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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2019 ANNUAL RESULTS**

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended 31st December 2019

- Revenue increased by 5.1% to HK\$370.3 million.
- Profit for the year decreased by 12.8% to HK\$446.4 million.
- Underlying profit increased by 10.2% to HK\$91.0 million.
- Final dividend proposed of HK12 cents per ordinary share.

The board of directors of Tai Sang Land Development Limited (the "Company") announced the audited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the year ended 31st December 2019 are as follows:

# 1. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenues	(3)(a)	370,329	352,362
Cost of sales	(4)	(90,953)	(89,704)
Gross profit		279,376	262,658
Fair value gains on investment properties		387,317	466,253
Other gains, net	(5)	429	3,248
Administrative expenses	(4)	(124,795)	(115,463)
Other operating expenses	(4)	(1,010)	(12,191)
Operating profit		541,317	604,505
Finance income	(6)	952	311
Finance costs	(6)	(45,116)	(38,484)
Finance costs, net		(44,164)	(38,173)
Profit before income tax		497,153	566,332
Income tax expense	(7)	(50,773)	(54,639)
Profit for the year		446,380	511,693
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		436,300	492,803
Non-controlling interests		10,080	18,890
		446,380	511,693
Earnings per share (basic and diluted)	(8)	<u>HK\$1.52</u>	<u>HK\$1.71</u>

# 2. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$`000
Profit for the year	446,380	511,693
Other comprehensive income <u>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</u> Changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair		
value through other comprehensive income	(4,415)	(5,165)
Other comprehensive income for the year	(4,415)	(5,165)
Total comprehensive income for the year	441,965	506,528
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	431,611	489,519
Non-controlling interests	10,354	17,009
	441,965	506,528

# 3. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2018 <i>HK\$`000</i>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		1,922,917	1,693,970
Investment properties		8,627,547	8,158,136
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		25,168	29,583
Prepayments for non-current assets		4,254	
		10,579,886	9,881,689
Current assets			
Properties for sale		109,596	109,596
Debtors and prepayments	(10)	37,955	45,327
Current income tax recoverable		90	94
Cash and cash equivalent		111,644	61,936
		259,285	216,953
Total assets		10,839,171	10,098,642
Equity and liabilities			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital		417,321	417,321
Reserves		7,553,615	7,185,291
		7,970,936	7,602,612
Non-controlling interests		232,462	225,209
Total equity		8,203,398	7,827,821

	Note	2019	2018
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities			
Long term bank loans – secured		1,326,100	492,007
Deferred income tax liabilities		345,698	298,890
Lease liabilities		579	
		1,672,377	790,897
Current liabilities			
Rental and other deposits		90,265	85,902
Creditors and accruals	(11)	66,337	35,744
Current income tax liabilities		4,297	1,251
Short term bank loans		287,854	381,991
Current portion of long term bank loans – secured		514,464	967,348
Lease liabilities		179	-
Bank overdrafts		<u>-</u>	7,688
		963,396	1,479,924
Total equity and liabilities		10,839,171	10,098,642

#### Notes:

### (1) **Basis of preparation**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") and requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment properties and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") which are measured at fair value.

The Group had net current liabilities of HK\$704,111,000 as at 31st December 2019. The current liabilities mainly included short term bank loans of HK\$287,854,000 and current portion of long term bank loans of HK\$514,464,000. Based on the Group's history of refinancing, its available banking facilities and its assets backing, the directors consider that the Group will be able to obtain sufficient financial resources so as to enable it to operate and meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. The directors believe that the Group will continue as a going concern and consequently prepared the consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis.

Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

(a) New standards, interpretations and annual improvements adopted by the Group

The following new standards, interpretations and annual improvements are relevant and mandatory to the Group for the first time for the financial year beginning on or after 1st January 2019:

Annual Improvements Project	Annual Improvements 2015-2017 Cycle
HKFRS 16	Leases
HK(IFRIC) – Int 23	Uncertainty over Income Tax Treaments

The adoption of these new standards, interpretation and annual improvements did not result in a substantial impact to the results and financial position of the Group.

(b) Adoption of HKFRS 16 "Leases"

The Group has adopted HKFRS 16 "Leases" retrospectively from 1st January 2019, but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific transition provisions in the standard. The reclassifications and the adjustments arising from the new leasing rules are therefore recognised in the opening consolidated statement of financial position on 1st January 2019.

On adoption of HKFRS 16, the Group recognised lease liabilities in relation to leases which had previously been classified as "operating leases" under the principles of HKAS 17 "Leases". These liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate as of 1st January 2019. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1st January 2019 was 3.72%.

Practical expedients applied

In applying HKFRS 16 for the first time, the Group has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- relying on previous assessments on whether leases are onerous as an alternative to performing an impairment review there were no onerous contracts as at 1st January 2019,
- accounting for operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at 1st January 2019 as short-term leases, and
- excluding initial direct costs for the measurement of the right-of-use asset at the date of initial application.

	2019 <i>HK\$</i> '000
Operating lease commitments disclosed as at 31st December 2018	825
(Less): short-term leases not recognised as a liability	(825)
Add: others	932
Lease liability recognised as at 1st January 2019	932
Of which are:	173
Current lease liabilities	759
Non-current lease liabilities	932

Right-of-use assets were measured at the amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31st December 2018.

### Lessor accounting

The Group did not need to make any adjustments to the accounting for assets held as lessor under operating leases as a result of the adoption of HKFRS 16.

The effect of the adoption of HKFRS 16 is related to presentation of right-of-use assets within the "Property, plant and equipment" recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position as at 1st January 2019 to be consistent with the terminology used under HKFRS 16:

- Right-of-use assets recognised for land-use rights and equipment were presented within "Property, plant and equipment".
- (c) Amended standards and revised conceptual framework not yet adopted

The following amended standards and revised conceptual framework are relevant and mandatory to the Group for the accounting period beginning on or after 1st January 2020 and have not been early adopted by the Group:

		Effective for accounting year beginning on or after
HKFRS 1 and HKAS 8 (Amendments)	Definition of Material	1st January 2020
Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018	Revised Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting	1st January 2020

The Group has already commenced an assessment of the impact of adopting the above amended standard and revised conceptual framework. The Group has not identified any standards which may have a significant impact on the financial statements. The Group will adopt the above new and amended standards when they become effective.

### (2) Requirement in connection with publication of "non-statutory accounts" under Section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance Cap. 622

The financial information relating to the years ended 31st December 2019 and 2018 included in this preliminary announcement of annual results for the year ended 31st December 2019 does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for those years but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements required to be disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) is as follows:

The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2018 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) and will deliver the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2019 in due course.

The Company's auditor has reported on the financial statements of the Group for both years. The auditor's reports were unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its reports; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or 407(3) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622).

### (3) Revenues and segment information

(a) Revenues recognised during the year are as follows:

	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenues from external customers		
Property rental		
-investment properties	308,254	288,664
-properties for sale	26,157	26,174
Property related services (note)	23,078	21,527
Hotel operations (note)	12,840	15,997
	370,329	352,362

#### Note:

The Group's revenue from property related services and hotel operations are recognised over-time as the services are preformed.

(b) The chief operating decision-maker ("CODM") has been identified as the executive directors of the Company. The CODM reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Management has determined the operating segments based on these reports. The CODM considers the business from a geographic perspective and has identified the operating segments of the Group in Hong Kong and North America.

The CODM assesses the performance of the operating segments based on their underlying profit, which is measured by profit after income tax excluding fair value changes on investment properties (net of deferred income tax in the United States), and their segment assets and segment liabilities which is measured in a manner consistent with that in the financial statements.

There are no sales between the operating segments.

For the year and ad 21st December 2010	Hong Kong HK\$'000	North America HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
For the year ended 31st December 2019			
Segment revenues	2(1 212	72 000	224 411
Property rental Property related services	261,313 23,078	73,098	334,411 23,078
Hotel operations	12,840		12,840
Total segment revenues	297,231	73,098	370,329
Segment results – underlying profit			
- Property rental and related services	68,804	22,561	91,365
– Hotel operations	(350)	-	(350)
Fair value gains on investment properties	299,150	88,167	387,317
Deferred income tax, net	<u> </u>	(31,952)	(31,952)
Profit for the year	367,604	78,776	446,380
Included in segment results:			
Finance income	489	463	952
Finance costs	(39,954)	(5,162)	(45,116)
Income tax expense (note)	(18,808)	(13)	(18,821)
Depreciation	(14,551)	(3,569)	(18,120)
Capital expenditure	304,114	11,477	315,591
At 31st December 2019			
Property, plant and equipment	1,907,525	15,392	1,922,917
Investment properties	7,607,651	1,019,896	8,627,547
Prepayments for non-current assets	4,254		4,254
Non-current assets (excluding financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income) Non-current financial assets at fair value through other	9,519,430	1,035,288	10,554,718
comprehensive income	25,168	-	25,168
Current assets	210,984	48,301	259,285
Segment assets	9,755,582	1,083,589	10,839,171
Current liabilities	822,767	140,629	963,396
Non-current liabilities	1,463,696	208,681	1,672,377
Segment liabilities	2,286,463	349,310	2,635,773

	Hong Kong HK\$'000	North America HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
For the year ended 31st December 2018			
Segment revenues			
Property rental	245,910	68,928	314,838
Property related services	21,527	-	21,527
Hotel operations	15,997		15,997
Total segment revenues	283,434	68,928	352,362
Segment results – underlying profit			
- Property rental and related services	58,312	21,804	80,116
– Hotel operations	2,442	-	2,442
Fair value gains on investment properties	357,969	108,284	466,253
Deferred income tax, net		(37,118)	(37,118)
Profit for the year	418,723	92,970	511,693
Included in segment results:			
Finance income	76	235	311
Finance costs	(33,575)	(4,909)	(38,484)
Income tax expense (note)	(17,508)	(13)	(17,521)
Depreciation	(14,855)	(3,165)	(18,020)
Capital expenditure	402,785	11,855	414,640
At 31st December 2018			
Property, plant and equipment	1,677,935	16,035	1,693,970
Investment properties	7,242,650	915,486	8,158,136
Non-current assets (excluding financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income)	8,920,585	931,521	9,852,106
Non-current financial assets at fair value through other			
comprehensive income	29,583	-	29,583
Current assets	174,666	42,287	216,953
Segment assets	9,124,834	973,808	10,098,642
Current liabilities	1,462,604	17,320	1,479,924
Non-current liabilities	489,879	301,018	790,897
Segment liabilities	1,952,483	318,338	2,270,821

*Note:* The amount excludes net deferred income tax of North America segment.

# (4) Cost and expenses

(4)	Cost and expenses	2019	2018
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Auditors' remuneration		
	– audit services	2,867	2,758
	– non-audit services	671	654
	Bad debts	362	151
	Depreciation	18,120	18,020
	Amortisation of capitalised letting fees	3,223	10,020
	Donations	3,635	2,767
	Outgoings, in respect of	3,035	2,707
	– investment properties	50,807	47,337
	<ul> <li>properties for sale</li> </ul>	9,457	8,584
	<ul> <li>property related services</li> </ul>	16,781	18,867
	– property, plant and equipment	2,257	2,526
	<ul> <li>hotel operations</li> </ul>	9,389	10,120
	Operating lease rental for office premises to a related company	4,068	4,488
	Other employee benefit expense	4,008	68,867
	Others	17,976	32,219
	Total cost of sales, administrative expenses and other operating expenses	216,758	217,358
(5)	Other gains, net		
		2019	2018
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through other	<b>.</b> .	0.400
	comprehensive income	945	3,433
	Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	(516)	(185)
		429	3,248

#### (6) Finance income and costs

	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Finance income		
Interest income from banks	952	311
Finance costs		
Interest expense on bank loans and overdrafts wholly repayable		
within five years	(83,526)	(63,378)
Less: Amount capitalised in property under development	38,410	24,894
	(45,116)	(38,484)
Finance costs, net	(44,164)	(38,173)

#### (7) Income tax expense

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2018: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the year. Except for the minimum United States state tax which has been paid during the year, no overseas taxation (2018: HK\$Nil) has been provided as there is no estimated taxable profit for the overseas subsidiaries for the year.

The amount of income tax charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss represents:

	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$`000
Current income tax		
– Hong Kong profit tax	4,265	4,107
– Overseas taxation	13	13
– Over provisions in prior year	(313)	(464)
	3,965	3,656
Deferred income tax expense	46,808	50,983
	50,773	54,639

#### (8) Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on profit attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$436,300,000 (2018: HK\$492,803,000) and on 287,670,000 (2018: 287,670,000) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

As there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares as at 31st December 2019 and 2018, the diluted earnings per share is equal to the basic earnings per share.

### (9) Dividends

The interim dividend paid in 2019 and 2018 were HK\$28,767,000 (HK10 cents per share) and HK\$28,767,000 (HK10 cents per share) respectively. At a meeting held on 23rd March 2020, the directors proposed a final dividend of HK12 cents per ordinary share. This proposed dividend is not reflected as a dividend payable in the consolidated financial statements, but will be reflected as an appropriation of retained profits for the year ending 31st December 2020 upon the approval by the Company's shareholders.

	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interim, paid, of HK10 cents (2018: HK10 cents) per ordinary share Final, proposed, of HK12 cents	28,767	28,767
(2018: HK12 cents) per ordinary share	34,520	34,520
	63,287	63,287

### (10) Debtors and prepayments

	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$`000
Trade debtors	1,813	499
Effective rent receivables	24,421	25,078
Prepayments	5,035	12,774
Utility and other deposits	6,686	6,976
	37,955	45,327

The trade debtors represent rental and management fee receivables. The Group normally does not grant credit period to rental receivables, and grants 30 days credit period to management fee receivables.

At 31st December 2019, the ageing analysis of the trade debtors based on invoice date were as follows:

	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$`000
0-30 days	1,771	426
31-60 days	42	73
	1,813	499

# (11) Creditors and accruals

	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$`000
Trade creditors	10,308	6,317
Other creditors	9,593	9,939
Accruals	46,436	19,488
	66,337	35,744

At 31st December 2019, the ageing analysis of the trade creditors was as follows:

	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$`000
0-30 days	10,069	6,049
31-60 days	114	258
61-90 days	82	-
Over 90 days	43	10
	10,308	6,317

The figures in respect of the Group's consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of comprehensive income and the related notes thereto for the year ended 31st December 2019 as set out in the preliminary announcement have been agreed by the Group's auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC"), to the amounts set out in the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year. The work performed by PwC in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and consequently no assurance has been expressed by PwC on the preliminary announcement.

# PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND AND RECORD DATE

An interim dividend of HK10 cents (2018: HK10 cents) per share was paid to shareholders on 26th September 2019. The directors of the Company have resolved to recommend to shareholders at the annual general meeting the payment of a final dividend of HK12 cents (2018: HK12 cents) per share to the shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on 28th May 2020 ("Record Date"). The total distribution for the financial year ended 31st December 2019 will be HK22 cents (2018: HK22 cents) per share. The proposed final dividend will be paid on 17th June 2020 following approval at the annual general meeting. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Office, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 28th May 2020.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is proposed that the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Company will be held on 25th May 2020 (the "2020 AGM"). Notice of the 2020 AGM will be published and dispatched to the shareholders in due course.

# **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 18th May 2020 to Monday, 25th May 2020 (both dates inclusive), during the period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the 2020 AGM, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Registrar and Transfer Office, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 15th May 2020.

# **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

# Result

I am pleased to report that the Group's consolidated profit for 2019 was HK\$446.4 million. There was a decrease of HK\$65.3 million or 12.8% as compared to HK\$511.7 million for 2018. Earnings per share were HK\$1.52 (2018: HK\$1.71), a drop of 11.1% over last year. The consolidated profit for 2019 included fair value gains on investment properties (net of the relevant deferred tax in the United States) of HK\$355.4 million (2018: HK\$429.1 million).

The Group's underlying profit for 2019, being the consolidated profit excluding the effect of the fair value gains on investment properties (net of the relevant deferred tax in the United States), was approximately HK\$91.0 million, increased by HK\$8.4 million or 10.2% as compared to the corresponding figure of HK\$82.6 million for 2018. The increase in the underlying profit was mainly attributable to the growth in rental income from Hong Kong and the USA properties.

The revenue of the Group for 2019 was HK\$370.3 million, increased by HK\$17.9 million or 5.1% as compared to HK\$352.4 million for 2018.

As at 31st December 2019, the investment properties of the Group were revalued at HK\$8,627.5 million (2018: HK\$8,158.1 million). Total equity amounted to HK\$8,203.4 million (2018: HK\$7,827.8 million).

## Dividend

The directors have resolved to recommend a final dividend of HK12 cents (2018: HK12 cents) per ordinary share.

# Prospects

China and the USA reached the phase one trade agreement earlier this year had alleviated the impact on the global economy including Hong Kong. However, the social unrest in 2019 took a heavy toll on the Hong Kong economic growth that for 2019 as a whole, the real GDP contracted by 1.2%, the first annual decline since 2009. The outbreak of COVID-19 at the beginning of 2020 further adversely affected the Hong Kong economy.

The recent economic environment especially consumption- and tourism-related activities in Hong Kong is difficult and challenging, the impact on the rental income from the shops and commercial properties are obvious. Nevertheless, the impact on the Group's core business will not be significant as the gross rental income from shops and commercial properties in Hong Kong accounts for less than 10% of the Group's total gross rental income.

Hopefully, there will be a fresh start in the next half of this year with China regaining momentum on economic growth, which will have positive influences on the economy of Hong Kong and worldwide.

The Group still has confident in Hong Kong as a whole. The Group remains cautious and will pay attention to the development of the current situations and will make appropriate adjustments if the circumstance merits.

In closing, I wish to thank my fellow directors for their valuable guidance and to all staff members for their dedication and hard work.

William Ma Ching Wai Chairman

Hong Kong, 23rd March 2020

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### **Business review**

In Hong Kong, the gross rental income for the year ended 31st December 2019 was HK\$261.3 million, an increase of HK\$15.4 million or 6.3% as compared to last year. The increment was mainly attributable to the increase in rental income from Gateway ts.

The income from hotel room tariff of Hotel LBP for the year ended 31st December 2019 dropped significantly by HK\$3.2 million or 20% to HK\$12.8 million with occupancy rate at about 91% on average. There was a loss from the hotel operation for the year ended 31st December 2019 of HK\$0.4 million, as compared to the operating profit of HK\$2.4 million for last year. The significant drop in operating profit was due to the drop in the occupancy rate since mid-June 2019 and the drop in average room rate resulting from social unrest. A major renovation of Hotel LBP will be carried out in the second quarter of 2020, and the hotel operation will be suspended for approximately six months.

Occupation Permit for the hotel and office development at 43 Heung Yip Road, Aberdeen was issued in November 2019 and renovation work will complete by phases and is expected to finish later this year.

In the USA, the gross rental income from Montgomery Plaza for the year ended 31st December 2019 was HK\$73.1 million, an increase of HK\$4.2 million or 6.1% as compared to last year. The office space occupancy rate of Montgomery Plaza was 94% by the year end of 2019.

## Liquidity and financial resources

During the year, the Group's total bank borrowings increased by HK\$279.4 million to HK\$2,128.4 million (2018: HK\$1,849.0 million), including outstanding long term bank loans of HK\$1,840.6 million (2018: HK\$1,459.4 million) as at 31st December 2019. The total equity increased by HK\$375.6 million to HK\$8,203.4 million (2018: HK\$7,827.8 million). The debt to equity ratio was 25.9% (2018: 23.6%).

The cash flow position and funding needs are closely reviewed and monitored to ensure that the Group has a good degree of financial flexibility and liquidity while optimizing net financial costs. There are sufficient committed banking facilities available for the Group's current funding needs and future business requirement. The Group's financial position remains healthy.

There are no exposure to foreign exchange risk as the bank borrowings are in either Hong Kong or US dollars and the repayment of principal and interest will be made by the respective lending currency.

# **Capital structure of the Group**

The capital structure of the Group had not changed materially from the last annual report. The Group's borrowings are primarily denominated in Hong Kong or US dollars. The Group therefore has no significant exposure to foreign exchange fluctuation.

Bank borrowings amount to about HK\$2,003.4 million (2018: HK\$1,744.0 million) of the Group are secured by certain properties with an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$7,176.6 million (2018: HK\$6,490.8 million) and the rental income therefrom. Except for the overdraft facilities, interest on the Group's bank borrowings is based on the floating interest rate, ie spread plus HIBOR or LIBOR, whereas the interest on overdraft facilities is based on the Hong Kong bank's best lending rate and now is 5.0%.

The maturity of the Group's long term bank loans as at 31st December 2019 is summarised as follows:

	2019 HK\$'000	2018 HK\$'000
<ul> <li>within one year</li> <li>in the second year</li> <li>in the third to fifth year</li> </ul>	514,464 22,000 1,304,100	967,348 492,007
	1,840,564	1,459,355

## Details of number and remuneration of employees

As at 31st December 2019, the Group employed a total of 158 full-time employees which included the directors of the Company. In addition to salary payment, other benefits include discretionary bonus, insurance, medical schemes and mandatory provident fund schemes.

# PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

The Company has not redeemed any of its shares during the year. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's shares during the year.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company complied with the code provisions of Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") throughout the year ended 31st December 2019, except the following:

Under code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. William Ma Ching Wai, the Chairman of the Board of Directors (the "Chairman") was appointed the Chief Executive of the Company on 15th June 2017, since then Mr. William Ma holds both positions as the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Company. The Board believes that vesting the roles of both Chairman and Chief Executive in the same person will enable the Company to have a stable and consistent leadership and also facilitate the planning and execution of the Company's strategy and is hence for the interest of the Company and its shareholders. The Board is of the view that the balance of power and authority is adequately ensured as all major decisions have been made in consultation with the Board and appropriate Board committees, as well as top management, and there are one non-executive director and three independent non-executive directors on the Board offering their experience, expertise, independent advice and views from different perspectives.

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the Company's code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. On specific enquiries made, all directors have confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code during the year ended 31st December 2019.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE'S REVIEW

The Audit Committee has reviewed, in the presence of the external auditor, PwC, the Group's principal accounting policies and the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2019.

# ANNUAL REPORT

The 2019 Annual Report containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be published on the Stock Exchange's website and the Company's website at www.tsld.com.

By Order of the Board William Ma Ching Wai Chairman

Hong Kong, 23rd March 2020

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As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprised of nine directors, of which Mr. William Ma Ching Wai, Mr. Patrick Ma Ching Hang, Mr. Philip Ma Ching Yeung, Mr. Alfred Ma Ching Kuen and Ms. Amy Ma Ching Sau are executive directors; Mr. Edward Cheung Wing Yui is non-executive director; and Mr. Kevin Chau Kwok Fun, Mr. Tan Soo Kiu and Mr. Yiu Kei Chung are independent non-executive directors.