meantime be retained for rental income.

*We Go MALL at No.16 Po Tai Street, Ma On Shan, Sha Tin, New Territories*

This development site has a site area of 5,090 square metres (54,788 square feet) and a maximum permissible gross floor area of 15,270 square metres (164,364 square feet). The site has been developed into a shopping mall with 5 storeys above ground level and 1 storey of basement floor. The occupation permit for the project was issued in September 2017. Since

its soft opening in May 2018, the “We Go MALL” has been well received. This shopping mall development is yielding satisfactory rentals and will be retained for investment income.

*The Ascent at No.83 Shun Ning Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon*

This is a joint venture project awarded by the Urban Renewal Authority of Hong Kong through a tender process in March 2014. The land has a site area of 824.9 square metres (8,879 square feet) and has been developed into a 28-storey commercial/residential building (including 1 basement floor) with total gross floor area of 7,159 square metres (77,059 square feet), providing 157 residential units, 2 storeys of shops and 1 storey of basement car parks. The occupation permit for the project was issued in March 2018 and the certificate of compliance was obtained in July 2018. The presale of the residential units was first launched in July 2016 and all residential units have been sold. The commercial units are planned to be tendered for sale in the fourth quarter of 2019.

*Mount Regalia, 23 Lai Ping Road, Kau To, Sha Tin, New Territories*

The project has a site area of 17,476 square metres (188,100 square feet). It has been developed into a luxury residential complex comprising 7 mid-rise apartment blocks with 136 units, 24 detached garden houses and 197 carparking spaces, with aggregate gross floor area of approximately 32,474 square metres (349,547 square feet). The occupation permit was issued in September 2018 and the certificate of compliance in February 2019. The marketing and sale programme was recently commenced earlier this year.

Up to this date, 1 garden house and 7 apartment units together with 9 car parks have been contracted to be sold for an aggregate gross consideration of about HK\$648 million. The average price secured under these contracted sales is very satisfactory and substantial profits will be realised when these property sales are duly completed with their respective purchasers.

*iclub Mong Kok Hotel at 2 Anchor Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon*

This is a hotel development project also awarded by the Urban Renewal Authority of Hong Kong through a tender process in June 2015. The project has a site area of 725.5 square metres (7,809 square feet), with total permissible gross floor area of approximately 6,529

square metres (70,278 square feet) and covered floor area of approximately 9,355 square metres (100,697 square feet).

The project has been developed into a 20-storey hotel, comprising 288 guestrooms with ancillary facilities, with its occupation permit issued in October 2018. The hotel was soft opened for business after the issue of the hotel licence in March 2019. The legal title to the property has recently been formally conveyed to a wholly owned subsidiary of P&R Holdings under the terms of the development agreement with the Urban Renewal Authority of Hong Kong. The hotel is presently managed by the Regal group and for the time being self-operated by P&R Holdings.

*Nos.5-7 Bonham Strand West and Nos.169-171 Wing Lok Street, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong, to be named as “iclub Sheung Wan II Hotel”*

The project has an aggregate site area of approximately 345 square metres (3,710 square feet) and is being developed into a hotel with 98 guestrooms and suites (totally 162 room bays), with total gross floor area of approximately 5,236 square metres (56,360 square feet) and covered floor area of approximately 6,420 square metres (69,120 square feet). The building works have mostly been completed and the project is scheduled for completion in the fourth quarter of 2019. It is expected that the hotel licence will be obtained and the hotel open for business in the first quarter of 2020.

*Nos.291-293 and 301-303 Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon*

The properties presently comprise interests in 80% undivided shares of Nos.291-293 Castle Peak Road and 100% ownership interests of Nos.301-303 Castle Peak Road. The properties have a total site area of 488 square metres (5,260 square feet) and are planned for a commercial/residential development having an aggregate gross floor area of approximately 4,395 square metres (47,304 square feet).

*Nos.9-19 Kam Wa Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong*

The entire ownership interests in the subject properties have now been acquired through private treaty transactions earlier this year. The properties have a total site area of 518 square metres (5,580 square feet) and are intended for a commercial/residential development having an aggregate gross floor area of approximately 4,144 square metres (44,606 square feet).

## **REGAL HOTELS INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

Regal is a listed subsidiary of Paliburg. Further information relating to the property projects undertaken and the principal properties owned by the Regal group, which (except for the property project in Portugal) are all wholly owned by Regal, is set out below:

### **Hong Kong**

*New hotel project intended to be named as “Regala Skycity Hotel” at the Hong Kong International Airport*

In February 2017, a wholly owned subsidiary of Regal was awarded by the Airport Authority in Hong Kong the development right for a new hotel project at the Hong Kong International Airport.

The hotel project has a site area of approximately 6,650 square metres (71,580 square feet) and permissible gross floor area of 33,700 square metres (362,750 square feet) and is situated at a site surrounded by Terminal 2 of the Hong Kong International Airport, the Asia World-Expo and SkyPier. The hotel project is the first phase of the mega SKYCITY Project by the Airport Authority, which also contains large scale retail and offices, dining and entertainment facilities.

The new project is planned for the development of a 13-storey (including one basement floor) hotel with 1,208 guestrooms and suites as well as extensive banquet, meeting and food and beverage facilities. The hotel will be operated as a full service hotel targeting at commercial, airline related, leisure and meeting businesses. The superstructure works are progressing steadily and this new hotel is anticipated to be completed in late 2020.

*Nos.150-162 Queen’s Road West, Hong Kong*

The Regal group has successfully acquired 100% ownership interests in the subject properties through private treaty transactions. The project has a combined site area of 682 square metres (7,342 square feet) and is planned for a commercial/residential development with gross floor area of about 5,842 square metres (62,883 square feet). The general building plans have been

approved and the demolition works of the existing buildings completed. The foundation works have commenced in July 2019 and the project is expected to be completed by 2021.

*Regalia Bay, 88 Wong Ma Kok Road, Stanley, Hong Kong*

A total of 13 garden houses in Regalia Bay with total gross area of about 5,861 square metres (63,091 square feet) are still being retained, 7 of which are held as investment properties, 3 held for sale and 3 as property, plant and equipment. The Regal group will continue to dispose of some of these houses if the price offered is considered satisfactory.

**Overseas**

*Campus La Mola, Barcelona, Spain*

This hotel property was acquired by the Regal group in 2014. It has a total of 186 rooms and was formerly operated by the Regal group under the name of La Mola Hotel & Conference Centre. The hotel property has been leased to an independent third party under a lease agreement that commenced in September 2017 and yielded satisfactory rentals during the period under review.

*41 Kingsway, London WC2B 6TP, the United Kingdom*

The Regal group recently acquired in April 2019 this freehold existing property at an aggregate consideration of approximately GBP22 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$223.7 million). This existing property has 9 storeys (including basement and ground floor) with gross floor area of approximately 2,150 square metres (23,140 square feet) and is presently vacant. This property is intended to be renovated into a hotel with about 78 hotel rooms to be operated by the Regal group.

*Fabrik, Rua Dos Fanqueiros 156, Lisbon, Portugal*

The Regal group has a 90% interest in this property project, which is a rehabilitation and renovation project for a historic building located in an area of vast historical heritage. The building has gross development area of about 1,836 square metres (19,768 square feet) comprising shops and apartments. The design for the renovation programme has been approved by the local government authorities. The tendering process for the selection of the

main contractor is at the final stage and the renovation works are expected to commence soon afterwards. The property project is intended for sale.

## **COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

Cosmopolitan is a listed subsidiary of P&R Holdings. Further information relating to the property projects of the Cosmopolitan group, all of which are wholly owned, as well as the possible investment in logistics business in the PRC is set out below:

### **Property Development**

#### *Chengdu Project – Regal Cosmopolitan City*

Located in the Xindu District in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, the project is a mixed use development consisting of residential, hotel, commercial and office components, with an overall total gross floor area of approximately 495,000 square metres (5,330,000 square feet).

While the nine residential towers in the first and second stages of the Chengdu project have been completed, the superstructure works of the third stage of the development consisting of ten residential towers of total 1,555 units, about 4,100 square metres (44,100 square feet) of commercial accommodations and 1,941 car parking spaces are in steady progress. Presale of two residential towers consisting of 314 units in the third stage of the development was commenced in March 2019. Up to date, a total of 268 residential units have been contracted as sold, securing aggregate sales proceeds of approximately RMB334 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$365 million). The presale of another three residential towers consisting of 472 units has further been launched recently this August and the response is favourable.

The business remodeling works of the hotel have been completed and corresponding interior design works are progressing. The interior fitting-out works are scheduled to commence in early 2020 and the hotel is scheduled to open in phases from the end of 2020.

The updated scheme design of the remaining commercial components within the development, comprising a six-storey commercial complex of about 48,000 square metres (516,700 square feet) and five towers of office accommodations of about 90,500 square

metres (974,100 square feet), have been approved by the local authority and the detailed design works have also commenced. The construction works are planned to be started in late 2019 and the associated presale programme is expected to be launched in late 2020.

#### *Tianjin Project – Regal Renaissance*

Located in the Hedong District in Tianjin, this project is a mixed use development comprising residential, commercial and office components with total gross floor area of about 145,000 square metres (1,561,000 square feet).

The sale of the commercial complex, comprising mainly shops of about 19,000 square metres (205,000 square feet), is continuing steadily and contracts for sale have been secured for some of the shop units. Certain parts of the commercial complex have in the meantime been leased out for rental income.

The superstructure works of the two office towers have resumed since June 2019. The presale of the office accommodations is planned to be launched in the second quarter of 2020.

#### *Xinjiang Project*

This is a re-forestation and land grant project for a land parcel with site area of about 7,600 mu in accordance with the relevant laws and policies in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. The Cosmopolitan group has re-forested an aggregate area of about 4,300 mu within the project site and in accordance with the relevant government policies of Urumqi, a parcel of land with an area of about 1,843 mu (equivalent to approximately 1,228,700 square metres) within the project site would be available for real estate development after the requisite inspection, land grant listing and tender procedures are completed.

The Cosmopolitan group continues to maintain the re-forested area and communicate with the relevant government authority to initiate appropriate measures to settle the disputes over certain portions of the land in the project site that have been illegally occupied. Based on the legal advice obtained, the legitimate interests of the Cosmopolitan group in this re-forestation and land grant contract remain valid and effective.

## **Logistics Business**

### *Possible Investment in a Logistics Group*

As previously disclosed, the Cosmopolitan group entered into certain deposit agreements and loan agreements in August and September 2018 with independent third parties for the possible investment by the Cosmopolitan group in a sizeable logistics services provider that is principally operating logistics and express delivery services and the development and operation of logistics parks in the PRC. The Cosmopolitan group has paid deposits to the vendor and the target investee group in a total amount of RMB170 million and also granted loans to the target investee group in an aggregate sum of RMB150 million due for repayment in November 2018. Together with the interest accrued on the loans, the total amount of such deposits and loans amounted to RMB360.7 million in the books of the Cosmopolitan group as at 30th June, 2019.

Due to the complex operating structure and the financial status of the target investee group, the negotiations on the final terms of the proposed investment by the Cosmopolitan group in the target investee group and certain of its selected businesses have not progressed as smoothly as initially envisaged. The Cosmopolitan group is still continuing its discussions with the vendor and the target investee group on the investment proposal and, in the meantime, is also conducting negotiations with a potential investor for its possible investment in these logistics businesses. Further announcement will be made as and when an investment proposal is finalised.

In the meantime, the deposits and the loan amounts (together with the interest accrued) continue to be secured primarily by equity pledges over certain PRC companies associated with the vendor, guarantees provided by the vendor and certain of his associates, and pledges over the receivables of the target investee group and certain associates of the vendor.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### ASSETS VALUE

All the hotel properties of the Group in Hong Kong owned by Regal REIT, with the exception of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel, the iclub Fortress Hill Hotel and the iclub Ma Tau Wai Hotel, were stated in the financial statements at their fair values as at 7th May, 2012 when Regal, together with Regal REIT, became subsidiaries of the Group, plus subsequent capital additions and deducting accumulated depreciation. The market valuations of these hotel properties have since appreciated substantially but have not been reflected in the Group's financial statements. Moreover, the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel, the iclub Fortress Hill Hotel and the iclub Ma Tau Wai Hotel were stated in the Group's financial statements at cost after full elimination of the unrealised gain arising from the disposal of the hotels by P&R Holdings to Regal REIT, and are also subject to depreciation. For the purpose of providing supplementary information, if the entire hotel property portfolio of the Regal group in Hong Kong is restated in the condensed consolidated financial statements at market value as at 30th June, 2019, the unaudited adjusted net asset value of the ordinary shares of the Company would be HK\$3.77 per share, computed as follows:

	<b>As at 30th June, 2019</b>	
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$ per ordinary share</b>
<b>Book net assets attributable to equity holders of the parent</b>	<b>9,158.0</b>	<b>2.86</b>
<b>Adjustment to restate the Regal group's hotel property portfolio in Hong Kong at its market value and add back the relevant deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>2,912.1</b>	<b>0.91</b>
<b>Unaudited adjusted net assets attributable to equity holders of the parent</b>	<b>12,070.1</b>	<b>3.77</b>

## **CAPITAL RESOURCES AND FUNDING**

### **Funding and Treasury Policy**

The Group adopts a prudent funding and treasury policy with regard to its overall business operations. Cash balances are mostly placed on bank deposits, and treasury and yield enhancement products are deployed when circumstances are considered to be appropriate.

Property development projects in Hong Kong are financed partly by internal resources and partly by bank financing. Project financing is normally arranged in local currency to cover a part of the land cost and a major portion or the entire amount of the construction cost, with interest calculated by reference to the interbank offered rates and the loan maturity tied in to the estimated project completion date. Property development projects in the PRC are presently financed by internal resources and proceeds from the presale of the units. Project financing for the projects in the PRC may be arranged in local currency on appropriate terms to cover a part of the land cost and/or construction cost, and with the loan maturity tied in to the estimated project completion date.

The Group's banking facilities are mostly denominated in Hong Kong dollar with interest primarily determined with reference to interbank offered rates, while its senior unsecured notes are denominated in US dollar with fixed coupon interest rates. The use of hedging instruments for interest rate purposes to cater to business and operational needs is kept under review by the Group's management from time to time. As the Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the US dollar, the exchange risks are considered to be insignificant and no currency hedging has been deployed. As regards the Group's overseas investments and investments in the PRC which are based in currencies other than US dollar and Hong Kong dollar, the Group will consider hedging part or all of the investment amounts into US dollar or Hong Kong dollar to contain the Group's exposure to currency fluctuation.

### **Cash Flows**

Net cash flows generated from operating activities during the period under review amounted to HK\$269.5 million (2018 – net cash flows used in operating activities of HK\$1,013.6 million). Net interest payment for the period amounted to HK\$200.7 million (2018 – HK\$176.2 million).

### **Borrowings and Gearing**

As at 30th June, 2019, the Group had cash and bank balances and deposits of HK\$2,763.5 million (31st December, 2018 – HK\$2,943.9 million) and the Group's borrowings, net of cash and bank balances and deposits, amounted to HK\$17,430.5 million (31st December, 2018 – HK\$16,625.4 million).

As at 30th June, 2019, the gearing ratio of the Group was 37.6% (31st December, 2018 – 36.7%), representing the Group's borrowings, net of cash and bank balances and deposits, of HK\$17,430.5 million (31st December, 2018 – HK\$16,625.4 million), as compared to the total assets of the Group of HK\$46,392.7 million (31st December, 2018 – HK\$45,329.1 million).

On the basis of the adjusted total assets as at 30th June, 2019 of HK\$55,414.4 million (31st December, 2018 – HK\$54,681.0 million) with the hotel portfolio owned by the Regal group in Hong Kong restated at its market value on the basis presented above, the gearing ratio would be 31.5% (31st December, 2018 – 30.4%).

Details of the maturity profile of the borrowings of the Group as of 30th June, 2019 are shown in the condensed consolidated financial statements contained in the interim report for the six months ended 30th June, 2019 of the Company ("Interim Financial Statements") to be published on or before 30th September, 2019.

### **Lease liabilities**

As at 30th June, 2019, the Group had lease liabilities of HK\$70.9 million.

### **Pledge of Assets**

As at 30th June, 2019, certain of the Group's property, plant and equipment, investment properties, properties under development, properties held for sale, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, time deposits and bank balances in the total amount of HK\$33,918.2 million were pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group as well as bank guarantees procured by the Group pursuant to certain lease guarantees in connection with the leasing of the hotel properties from Regal REIT. In addition, as at 30th

June, 2019, certain ordinary shares in a listed subsidiary with a market value of HK\$424.9 million were also pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group.

As at 31st December, 2018, certain of the Group's property, plant and equipment, investment properties, properties held for sale, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at amortised cost, time deposits and bank balances in the total amount of HK\$28,697.5 million were pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group as well as bank guarantees procured by the Group pursuant to certain lease guarantees in connection with the leasing of the hotel properties from Regal REIT. In addition, as at 31st December, 2018, certain ordinary shares in a listed subsidiary with a market value of HK\$457.2 million were also pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group.

### **Capital Commitments**

Details of the capital commitments of the Group as at 30th June, 2019 are shown in the Interim Financial Statements.

### **Contingent Liabilities**

Details of the contingent liabilities of the Group as at 30th June, 2019 are shown in the Interim Financial Statements.

## **DIVIDEND**

The Directors have declared the payment of an interim dividend of HK0.65 cent (2018 – HK0.70 cent) per ordinary share for the financial year ending 31st December, 2019, absorbing an amount of approximately HK\$20.8 million (2018 – HK\$22.4 million) and will be payable to holders of ordinary shares on the Register of Ordinary Shareholders on 15th October, 2019.

## **CLOSURE OF REGISTER**

The Register of Ordinary Shareholders will be closed from Friday, 11th October, 2019 to Tuesday, 15th October, 2019, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of ordinary shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the interim dividend declared, all transfers of ordinary shares, duly accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10th October, 2019. The relevant dividend warrants are expected to be despatched on or about 31st October, 2019.

## HALF YEAR RESULTS

### Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

	Six months ended 30th June, 2019  (Unaudited)  HK\$'M	Six months ended 30th June, 2018  (Unaudited)  HK\$'M
REVENUE (Notes 2 & 3)	1,394.0	3,342.1
Cost of sales	(701.0)	(2,291.4)
Gross profit	693.0	1,050.7
Other income and gains (Note 3)	139.7	61.0
Fair value gains on investment properties, net	28.4	152.9
Fair value gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, net	140.4	(141.0)
Property selling and marketing expenses	(32.3)	(24.4)
Administrative expenses	(195.9)	(198.7)
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE DEPRECIATION	773.3	900.5
Depreciation	(325.2)	(297.0)
OPERATING PROFIT (Notes 2 & 4)	448.1	603.5
Finance costs (Note 5)	(268.1)	(179.4)
Share of profits and losses of associates	0.3	(1.9)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	180.3	422.2
Income tax (Note 6)	(9.1)	(133.3)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD BEFORE ALLOCATION BETWEEN EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT AND NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	171.2	288.9

**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss (Cont'd)**

	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'M</b>	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2018 (Unaudited) HK\$'M</b>
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	<b>68.6</b>	120.1
Non-controlling interests	<b>102.6</b>	168.8
	<hr/> <b>171.2</b> <hr/>	<hr/> 288.9 <hr/>
<b>EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT (Note 8)</b>		
Basic and diluted	<b>HK1.39 cents</b>	HK2.99 cents
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## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Six months ended 30th June, 2019  (Unaudited)  HK\$'M	Six months ended 30th June, 2018  (Unaudited)  HK\$'M
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD BEFORE ALLOCATION BETWEEN EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT AND NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	171.2	288.9
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS		
Other comprehensive loss that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	(2.3)	(52.0)
Share of other comprehensive loss of an associate	–	(0.1)
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	(2.3)	(52.1)
Other comprehensive loss that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Changes in fair value of equity investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	(99.0)	–
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OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	(101.3)	(52.1)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	<hr/>	<hr/>
	69.9	236.8
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	16.5	97.2
Non-controlling interests	53.4	139.6
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	69.9	236.8
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## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	30th June, 2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'M	31st December, 2018 (Audited) HK\$'M
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	23,307.8	22,974.2
Investment properties	3,690.5	3,782.3
Right-of-use assets	63.2	–
Properties under development	2,916.4	2,227.7
Investments in associates	8.5	8.2
Equity investment designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	426.0	–
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	839.0	694.4
Loans receivable	108.9	133.1
Finance lease receivables	15.8	22.8
Debtors, deposits and prepayments (Note 9)	468.9	407.4
Deferred tax assets	46.9	42.9
Other assets	0.2	0.2
Goodwill	261.0	261.0
Trademark	610.2	610.2
Total non-current assets	<u>32,763.3</u>	<u>31,164.4</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Properties under development	1,901.7	1,747.4
Properties held for sale	6,166.3	6,128.7
Aircraft held for sale	–	5.9
Inventories	68.8	64.6
Loans receivable (Note 10)	264.5	177.0
Finance lease receivables	11.9	10.8
Debtors, deposits and prepayments (Note 11)	566.0	466.9
Financial assets at amortised cost	38.8	481.3
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,824.2	2,097.6
Derivative financial instruments	12.0	28.4
Tax recoverable	11.7	12.2
Restricted cash	200.0	81.4
Pledged time deposits and bank balances	298.6	24.0
Time deposits	999.3	1,193.0
Cash and bank balances	1,265.6	1,645.5
Total current assets	<u>13,629.4</u>	<u>14,164.7</u>

**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Cont'd)**

	<b>30th June, 2019</b>	<b>31st December, 2018</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Audited)</b>
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$'M</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors and accruals (Note 12)	(929.3)	(1,179.6)
Contract liabilities	(662.7)	(336.8)
Lease liabilities	(38.4)	–
Deposits received	(31.0)	(28.9)
Interest bearing bank borrowings	(5,043.0)	(4,131.2)
Derivative financial instruments	(0.7)	(1.0)
Tax payable	(159.8)	(176.7)
Total current liabilities	<u>(6,864.9)</u>	<u>(5,854.2)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>6,764.5</u>	<u>8,310.5</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>39,527.8</u>	<u>39,474.9</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors and deposits received	(81.0)	(75.3)
Lease liabilities	(32.5)	–
Interest bearing bank borrowings	(12,428.7)	(12,712.2)
Other borrowings	(2,722.3)	(2,725.9)
Deferred tax liabilities	(1,944.1)	(1,973.2)
Total non-current liabilities	<u>(17,208.6)</u>	<u>(17,486.6)</u>
Net assets	<u>22,319.2</u>	<u>21,988.3</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent</b>		
Issued capital	320.4	320.4
Reserves	8,837.6	8,674.4
	<u>9,158.0</u>	<u>8,994.8</u>
<b>Perpetual securities</b>	<b>1,732.9</b>	<b>1,732.9</b>
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>	<b>11,428.3</b>	<b>11,260.6</b>
Total equity	<u>22,319.2</u>	<u>21,988.3</u>

Notes:

1. Accounting Policies

The condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30th June, 2019 have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2018, except for the adoption of the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), which are effective for the Group’s annual periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2019.

Amendments to HKFRS 9	<i>Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation</i>
HKFRS 16	<i>Leases</i>
Amendments to HKAS 19	<i>Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement</i>
Amendments to HKAS 28	<i>Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures</i>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 23	<i>Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments</i>
<i>Annual Improvements 2015-2017 Cycle</i>	Amendments to HKFRS 3, HKFRS 11, HKAS 12 and HKAS 23

Other than as explained below regarding the impact of HKFRS 16 and Amendments to HKAS 28, the adoption of the above new and revised standards are not relevant to the preparation of the Group’s condensed consolidated financial statements.

The nature and impact of the new and revised HKFRSs are described below:

- (a) HKFRS 16 replaces HKAS 17 *Leases*, HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*, HK(SIC)-Int 15 *Operating Leases - Incentives* and HK(SIC)-Int 27 *Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease*. The standard sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement,

presentation and disclosure of leases and requires lessees to account for all leases under a single on-balance sheet model. Lessor accounting under HKFRS 16 is substantially unchanged from HKAS 17. Lessors will continue to classify leases as either operating or finance leases using similar principles as in HKAS 17. Therefore, HKFRS 16 did not have any financial impact on leases where the Group is the lessor.

The Group adopted HKFRS 16 using the modified retrospective method of adoption with the date of initial application of 1st January, 2019. Under this method, the standard is applied retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initial adoption as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained profits at 1st January, 2019, and the comparative information for 2018 was not restated and continues to be reported under HKAS 17.

#### New definition of a lease

Under HKFRS 16, a contract is, or contains a lease if the contract conveys a right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is conveyed where the customer has both the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the identified asset and the right to direct the use of the identified asset. The Group elected to use the transition practical expedient allowing the standard to be applied only to contracts that were previously identified as leases applying HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 at the date of initial application. Contracts that were not identified as leases under HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 were not reassessed. Therefore, the definition of a lease under HKFRS 16 has been applied only to contracts entered into or changed on or after 1st January, 2019.

At inception or on reassessment of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease and non-lease component on the basis of their stand-alone prices.

## As a lessee - Leases previously classified as operating leases

### *Nature of the effect of adoption of HKFRS 16*

The Group has lease contracts for certain office, warehouse premises, staff quarters, shop units and office equipment. As a lessee, the Group previously classified leases as either finance leases or operating leases based on the assessment of whether the lease transferred substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets to the Group. Under HKFRS 16, the Group applies a single approach to recognise and measure right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for all leases, except for two elective exemptions for leases of low value assets (elected on a lease by lease basis) and short-term leases (elected by class of underlying asset). The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for (i) leases of low-value assets; and (ii) leases, that at the commencement date, have a lease term of 12 months or less. Instead, the Group recognises the lease payments associated with those leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### *Impacts on transition*

Lease liabilities at 1st January, 2019 were recognised based on the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the incremental borrowing rate at 1st January, 2019.

The right-of-use assets were measured at the amount of the lease liabilities, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to the lease recognised in the statement of financial position immediately before 1st January, 2019. All these assets were assessed for any impairment based on HKAS 36 on that date. The Group elected to present the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately in the statement of financial position.

For the leasehold land and buildings (that were held to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation) previously included in investment properties and measured at fair value, the Group has continued to include them as investment properties at 1st January, 2019. They continue to be measured at fair value applying HKAS 40.

The Group has used the following elective practical expedients when applying HKFRS 16 at 1st January, 2019:

- The use of a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics
- Applied the short-term lease exemptions to leases with a lease term that ends within 12 months from the date of initial application
- Used hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend/terminate the lease

The impacts arising from the adoption of HKFRS 16 as at 1st January, 2019 are as follows:

	Increase (Unaudited) HK\$'M
<b>Assets</b>	
Right-of-use assets	78.3
Investment properties	8.3
Total assets	<u>86.6</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Lease liabilities	<u>86.6</u>

The lease liabilities as at 1st January, 2019 reconciled to the operating lease commitments as at 31st December, 2018 is as follows:

	(Unaudited) HK\$'M
<b>Operating lease commitments as at 31st December, 2018</b>	74.2
Weighted average incremental borrowing rate as at 1st January, 2019	3.30%
Discounted operating lease commitments as at 1st January, 2019	71.9
Add: Payments for optional extension period not recognised as at 31st December, 2018	15.1
Less: Commitments relating to short-term leases and those leases with a remaining lease term ending on or before 31st December, 2019	(0.4)
<b>Lease liabilities as at 1st January, 2019</b>	<u>86.6</u>

Disclosure of the changes in accounting policies is provided in the Group's Interim Financial Statements.

- (b) Amendments to HKAS 28 clarify that the scope exclusion of HKFRS 9 only includes interests in an associate or joint venture to which the equity method is applied and does not include long-term interests that in substance form part of the net investment in the associate or joint venture, to which the equity method has not been applied. Therefore, an entity applies HKFRS 9, rather than HKAS 28, including the impairment requirements under HKFRS 9, in accounting for such long-term interests. HKAS 28 is then applied to the net investment, which includes the long-term interests, only in the context of recognising losses of an associate or joint venture and impairment of the net investment in the associate or joint venture. The Group assessed its business model for its long-term interests in associates upon adoption of the amendments on 1st January, 2019 and concluded that the long-term interests in associates continue to be measured at amortised cost in accordance with HKFRS 9. Accordingly, the amendments did not have any impact on the Group's

condensed consolidated financial information.

## 2. Operating Segment Information

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

- (a) the property development and investment segment comprises the development and sale of properties, the leasing of properties and the provision of estate agency services;
- (b) the construction and building related businesses segment engages in construction works and building related businesses, including the provision of development consultancy and project management services, property management and also security systems and products and other software development and distribution;
- (c) the hotel operation and management and hotel ownership segment engages in hotel operations and the provision of hotel management services, and the ownership in hotel properties for rental income;
- (d) the asset management segment engages in the provision of asset management services to Regal REIT;
- (e) the financial assets investments segment engages in trading of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and other financial assets investments;
- (f) the aircraft ownership and leasing segment engages in the aircraft ownership and leasing for rental and interest income; and
- (g) the others segment mainly comprises the provision of financing services, travel agency services, sale of food products, operation and management of restaurants, operation of security storage lounge, the provision of housekeeping services,

logistics and related services and development and distribution of multimedia entertainment and digital educational content and multi-platform social games.

Management monitors the results of the Group's operating segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resources allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on reportable segment profit/(loss), which is a measure of adjusted profit/(loss) before tax. The adjusted profit/(loss) before tax is measured consistently with the Group's profit before tax except that certain interest income, finance costs, head office and corporate gains and expenses are excluded from such measurement.

Intersegment sales and transfers are transacted with reference to the selling prices used for sales made to third parties at the then prevailing market prices.

The following table presents revenue and profit/(loss) information for the Group's operating segments:

	Property development and investment		Construction and building related businesses		Hotel operation and management and hotel ownership		Asset management		Financial assets investments		Aircraft ownership and leasing		Others		Eliminations		Consolidated	
	Six months ended 30th June, 2019		Six months ended 30th June, 2018		Six months ended 30th June, 2019		Six months ended 30th June, 2018		Six months ended 30th June, 2019		Six months ended 30th June, 2018		Six months ended 30th June, 2019		Six months ended 30th June, 2018		Six months ended 30th June, 2019	
	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M
Segment revenue:																		
Sales to external customers	86.2	2,132.3	8.0	4.5	1,115.4	1,130.6	-	-	136.4	36.0	28.9	31.0	19.1	7.7	-	-	1,394.0	3,342.1
Intersegment sales	4.9	4.8	26.4	161.4	2.5	3.6	56.1	53.1	-	-	-	-	58.0	51.0	(147.9)	(273.9)	-	-
Total	<u>91.1</u>	<u>2,137.1</u>	<u>34.4</u>	<u>165.9</u>	<u>1,117.9</u>	<u>1,134.2</u>	<u>56.1</u>	<u>53.1</u>	<u>136.4</u>	<u>36.0</u>	<u>28.9</u>	<u>31.0</u>	<u>77.1</u>	<u>58.7</u>	<u>(147.9)</u>	<u>(273.9)</u>	<u>1,394.0</u>	<u>3,342.1</u>
Segment results before depreciation	94.2	585.4	3.0	0.2	415.8	451.3	(5.0)	(5.3)	276.5	(98.9)	20.4	32.1	(2.0)	2.4	-	-	802.9	967.2
Depreciation	(6.1)	(11.8)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(288.3)	(272.2)	(1.1)	(0.2)	-	-	(9.0)	(9.2)	(5.5)	(2.0)	-	-	(310.2)	(295.5)
Segment results	<u>88.1</u>	<u>573.6</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>127.5</u>	<u>179.1</u>	<u>(6.1)</u>	<u>(5.5)</u>	<u>276.5</u>	<u>(98.9)</u>	<u>11.4</u>	<u>22.9</u>	<u>(7.5)</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>492.7</u>	<u>671.7</u>
Unallocated interest income and unallocated non-operating and corporate gains																	48.3	28.6
Unallocated non-operating and corporate expenses																	(92.9)	(96.8)
Operating profit																	448.1	603.5
Finance costs																	(268.1)	(179.4)
Share of profits and losses of associates	-	(2.2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.3	0.3	-	-	0.3	(1.9)
Profit before tax																	180.3	422.2
Income tax																	(9.1)	(133.3)
Profit for the period before allocation between equity holders of the parent and non-controlling interests																	171.2	288.9
Attributable to:																		
Equity holders of the parent																	68.6	120.1
Non-controlling interests																	102.6	168.8
																	<u>171.2</u>	<u>288.9</u>

3. Revenue, other income and gains are analysed as follows:

	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2019</b>	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2018</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$'M</b>
<u>Revenue</u>		
<i>Revenue from contracts with customers</i>		
Proceeds from sale of properties	<b>46.0</b>	2,123.3
Proceeds from disposal of aircraft held for sale	<b>5.9</b>	7.8
Hotel operations and management services	<b>1,077.2</b>	1,098.4
Construction and construction-related income	<b>5.0</b>	1.7
Estate management fees	<b>3.0</b>	2.8
Other operations	<b>16.6</b>	5.0
<i>Revenue from other sources</i>		
Rental income:		
Hotel properties	<b>27.2</b>	23.3
Investment properties	<b>49.2</b>	17.9
Aircraft	<b>20.0</b>	17.7
Others	<b>2.0</b>	–
Net gain/(loss) from sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<b>75.0</b>	(7.3)
Net gain/(loss) on settlement of derivative financial instruments	<b>0.3</b>	(6.7)
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<b>52.2</b>	43.5
Interest income from loans receivable	<b>0.4</b>	0.6
Interest income from finance leases	<b>3.0</b>	5.5
Dividend income from listed investments	<b>8.9</b>	6.5
Other operations	<b>2.1</b>	2.1
	<b>1,394.0</b>	3,342.1

	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2019</b>	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2018</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$'M</b>
<u>Other income and gains</u>		
Bank interest income	14.7	25.3
Other interest income	39.2	7.9
Dividend income from unlisted investment	0.1	3.9
Recovery of loans receivable	73.7	–
Gain on disposal of investment properties	10.8	–
Gain on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	–	0.4
Maintenance reserves released	–	19.4
Others	1.2	4.1
	<u>139.7</u>	<u>61.0</u>

4. An analysis of profit on sale of properties and depreciation of the Group is as follows:

	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2019</b>	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2018</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$'M</b>
Profit on disposal of properties	<u>27.4</u>	<u>488.9</u>
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	304.7	297.0
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	20.5	–
	<u>325.2</u>	<u>297.0</u>

5. Finance costs of the Group are as follows:

	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2019</b>	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2018</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$'M</b>
Interest on bank loans	<b>231.4</b>	166.6
Interest on other borrowings	<b>54.1</b>	80.3
Interest expenses arising from revenue contracts	<b>9.1</b>	20.3
Interest on lease liabilities	<b>1.4</b>	–
Amortisation of debt establishment costs	<b>24.4</b>	21.2
Total interest expenses on financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss	<b>320.4</b>	288.4
Other loan costs	<b>5.5</b>	4.0
	<b>325.9</b>	292.4
Less: Finance costs capitalised	<b>(57.8)</b>	(113.0)
	<b>268.1</b>	179.4

6. The income tax charge/(credit) for the period arose as follows:

	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2019</b>	<b>Six months ended 30th June, 2018</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$'M</b>
Current – Hong Kong		
Charge for the period	<b>32.5</b>	35.1
Underprovision in prior years	<b>0.1</b>	–
Current – Overseas		
Charge for the period	<b>8.7</b>	65.2
Underprovision in prior years	<b>0.3</b>	–
PRC land appreciation tax	<b>0.5</b>	83.6
Deferred	<b>(33.0)</b>	(50.6)
Total tax charge for the period	<b>9.1</b>	133.3

The provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been calculated by applying the applicable tax rate of 16.5% (2018 – 16.5%) to the estimated assessable profits which were earned in or derived from Hong Kong during the period.

Taxes on the profits of subsidiaries operating overseas are calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions in which they operate.

The PRC land appreciation tax is levied on the sale or transfer of state-owned land use rights, buildings and their attached facilities in Mainland China at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% of the appreciation value, with an exemption provided for the sale of ordinary residential properties if their appreciation values do not exceed 20% of the sum of the total deductible items.

No provision for tax was required for the associates as no assessable profits were earned by the associates during the period (2018 – Nil).

7. Dividend:

	<b>For year ending 31st December, 2019</b>	<b>For year ended 31st December, 2018</b>
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$'M</b>
Interim – HK0.65 cent (2018 – HK0.70 cent) per ordinary share	<b>20.8</b>	22.4

8. The calculation of the basic earnings per ordinary share for the period ended 30th June, 2019 is based on the profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the parent of HK\$68.6 million (2018 – HK\$120.1 million), adjusted for the share of distribution related to perpetual securities of the Regal group of HK\$24.2 million (2018 – HK\$24.4 million), and on the weighted average of 3,203.8 million (2018 – 3,203.8 million) ordinary shares of the Company in issue during the period.

No adjustment was made to the basic earnings per ordinary share for the periods ended 30th June, 2019 and 2018 as the Company had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue and therefore no diluting events existed throughout the periods.

9. Included in debtors, deposits and prepayments under non-current assets are the deposits in an aggregate amount of RMB170 million (HK\$193.3 million) (31st December, 2018 – RMB170 million (HK\$193.6 million)) paid in relation to a possible investment by the Cosmopolitan group in a sizeable logistics services provider that is principally operating logistics and express delivery services and the development and operation of logistics parks in the PRC, further details of which are disclosed in note 10(a) below.

10. Loans receivable included in current assets are analysed as follows:

	<b>30th June, 2019</b>	<b>31st December, 2018</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Audited)</b>
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$'M</b>
Short term secured loans (Note (a))	<b>170.6</b>	170.8
Other secured loans	<b>93.9</b>	6.2
	<b>264.5</b>	177.0

Note:

(a) On 16th August, 2018, the Cosmopolitan group entered into a deposit agreement (the “Deposit Agreement”) in relation to the possible investment by the Cosmopolitan group in a sizeable logistics services provider that is principally operating logistics and express delivery services and the development and operation of logistics parks in the PRC. Pursuant to the Deposit Agreement, the Cosmopolitan group has paid a deposit of RMB70 million (HK\$79.6 million) to the vendor and was granted an exclusivity period of 18 months to conduct bona fide negotiations to settle the terms of the possible investment. Following further negotiations with the vendor, the Cosmopolitan group has agreed to increase the deposit under the Deposit Agreement from RMB70 million (HK\$79.6 million) to RMB170 million (HK\$193.3 million). The Cosmopolitan group also granted loan facilities to the target investee group in an aggregate loan amount of RMB150 million (HK\$170.6 million) which were fully utilised as at 30th June, 2019 (31st December, 2018 – RMB150 million (HK\$170.8 million)).

The short term secured loans bear interest at 18% to 24% per annum. The deposits and the loan amounts outstanding under the loan facilities are primarily secured by equity pledges over certain PRC companies associated with the vendor, guarantees provided by the vendor and certain of his associates, and pledges over the receivables of the target investee group and certain associates of the vendor.

The short term secured loans were overdue as at 30th June, 2019 and the negotiations with the vendor on the detailed terms of the proposed investment are still ongoing.

11. Included in debtors, deposits and prepayments is an amount of HK\$135.6 million (31st December, 2018 – HK\$152.5 million) representing the trade debtors of the Group. The ageing analysis of these debtors as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	<b>30th June, 2019</b>	<b>31st December, 2018</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Audited)</b>
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$'M</b>
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within 3 months	<b>101.9</b>	131.1
4 to 6 months	<b>14.9</b>	3.7
7 to 12 months	<b>5.6</b>	5.5
Over 1 year	<b>20.2</b>	18.0
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	<b>142.6</b>	158.3
Impairment	<b>(7.0)</b>	(5.8)
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	<b>135.6</b>	152.5
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Trade debtors, which generally have credit terms of 30 to 90 days, are recognised and carried at their original invoiced amounts less impairment.

The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. In view of the aforementioned and the fact that the Group's trade debtors relate to a large number of diversified customers, there is no significant concentration of credit risk. The Group holds collateral or other credit enhancements over certain of these balances.

Also included in debtors, deposits and prepayments is an amount of HK\$4.9 million (31st December, 2018 – HK\$0.8 million) in relation to the prepaid commission for sales of properties which is classified as contract costs in accordance with HKFRS 15.

12. Included in creditors and accruals is an amount of HK\$66.4 million (31st December, 2018 – HK\$78.5 million) representing the trade creditors of the Group. The ageing analysis of these creditors as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	<b>30th June, 2019</b>	<b>31st December, 2018</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Audited)</b>
	<b>HK\$'M</b>	<b>HK\$'M</b>
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within 3 months	<b>66.3</b>	78.2
4 to 6 months	<b>0.1</b>	0.2
7 to 12 months	–	0.1
	<u><b>66.4</b></u>	<u>78.5</u>

The trade creditors are non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 90 days.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any listed securities of the Company during the six months ended 30th June, 2019.

## **REVIEW OF RESULTS**

The Group's condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30th June, 2019 have not been audited, but have been reviewed by Ernst & Young, the Company's external auditors, whose review report is contained in the Company's interim report for the six months ended 30th June, 2019 to be despatched to shareholders.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30th June, 2019, including the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group, in conjunction with the Company's external auditors.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company has complied with the Code Provisions in the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange during the six months ended 30th June, 2019, except that:

- (1) The roles of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer are not separated and performed by two different individuals, due to practical necessity to cater to the Group's corporate operating structure.
- (2) The Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company were not appointed for specific terms, but in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-laws of the Company, all Directors (including the Independent Non-Executive Directors) of the Company are subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years, and the retiring Directors are eligible for re-election.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises the following members:

***Executive Directors:***

Mr. LO Yuk Sui

*(Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)*

Mr. Jimmy LO Chun To

*(Vice Chairman)*

Miss LO Po Man

*(Vice Chairman)*

Mr. Kenneth NG Kwai Kai

*(Chief Operating Officer)*

Mr. Donald FAN Tung

Mr. Kelvin LEUNG So Po

***Independent Non-Executive Directors:***

Mr. Anthony CHUANG

Ms. Winnie NG, JP

Mr. WONG Chi Keung

By Order of the Board

**LO YUK SUI**

Chairman

Hong Kong, 26th August, 2019