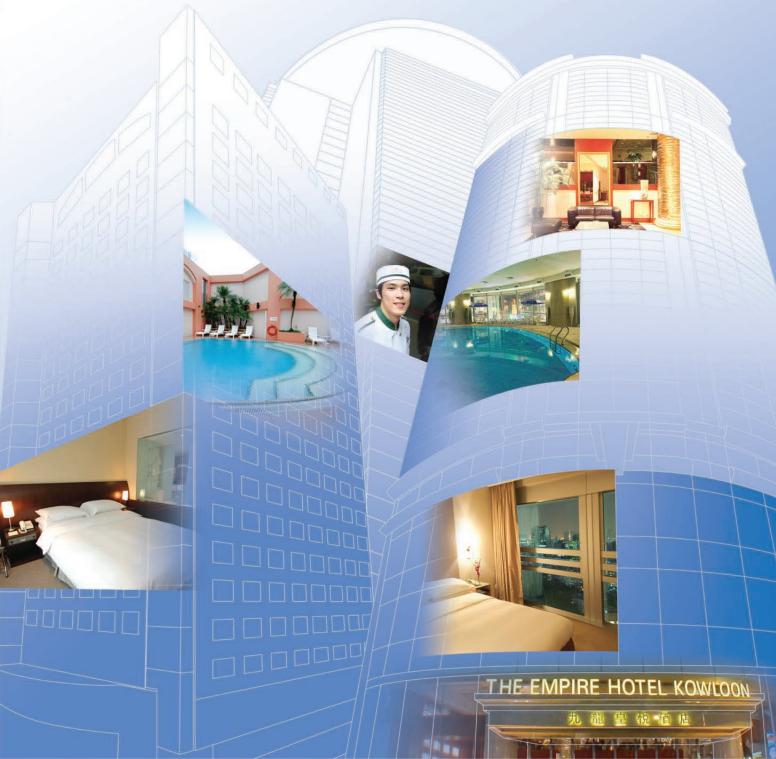


## Interim Report 2006



# Corporate Information

## Directors

Executive

Mr. Poon Jing (Chairman) Dr. Lim Yin Cheng (Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive) Mr. Fung Siu To, Clement Mr. Poon Tin Sau, Robert Mr. Wong Shu Pui Mr. Woo Wei Chun, Joseph (appointed on 20 September 2006)

Non-executive Mr. Liang Shangli

Independent Non-executive Mr. Ip Chi Wai Mr. Leung Wai Keung, Richard Mr. Hung Yat Ming

### Audit committee

Mr. Hung Yat Ming *(Chairman)* Mr. Leung Wai Keung, Richard Mr. Ip Chi Wai

### **Remuneration committee**

Dr. Lim Yin Cheng *(Chairman)* Mr. Hung Yat Ming Mr. Ip Chi Wai

### **Authorised representatives**

Dr. Lim Yin Cheng Mr. Lee Tai Hay, Dominic

**Company secretary** 

Mr. Lee Tai Hay, Dominic

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## Share registrar in Bermuda

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## Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited 46th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong

# **Financial Highlights**

	Six months ended			
	30th September			
	2006	2005	Change	
			(%)	
(in HK\$ million, except otherwise indicated)				

## Consolidated profit and loss account

Turnover	311	290	+7
Gross operating profit *	87	62	+40
Profit/(Loss) attributable to shareholders	17	(25)	N/A
Basic earning/(loss) per share (HK cent)	0.19	(0.46)	N/A

\* represents operating profit before depreciation and amortisation on hotel properties

	30th September 2006	31st March 2006	Change (%)
Consolidated balance sheet			
Total assets	2,374	2,417	-2
Equity attributable to the Company's shareholders	1,752	1,476	+19
Net debt	502	837	-40

Supplementary information with hotel properties at valuations (note):

Revalued total assets	3,728	3,717	-
Revalued net asset value	3,048	2,725	+12
Revalued net asset value per share (HK\$)	0.32	0.43	-26
Net debt to revalued net asset value (%)	16%	31%	-15

Note: Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") do not permit leasehold land other than investment properties to be carried at valuation. The Group considers that such treatment does not reflect the economic substance of its hotel property investments. Therefore the Group has presented supplementary unaudited financial information taking into account the fair market value of hotel properties in addition to those in accordance with HKFRS.

The hotel properties in Hong Kong and Canada were revalued by Knight Frank and Grant Thornton Management Consultants respectively, independent professional valuers, on an open market value basis as at 30th September 2006.

# Management Discussion and Analysis



## **Interim Results**

The Group's unaudited turnover and gross operating profit for the six months ended 30th September 2006 amounted to HK\$311 million and HK\$87 million respectively; the latter showed a 40% increase when compared with the same period of last year.

The board declares an interim dividend in respect of the half year under review of HK0.26 cent per share (2005: Nil).

## **Business Review**

Reported visitors arrivals to Hong Kong for the first nine months of 2006 was more than 18.57 million, a 9.5% increase when compared with the same period of last year.

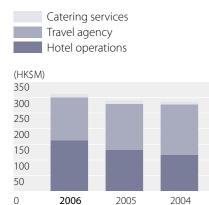


## The Empire Hotel, Hong Kong

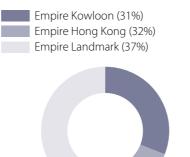
Prospect for higher commercial and corporate occupancy is promising as the renovation project is recently completed.

Empire Hong Kong's average rate increased 18% and occupancy also improved 12% to 85%. Total revenue increased HK\$12.5 million to HK\$52.3 million, up 31%, and its gross operating profit increased HK\$9.8 million to HK\$30.7 million, up 47%.





## 2006 Revenue by hotels



### The Empire Hotel Hong Kong

	Revenue			
	Occupano	y (%)		
(HK\$M)				
120				120%
100				100%
80			+	80%
60				60%
40				40%
20				20%
0	2006	2005	2004	0%

## Management Discussion and Analysis



## The Empire Hotel, Kowloon

Empire Kowloon's average rate increased 14% whilst occupancy improved 5% at 94% level. Total revenue increased HK\$8.6 million to HK\$50 million, up 21%, and gross operating profit increased HK\$8.8 million to HK\$31.8 million, up 37%.



## The Empire Landmark Hotel, Vancouver

Empire Landmark's average rate increased 6% whilst occupancy improved 2% to 79%. Boosted by a strong Canadian dollar, total revenue increased HK\$9.6 million to HK\$60.0 million, up 19%, and gross operating profit increased HK\$6.1 million to HK\$28.6 million, up 27%.



TGI Friday's

## **Travel and catering**

Revenue for the travel business amounts to HK\$137.5 million and catering revenue about HK\$11.5 million.



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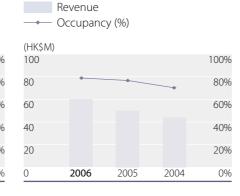
### **Human Resources**

As at 30th September 2006, the total number of employees of the Company and its subsidiaries were 415 (2005: 395). In addition to salary payment, other benefits include insurance, medical scheme and retirement plans and others.

## The Empire Hotel Kowloon



### The Empire Landmark Hotel Vancouver



## Management Discussion and Analysis

### **Financial Review**

As at 30th September 2006, the shareholders' funds amounted to HK\$1,751 million, increased by HK\$275 million over last year.

Total assets amounted to HK\$2,373 million, dropped 2% when compared with HK\$2,417 million as at 31st March 2006. On an open market value basis as at 30th September 2006, the total revalued amount by independent professional valuers of the three hotel properties was HK\$3,572 million, up HK\$35 million when compared with that being prepared on the same basis as at 31st March 2006.

The consolidated net debt was HK\$502 million, a decrease of HK\$335 million when compared with that at 31st March 2006. Gearing on net asset value dropped from 57% to the present 29%, and against revalued net asset value, from 31% to 16%.



73% of the total debt is denominated in HK\$. Total interest rate swap contracts amounts HK\$360 million. There is no principal repayment for the next four years for HK\$ denominated loans. The remaining is the Vancouver property mortgage loan of HK\$145 million (2005: HK\$146 million) that was borrowed in Canadian dollar for exchange hedging purposes.

#### Total borrowings as at 30th September 2006





The aggregate net book value of property, plant and equipment and leasehold land pledged as securities for loans of the Group as at 30th September 2006 amounted to HK\$2,188 million (2005: HK\$2,203 million).

## **Future Prospects**

We see significant potential future value through the renovation program made in our Empire Hong Kong Hotel. We are actively pursuing new opportunities for further growth and value creation, including the search of opportunities for investment and management contracts in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China.

The four major attractions in Hong Kong -Hong Kong Disney Land, Madame Tussauds Hong Kong, Ngong Ping 360 and Ocean Park will mark a dazzling finale to 2006 Discover Hong Kong Year, and the diversity of romantic and spectacular activities shall continue showcase Hong Kong's vibrant appeal into 2007.

Prospects for our Vancouver hotel look equally optimistic because of the expected growth in Canada's tourism led by its sustained economic expansion in anticipation of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Similarly, our franchised restaurants will also benefit from the thriving tourist industry here locally while our Shanghai restaurant is expected to grow in revenue and profitability alongside with Shanghai's vibrant economic growth.

# Independent Review Report of the Auditors

# Independent Review Report to the Board of Directors of Asia Standard Hotel Group Limited

(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

### Introduction

We have been instructed by the Company to review the interim consolidated accounts of the Company for the six months ended 30th September 2006 (the "Interim Consolidated Accounts") set out on pages 6 to 19.

#### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of interim financial information to be in compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim financial reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the relevant provisions thereof. The interim financial information is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the Directors.

It is our responsibility to form an independent conclusion, based on our review, on the Interim Consolidated Accounts and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

### **Review work performed**

We conducted our review in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards 700 "Engagements to review interim financial reports" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review consists principally of making enquiries of management and applying analytical procedures to the Interim Consolidated Accounts and based thereon, assessing whether the accounting policies and presentation have been consistently applied unless otherwise disclosed. A review excludes audit procedures such as tests of controls and verification of assets, liabilities and transactions. It is substantially less in scope than an audit and therefore provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on the Interim Consolidated Accounts.

### **Review conclusion**

On the basis of our review which does not constitute an audit, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Interim Consolidated Accounts.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers** *Certified Public Accountants* Hong Kong, 15th December 2006

# Consolidated Profit and Loss Account – Unaudited

For the six months ended 30th September 2006

		Six mo	onths ended	
		30th	September	
	Note	2006	2005	
		HK\$′000	HK\$'000	
TURNO VER	2	310,795	290,169	
COST OF SALES		(180,940)	(188,480)	
GROSS PR OFIT		129,855	101,689	
ADMINISTR ATIVE EXPENSES		(42,661)	(39,729)	
OPER ATING PR OFIT BEFORE O THER CHAR GES		87,194	61,960	
OTHER CHAR GES	3	(36,858)	(35,748)	
OPER ATING PR OFIT	4	50,336	26,212	
INTEREST INC OME		1,035	1,728	
NET LOSS FROM FINANCIAL ASSET S	5	(5,741)	(26,382)	
FINANCECOSTS	6	(23,717)	(25,916)	
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		21,913	(24,358)	
TAXATION	7	(5,191)	(691)	
PROFIT/(LOSS) ATTRIB UTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS		16,722	(25,049)	
INTERIM DIVIDEND	8	24,602	-	
EARNINGS/(L OSS) PER SHARE				
Basic and dilut ed	9	HK 0.19 cent	HK (0.46) c ent	

# Consolidated Balance Sheet – Unaudited

As at 30th September 2006

		30th	31s
		September	March
	Note	2006	2006
		HK\$′000	HK\$'000
NON-CURRENTASSET S			
Property, plant and equipmen t	10	873,390	877,179
Leasehold land	10	1,315,107	1,325,426
Goodwill		13,188	13,188
Deferred tax assets		34,938	40,130
		2,236,623	2,255,923
CURRENT ASSET S			
Inventories		2,624	2,566
Derivative financial instruments		-	1,257
Financial assets a t fair v alue thr ough profit or loss		22,888	61,957
Trade and other r eceivables	11	58,933	50,181
Tax recoverable		-	200
Bank balanc es and cash		52,594	44,677
		137,039	160,838
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other pa yables	12	54,714	47,480
Current income tax pa yable		10,973	10,973
Bank borrowings – secur ed	13	20,000	
Derivative financial instruments		2,299	
Current portion of b orrowings	13	8,374	17,943
		96,360	76,396
NET CURRENT ASSET S		40,679	84,442
TOTAL ASSET S LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,277,302	2,340,365
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	13	525,731	863,880
NET ASSET S		1,751,571	1,476,485
EQUITY			
Share capital	14	189,243	126,162
Reserves	15	1,562,328	1,320,044
Dividends		-	30,279
		1,751,571	1,476,485

# Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement – Unaudited

	Six months ended		
	30th Sep	tember	
	2006	2005	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Net cash from operating activities	66,131	74,292	
Net cash from investing ac tivities	24,676	1,185	
Net cash used in financing ac tivities	(82,965)	(19,524)	
Changes in e xchange r ates	75	386	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	7,917	56,339	
Cash and c ash equiv alents at the beginning of the p eriod	44,677	56,194	
Cash and c ash equiv alents at the end of the p eriod	52,594	112,533	
Analy sis of balanc es of cash and cash equiv alents			
Bank balanc e	52,594	116,697	
Bank overdrafts	-	(4,164)	
	52,594	112,533	

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity – Unaudited

			ths ended ptember
	Note	2006	2005
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Total equit y at the beginning of the p eriod		1,476,485	1,227,030
Net income directly recognised in equit y			
Exchange diff erences	15	6,839	4,750
Profit/(loss) a ttributable t o shareholders	15	16,722	(25,049)
Issue of new shares	14, 15	281,804	-
Dividends paid dur ing the period	8, 15	(30,279)	-
Total equit y at the end of the p eriod		1,751,571	1,206,731

## 1 Basis of preparation

The unaudited interim consolidated accounts ("Interim Consolidated Accounts") 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 "HKICPA").

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of the Interim Consolidated Accounts are consistent with those used in the annual accounts for the year ended 31st March 2006.

For the six months ended 30th September 2006, the Group has also applied the new standards, amendments and interpretations issued by the HKICPA that are effective for the accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2006. However, the adoption of these new standards, amendments and interpretations does not have significant effect on the results and financial position of the Group.

## 2 Turnover and segment information

The Group is principally engaged in hotel, catering services and travel agency operations. Turnover represents gross revenue from hotel, catering services and travel agency operations.

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting and operating activities, the primary reporting is by business segments and the secondary reporting is by geographical segments.

### Primary reporting format - business segments

The Group is organised into three main business segments:

Hotel	-	hotel operation in Hong Kong and Canada
Catering services	-	restaurant operation in Hong Kong and Mainland China
Travel agency	-	sale of air tickets and hotel reservation service

## 2 Turnover and segment information (Continued)

**Business segments** 

Hotel	Catering	Travel	
operation	services	agency	Total
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
122,186			
28,574			
5,020			
5,962			
161,742	11,515	137,538	310,795
54,469	1,765	655	56,889
			(6,553)
			50,336
			1,035
			(5,741)
			(23,717)
			21,913
			(5,191)
			16,722
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	Hotel	Catering	Travel	
	operation	services	agency	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Six months ended 30th September 2005				
Room rentals	95,910			
Food and beverages	25,152			
Ancillary services	4,387			
Rental income	5,699			
Segment revenue	131,148	11,408	147,613	290,169
Segment results	31,098	1,907	52	33,057
Unallocated corporate expenses				(6,845)
Operating profit				26,212
Interest income				1,728
Net loss from financial assets				(26,382)
Finance costs				(25,916)
Loss before taxation				(24,358)
Taxation				(691)
Loss attributable to shareholders				(25,049)

## 2 Turnover and segment information (Continued) Secondary reporting format – geographical segments

The Group's business segments operating in various geographical areas are as follows:

Hong Kong	-	all the Group's business segments
Canada	-	hotel and catering
Mainland China	-	catering

A summary of geographical segments is set out as follows:

	Turnov	Turnover Six months ended 30th September		Operating profit Six months ended	
	Six months				
	30th Septe			ember	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$′000	HK\$'000	
Hong Kong	246,422	235,765	29,678	11,321	
Mainland China	59,476	49,942	19,329	14,255	
Canada	4,897	4,462	1,329	636	
	310,795	290,169	50,336	26,212	

## 3 Other charges

	Six months ended	
	30th September	
	<b>2006</b> 200.	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	26,539	25,429
Amortisation of leasehold land	10,319	10,319
	36,858	35,748

## 4 Operating profit

	Six months ended		
	30th Sep	30th September	
	<b>2006</b> 200		
	HK\$′000	HK\$'000	
Operating profit is stated after charging the following:			
Staff costs, including directors' emoluments	40,488	37,308	
Operating lease rental expense for properties	2,594	2,469	
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	2,322	1,312	
Cost of goods sold	17,226	11,033	

## 5 Net loss from financial assets

	Six months ended	
	30th September	
	2006	2005
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Net fair value losses	(6,170)	(22,651)
Realised gains/(losses)	350	(5,160)
Dividend income from listed equity securities	79	1,429
	(5,741)	(26,382)

## 6 Finance costs

	Six months ended	
	30th September	
	2006	2005
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest expense		
Bank loans and overdrafts	20,149	26,328
Finance lease obligations wholly payable within five years	12	16
Fair value losses/ (gains) on interest rate swap contracts	3,556	(428)
	23,717	25,916

## 7 Taxation

laxation			
	Six mo	Six months ended	
	30th 5	30th September	
	2006	2005	
	НК\$′000	HK\$'000	
Deferred taxation	5,191	691	

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax, overseas and Mainland China tax has been made as the Group has sufficient tax losses brought forward to set off against the estimated assessable profit for the period (2005: HK\$Nil).

## 8 Dividend

	Six months ended	
	30th September	
	<b>2006</b> 2005	
	HK\$′000	HK\$'000
Interim dividend of HK 0.26 cent (2005: Nil) per ordinary share	24,602	-

The Directors declared the payment of an interim dividend HK\$24,602,000 (2005: Nil).

A final dividend of HK0.32 cent per ordinary share, totalling HK\$30,279,000 for the year ended 31st March 2006 was paid in September 2006.

### 9 Earnings/(loss) per share

The calculation of basis earnings/(loss) per share is based on the profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$16,722,000 (2005:loss of HK\$25,049,000) and on the weighted average of 8,815,840,410 (2005:5,471,433,701) shares in issue during the period. The comparative figure for basic earnings per share has been adjusted to reflect the effect of rights issue completed in May 2006.

There is no dilutive effect on the earnings per share for the six months ended 30th September 2006 in respect of the outstanding share options during the period, and there were no dilutive instruments for the six months ended 30th September 2005. Accordingly, the basis earnings/(loss) per share is equal to the diluted earnings/(loss) per share for both periods.

## 10 Property, plant and equipment and leasehold land

	Freehold			
	land and			
Cost	hotel	Plant and	Leasehold	
	buildings	equipment	land	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 31st March 2006	978,569	296,628	1,527,516	2,802,713
Exchange difference	17,070	3,180	-	20,250
Additions	376	9,311	-	9,687
At 30th September 2006	996,015	309,119	1,527,516	2,832,650
Accumulated depreciation and amortisation				
At 31st March 2006	201,986	196,032	202,090	600,108
Exchange difference	7,022	166	-	7,188
Charge for the period	12,789	13,750	10,319	36,858
At 30th September 2006	221,797	209,948	212,409	644,154
Net book value				
At 30th September 2006	774,218	99,171	1,315,107	2,188,496
At 31st March 2006	776,583	100,596	1,325,426	2,202,605

	30th September	31st March
	2006	2006
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net book value of hotel properties comprise the following:		
(i) Freehold land and hotel buildings	774,218	776,583
(ii) Plant and equipment	99,172	100,596
Property, plant and equipment	873,390	877,179
(iii) Leasehold land	1,315,107	1,325,426
	2,188,497	2,202,605

Supplementary information with hotel properties at valuation:

The aggregate valuation of the hotel properties in Hong Kong and Canada based on the valuation reports of Knight Frank and Grant Thornton Management Consultants respectively, independent professional valuers, amounted to HK\$3,571,510,000 (31st March 2006: HK\$3,537,540,000).

The supplementary information with hotel properties at valuation is for readers' information only. It does not constitute a disclosure requirement under HKAS16 and HKAS17.

## 11 Trade and other receivables

An ageing analysis of trade receivables net of provision of doubtful debts, which are included in trade and other receivables, is as follows:

	30th September	31st March
	2006	2006
	HK\$′000	HK\$'000
0 day to 60 days	40,101	38,132
61 days to 120 days	4,124	1,482
More than 120 days	5,083	-
	49,308	39,614

The credit terms given to the customers vary and are generally based on the financial strengths of individual customers. In order to effectively manage the credit risks associated with trade receivables, credit evaluations of customers are performed periodically.

## 12 Trade and other payables

An ageing analysis of trade payables, which are included in trade and other payables, is as follows:

	30th September	31st March
	2006	2006
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 day to 60 days	24,268	17,309
61 days to 120 days	453	33
More than 120 days	457	1,066
	25,178	18,408

## 13 Borrowings

	30th September	31st March
	2006	2006
	HK\$′000	HK\$'000
Short term bank borrowing, secured	20,000	-
Long term bank borrowing, secured	534,105	881,823
	554,105	881,823
The maturity of long term bank borrowings is as follows:		
Bank borrowings, secured		
Repayable within one year	8,287	17,846
Repayable within one to two years	8,982	18,475
Repayable within two to five years	216,901	114,323
Repayable after five years	299,742	730,939
	533,912	881,583
Obligations under finance leases wholly payable within five years	193	240
	534,105	881,823
Current portion included in current liabilities	(8,374)	(17,943)
	525,731	863,880

The bank loans are secured by mortgages of the Group's hotel properties (note 11), floating charges over all the assets of certain subsidiaries and corporate guarantees given by the Company.

## 14 Share capital

	Number of shares of HK\$0.02 per share	HK\$'000
Authorised:		
At 31st March 2005 and 2006	25,000,000,000	500,000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 31st March 2006	6,308,108,681	126,162
Rights issue	3,154,054,340	63,081
At 30th September 2006	9,462,163,021	189,243

The Company issued 3,154,054,340 shares of HK\$0.02 each at the issue price of HK\$0.09 per share on the basis of one rights share for every two existing shares on 15th May 2006.

## **15 Reserves**

			Share			
	Share	Contributed	options	Exchange	Revenue	
	premium	surplus	reserve	reserve	reserve	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st April 2006	521,207	899,333	280	44,341	(114,838)	1,350,323
Exchange difference	-	-	-	6,839	-	6,839
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	(30,279)	(30,279)
Issue of shares	218,723	-	-	-	-	218,723
Profit attributable to shareholders	-	-	-	-	16,722	16,722
At 30th September 2006	739,930	899,333	280	51,180	(128,395)	1,562,328
Representing:						
Reserves	739,930	899,333	280	51,180	(158,674)	1,532,049
Interim dividend	-	-	-	-	30,279	30,279
	739,930	899,333	280	51,180	(128,395)	1,562,328
At 1st April 2005	299,770	899,333	-	38,100	(111,215)	1,125,988
Exchange difference	-	-	-	4,750	-	4,750
Loss attributable to shareholders	-	-	-	-	(25,049)	(25,049)
At 30th September 2005	299,770	899,333	-	42,850	(136,264)	1,105,689

## 16 Related party transactions

The following is a summary of significant related party transactions during the period:

	Six months ended	
	30th September	
	2006	2005
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(i) Operating lease rental expense for land and buildings to fellow subsidiaries	(330)	(231)
(ii) Management service expenses to related companies	(507)	(479)

#### Notes:

(i) Rental expense is subject to terms agreed by the parties involved, which is at a monthly fixed fee.

(ii) Management service expenses, including cleaning, repair and maintenance, are subject to terms agreed by the parties involved, which are at fixed fees.

## **17 Capital commitments**

As at 30th September 2006 and 31st March 2006, the Group has no capital commitments.

## **18 Contingent liabilities**

As at 30th September 2006 and 31st March 2006, the Group has no significant contingent liabilities.

### Directors' and chief executive's interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures

As at 30th September 2006, the interests and short position of the Directors and Chief Executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporation (within the meaning of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") which (a) are required to be notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) were recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO; or (c) were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") were as follows:

#### (I) Long positions in shares

(a) TheCompany

		Number of shares he	eld	
	Personal	Corporate		Percentage of
Director	interest	interest	Total	shares in issue (%)
Mr. Poon Jing ("Mr. Poon")	373,405	5,656,723,156	5,657,096,561	59.78

By virtue of his interest in the Company through Asia Orient Holdings Limited ("Asia Orient") and its subsidiaries as disclosed under the heading "Substantial shareholders and other persons' interests in shares and underlying shares." below, Mr. Poon is deemed to be interested in the shares of all of the Company's subsidiaries.

## (I) Long positions in shares (Continued)

#### (b) Associatedc orporations

		Number of shares held				
						Percentage of
Associated		Personal	Corporate	Family		shares in
corporation	Director	interest	interest	Interest	Total	issue (%)
Asia Standard International	Mr. Poon					
Group Limited ("ASI")	Shares held	4,492,200	2,097,709,712	Nil	2,102,201,912	
	Entitled rights shares	3,200,796	716,388,722	Nil	719,589,518	
	(note 1)					
	Total	7,692,996	2,814,098,434	Nil	2,821,791,430	41.69
			(note 2)			(note 3)
Centop Investment Limited	Mr. Poon and	Nil	20	Nil	20	20
("Centop") (note 4)	Mr. Fung Siu To,					
	Clement ("Mr. Fung")					
Centop (note 5)	Mr. Poon	Nil	80	Nil	80	80
Mark Honour Limited	Mr. Fung	9	Nil	Nil	9	9

#### Notes:

- ASI announced on 26th September 2006 to issue rights share on basis of every 3 shares held for 1 rights share to the shareholders as of 18th October 2006. Each of Mr. Poon and Asia Orient has undertaken to take up their entitled rights shares.
- 2. By virtue of his controlling interest in Asia Orient, Mr. Poon is deemed to be interested in the shares of ASI held by subsidiaries of Asia Orient.
- 3. The percentage of shareholding is calculated on the basis of 6,769,234,609 shares in issue (being the sum of the then issued shares as at 30th September 2006 and the rights shares in respect of the then issued shares) immediately after completion of the rights issue.
- 4. Centop is owned as to 80% by ASI and as to 20% by Kingscore Investment Limited ("Kingscore"). Each of Mr. Poon and Mr. Fung holds 50% interest in Kingscore. By virtue of their interest in Kingscore, each of Mr. Poon and Mr. Fung is deemed to have interest in the 20 shares held by Kingscore and duplicate the interest of the other.
- 5. By virtue of his controlling interest in Asia Orient, Mr. Poon is deemed to be interested in the Company's subsidiaries and associated corporations, including the 80 shares of Centop held by ASI.

## (II) Long positions in underlying shares Interestsinshar eoptions

### (a) The Company

As at 30th September 2006, details of the share options granted to Directors under the share option scheme are as follows:-

	Outstanding a	Outstanding as at 1st April 2006	
Name of Director	(as previously reported)	(as adjusted)	30th September 2006
Wong Shu Pui	4,000,000	4,465,909	4,465,909

#### Notes:

- Options were granted on 31st October 2005 and exercisable from 1st November 2005 to 31st October 2015 at an exercise price of HK\$0.217 per share. Subsequent to completion of the rights issue of the Company on the basis of 1 rights share for every 2 existing shares held by the shareholder as of 19th April 2006, the exercise price of the share option has been adjusted to HK\$0.19436 per share and the number of options has also been adjusted from 4,000,000 shares to 4,465,909 shares from 10th May 2006.
- 2. During the period, no option was granted to the Directors and the options granted to the Directors have not been exercised, cancelled or lapsed.

#### (b) Associated corporation – ASI

On 30th March 2005, options to subscribe for shares of ASI were granted to the following directors of the Company exercisable during the period from 30th March 2005 to 29th March 2015 at an exercise price of HK\$0.325 per share:

		Outstanding as at
	No. of share	1st April 2006 and
Name of Directors	options granted	30 September 2006
Poon Jing	5,000,000	5,000,000
Lim Yin Cheng	20,000,000	20,000,000
Fung Siu To, Clement	20,000,000	20,000,000
Wong Shu Pui	15,000,000	15,000,000

During the period, no option was granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September 2006, none of the Directors or the Chief Executive (including their spouse and children under 18 years of age) of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of the SFO) which (a) are required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 & 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) were recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO; or (c) were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies in the Listing Rules.

### Substantial shareholders and other persons' interests and short positions in shares and underlying shares

As at 30th September 2006, according to the register of substantial shareholders kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO, the following parties (other than the Directors and Chief Executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which were required to be recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

#### Long position in shares of the Company

	Number of shares	Percentage
		(%)
Asia Standard International Limited	5,374,920,591	56.80
ASI (note 1)	5,382,502,737	56.88
Asia Orient Company Limited (note 2)	5,656,723,156	59.78
Asia Orient Holdings (BVI) Limited (note 3)	5,656,723,156	59.78
Asia Orient (note 3)	5,656,723,156	59.78

Notes:

- (1) Asia Standard International Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of ASI and ASI is deemed to be interested in and duplicates all the shares held by Asia Standard International Limited.
- (2) Asia Orient Company Limited and its subsidiaries together hold more than one-third of the issued shares of ASI and is deemed to be interested in and duplicates the shares held by ASI.
- (3) Asia Orient Company Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Asia Orient Holdings (BVI) Limited which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Asia Orient. Asia Orient Holdings (BVI) Limited and Asia Orient are deemed to be interested in and duplicate the shares held by of Asia Orient Company Limited and its subsidiaries.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th September 2006, the Directors are not aware of any other persons who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which are required to be recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO.

## **Interim Dividend**

The Board of Directors has declared to pay to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Tuesday, 16th January 2007 ("Record Date") interim dividend of HK 0.26 cent per share.

The Board of Directors has also resolved that shareholders will be given an option to elect to receive shares of the Company credited as fully paid in lieu of cash in respect of part or all of such dividend ("Scrip Dividend Scheme"). The market value of the new shares to be issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme will be fixed by reference to the average of the closing prices of the Company's shares on Stock Exchange for the five consecutive trading days up to and including the Record Date. Full details of the Scrip Dividend Scheme will be set out in a circular to the shareholders. New share certificates will be posted on or about Wednesday, 14th February 2007.

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

The Register of Members will be closed from Friday, 12th January 2007 to Tuesday, 16th January 2007, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered by the Company. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 11th January 2007.

#### Purchase, sale or redemption of listed securities

During the period, the Company had not redeemed any of its shares. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the period.

#### Code on corporate governance practices

During the period, the Company was in compliance with the code provision of the Code of Corporate Governance Practices as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules save and except that the Chairman was absent from the Annual General Meeting for 2006 due to personal and family concern.

## Code of conduct regarding securities transactions by directors

The Company has adopted its own code of conduct for Securities Transactions by Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings as set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (Appendix 10) of the Listing Rules. The Company has also made specific enquiry of the Directors and was not aware of any non-compliance with the required standard of dealings and its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors.

### Audit committee

The Audit Committee members are Mr. Hung Yat Ming, Mr. Leung Wai Keung, Richard and Mr. Ip Chi Wai. The principal activities of the Audit Committee include the review and supervision of the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls.

The unaudited interim consolidated accounts of the Company for the six months ended 30th September 2006 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

By Order of the Board **Poon Jing** *Chairman* 

Hong Kong 15th December 2006