



Hing Lee (HK) Holdings Limited
興利(香港)控股有限公司

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Corporate Information

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Directors

Mr. Sung Kai Hing
(Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)
Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung

Independent non-executive Directors

Mr. Kong Hing Ki
Mr. Feng Jianzhong
Ms. Leung Yuen Man

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Kong Hing Ki *(Chairman)*
Mr. Feng Jianzhong
Ms. Leung Yuen Man

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Leung Yuen Man *(Chairman)*
Mr. Kong Hing Ki
Mr. Feng Jianzhong

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Feng Jianzhong *(Chairman)*
Mr. Sung Kai Hing
Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung
Mr. Kong Hing Ki
Ms. Leung Yuen Man

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Wong Kit Wai, FHKICPA, HKFCG

AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Sung Kai Hing
Mr. Wong Kit Wai

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Union Registrars Limited

PRINCIPAL SHARE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER OFFICE

MUFG Fund Services (Bermuda) Limited

STOCK CODE

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

	2023 HK\$'000	Year ended 31 December			
		2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Revenue	94,213	100,387	175,010	203,466	300,142
Cost of sales	(71,808)	(76,090)	(150,931)	(184,646)	(268,715)
Gross profit	22,405	24,297	24,079	18,820	31,427
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	19,369
Other net income/(loss)	548	805	585	2,289	(6,338)
Selling and distribution expenses	(7,665)	(4,522)	(8,945)	(16,187)	(23,824)
Administrative expenses	(22,354)	(42,093)	(15,285)	(61,483)	(75,706)
Impairment loss on goodwill	-	-	-	-	(48,387)
(Loss)/profit from operations	(7,066)	(21,513)	434	(56,561)	(103,459)
Finance costs	(4,390)	(5,283)	(5,941)	(2,679)	(2,333)
Loss before taxation	(11,456)	(26,796)	(5,507)	(59,240)	(105,792)
Income tax (expense)/credit	-	-	(12)	35	314
Loss for the year	(11,456)	(26,796)	(5,519)	(59,205)	(105,478)

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2023 HK\$'000	As at 31 December			
		2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Non-current assets	97,575	108,911	142,400	148,495	137,814
Current assets	84,695	113,252	145,952	145,856	190,199
Current liabilities	72,620	97,081	131,505	129,181	115,827
Net current assets	12,075	16,171	14,447	16,675	74,372
Total assets less current liabilities	109,650	125,082	156,847	165,170	212,186
Non-current liabilities	2,477	6,351	9,436	12,192	468
Net assets	107,173	118,731	147,411	152,978	211,718
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	107,173	118,731	147,411	152,978	211,718

Chairman's Statement

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of directors (the "Directors") of Hing Lee (HK) Holdings Limited (the "Company") (the "Board"), I herein present the annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2023 ("Year 2023").

During the year under review, as a result of the full upliftment of anti-pandemic measures and border reopening, the business activities improved slightly, customers resumed their visit and participated in trade fairs. The Group put more effort in promoting our new products by participating in trade fairs in China. We also plan to visit our key customers to keep our business partners updated on our latest offerings and insights to the on-going market trend, giving them the necessary knowledge to make favourable procurement decisions.

The Group recorded a year-on-year decrease in turnover for the year ended 31 December 2023 of 6.2% to HK\$94.2 million (31 December 2022: HK\$100.4 million). The Group recorded a net loss of HK\$11.5 million for the year ended 31 December 2023 against a net loss of HK\$26.8 million for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Group will continue to assess its business strategy, with an aim of streamlining its business and enhancing overall performance and prospects.

I wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the support from our business partners, investors and customers. I would also like to thank our dedicated management and staff for their contributions to the Group.

Yours faithfully,

Sung Kai Hing

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

22 March 2024

BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal business activities of the Group are the design, manufacture, sale and marketing of home furniture products including mainly wood-based furniture, sofa, mattresses, provision of promotional services relating to layout design, fitting and display of products and licensing of its own brands and product designs.

The Sino-US trade friction, interest rate increases in the global banking sector and the depreciation of major currencies against the USD continue to impact the economies, resulting in a decrease in consumer demand and hence the demand for our products. In addition, in order to save warehousing costs and keep cash on hand, customers placed their orders when their inventory level fell short, resulting in delays in product shipment schedules and delays in new products development.

The Group has been continuously assessing its business strategy. Since year 2020, the Group has introduced a design and promotional project by providing professional services such as layout design as well as fitting and display of products. Despite the full upliftment of anti-pandemic measures, the general operating environment remained challenging and overall productivities remained low as compared with the pre-pandemic period, and hence the demand for our professional services is reduced in the second half of Year 2023.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group's revenue decreased by approximately 6.2% from about HK\$100.4 million for the year ended 31 December 2022 to HK\$94.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Despite the full upliftment of anti-pandemic measures, the recovery of business operation is slower than expected. The depreciation of major currencies against the USD posted further challenges to our overseas customers and hence lowered the demand for our products. As a result, the business of the Group has declined.

Gross Profit

The Group's gross profit margin was 23.8% (2022: 24.2%). The decrease in gross profit margin was mainly attributable to the clearance of certain obsoleted inventories.

Selling and Distribution Expenses

The Group's selling and distribution expenses amounted to about HK\$7.7 million for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: HK\$4.5 million). The increase in selling and distribution expenses was mainly attributable to the higher level of marketing activities after the full upliftment of anti-pandemic measures.

Management Discussion and Analysis

Administrative Expenses

For the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group's administrative expenses were approximately HK\$22.4 million compared to about HK\$42.1 million for the year ended 31 December 2022. The decrease in administrative expenses during the year was mainly attributable to three major areas: (1) due to the decline in revenue and the underutilization of certain non-current assets, management performed impairment assessments of the Group's non-current assets by comparing the carrying values with their recoverable amounts, and accordingly, provision for impairment of HK\$2.4 million was recognised for property, plant and equipment and right-of-use asset, representing a decrease of HK\$12.5 million (2022: HK\$14.9 million for property, plant and equipment); (2) the foreign exchange loss decreased by approximately HK\$3.7 million to approximately HK\$1.6 million (2022: HK\$5.3 million); and (3) expected credit loss on trade receivables decreased by approximately HK\$3.5 million to approximately HK\$2.0 million (2022: HK\$5.5 million).

Results for the Year

Loss attributable to equity holders of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023 was approximately HK\$11.5 million as compared to loss attributable to equity holders of the Company of approximately HK\$26.8 million for the corresponding period last year.

EMPLOYMENT AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 31 December 2023, the Group employed approximately 130 employees (31 December 2022: approximately 130), the staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2023 were approximately HK\$15.8 million (2022: HK\$16.8 million).

Salaries are reviewed annually and discretionary bonuses are paid on annual basis with reference to individual performance appraisals, inflation and prevailing market conditions. Other benefits available to eligible employees include retirement benefits and medical insurance schemes. Share options may also be granted to eligible employees of the Group and other eligible participants.

Apart from regular on-the-job training, the Group also engages professional parties to provide training to its staff to ensure that they can obtain updated job related knowledge and enhance their quality of work.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Group's overall funding and treasury activities are currently managed and controlled by the senior management. There is no significant change in respect of treasury and financing policies from those of last year.

The Group maintained cash and bank balances of HK\$33.5 million as at 31 December 2023 (2022: HK\$38.1 million).

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had bank loans amounting to HK\$53.8 million (2022: HK\$70.9 million). As at the same date, the gearing ratio (total debt/total equity) was about 0.7 (2022: 0.9).

As at 31 December 2023, the current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) was about 1.2 (2022: 1.2) and the net current assets amounted to HK\$12.1 million (2022: HK\$16.2 million).

The ageing analysis of trade payables and the maturity profiles of bank loans are set out in the notes 16 and 17 to the consolidated financial statements of this annual report.

SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segment information is set out in note 10 to the consolidated financial statements of this annual report.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Group's commitment to protect the environment is well reflected by its continuous efforts in promoting green measures and awareness in its daily business operations. The Group encourages environmental protection and promotes awareness towards environmental protection to the employees. The Group adheres to the principle of Recycling and Reducing. It implements green office practices such as double-sided printing and copying, setting up recycling bins, promoting the use of recycled paper and reducing energy consumption by switching off idle lightings and electrical appliance.

The Group will review its environmental practices from time to time and will consider implementing further eco-friendly measures and practices in the operation of the Group's businesses to move towards adhering the 3Rs – Reduce, Recycle and Reuse and enhance environmental sustainability.

Further details of the Group's environmental policies and performance will be disclosed in the environmental, social and governance report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023 published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.hingleehk.com.hk).

COMPLIANCE WITH RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Group's operations are mainly carried out by the Company's subsidiaries in mainland China while the Company is listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The Group's operations accordingly shall comply with relevant laws and regulations in mainland China and Hong Kong.

During the year ended 31 December 2023 and up to the date of this report, to the best of knowledge of the Company, the Group has complied with all the relevant laws and regulations in mainland China and Hong Kong which have a significant impact on the business and operations of the Group, and there was no material breach of or non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations by the Group that has a significant impact on the business and operations of the Group.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Company recognises that employees are its valuable assets. Thus the Group provides competitive remuneration package to attract and motivate its employees. Apart from salary payments, there are other staff benefits including mandatory provident fund, medical insurance and performance related bonus. Share options may also be granted to eligible employees of the Group. The Group regularly reviews the remuneration package of employees and makes necessary adjustments to conform to the market standard.

The Group also understands that it is important to maintain good relationship with business partners and bank enterprises to achieve its long-term goals. Accordingly, the senior management of the Group kept good communication, promptly exchanged ideas and shared business update with them when appropriate. During the Year 2023, there was no material and significant dispute between the Group and its business partners or bank enterprises.

Management Discussion and Analysis

KEY RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Group's financial condition, results of operations, and business prospects may be affected by a number of risks and uncertainties directly or indirectly pertaining to the Group's businesses. The followings are the key risks and uncertainties identified by the Group. The list below is not exhaustive and there may be other risks and uncertainties in addition to those shown below which are not known to the Group or which may not be material now but could turn out to be material in the future. Besides, this annual report does not constitute a recommendation or an advice for anyone to invest in the securities of the Company and investors are advised to make their own judgment or consult their own investment advisors before making any investment in the securities of the Company.

Market Risks

Market risk is the risk that deteriorates the Group's profitability or affects the Group's ability to meet business objectives and it arises from the movement in market prices, like foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices. The management of the Group manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

Foreign Currency Risk

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk primarily through sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the operations to which they relate. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily Hong Kong dollar, Renminbi and United States dollar. As most of the transactions are denominated and settled in the same currency, the Group's foreign currency risk is considered to be minimal by the Directors at the reporting date. The Group does not hold or issue material derivative financial instruments for trading purposes or for hedging against fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, but the management continuously monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

Interest Rate Risk

The Group's interest-rate risk arises from bank deposits and bank loans which are at variable rates, which expose the Group to cash flow interest-rate risk, and the Group analyses its interest rate exposure on a dynamic basis and considers managing this risk in a cost-effective manner when appropriate through a variety of means.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the potential that the Group will be unable to meet its obligations when they fall due because of an inability to obtain adequate funding or liquidate assets. In managing liquidity risk, the Group monitors cash flows and maintains an adequate level of cash and cash equivalents to ensure the ability to finance the Group's operations and reduce the effects of fluctuation in cash flows.

Operational Risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. Responsibility for managing operational risks basically rests with every function at divisional and departmental levels. Key functions in the Group are guided by their standard operating procedures, limits of authority and reporting framework. The senior management of the Group identifies and assesses key operational exposures regularly so that appropriate risk response can be taken. However, accidents may happen even though systems and procedures were set up for their prevention, which may lead to financial loss, litigation or damage in reputation.

Investment Risk

Investment risk can be defined as the likelihood of occurrence of losses relative to the expected return on any particular investment. Key concern of investment framework will be balancing risk and return across different investments, and thus risk assessment is a core aspect of the investment decision process.

Manpower and Retention Risk

The Group may face the risk of not being able to attract and retain key personnel and talents with appropriate and required skills, experience and competence which would meet the business objectives of the Group. The Group will provide attractive remuneration package to suitable candidates and personnel based on factors such as market rates, responsibility, job complexity as well as the Group's performance. The Group has also adopted share option scheme to recognize and reward the contribution of the employees for the growth and development of the Group.

Business Risk

Performance of our Group's core business will be affected by various factors, including but not limited to economic conditions, performance of property markets in regions where its customers locate, which would not be mitigated even with careful and prudent investment strategy and strict procedure.

Management Discussion and Analysis

CHARGE OF ASSETS

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had banking facilities which were secured by (i) pledge of buildings; (ii) personal guarantees provided by Mr. Chan Kwok Kin and Mr. Huang Wei Ye, both are members of the senior management of the Group; and (iii) corporate guarantees from the Company and a subsidiary.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS, ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS

There were no significant investment, material acquisitions and disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures by the Group during the year.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31 December 2023, the Company had contingent liabilities in respect of guarantees given for banking facilities granted to a subsidiary to the extent of HK\$88,279,000 (2022: HK\$89,559,000). These facilities were utilised to the extent of HK\$53,828,000 (2022: HK\$70,886,000) as at 31 December 2023.

PROSPECTS

The economies of Mainland China and countries where the Group's customers are located are anticipated to continue on a slow post-pandemic recovery path in 2024, but the prospects remain highly uncertain and driven by the adverse impact of high market interest rate environment and the development of geopolitical factors.

Despite the foregoing challenges, the Group will continue to pursue long-term business and profitability growth to be in line with its corporate mission and goals. The Group will continue to adopt prudent capital management and liquidity risk management to preserve adequate buffer to meet the challenges ahead.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The directors of the Company (the “Directors” and each a “Director”) recognise the importance of incorporating elements of good corporate governance in the management structures and internal control procedures of the Group so as to achieve effective accountability. The Directors continuously observe the principles of good corporate governance in the interests of shareholders and devote considerable effort to identifying and formalizing best practice.

For the year ended 31 December 2023 and up to the date of this annual report, the Company complied with all the code provisions, where applicable, as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the “CG Code”) in Appendix C1 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing Rules”) on the Stock Exchange except for the deviation mentioned below.

Code provision C.2.1

Code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Sung Kai Hing is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Board believes that vesting the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in the same individual provides the Group with strong and consistent leadership in the development and execution of long-term business strategies.

CORPORATE CULTURE AND STRATEGY

The Company recognises the importance of corporate culture which is essential to our operations and long-term success. The Company’s culture is moulded by our values. The Board has established the following values that are integrated throughout the Company’s vision, mission, and policies, to guide employees’ conduct and behaviors, as well as business operation and strategies:

- (i) Expertise – we supply quality home furniture products and furnish professional services;
- (ii) Dependable – we cherish our strategic partnerships with our clients and business partners, striving to deliver our high-quality products and premium services; and
- (iii) Integrity – we strive to do what is right.

The Company will conduct regular review of and adjust (if necessary) our strategies, and diligently monitor the evolving market conditions to ensure prompt and proactive measures will be taken in response to the changes and market needs, thereby fostering the Group’s sustainability.

Corporate Governance Report

The Board has satisfied itself that the Company's established purpose, values and strategies and the Company's cultures are aligned. The Directors will continue to act with integrity, lead by example, and promote the desired culture of the Group.

MODEL CODE FOR DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules ("Model Code") as the required standard for securities transactions by Directors. The Company has made specific enquiries of all Directors and all Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code and its code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions during the year under review.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Composition of the Board

The Board members of the Company currently are:

Executive Directors:

Mr. Sung Kai Hing (*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung

Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Kong Hing Ki

Mr. Feng Jianzhong

Ms. Leung Yuen Man

The biographical details of the Directors and other senior management are disclosed in the section headed "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" on pages 26 to 28 in this annual report.

The composition of the Board is well balanced. Each of the Directors has relevant expertise and extensive corporate and strategic planning experiences that may contribute to the business of the Group. Upon reviewing (i) the directorships and major commitments of each Director; and (ii) the attendance rate of each Director at the meetings of the Board and its committees, the Board is satisfied that all Directors have spent sufficient time in performing their responsibilities during 2023.

The Company has complied with the requirements under Rules 3.10(1), 3.10(2) and 3.10A of the Listing Rules during the year under review. All independent non-executive Directors also meet the guidelines for assessment of their independence as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

Functions of the Board

The Board supervises the management of the business and affairs of the Company. The Board's primary duty is to ensure the viability of the Company and to ensure that it is managed in the best interests of the shareholders as a whole while taking into account the interests of other stakeholders.

The Group has adopted internal guidelines in setting forth matters that require the Board's approval. Apart from its statutory responsibilities, the Board approves the Group's strategic plan, key operational initiatives, major investments and funding decisions. It also reviews the Group's financial performance, identifies principal risks of the Group's business and ensures implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks. Daily business operations and administrative functions of the Group are delegated to the management.

The Board is also responsible for performing the functions set out in code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code. The Board will meet to develop, review and monitor the Company's corporate governance policies and practices, to review and monitor training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management, to review and monitor the Company's policies and practices in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, to develop, review and monitor the code of conduct and compliance manual applicable to employees and Directors and to review the Company's compliance with the CG Code and the disclosure in the corporate governance report.

During the year of 2023, in relation to the corporate governance functions, the Board has reviewed the Company's compliance with the CG Code and the regulatory and statutory requirements, and the disclosure in the corporate governance report.

There is no relationship (including financial, business, family or other material/relevant relationship) between any members of the Board.

DIVERSITY OF THE BOARD AND WORKFORCE

Pursuant to the CG Code, the Board has adopted a board diversity policy effective on 16 May 2014. The Company seeks to achieve board diversity through the consideration of a number of factors, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service. All Board appointments will be based on meritocracy and candidates will be considered against objective criteria, having due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board.

Selection of candidates will be based on a range of diversity perspectives, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural background and ethnicity, in addition to educational background, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service. The ultimate decision will be based on merit and contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the Board.

As at the date of this report, the Board comprises 5 Directors. Among which, one of them is a woman and three of them are independent non-executive Directors. The Directors are of diverse educational background and possess a wide spectrum of professional qualifications and business experience.

Corporate Governance Report

The Board places emphasis on diversity (including gender diversity) across all levels of the Group. The employee gender ratio between male and female of the Group as at 31 December 2023 is 72:28. The Group when hiring employees considers a number of factors, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and education background, qualification, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service, and the Group will make sure achieving gender diversity across the workforce.

Having considered the overall Board composition and the business needs of the Group, the Company is of the view that gender diversity has been achieved in respect of the Board. The Board Diversity policy will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it remains relevant to the Company's needs and reflects both regulatory requirements and good corporate governance practices.

BOARD MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

The Board met four times during the year ended 31 December 2023. The attendance record of each Director at these regular Board meetings is set out in the following table:

Directors	Board Meetings	
	Held	Attended
Mr. Sung Kai Hing	4	4
Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung	4	4
Mr. Kong Hing Ki	4	4
Ms. Leung Yuen Man	4	4
Mr. Feng Jianzhong	4	4

Board members were provided with complete, adequate and timely information to allow them to fulfill their duties properly. In compliance with code provision C.5.3 of the CG Code, at least 14 days' notice have been given for a regular Board meeting to give all Directors an opportunity to attend. Notice, agenda and board papers of regular Board meetings were sent to all Directors within reasonable time and at least 3 days prior to the meetings. Directors were free to contribute and share their views at meetings and major decisions would only be taken after deliberation at Board meetings. Directors who were considered having conflict of interests or material interests in the proposed transactions or issues to be discussed would not be counted in the quorum of meeting and would abstain from voting on the relevant resolution. Sufficient resources are provided including those for seeking independent professional advice to enable Directors to discharge their duties and responsibilities. Full minutes were prepared after the meetings and the draft minutes were sent to all Directors for their comment, the final version of which were endorsed in the subsequent Board meeting.

All independent non-executive Directors have been appointed for a fixed term as disclosed in the sub-section "Directors" in the section headed "Directors' Report" in this annual report. Every Director is subject to re-election on retirement by rotation in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company.

The Company has received from each of its independent non-executive Directors an annual confirmation of his/her independence and it still considers the independent non-executive Directors to be independent.

DIRECTORS' CONTINUOUS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Directors should participate in continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills. This is to ensure that their contribution to the Board remains informed and relevant. The Directors are committed to complying with code provision C.1.4 of the CG Code on requirements of Directors' training. All Directors have participated in continuous professional development and provided a record of training they received for the financial year ended 31 December, 2023 to the Company.

According to the records provided by the Directors, the training received by each of the Directors during the financial year ended 31 December 2023 is summarized as follows:

Directors	Type of continuous professional development training
<i>Executive Directors</i>	
Mr. Sung Kai Hing	A,B
Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung	A,B
<i>Independent non-executive Directors</i>	
Mr. Kong Hing Ki	A,B
Mr. Feng Jianzhong	A,B
Ms. Leung Yuen Man	A,B

Notes:

A: Attending seminar(s) or training session(s)

B: Reading newspapers, journals and updates relating to the Company's business or directors' duties and responsibilities, the latest development of the Listing Rules and other applicable regulatory requirements etc.

BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board has established specific committees, namely the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee, with written terms of reference to assist them in the efficient implementation of their functions. Specific responsibilities have been delegated to the above committees.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has set up an Audit Committee with written terms of reference which are in compliance with the code provisions of the CG Code. The primary duties of the Audit Committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control system of the Group. The Audit Committee consists of all independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Kong Hing Ki (Chairman), Mr. Feng Jianzhong and Ms. Leung Yuen Man.

Corporate Governance Report

During the year under review, the Audit Committee had held 2 meetings. Attendance of the members is set out below:

Directors	Meetings of the Audit Committee	
	Held	Attended
Mr. Kong Hing Ki (Chairman)	2	2
Mr. Feng Jianzhong	2	2
Ms. Leung Yuen Man	2	2

The Audit Committee has reviewed the accounting policies and practices adopted by the Group and the annual and interim results of the Group as well as assessed the effectiveness of the Group's internal control and risk management system. The Audit Committee reported that there was no material uncertainty that casts doubt on the Company's going concern ability.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Company has set up a Remuneration Committee with written terms of reference which are in compliance with the code provisions of the CG Code. The Remuneration Committee shall make recommendations to the Board on, among other matters, the Company's policy and structure for the remuneration of all Directors and the senior management of the Group and are delegated by the Board the responsibility to determine on behalf of the Board the remuneration for Directors and senior management of the Group. The Remuneration Committee is also responsible for assessing performance of executive Directors, approving the terms of executive Directors' service contracts, and reviewing and/or approving matters relating to share schemes in accordance with Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules. The Remuneration Committee consists of all independent non-executive Directors, namely, Ms. Leung Yuen Man (Chairman), Mr. Kong Hing Ki and Mr. Feng Jianzhong.

According to the written terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee which can be viewed on the website of the Company and the website of the Stock Exchange, the Remuneration Committee has adopted the model to determine, with delegated responsibility, the remuneration packages of individual executive Director(s) and senior management.

The remuneration of the Directors was determined with reference to their respective experience, responsibilities with the Group and general market conditions. Any discretionary bonus is linked to the performance of the Group and of the individual Director.

One meeting was held during the year ended 31 December 2023 to review the remuneration and incentive package of the Directors and the senior management. Attendance of the members is set out below:

Directors	Meetings of the Remuneration Committee	
	Held	Attended
Ms. Leung Yuen Man (Chairman)	1	1
Mr. Kong Hing Ki	1	1
Mr. Feng Jianzhong	1	1

Details of the remuneration of each Director for 2023 are set out in the note 7 to the consolidated financial statements in this annual report.

The biographies of members of the senior management team at the date of this annual report are disclosed in the section headed "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" in this annual report.

Remuneration by Band

The remuneration paid or payable to the Directors and senior management during the year fell within the following bands:

	2023		2022	
	Number of Directors	Number of senior management	Number of Directors	Number of senior management
HK\$Nil to HK\$1,000,000	5	5	7	5
HK\$1,000,001 – HK\$2,000,000	–	–	–	–
HK\$2,000,001 – HK\$3,000,000	–	–	–	–
HK\$3,000,001 – HK\$4,000,000	–	–	–	–

Mr. Sung Kai Hing and Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung have waived their director's fees of HK\$500,000 and HK\$500,000 respectively for the reporting period. Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2023, there was no arrangement in which the Directors waived their remuneration.

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NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Company has set up a Nomination Committee with written terms of reference which are in compliance with the code provisions of the CG Code. The Nomination Committee shall make recommendations to the Board on appointment of Directors and succession planning for Directors. The Nomination Committee consists of all Board members, namely, Mr. Feng Jianzhong (Chairman), Mr. Sung Kai Hing, Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung, Ms. Leung Yuen Man and Mr. Kong Hing Ki.

The main duties of the Committee are (i) to review and monitor the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy; (ii) to identify and nominate qualified individuals for appointment as additional Directors or to fill Board vacancies as and when they arise; (iii) to make recommendations to the Board on matters relating to the appointment or re-appointment of Directors and succession planning for Directors, in particular the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer; (iv) to assess the independence of independent non-executive Directors; and (v) to report back to the Board on decisions or recommendations made, unless there are legal or regulatory restrictions to do so.

The Committee discharges its responsibilities by reference to the terms of reference which set out their roles, responsibilities and duties. The terms of reference were duly authorized by the Board.

In Year 2023, the Committee had reviewed and discussed the following issues at its meeting:

1. to review the composition and structure of the Board.
2. to review the scope of responsibilities of the Directors.
3. to review and confirm the independence of all the independent non-executive Directors.

In carrying out the responsibility for identifying suitably qualified candidates to become members of the Board, the Nomination Committee will give adequate consideration to the board diversity policy of the Company as summarized at page 13.

The Board has adopted a nomination policy for the Nomination Committee, which sets out the criteria and procedures in identifying and selecting candidates for directorship and making recommendations to the Board on appointment and re-appointment of Director. In the case of identifying candidate(s) to be appointed as Director, the Nomination Committee shall hold a meeting to consider the candidate(s) identified or selected pursuant to the nomination criteria and make recommendations to the Board if appropriate. In the case of re-appointment of existing Director, the Nomination Committee shall review the overall contribution and services of the retiring Director, his/her participation and performance within the Board in making recommendations to the Board for its consideration and recommendation. The factors considered in assessing the suitability of a proposed candidate for appointment as Director or re-appointment of existing Director are as follows:

- Contribution to the Board with due regard to the board diversity policy;
- The perspectives, skills and experience that the candidate can bring to the Board;
- Reputation for integrity;
- Willingness to devote adequate time to discharge duties as a Board member; and
- Satisfaction of independence requirements of the Listing Rules in the case of a candidate for independent non-executive Directors.

One meeting was held during the year ended 31 December 2023. Attendance of the members is set out below:

Directors	Meetings of the Nomination Committee	
	Held	Attended
Mr. Feng Jianzhong (Chairman)	1	1
Mr. Sung Kai Hing	1	1
Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung	1	1
Mr. Kong Hing Ki	1	1
Ms. Leung Yuen Man	1	1

ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

Directors' Responsibility for the Accounts

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and its subsidiaries, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

The statement by the auditors of the Company about their responsibilities for the consolidated financial statements is set out in the report of the independent auditor's report contained in this annual report. There are no material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

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EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

The Company engaged Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited ("Baker Tilly") as its external auditor for year ended 31 December 2023. For the year ended 31 December 2023, remuneration payable to the Company's auditor, Baker Tilly, for the provision of audit services was HK\$770,000. During the year, there was no payable as remuneration to Baker Tilly for the provision of non-audit related services.

INTERNAL CONTROLS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The compliance and internal audit department, which is independent to the Company's daily operations and accounting functions, is responsible for establishing the Group's internal control framework, covering all material controls including financial, operational and compliance controls.

The compliance and internal audit department also formulates the internal audit plan and procedures, conducts periodic independent reviews on the operations of individual divisions to identify any irregularities and risks, develops action plans and recommendations to address the identified risks, and reports to the management on any key findings and progress of the internal audit process.

The Audit Committee which comprises all the independent non-executive Directors has the duties to, among other things, review the internal control systems and procedures for compliance with the relevant accounting, financial and Listing Rules requirements.

In addition, the executive Directors have attended external continuous training sessions relating to corporate governance to further enhance their knowledge on various on-going obligations and duties of a listed issuer and its directors under the Listing Rules and the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

The external auditor, in the course of their audit, obtained an understanding of internal controls relevant to the Group's preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control. Any significant deficiencies noted during the course of the audit in such internal controls relevant to audit of the Group's consolidated financial statements will be reported to the Audit Committee at least once a year. After due and careful inquiries, the Audit Committee and the Board considered the policies and procedures of internal control covering all material controls including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management system are effective and adequate and will conduct ongoing review on the effectiveness of the system. The Audit Committee also considered, after due and careful inquiries, that the Company has complied with the internal control system and the relevant accounting, financial and Listing Rules requirements.

The risk management and internal control systems of the Group are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Group complies with requirements of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (“SFO”) and the Listing Rules. The Group discloses inside information to the public as soon as reasonably practicable unless the information falls within any of the safe harbours as provided in the SFO. Before the information is fully disclosed to the public, the Group ensures the information is kept strictly confidential. If the Group believes that the necessary degree of confidentiality cannot be maintained or that confidentiality may have been breached, the Group would immediately disclose the information to the public. The Group is committed to ensuring that information contained in announcements or circulars is not false or misleading as to a material fact, or false or misleading through the omission of a material fact, and presenting information in a clear and balanced way, which requires equal disclosure of both positive and negative facts.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS

The general meetings of the Company provide a forum for communication between the shareholders and the Board. The Chairman of the Board as well as the chairmen of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee, or in their absence, other members of the respective committees, are available to answer questions at the shareholders’ meetings.

The Company held one general meeting, being the annual general meeting, in 2023. The attendance record of the Directors at such meeting is set out below:

Directors	Attendance
<i>Executive Directors</i>	
Mr. Sung Kai Hing (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)	1
Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung	1
<i>Independent non-executive Directors</i>	
Mr. Kong Hing Ki	1
Ms. Leung Yuen Man	1
Mr. Feng Jianzhong	1

In order to keep shareholders well informed of the business activities and direction of the Group, information about the Group has also been provided to the shareholders through financial reports and announcements. The Company has established its own corporate website www.hingleehk.com.hk to facilitate effective communication with its shareholders and the public.

The Board reviewed the Group's shareholders and investor engagement and communication activities conducted in 2023 and was satisfied with the implementation and effectiveness of the shareholders communication policy. The Company will continue to enhance communications and relationships with its shareholders and investors.

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Shareholders, investors and interested parties can make enquiries to the Company through the following means:

By e-mail:	kevinwong@hingleeek.com.hk
Telephone number:	(852) 2151-9600
By post:	Unit 1101, 11/F, Delta House 3 On Yiu Street Shatin, N.T. Hong Kong
Attention:	Public Relationship

SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

(a) Right to convene special general meeting

Pursuant to the bye-laws of the Company, members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the company secretary of the Company, to require a special general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business or resolution specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition.

The written requisition must state the purposes of the meeting, signed by the requisitionist(s) and deposited at the registered office of the Company and at the Company's head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong at Unit 1101, 11th Floor, Delta House, 3 On Yiu Street, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong, and such request may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more of the requisitionist(s).

The request will be verified with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong and upon the confirmation of the branch share registrar that the request is in order, the company secretary of the Company will ask the Board to convene a special general meeting by serving sufficient notice in accordance with all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements to all registered members. On the contrary, if the request is verified as not in order, the requisitionist(s) will be advised of this outcome and accordingly, a special general meeting will not be convened as requested.

If within twenty-one days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionists, or any of them representing more than one half of the total voting rights of all of them, may themselves do so in accordance with the provisions of section 74(3) of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.

(b) Right to put forward proposals at general meetings

Pursuant to the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, either any number of the registered shareholders holding not less than one-twentieth (5%) of the paid-up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company ("Requisitionists"), or not less than 100 of such registered shareholders, can request the Company in writing to (a) give to shareholders entitled to receive notice of the next general meeting notice of any resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at that meeting; and (b) circulate to shareholders entitled to have notice of any general meeting any statement of not more than 1,000 words with respect to the matter referred to in any proposed resolution or the business to be dealt with at that meeting. The requisition signed by all the Requisitionists must be deposited at the registered office of the Company and the Company's head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong with a sum reasonably sufficient to meet the Company's relevant expenses and not less than six weeks before the meeting in case of a requisition requiring notice of a resolution or not less than one week before the meeting in the case of any other requisition. Provided that if, after a copy of the requisition notice of a resolution has been deposited at the registered office of the Company, an annual general meeting is called for a date six weeks or less after the requisition has been deposited, the requisition though not deposited within the time required shall be deemed to have been properly deposited for the purposes thereof.

As regard the procedures for proposing a person for election as a Director, please refer to the procedures made available on the website of the Company at www.hingleehk.com.hk.

To safeguard shareholders' interests and rights, separate resolutions will be proposed at shareholders' meetings on each substantially separate issue, including the election of individual directors.

All resolutions put forward at a shareholders' meeting will be taken by poll pursuant to the Listing Rules save that the chairman of the shareholders' meeting may in good faith allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. The chairman of the shareholders' meeting will explain detailed procedures for conducting a poll answer any questions from shareholder regarding voting by way of poll. The poll results will be posted on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company after the shareholders' meeting.

(c) Procedure for Shareholders to send enquiries

Shareholders may at any time raise enquiries to the Board. The enquiries must be in writing with contact information of the Shareholder(s) and deposited at Unit 1101, 11/F, Delta House, 3 On Yiu Street, Shatin, N.T. Hong Kong for the attention of the company secretary of the Company.

The Board reviewed the Group's shareholders and investor engagement and communication activities conducted in 2023 and was satisfied with the implementation and effectiveness of the shareholders communication policy.

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WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

The Company has formulated a Whistleblowing Policy allowing the employees and the relevant third parties who deal with the Group (e.g. customers, suppliers, creditors and debtors) to report on any suspected conduct compromising the Company's interest.

All reported matters will be investigated independently. All information received from a whistleblower and its identity will be kept confidential.

The Board and the Audit Committee will regularly review the Whistleblowing Policy and mechanism to improve its effectiveness.

ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY

The Company adopted an Anti-Corruption Policy which promotes and supports anti-corruption laws and regulations. It provides guidelines and the minimum standards of conducts, all applicable laws and regulations in relation to the anti-corruption and anti-bribery. The Group does not tolerate any forms of corruption, fraud and all other behaviors that severely damage the business integrity and reputation of the Group.

The Group has incorporated a section in the Employee Handbook regarding the procedures for employees to report any suspected fraudulent activities. Employees may report in writing to their department head regarding the suspected misconduct. Reports and complaints received will be handled in a prompt and fair manner. The Group intends to protect the whistle-blower from common concerns such as confidentiality and potential retaliation or discrimination.

The Board and the Audit Committee will regularly review the Anti-Corruption Policy and mechanism to ensure their effectiveness.

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Wong Kit Wai is an employee of the Company and was appointed as the company secretary of the Company in May 2009. The biographical details of Mr. Wong are set out in the section headed "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management".

According to Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules, Mr. Wong has taken no less than 15 hours of relevant professional training during the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

On 12 April 2023, the Board proposed to amend the bye-laws of the Company in order to, amongst others, (i) conform with the Core Shareholder Protection Standards as set out in Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules; and (ii) make other house-keeping amendments that are in line with the laws of Bermuda and the Listing Rules.

The amendments and the adoption of the new bye-laws were approved by way of special resolution at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 19 May 2023.

For details, please refer to the Company's announcements/circular dated 12 April 2023, 17 April 2023 and 19 May 2023.

PUBLICATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

The Company's financial results announcement for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and this annual report are published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and on the Company's website at www.hingleehk.com.hk.

Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management

DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Executive Director

Mr. Sung Kai Hing (宋啟慶先生), aged 67, is an Executive Director, the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and one of the founders of the Group and he has over 20 years of experience in the furniture industry. Mr. Sung was appointed as a Director on 20 April 2004. He is primarily responsible for the overall strategic planning and business development of the Group as well as overseeing the daily operations of the Group. Besides, he is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company and a member of the Nomination Committee. Mr. Sung is the sole director of King Right Holdings Limited, which has an interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as disclosed on page 34 of this annual report.

Mr. Sung has been appointed as a part-time instructor with specialisation in business operation, strategic planning and supply chain management at 南京林業大學 (Nanjing Forestry University) and 中南林業科技大學 (Central South University of Forestry and Technology) (formerly known as 中南林學院 (Central South Forestry University)) since June 2004 and November 2004 respectively.

Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung (張港璋先生), aged 62, is an Executive Director and one of the founders of the Group and he has over 20 years of experience in the furniture industry. Mr. Cheung was appointed as a Director on 20 April 2004. He is responsible for the administration and human resources management, as well as upholstered furniture business of the Group. Besides, he is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company and a member of the Nomination Committee. He has been appointed as a part-time instructor with specialisation in international trade and trading of home furniture at 南京林業大學 (Nanjing Forestry University) and 中南林業科技大學 (Central South University of Forestry and Technology) (formerly known as 中南林學院 (Central South Forestry University)) since June 2004 and November 2004 respectively. Mr. Cheung is the sole director of United Sino Limited, which has an interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as disclosed on page 34 of this annual report.

Independent Non-executive Director

Mr. Kong Hing Ki (江興琪先生), aged 53, was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director on 29 May 2009. He is also the Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee. He has over 20 years of experience in accounting, auditing and finance, gained from international accountancy and commercial firms. He is an independent non-executive director of RENHENG Enterprise Holdings Limited (stock code: 3628), a company whose shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Mr. Kong holds a bachelor's degree of commerce from Australian National University and a master of business administration degree from Deakin University. He is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of CPA Australia.

Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management

Mr. Feng Jianzhong (馮建中先生), aged 49, was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director on 10 February 2022. He is also the Chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee. Mr. Feng has accumulated more than twenty (20) years of experience in accounting, compliance and project development. Since 2004, Mr. Feng has been the finance manager and project manager of Vitar Insulation Manufacturers Limited, a company which engages in manufacturing and trading of insulated sleeving, tubes, wires and mica sheets.

Mr. Feng has been working as an assistant to chief auditor in Shenzhen Xingyue Accounting Firm from February 1996 to May 2004. Mr. Feng is a PRC accounting professional and obtained a Certificate of Accounting Professional issued by the Ministry of Finance of the PRC in May 2004. Mr. Feng completed a course on international accounting from Shenzhen University in August 1995.

Ms. Leung Yuen Man (梁婉雯女士), aged 52, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director on 1 April 2022. She is also the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee. She has more than 25 years of experience in consultancy in Australian study and migration. She graduated from the University of New South Wales, Australia with a degree of Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies) majoring in Economics in 1996. Ms. Leung has been appointed as a Justice of the Peace in and for the State of New South Wales since July 2005. Since 1999, Ms. Leung has served as a director (sole proprietor) of EduCare International Student Services Centre, a consultancy firm founded by Ms. Leung with operations in both Hong Kong and Australia and engages in Australian study and migration related services.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Huang Wei Ye (黃偉業先生), aged 69, is one of the founders of the Group. He joined the Group in 1995 and is the head of the Group's design and development department, as well as the production department, and is responsible for overseeing the design, development and manufacture of the Group's furniture products. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Huang has over 25 years of experience in the furniture industry. Mr. Huang has been appointed as a part-time instructor with specialisation in product design, production strategies and industry trend analysis at 南京林業大學 (Nanjing Forestry University) and 中南林業科技大學 (Central South University of Forestry and Technology) (formerly known as 中南林學院 (Central South Forestry University)) since 2003. He obtained a master of business administration degree from 北京大學 (Peking University) in July 2007.

Mr. Chan Kwok Kin (陳國堅先生), aged 66, is one of the founders of the Group. Being the head of the sales and marketing department, as well as the procurement department of the Group, he is responsible for formulating the Group's sales and marketing strategies and procurement policies and overseeing the Group's sales and marketing activities. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Chan has over 20 years of experience in the furniture industry. He was appointed as a part-time instructor with specialisation in sales and marketing strategies and brand development at 南京林業大學 (Nanjing Forestry University) and 中南林業科技大學 (Central South University of Forestry and Technology) (formerly known as 中南林學院 (Central South Forestry University)) since 2004.

Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management

Mr. Pu Cai Jun (蒲采君先生), aged 61, is the financial controller of the PRC operation. He is responsible for all financial and accounting matters in respect of the PRC subsidiaries of the Group. Mr. Pu joined the Group in 2002 and has over 20 years of experience in financial controlling. He obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting from 湖南財經學院 (Hunan Finance and Economics Institute) in July 1991.

Mr. Tse Kin Hung (謝建雄先生), aged 51, is the financial controller of the Group. He is responsible for the financial and accounting matters of the Group. He is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a practising certificate holder of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Tse has over 20 years of experience in finance, auditing and accounting. Prior to joining the Group in 2008, Mr. Tse worked for Moores Rowland, Pacific CMA, Inc. and Kaisa Group Holdings Ltd (stock code 1638), a company whose shares are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. In July 2015, Mr. Tse joined a public accountants firm as a director and worked as a consultant of the Group. In 2020, Mr. Tse took up the capacity as financial controller of the Group again. Mr. Tse graduated from Hong Kong Polytechnic University with a bachelor's degree in business studies in 1996.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Wong Kit Wai (黃杰偉先生), aged 54, is the chief financial officer and the company secretary of the Group. He is responsible for supervising the Group's financial management and overseeing the company secretarial and compliance affairs of the Group. Mr. Wong joined the Group in January 2007 and has over 20 years of experience in accounting and finance. He obtained a master of business administration degree from Deakin University, Australia and a bachelor of commerce degree from The University of New South Wales. He is a fellow member of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a fellow member of CPA Australia. Besides, Mr. Wong is an fellow member of the Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and a fellow member of The Chartered Governance Institute (formerly known as The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators), the United Kingdom.

The Board has pleasure in submitting their annual report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands ("BVI") on 20 April 2004 and was re-domiciled and continued in Bermuda with limited liability on 30 March 2007. The registered office address is The Belvedere Building, 69 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke HM08, Bermuda.

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of the Company is located at Unit 1101, 11th Floor, Delta House, 3 On Yiu Street, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal business activities of the Group are the design, manufacture, sale and marketing of home furniture products including mainly wood-based furniture, sofa, mattresses, provision of promotional services relating to layout design, fitting and display of products and licensing of its own brands and product designs. Further discussion and analysis of these activities as required by Schedule 5 to the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, including a discussion of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group, indication of likely future developments in the Group's business, the Group's environmental policy, compliance with relevant laws and regulations and relationship with stakeholders can be found in the Management Discussion and Analysis set out on pages 5 to 10 of this annual report. This discussion forms part of this directors' report.

RESULTS

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss on page 44 of this annual report.

DIVIDEND AND DIVIDEND POLICY

The Company adopted a dividend policy, according to which the Board shall take into account, inter alia, the following factors when deciding whether to propose a dividend and if so, determining the dividend amount: (i) operating and financial results; (ii) cash flow situation; (iii) business conditions and strategies; (iv) future operations and earnings; (v) taxation consideration; (vi) interim dividend paid, if any; (vii) capital requirement and expenditure plans; (viii) interests of shareholders; (ix) statutory and regulatory restrictions; (x) any restrictions on payment of dividends; and (xi) any other factors that the Board may consider relevant. It is also subject to the approval of the shareholders, the Companies Ordinance (where applicable), the bye-laws of the Company as well as any applicable laws and regulations. The Company does not have any pre-determined payout ratio.

DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of any final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: Nil).

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in property, plant and equipment of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in note 11 to the consolidated financial statements in this annual report.

SHARE CAPITAL

Details of the Company's paid up capital for the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in note 22 to the consolidated financial statements in this annual report.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company adopted a share option scheme by the written resolutions of the shareholders on 29 May 2009, which expired on 28 May 2019. The Company adopted a new share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") at its annual general meeting on 17 May 2019. The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to enable the Company to grant options to full-time or part-time employees, directors, supplier, service provider and business partner of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries (the "Eligible Participants") as incentives or rewards for their contribution to the growth of the Group and to provide the Group with a more flexible means to reward, remunerate, compensate and/or provide benefits to the Eligible Participants. There is no share option movement nor any outstanding share option under the Share Option Scheme during the period under review.

Details of the principal terms of the Share Option Scheme are set out in the circular of the Company dated 11 April 2019. Certain principal terms of the Share Option Scheme are summarized as follows and in note 21 to the consolidated financial statement in this annual report:

The Share Option Scheme was adopted for a period of 10 years commencing from 17 May 2019 and will remain in force until 16 May 2029, after which period no further options will be offered or granted but the provisions of the Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect in all other respects with respect to options granted during the life of the Share Option Scheme. The Company may by ordinary resolution in general meeting or the Board may at any time terminate the Share Option Scheme without prejudice to the exercise of options granted prior to such termination.

The subscription price for shares of the Company (each a "Share", and collectively, the "Shares") in respect of any particular option granted under the Share Option Scheme shall be such price as the Board shall determine, provided that such price shall be at least the highest of (i) the closing price per Share on the Main Board as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of offer of the option (and if such date of offer of the option is not a business day, the business day immediately preceding such date of offer of the option); (ii) the average closing price per Share on the Main Board as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the five (5) business days immediately preceding the date of offer of the option; and (iii) the nominal value of a Share. Subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may determine in its absolute discretion, there is no general requirement on the minimum period for which an option must be held before an option can be exercised under the Share Option Scheme.

The total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Group must not, in aggregate, exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the adoption date of the Share Option Scheme on 17 May 2019, such 10% being equivalent to 80,809,602 Shares, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this annual report. In addition, if any options subsequently lapse in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme or any other share option schemes of the Group, such options will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the said 10% limit.

The total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted to each Eligible Participant (including both exercised and outstanding options under the Share Option Scheme) in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the issued share capital of the Company.

An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme at any time during a period to be determined and notified by the Board which shall not exceed ten (10) years from the date of grant of the option.

An offer for the grant of an option made to an Eligible Participant pursuant to the Share Option Scheme shall remain open for acceptance by the Eligible Participant concerned for such period as determined by the Board, which period shall not be more than fourteen (14) days from the offer date, provided that no such offer shall be open for acceptance after the tenth (10th) anniversary of the adoption date of the Share Option Scheme or after the Share Option Scheme has been terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Share Option Scheme. The amount payable by the grantee to the Company on acceptance of the offer is HK\$1.00.

No share options were outstanding as at 31 December 2023. There is no share options movement during the year ended 31 December 2023.

Since the adoption date of the Share Option Scheme on 17 May 2019 and up to and including the date of this annual report, no share options were granted under the Share Option Scheme. Therefore, as at 1 January 2023, 31 December 2023 and the date of this annual report, 80,809,602 Shares, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this annual report, were available for issue under the Share Option Scheme.

EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS

Save for the share option scheme of the Company as disclosed in the section headed "Share Option Scheme" above, no equity-linked agreements were entered into by the Group, or existed during the year.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's bye-laws or the laws of Bermuda which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

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

During the year, the Company and its subsidiaries have not purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

RESERVES

Details of movements in the reserves of the Company and the Group during the year are set out in note 29(b) to the financial statements and the consolidated statement of change in equity in this annual report respectively.

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DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

As at 31 December 2023, the Company's reserves available for distribution, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, amounted to HK\$68 million.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

Sales to the Group's five largest customers accounted for approximately 88.8% of the total sales for Year 2023 and sales to the largest customer included therein amounted to 32.0%. Purchases from the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for approximately 53.7% of the total purchase for Year 2023 and purchase from the Group's largest supplier included therein amounted to 22.3%.

None of the Directors or any of their close associates or any shareholders (which, to the best knowledge of the Directors, own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) had any interest in the Group's five largest customers and suppliers.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No contracts concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Group were entered into or existed during the year.

DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Executive Directors:

Mr. Sung Kai Hing (*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*) (appointed on 20 April 2004)
Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung (appointed on 20 April 2004)

Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Kong Hing Ki (appointed on 29 May 2009)
Mr. Feng Jianzhong (appointed on 10 February 2022)
Ms. Leung Yuen Man (appointed on 1 April 2022)

Pursuant to bye-law 84(1) of the bye-laws of the Company, at each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being shall retire from office by rotation provided that every director shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years.

By virtue of bye-law 84(1) of the bye-laws of the Company, the office of certain Directors, namely Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung and Mr. Feng Jianzhong will end at the forthcoming annual general meeting. All of the above Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the annual general meeting.

Each of the executive Directors has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 22 June 2021, which will continue until terminated by not less than three months' prior notice in writing served by either party on the other.

Each of Ms. Leung Yuen Man, Mr. Kong Hing Ki and Mr. Feng Jianzhong have entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a period of two years commencing from 1 April 2022, 22 June 2023 and 10 February 2024 respectively.

No Director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

The Company has received from each of the independent non-executive Directors, namely, Ms. Leung Yuen Man, Mr. Kong Hing Ki and Mr. Feng Jianzhong, an annual confirmation of independence and the Company considers them to be independent.

BIOGRAPHIES OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER SENIOR MANAGEMENT

The biographical details of the Directors and other senior management are disclosed in the section headed "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" on pages 26 to 28 in this annual report.

DIRECTORS' AND CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDER'S INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

No transactions, arrangements or contracts of significance in relation to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries, parent companies or fellow subsidiaries was a party, and in which any Director or any entity connected with a Director had a material interest or which the controlling shareholder of the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party, subsisted at the end of the Year 2023 or at any time during the Year 2023.

DIRECTORS' INTEREST IN COMPETING BUSINESS

None of the Directors had any interest in a business which competes or likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group.

INDEMNITY PROVISION

Bye-law 164(1) of the Company's Bye-laws provides that the Directors or other officers of the Company shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets of the Company against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty provided that the indemnity shall not be extended to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may be attached to the relevant Director or officer of the Company.

Directors' Report

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

As at 31 December 2023, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO") which were required to be entered into the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or otherwise were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 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) and/or the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code"), were as follows:

Long positions in the Shares of HK\$0.01 each

Name of Director/ chief executive	Capacity	Number of Shares	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital of the Company <i>(Note 1)</i>
Mr. Sung Kai Hing <i>(Note 2)</i>	Beneficial owner and interest of a controlled corporation	288,596,777	35.71%
Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung <i>(Note 3)</i>	Beneficial owner and interest of a controlled corporation	62,040,465	7.68%
Mr. Kong Hing Ki	Beneficial owner	900,000	0.11%

Notes:

1. Based on 808,096,025 Shares in issue as at 31 December 2023.
2. 29,690,000 Shares were held by Mr. Sung Kai Hing and 258,906,777 Shares were held by King Right Holdings Limited ("King Right"), a company beneficially wholly-owned by Mr. Sung Kai Hing, who is also the sole director of King Right. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Sung Kai Hing is deemed to be interested in the same parcel of Shares in which King Right is interested.
3. 7,200,000 Shares were held by Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung and 54,840,465 Shares were held by United Sino Limited ("United Sino"), a company beneficially wholly-owned by Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung, who is also the sole director of United Sino. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung is deemed to be interested in the same parcel of Shares in which United Sino is interested.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2023, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company had or was deemed to have any interests or short position in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associate corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which were required to be entered into the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO or the Model Code.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

During the Year 2023 and at the end of the Year 2023, none of the Company, its holding company, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries has been/was a party to any arrangement whose objects are, or one of whose objects is, to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate except for the Share Option Scheme. No option were granted to the Directors under the Share Option Scheme during the Year 2023.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 31 December 2023, the persons (not being a Director or chief executive of the Company) who have interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

Long positions in Shares of HK\$0.01 each

Name	Capacity	Number of Shares	Approximate percentage of shareholding (Note 1)	Note
King Right	Beneficial owner	258,906,777	32.04%	2
Ms. Wong Wai King	Family interests	288,596,777	35.71%	2
United Sino	Beneficial owner	54,840,465	6.79%	3
Ms. Li Xin	Family interests	62,040,465	7.68%	3
Golden Sunday Limited ("Golden Sunday")	Beneficial owner	54,840,465	6.79%	4
Mr. Chan Kwok Kin	Beneficial owner and interest of a controlled corporation	62,040,465	7.68%	4
Ms. Ho Fung Ying	Family interests	62,040,465	7.68%	4
Top Right Trading Limited ("Top Right")	Beneficial owner	51,586,293	6.38%	5
Mr. Huang Wei Ye	Beneficial owner and interest of a controlled corporation	58,936,293	7.29%	5
Ms. Ye Jian Qun	Family interests	58,936,293	7.29%	5

Directors' Report

Notes:

1. Based on 808,096,025 Shares in issue as at 31 December 2023.
2. King Right is a company beneficially wholly-owned by Mr. Sung Kai Hing, who is also the sole director of King Right. Ms. Wong Wai King is the spouse of Mr. Sung Kai Hing and is deemed to be interested in the same parcel of Shares in which Mr. Sung Kai Hing is interested or deemed to be interested by virtue of the SFO.
3. United Sino is a company beneficially wholly-owned by Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung, who is also the sole director of United Sino. Ms. Li Xin is the spouse of Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung and is deemed to be interested in the same parcel of Shares in which Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung is interested or deemed to be interested by virtue of the SFO.
4. 7,200,000 Shares were held by Mr. Chan Kwok Kin and 54,840,465 Shares were held by Golden Sunday. Golden Sunday is a company beneficially wholly-owned by Mr. Chan Kwok Kin. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Chan is deemed to be interested in the same parcel of Shares in which Golden Sunday is interested. Ms. Ho Fung Ying is the spouse of Mr. Chan Kwok Kin and is deemed to be interested in the same parcel of Shares in which Mr. Chan Kwok Kin is interested or deemed to be interested by virtue of the SFO.
5. 7,350,000 Shares were held by Mr. Huang Wei Ye and 51,586,293 Shares were held by Top Right. Top Right is a company beneficially wholly-owned by Mr. Huang Wei Ye. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Huang Wei Ye is deemed to be interested in the same parcel of Shares in which Top Right is interested. Ms. Ye Jian Qun is the spouse of Mr. Huang Wei Ye and is deemed to be interested in the same parcel of Shares in which Mr. Huang is interested or deemed to be interested by virtue of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, the Company had not been notified by any persons (other than Directors or chief executive of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provision of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There is no significant event after the reporting period.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to maintaining the highest standard of corporate governance practices. Information on the corporate governance practices adopted by the Company is set out in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 11 to 25 of this annual report.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Details of the related party transactions of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in note 27 to the consolidated financial statements of this annual report. None of the related party transactions constituted a connected transaction or continuing connected transaction subject to independent Shareholders' approval, annual review and all disclosure requirements in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The remuneration for key management personnel of the Group referred to in note 27 to the consolidated financial statements of this annual report constituted continuing connected transactions which were fully exempt pursuant to Rule 14A.95 of the Listing Rules.

SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, the Company has maintained sufficient public float as at the date of this annual report as required under the Listing Rules.

AUDITORS

The consolidated financial statements of the Group for the years ended 31 December 2021, 2022 and 2023 were audited by Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited ("Baker Tilly").

Baker Tilly will hold office until the conclusion of the forthcoming annual general meeting. Baker Tilly, being eligible, will offer themselves for reappointment. A resolution for reappointment of Baker Tilly as auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, we would like to express my sincere gratitude to our shareholders, customers and business partners for their continuous supports. Our thanks also go to all staff members of the Group for their contributions and commitment to the continuous success of the Group.

By Order of the Board of
Hing Lee (HK) Holdings Limited
Sung Kai Hing
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Hong Kong, 22 March 2024

Independent Auditor's Report



Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Hing Lee (HK) Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in the British Virgin Islands and re-domiciled and continued in Bermuda with limited liability)

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Hing Lee (HK) Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries (together the "Group") set out on pages 44 to 98, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2023 and of its consolidated financial performance and consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the "Code") and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

The Key Audit Matter

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Impairment testing on property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets

Refer to Notes 2(h)(ii), 11 and 12 to the audited consolidated financial statements

At 31 December 2023, the Group's property, plant and equipment amounted to HK\$75,448,000 (2022: HK\$82,013,000) and right-of-use assets amounted to HK\$22,127,000 (2022: HK\$26,898,000).

Management performed impairment assessments of the Group's property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets by comparing the carrying values with their recoverable amounts to determine the amount of impairment loss that should be recognised for the year.

We identified assessing impairments of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets as a key audit matter because of the significant judgement and estimation required to be exercised particularly in respect of estimating growth rates, future revenue, future cost of sales and other operating expenses, the discount rates applied and also because of the selection of these assumptions could be subject to management bias.

Our audit procedures in this area included:

- understanding and evaluating the Group's policies and procedures for assessing impairment of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets;
- evaluating the key assumptions and methodologies used by management, including assessing and challenging cash flow projections prepared by management and in particular those assumptions relating to growth rates and the Group's pre-tax discount rates;
- assessing the historical accuracy of management's estimates and comparing historic actual results to those budgeted so as to assess the quality of management's forecasting and judgement;
- assessing the sensitivity analysis of forecasts to changes in assumptions, including operation growth forecast, long-term growth rates and discount rates in the model used to assess the appropriateness of the recoverable amounts of the property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets; and
- assessing the adequacy of disclosures relating to those assumptions to which the outcome of the impairment tests is most sensitive, that is, those that have the most significant effect on the determination of the recoverable amounts of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets.

Independent Auditor's Report

The Key Audit Matter

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Impairment of trade receivables

Refer to Notes 2(h)(i), 15 and 23(a) to the audited consolidated financial statements

At 31 December 2023, the Group had gross trade receivables of HK\$33,021,000 (2022: HK\$31,650,000) with loss allowance of HK\$11,464,000 (2022: HK\$9,534,000).

Loss allowance for trade receivables is based on management's estimate of the lifetime expected credit losses to be incurred, which is estimated by taking into account the credit loss experience, ageing of trade receivables, customers' repayment history and an assessment of both the current economic conditions and forward-looking information, all of which involve a significant degree of management judgement.

We identified assessing the impairment of trade receivables as a key audit matter because the assessment of loss allowance for trade receivables is inherently subjective and require significant management judgement, which increases the risk of error or potential management bias.

Our audit procedures in this area included:

- evaluating the design, implementation and operating effectiveness for key internal controls which govern credit control, debt collection and estimation of expected credit losses;
- assessing, on a sample basis, whether items in the trade receivables ageing report were classified within the appropriate ageing bracket by comparing individual items in the report with the relevant sales invoices;
- assessing the reasonableness of management's loss allowance estimates by examining the information used by management to form such judgements, including testing the accuracy of the historical default data, evaluating whether the historical loss rates are appropriately adjusted based on current economic conditions and forward-looking information and examining the actual losses recorded during the current financial year and assessing whether there was an indication of management bias when recognising loss allowance; and
- reviewing subsequent settlement records and challenging management regarding their reasons for not considering a provision against any unsettled past-due balances.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all the information included in the annual report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of directors and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Independent Auditor's Report

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. This report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSA's will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSA's, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and, where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement director on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Tong Wai Hang.

Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 22 March 2024

Tong Wai Hang

Practising certificate number P06231

Consolidated statement of profit or loss

for the year ended 31 December 2023 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	<i>Note</i>	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Revenue	3	94,213	100,387
Cost of sales		<u>(71,808)</u>	<u>(76,090)</u>
Gross profit		22,405	24,297
Other net income	4	548	805
Selling and distribution expenses		(7,665)	(4,522)
Administrative expenses		<u>(22,354)</u>	<u>(42,093)</u>
Loss from operations		(7,066)	(21,513)
Finance costs	5(a)	<u>(4,390)</u>	<u>(5,283)</u>
Loss before taxation	5	(11,456)	(26,796)
Income tax expense	6	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Loss for the year		<u>(11,456)</u>	<u>(26,796)</u>
		HK cents	HK cents
Loss per share	9		
– Basic		<u>(1.42)</u>	<u>(3.32)</u>
– Diluted		<u>(1.42)</u>	<u>(3.32)</u>

The notes on pages 50 to 98 form part of the consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

for the year ended 31 December 2023 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss for the year	<u>(11,456)</u>	<u>(26,796)</u>
Other comprehensive loss for the year		
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
– Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of overseas subsidiaries, net of nil tax	<u>(102)</u>	<u>(1,884)</u>
Total comprehensive loss for the year	<u>(11,558)</u>	<u>(28,680)</u>

The notes on pages 50 to 98 form part of the consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated statement of financial position

as at 31 December 2023 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	75,448	82,013
Right-of-use assets	12	22,127	26,898
Goodwill	13	-	-
		97,575	108,911
Current assets			
Inventories	14	4,099	5,385
Trade and other receivables	15	47,086	69,817
Cash and cash equivalents		33,510	38,050
		84,695	113,252
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	14,805	22,557
Bank loans	17	53,828	70,886
Lease liabilities	18	3,987	3,638
		72,620	97,081
Net current assets		12,075	16,171
Total assets less current liabilities		109,650	125,082
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	18	2,286	6,351
Provision for long service payments	20	191	-
		2,477	6,351
NET ASSETS		107,173	118,731
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	22(a)	8,081	8,081
Reserves		99,092	110,650
TOTAL EQUITY		107,173	118,731

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 22 March 2024.

Sung Kai Hing
Director

Cheung Kong Cheung
Director

The notes on pages 50 to 98 form part of the consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

for the year ended 31 December 2023 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Share capital	Share premium	Exchange reserve	Statutory reserve fund	Merger reserve	Capital reserve	Accumulated losses	Total equity
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(note 22(a))	(note 22(c)(i))	(note 22(c)(ii))	(note 22(c)(iii))	(note 22(c)(iv))	(note 22(c)(v))		
Balance at 1 January 2022	8,081	176,627	5,570	5,541	7,445	(24,862)	(30,991)	147,411
Changes in equity for 2022:								
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	(26,796)	(26,796)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	(1,884)	-	-	-	-	(1,884)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(1,884)	-	-	-	(26,796)	(28,680)
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>8,081</u>	<u>176,627</u>	<u>3,686</u>	<u>5,541</u>	<u>7,445</u>	<u>(24,862)</u>	<u>(57,787)</u>	<u>118,731</u>
Balance at 1 January 2023	8,081	176,627	3,686	5,541	7,445	(24,862)	(57,787)	118,731
Changes in equity for 2023:								
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11,456)	(11,456)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	(102)	-	-	-	-	(102)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(102)	-	-	-	(11,456)	(11,558)
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>8,081</u>	<u>176,627</u>	<u>3,584</u>	<u>5,541</u>	<u>7,445</u>	<u>(24,862)</u>	<u>(69,243)</u>	<u>107,173</u>

The notes on pages 50 to 98 form part of the consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated statement of cash flows

for the year ended 31 December 2023 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	<i>Note</i>	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Operating activities			
Loss before taxation		(11,456)	(26,796)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	5(c)	2,983	4,878
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	5(c)	3,983	3,720
Reversal of write-down of inventories	14(b)	(70)	(290)
Impairment losses/(reversal of impairment losses) on:			
– property, plant and equipment	5(c)	1,956	14,933
– right-of-use assets	5(c)	446	–
– trade receivables	5(c)	1,954	5,504
– other deposits and receivables	5(c)	1,050	(98)
Interest expense	5(a)	4,390	5,283
Interest income	4	(927)	(171)
Provision for long service payments	5(b)	191	–
Loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	4	705	(62)
Write off of trade payables	4	(595)	–
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net		703	5,408
		5,313	12,309
Operating profit before changes in working capital		5,313	12,309
Decrease in inventories		1,278	2,059
Decrease in trade and other receivables		19,131	16,611
Decrease in trade and other payables		(6,881)	(26,296)
		18,841	4,683
Cash generated from operations		18,841	4,683
Interest received		927	171
Interest paid		(3,898)	(4,655)
		15,870	199
Net cash generated from operating activities		15,870	199

Consolidated statement of cash flows

for the year ended 31 December 2023 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(257)	(4)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		34	92
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities		(223)	88
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Financing activities			
Proceeds from new bank loans	24	5,517	12,314
Repayment of bank loans	24	(21,562)	(16,277)
Capital element of lease rentals paid	24	(3,589)	(2,851)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	24	(492)	(628)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net cash used in financing activities		(20,126)	(7,442)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(4,479)	(7,155)
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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		38,050	45,974
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Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		(61)	(769)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		33,510	38,050
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The notes on pages 50 to 98 form part of the consolidated financial statements.

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1 COMPANY INFORMATION

Hing Lee (HK) Holdings Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands (“BVI”) on 20 April 2004 and re-domiciled in Bermuda on 30 March 2007. The registered office of the Company is located at The Belvedere Building, 69 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke HM08, Bermuda. The principal place of business of the Company is located at Unit 1101, 11th Floor, Delta House, 3 On Yiu Street, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong.

The Company has its primary listing on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”). The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of the Company’s principal subsidiaries are set out in note 28.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”), unless otherwise indicated, which is also the functional currency of the Company.

2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

(a) Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”).

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKASs”) and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”). Further details of material accounting policy information adopted by the Group are set out below.

The HKICPA has issued a new HKFRS and certain amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group. Note 2(c) provides information on any changes in accounting policies resulting from initial application of these developments to the extent that they are relevant to the Group for the current accounting periods reflected in these consolidated financial statements.

The Group has not applied any amendments or interpretation to HKFRSs that is not yet effective for the current accounting period (see note 31).

2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(b) Basis of preparation of the consolidated financial statements

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements is the historical cost basis.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Judgements made by management in the application of HKFRSs that have significant effect on the consolidated financial statements and major sources of estimation uncertainty are discussed in note 30.

(c) Changes in accounting policies

The HKICPA has issued the following new and amended HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group:

- HKFRS 17 “Insurance Contracts”
- Amendments to HKAS 8 “Definition of Accounting Estimates”
- Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2 “Disclosure of Accounting Policies”
- Amendments to HKAS 12 “Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction”
- Amendments to HKAS 12 “International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules”

Except as disclosed below, none of these developments have had a material effect on how the Group’s results and financial position for the current or prior periods have been prepared or presented. The Group has not applied any amendments or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

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2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(c) Changes in accounting policies (continued)

Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2, "Disclosure of Accounting Policies"

The amendments require the Group to disclose material accounting policy information and provide guidance on applying the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosure. The Group has revisited the accounting policy information it has been disclosing and considered it is consistent with the amendments.

Amendments to HKAS 12, "Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction"

The amendments narrow the scope of the initial recognition exemption such that it does not apply to transactions that give rise to equal and offsetting temporary differences on initial recognition such as leases. For leases, the associated deferred tax assets and liabilities are required to be recognised from the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, with any cumulative effect recognised as an adjustment to accumulated losses or other components of equity at that date. For all other transactions, the amendments are applied to those transactions that occur after the beginning of the earliest period presented.

Prior to the amendments, the Group did not apply the initial recognition exemption to lease transactions and had recognised the related deferred tax, except that the Group previously determined the temporary difference arising from a right-of-use asset and the related lease liability on a net basis on the basis they arise from a single transaction. Following the amendments, the Group has determined the temporary differences in relation to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately. The change primarily impacts disclosures of components of deferred tax assets and liabilities in note 19, but does not impact the overall deferred tax balances presented in the consolidated statement of financial position as the related deferred tax balances qualify for offsetting under HKAS 12.

2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(d) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date on which control commences until the date on which control ceases.

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses (except for foreign currency transaction gains or losses) arising from intra-group transactions are eliminated.

In the Company's statement of financial position, an investment in a subsidiary is stated at cost less impairment losses (see note 2(h)(ii)).

(e) Goodwill

Goodwill arising on acquisition of businesses is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses and is tested annually for impairment (see note 2(h)(ii)).

(f) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses (see note 2(h)(ii)).

Gains or losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in profit or loss.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of items of property, plant and equipment, less their estimated residual values, if any, using the straight line method over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates, and is generally recognised in profit or loss:

Buildings	Over the lease terms
Leasehold improvements	20% or over the lease terms, whichever is shorter
Motor vehicles	18% – 20%
Office equipment	10% – 20%
Plant and machinery	10% – 33.33%

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

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2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(g) Leased assets

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. This is the case if the contract conveys the 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 direct the use of the identified asset and to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from that use.

Where the contract contains lease component(s) and non-lease component(s), the Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and accounts for each lease component and any associated non-lease components as a single lease component for all leases.

At the lease commencement date, the Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability, except for leases that have a short lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value items. When the Group enters into a lease in respect of a low-value item, the Group decides whether to capitalise the lease on a lease-by-lease basis. If not capitalised, the associated lease payments are recognised as in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the lease term.

Where the lease is capitalised, the lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments payable over the lease term, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, using a relevant incremental borrowing rate. After initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost and interest expense is recognised using the effective interest method. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability, and are charged to profit or loss as incurred.

In the consolidated statement of financial position, the current portion of long-term lease liabilities is determined as the present value of contractual payments that are due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period.

The right-of-use asset recognised when a lease is capitalised is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received. The right-of-use asset is subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses (see note 2(h)(ii)). Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of right-of-use assets using the straight line method over the lease term.

2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(h) Credit losses and impairment of assets

(i) Credit losses from financial assets

The Group recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses ("ECL"s) on financial assets measured at amortised cost (including cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables).

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Generally, credit losses are measured as the present value of all expected cash shortfalls between the cash flows due to contractual and expected amounts, discounted at effective interest rate, where the effect of discounting is material.

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

Loss allowances for trade receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs which result from all possible default events over the expected lives of these financial assets.

For other financial assets measured at amortised cost, the Group recognises a loss allowance equal to 12-month ECLs unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk of the financial asset since initial recognition, in which case the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs. The 12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the end of the reporting period or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months.

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2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(h) Credit losses and impairment of assets (continued)

(i) *Credit losses from financial assets (continued)*

Significant increases in credit risk

When determining assessing whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when measuring ECLs, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment, that includes forward-looking information. The Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due unless a more lagging criteria is demonstrated to be more appropriate.

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when (i) the debtor is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or (ii) the financial asset is 90 days past due unless a more lagging criteria is demonstrated to be more appropriate.

ECLs are remeasured at the end of each reporting period to reflect changes in the financial asset's credit risk since initial recognition. Any change in the ECL amount is recognised as an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss. The Group recognises an impairment gain or loss for all financial assets with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account.

Write-off policy

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off.

Subsequent recoveries of an asset that was previously written off are recognised as a reversal of impairment in profit or loss in the period in which the recovery occurs.

2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(h) Credit losses and impairment of assets (continued)

(ii) Impairment of other non-current assets

At the end of each reporting date, the Group reviews internal and external sources of information to identify indications that the following assets:

- property, plant and equipment;
- right-of-use assets;
- goodwill; and
- investment in a subsidiary in the Company's statement of financial position.

If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment.

For impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or cash-generating units ("CGU"s). Goodwill arising from a business combination is allocated to CGUs or groups of CGUs that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal. Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or CGU, exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. They are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU on a pro rata basis.

An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed. For other non-current assets, an impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the resulting carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

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2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(i) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost is calculated using the weighted average cost formula and comprises all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

(j) Trade and other receivables

A receivable is recognised when the Group has an unconditional right to receive consideration and only the passage of time is required before payment of that consideration is due.

Receivables that do not contain a significant financing component are initially measured at their transaction price and are subsequently stated at amortised cost, including an allowance for credit losses (see note 2(h)(i)).

(k) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other financial institutions, and short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, having been within three months of maturity at acquisition. Cash and cash equivalents are assessed for ECL (see note 2(h)(i)).

(l) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value and are subsequently stated at amortised cost unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at invoice amounts.

(m) Interest-bearing borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are measured initially at fair value less transaction costs. Subsequently, these borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense is recognised in accordance with the note 2(t).

2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(n) Employee benefits

(i) *Short term employee benefits and contributions to defined contribution retirement plans*

Short-term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution retirement plans are expensed as the related service is provided.

(ii) *Long service payments ("LSP") under the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance*

The Group's net obligation in respect of LSP is calculated by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in the current and prior periods and discounting that amount. The estimated amount of future benefit is determined after deducting the negative service cost arising from the accrued benefits derived from the Group's MPF contributions that have been vested with employees, which are deemed to be contributions from the relevant employees.

The calculation of defined benefit obligation is performed by the management. Net interest expense for the period is determined by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the reporting period to the then net defined benefit liability, taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability during the period. Net interest expense and other expenses related to defined benefit plans are recognised in profit or loss.

(iii) *Share-based payments*

The fair value of share options granted to employees is recognised as an employee cost with a corresponding increase in share option reserve within equity (see note 2(o)).

(o) Equity-settled share-based payment transactions

The Company operates a share option scheme under which the Group receives services or goods from its directors, employees and other eligible persons as consideration for share options of the Company. The grant-date fair value of the services or goods received in exchange for the grant of the share options is recognised as an expense with a corresponding increase in equity over the vesting period of the option granted. The amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the number of options for which the related service conditions are expected to be met, such that the amount ultimately recognised is based on the number of options that meet the related service conditions at the vesting date.

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2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(p) Income tax

Income tax comprises current tax and deferred tax. It is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income ("OCI").

Current tax comprises the estimated tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustments to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects any uncertainty related to income taxes. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Current tax also includes any tax arising from dividends.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss and does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences;
- temporary differences related to investment in subsidiaries to the extent that the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill

The Group recognised deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities separately in relation to its lease liabilities and right-of-use assets.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognise a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans for individual subsidiaries in the Group. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(p) Income tax (continued)

Current tax balances and deferred tax balances, and movements therein, are presented separately from each other and are not offset. Current tax assets are offset against current tax liabilities, and deferred tax assets against deferred tax liabilities, if the Company or the Group has the legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the following additional conditions are met:

- in the case of current tax assets and liabilities, the Company or the Group intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously; or
- in the case of deferred tax assets and liabilities, if they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either:
 - the same taxable entity; or
 - different taxable entities, which, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered, intend to realise the current tax assets and settle the current tax liabilities on a net basis or realise and settle simultaneously.

(q) Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the Group or the Company has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditure expected to settle the obligation.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

(r) Revenue and other income

Income is classified by the Group as revenue when it arises from the sale of goods, provision of services and licensing of its own brands and product designs in the ordinary course of the Group's business.

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2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(r) Revenue and other income (continued)

The Group is the principal for its revenue transactions and recognises revenue on a gross basis. In determining whether the Group acts as a principal or as an agent, it considers whether it obtains control of the products before they are transferred to the customers. Control refers to the Group's ability to direct the use of and obtain substantially all of the remaining benefits from the products.

Revenue is recognised when control over a product or service is transferred to the customer at the amount of promised consideration to which the Group is expected to be entitled, excluding those amounts collected on behalf of third parties. Revenue excludes value added tax or other sales taxes and is after deduction of any trade discounts.

(i) *Sale of goods*

Revenue is recognised when the customer takes possession of and accepts the products.

(ii) *Provision of services*

Service income received or receivable from customers when the service contracts, which relates to provision of promotional services relating to layout design, fitting and display of products, are entered into and it is recognised over time on a straight line basis over the term of service contracts.

(iii) *Licensing income*

Licensing income is recognised over time in accordance with the terms of the license agreements.

(iv) *Interest income*

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method.

(v) *Government grants*

Government grants are recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position initially when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them. Grants that compensate the Group for expenses incurred are recognised as other income in profit or loss on a systematic basis in the same periods in which the expenses are incurred.

2 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (continued)

(s) Translation of foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the respective functional currencies of group companies at the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured based on historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences are generally recognised in profit or loss.

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations, including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates at the reporting date. The income and expenses of foreign operations are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Foreign currency differences are recognised in OCI and accumulated in the exchange reserve.

(t) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset. Other borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

(u) Segment reporting

Operating segments, and the amounts of each segment item reported in the consolidated financial statements, are identified from the financial information provided regularly to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of allocating resources to, and assessing the performance of, the Group's various lines of business and geographical locations.

Individually material operating segments are not aggregated for financial reporting purposes unless the segments have similar economic characteristics and are similar in respect of the nature of products and services, the nature of production processes, the type or class of customers, the methods used to distribute the products or provide the services, and the nature of the regulatory environment. Operating segments which are not individually material may be aggregated if they share a majority of these criteria.

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3 REVENUE

The principal activities of the Group are the design, manufacture, sale and marketing of home furniture products including mainly wood-based furniture, sofa and mattresses, provision of promotional services relating to layout design, fitting and display of products and licensing of its own brands and product designs.

Revenue within the scope of HKFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" comprises:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Sale of goods	83,109	88,775
Provision of services	11,104	11,612
	94,213	100,387
Disaggregated by timing of revenue recognition:		
Point in time	83,109	88,775
Over time	11,104	11,612
	94,213	100,387

The Group has applied the practical expedient in paragraph 121 of HKFRS 15 to its revenue contracts such that the above information does not include information about revenue that the Group will be entitled to when it satisfies the remaining performance obligations under those revenue contracts that had an original expected duration of one year or less.

4 OTHER NET INCOME

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bank interest income	927	171
Government grants	140	440
(Loss)/gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	(705)	62
Write off of trade payable	595	–
Others	(409)	132
	548	805

Government grants mainly include funds and subsidies received from local government authorities for the Group's development and business activities.

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4 OTHER NET INCOME (continued)

In 2022, the Group successfully applied for funding support of HK\$96,000 from the Employment Support Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund, set up by the Government from Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The purpose of the funding was to provide financial support to enterprises to retain their employees who would otherwise be made redundant. Under the terms of the grant, the Group was required not to make redundancies during the subsidy period and to spend all the funding on paying wages to the approved list of employees.

5 LOSS BEFORE TAXATION

Loss before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(a) Finance costs		
Interest on bank loans	3,898	4,655
Interest on lease liabilities	492	628
	4,390	5,283
(b) Staff costs		
Directors' remuneration (note 7)	1,318	1,259
Salaries, wages and other benefits	13,126	14,284
Retirement scheme contributions	1,160	1,223
Expense recognised in respect of LSP	191	–
	15,795	16,766
(c) Other items		
Auditor's remuneration	770	750
Cost of inventories sold# (note 14(b))	71,808	76,090
Depreciation of:		
– property, plant and equipment	2,983	4,878
– right-of-use assets	3,983	3,720
Expense relating to short-term leases (note 12)	130	435
Foreign exchange loss, net	1,544	5,294
Impairment losses/(reversal of impairment losses) on:		
– property, plant and equipment	1,956	14,933
– right-of-use assets	446	–
– trade receivables	1,954	5,504
– other deposits and receivables	1,050	(98)
Loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	705	(62)

Cost of inventories sold includes HK\$11,380,000 (2022: HK\$12,285,000) relating to staff costs and depreciation, which amount is also included in the respective total amounts disclosed separately above or in note 5(b) for each of these types of expenses.

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6 INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

- (a) Taxation in the consolidated statement of profit or loss

Pursuant to the income tax rules and regulations, the Group is not subject to income tax in Bermuda and the BVI.

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made for both years as the Company and subsidiaries incorporated or domiciled in Hong Kong have either no assessable profits or sustained tax losses for taxation purposes during the year.

The subsidiaries incorporated in The People's Republic of China (the "PRC") are subject to the PRC Enterprise Income Tax.

No provision for the PRC Enterprise Income Tax has been made for both years as the subsidiaries incorporated in the PRC have either no assessable profits for the year or have sufficient tax losses brought forward to set off against current year's estimated assessable profit for the year.

- (b) Reconciliation between tax expense and accounting loss at applicable tax rate:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loss before taxation	(11,456)	(26,796)
Tax on loss before taxation, calculated at the Hong Kong Profit Tax rate of 16.5% (2022: 16.5%)	(1,890)	(4,421)
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses	964	4,918
Tax effect of non-taxable income	(151)	(53)
Tax effect of different tax rates of subsidiaries	(168)	(1,156)
Tax effect of temporary differences not recognised	(310)	(235)
Tax effect of utilisation of tax losses not recognised previously	(1,613)	(991)
Tax effect of unused tax losses not recognised	3,175	1,944
Others	(7)	(6)
Actual tax expense	-	-

7 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Directors' remuneration disclosed pursuant to section 383(1) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, Part 2 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation and the Listing Rules are as follows:

	Directors' fees		Salaries, allowances, benefits in kind and discretionary bonuses		Retirement scheme contributions		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Executive directors								
Sung Kai Hing (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)	500	474	-	-	-	5	500	479
Cheung Kong Cheung	500	474	-	-	18	18	518	492
Independent non-executive directors								
Feng Jianzhong (appointed on 10 February 2022)	100	88	-	-	-	-	100	88
Leung Yuen Man (appointed on 1 April 2022)	100	75	-	-	-	-	100	75
Kong Hing Ki	100	100	-	-	-	-	100	100
Sun Jian (resigned on 1 April 2022)	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	25
Shao Hanqing (resigned on 10 February 2022)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,300	1,236	-	-	18	23	1,318	1,259

No emoluments were paid by the Group to the directors or any of the highest paid individuals, as set out in note 8, as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office during the year (2022: HK\$Nil).

Mr. Sung Kai Hing, Mr. Cheung Kong Cheung and Ms. Shao Hanqing have waived their directors' fees of approximately HK\$500,000, HK\$500,000 and HK\$Nil (2022: HK\$526,000, HK\$526,000 and HK\$11,000) respectively during the year ended 31 December 2023. Save as disclosed above, there was no arrangement in which the directors waived their remuneration.

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8 INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGHEST EMOLUMENTS

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments, two (2022: two) are directors whose emoluments are disclosed in note 7. The aggregate of the emoluments in respect of the other three (2022: three) individuals are as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	1,216	1,220
Discretionary bonuses	64	64
Retirement scheme contributions	46	31
	<u>1,326</u>	<u>1,315</u>

The emoluments of the three (2022: three) individuals with the highest emoluments are within the following bands:

	2023 Number of individuals	2022 Number of individuals
HK\$Nil to HK\$1,000,000	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

9 LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic loss per share is based on the loss attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of HK\$11,456,000 (2022: HK\$26,796,000) and the weighted average of 808,096,025 (2022: 808,096,025) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

As the Company does not have any potential dilutive ordinary shares during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, basic and diluted loss per share are the same.

10 SEGMENT REPORTING

(a) Operating segment information

The Group is principally engaged in furniture business, which includes the design, manufacture and sale of home furniture products, provision of promotional services relating to layout design, fitting and display of products and licensing of its own brands and product designs. All of the Group's products and services are of a similar nature and subject to similar risk and returns.

For the purposes of resources allocation and performance assessment, the senior executive management of the Group, being the chief operating decision makers, review the Group's consolidated results and financial position when making decisions about allocating resources and assessing performance of the Group as a whole and hence, the Group has only one reportable segment and only entity-wide disclosures are presented.

10 SEGMENT REPORTING (continued)

(b) Geographic information

The following table sets out information about the geographical location of (i) the Group's revenue from external customers and (ii) the Group's property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets ("specified non-current assets"). The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the services were provided or the goods delivered. The geographical location of the specified non-current assets is based on the physical location of the asset, in the case of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets.

	2023		2022	
	Revenue from external customers HK\$'000	Specified non-current assets HK\$'000	Revenue from external customers HK\$'000	Specified non-current assets HK\$'000
Asia (excluding the PRC)	45,352	877	49,436	1,334
Europe	3,259	–	8,793	–
PRC	11,409	96,698	12,246	107,577
The United States	34,193	–	29,912	–
	94,213	97,575	100,387	108,911

Asia mainly covers Japan, Middle East and Southeast Asia; and Europe mainly covers France and Poland.

(c) Major customers

Revenue from the major customers that accounted for 10% or more of the Group's total revenue are set out below:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Customer A	10,588	19,719
Customer B	16,086	15,091
Customer C	30,159	25,895
Customer D	15,702	12,794
Customer E	11,104	11,612

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11 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings HK\$'000	Leasehold improvements HK\$'000	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	Office equipment HK\$'000	Plant and machinery HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Cost						
At 1 January 2022	107,959	54,329	544	13,138	24,128	200,098
Exchange realignment	(9,145)	(4,637)	(42)	(1,142)	(1,525)	(16,491)
Additions	-	-	-	4	-	4
Disposals	-	-	(294)	-	-	(294)
At 31 December 2022	<u>98,814</u>	<u>49,692</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>22,603</u>	<u>183,317</u>
At 1 January 2023	98,814	49,692	208	12,000	22,603	183,317
Exchange realignment	(1,412)	(716)	(2)	(176)	(323)	(2,629)
Additions	-	-	-	30	227	257
Disposals	-	-	-	(44)	(19,019)	(19,063)
At 31 December 2023	<u>97,402</u>	<u>48,976</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>11,810</u>	<u>3,488</u>	<u>161,882</u>
Accumulated depreciation and impairment						
At 1 January 2022	23,879	34,176	370	10,973	20,115	89,513
Exchange realignment	(2,086)	(3,415)	(29)	(1,015)	(1,211)	(7,756)
Charge for the year	1,861	2,199	39	411	368	4,878
Impairment loss	-	12,001	-	1,235	1,697	14,933
Written back on disposals	-	-	(264)	-	-	(264)
At 31 December 2022	<u>23,654</u>	<u>44,961</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>11,604</u>	<u>20,969</u>	<u>101,304</u>
At 1 January 2023	23,654	44,961	116	11,604	20,969	101,304
Exchange realignment	(358)	(653)	(1)	(172)	(301)	(1,485)
Charge for the year	1,782	946	28	12	215	2,983
Impairment loss	1,874	73	-	8	1	1,956
Written back on disposals	-	-	-	(40)	(18,284)	(18,324)
At 31 December 2023	<u>26,952</u>	<u>45,327</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>11,412</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>86,434</u>
Net book value						
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>70,450</u></u>	<u><u>3,649</u></u>	<u><u>63</u></u>	<u><u>398</u></u>	<u><u>888</u></u>	<u><u>75,448</u></u>
At 31 December 2022	<u><u>75,160</u></u>	<u><u>4,731</u></u>	<u><u>92</u></u>	<u><u>396</u></u>	<u><u>1,634</u></u>	<u><u>82,013</u></u>

11 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

The Group's buildings are held for industrial use in the PRC under medium-term leases.

At 31 December 2023, the Group had pledged its buildings with carrying amount of HK\$70,450,000 (2022: HK\$75,160,000) to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group (see note 17).

During the year ended 31 December 2023, with reference to the financial performance, the management reviewed the carrying value of the Group's cash-generating unit ("CGU") identified as panel furniture business in the PRC and assessed that the carrying value of HK\$93,221,000 (2022: HK\$112,088,000) exceeded its recoverable amount of HK\$90,819,000 (2022: HK\$97,155,000) in light of the current market conditions. Accordingly, provision for impairment of HK\$1,956,000 (2022: HK\$14,933,000) and HK\$446,000 (2022: HK\$Nil) was recognised for property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets respectively.

The recoverable amount of the CGU under panel furniture business in the PRC was determined based on value in use calculations. For impairment test purpose, the calculations used the pre-tax cash flow projections for the relevant operations based upon financial budgets and forecasts approved by the management covering the five-year period and applying the discount rate of 9.72% (2022: 9%).

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12 RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Properties HK\$'000	Land use rights HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	16,581	21,916	38,497
Exchange realignment	(1,404)	(1,857)	(3,261)
Additions	1,373	–	1,373
	<u>16,550</u>	<u>20,059</u>	<u>36,609</u>
At 31 December 2022	16,550	20,059	36,609
At 1 January 2023	16,550	20,059	36,609
Exchange realignment	(217)	(287)	(504)
	<u>16,333</u>	<u>19,772</u>	<u>36,105</u>
At 31 December 2023	16,333	19,772	36,105
Accumulated depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2022	4,974	1,708	6,682
Exchange realignment	(529)	(162)	(691)
Charge for the year	3,181	539	3,720
	<u>7,626</u>	<u>2,085</u>	<u>9,711</u>
At 31 December 2022	7,626	2,085	9,711
At 1 January 2023	7,626	2,085	9,711
Exchange realignment	(124)	(38)	(162)
Charge for the year	3,466	517	3,983
Impairment loss (<i>note 11</i>)	–	446	446
	<u>10,968</u>	<u>3,010</u>	<u>13,978</u>
At 31 December 2023	10,968	3,010	13,978
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	<u>5,365</u>	<u>16,762</u>	<u>22,127</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>8,924</u>	<u>17,974</u>	<u>26,898</u>

12 RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (continued)

The Group has obtained the right to use certain properties as its factory complex and office premises through tenancy agreements. The leases run for a period of 3 to 5 years (2022: 3 to 5 years), at the end of which period all terms are renegotiated.

The land use rights relate to leasehold land for industrial use in the PRC and are not allowed to be transferred or leased pursuant to the contracts for grant of the land use rights. They have a lease term of 50 years, commencing from 29 June 2007 and expiring on 28 June 2057.

None of the leases includes variable lease payments. Amounts included in the consolidated statement of cash flows leases comprise of cash outflow for leases of HK\$130,000 and HK\$4,081,000 (2022: HK\$435,000 and HK\$3,479,000) in operating and financing activities respectively.

13 GOODWILL

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost		
At 1 January	48,523	53,103
Exchange realignment	(693)	(4,580)
	47,830	48,523
Accumulated impairment		
At 1 January	48,523	53,103
Exchange realignment	(693)	(4,580)
	47,830	48,523
Net book value		
At 31 December	-	-

Goodwill was allocated to the Group's CGU identified as upholstered furniture business in the PRC and was fully impaired since 2019 in view of the deterioration in sales level and operating results of the CGU in that year and loss of a major customer.

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14 INVENTORIES

(a) Inventories in the consolidated statement of financial position comprise:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Raw materials	873	1,020
Work in progress	3,226	4,365
	4,099	5,385

(b) The analysis of the amount of inventories recognised as an expense and included in profit or loss is as follows:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Carrying amount of inventories sold	71,878	76,380
Reversal of write-down of inventories	(70)	(290)
	71,808	76,090

During the year, certain aged inventories were sold and, as a result, a reversal of write-down of inventories of HK\$70,000 (2022: HK\$290,000) has been recognised and included in cost of inventories sold.

15 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade receivables	33,021	31,650
Less: Loss allowance (note 23(a))	(11,464)	(9,534)
	21,557	22,116
Deposits paid for purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	46
Deposits paid to suppliers	23,435	45,625
Value added tax recoverable	1,785	883
Other deposits, prepayments and receivables	2,046	1,846
	27,266	48,400
Less: Loss allowance (note 23(a))	(1,737)	(699)
	25,529	47,701
	47,086	69,817

15 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (continued)

The amount of deposits and prepayments expected to be recovered or recognised as expense after more than one year is HK\$1,073,000 (2022: HK\$1,086,000). All of the other trade and other receivables are expected to be recovered or recognised as expense within one year.

As of the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade receivables, based on the invoice date and net of loss allowance, is as follows:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 3 months	12,598	6,441
3 to 6 months	2,263	4,058
6 to 9 months	1,669	3,635
9 months to 1 year	1,707	7,982
Over 1 year	3,320	–
	21,557	22,116

Trade receivables are normally due within 30 to 90 days (2022: 30 to 90 days) from the date of billing. Further details on the Group's credit policy are set out in note 23(a).

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16 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade payables	<u>9,914</u>	<u>10,346</u>
Accrued charges	2,554	2,918
Trade deposits received	1,288	8,454
Other payables	<u>1,049</u>	<u>839</u>
	<u>4,891</u>	<u>12,211</u>
	<u>14,805</u>	<u>22,557</u>

All trade and other payables are expected to be settled within one year.

As of the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade payables, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 3 months	4,939	5,073
3 months to 1 year	1,360	685
Over 1 year	<u>3,615</u>	<u>4,588</u>
	<u>9,914</u>	<u>10,346</u>

17 BANK LOANS

The bank loans are repayable within 1 year or on demand (including those with repayable on demand clause) and the maturity of bank loans, based on the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements, is as follows:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 1 year	3,906	16,278
After 1 year but within 2 years	49,922	3,963
After 2 years but within 5 years	-	50,645
	53,828	70,886

Details on the interest rate profile of the Group are set out in note 23(c)(i).

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, bank loans were secured by pledge of buildings (see note 11), personal guarantee provided by Mr. Chan Kwok Kin and Mr. Huang Wei Ye in which both are the senior management of the Group, and corporate guarantees from the Company and a subsidiary.

18 LEASE LIABILITIES

At 31 December 2023, the lease liabilities were repayable as follows:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 1 year	3,987	3,638
After 1 year but within 2 years	2,286	4,038
After 2 years but within 5 years	-	2,313
	6,273	9,989

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19 INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(a) Movement of each component of deferred tax assets and liabilities

The components of deferred tax assets/(liabilities) recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position and the movements during the year are as follows:

Deferred tax arising from:	Right-of-use assets	Lease liabilities	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2022	(2,902)	2,902	–
Exchange realignment	219	(219)	–
Charged/(credited) to profit or loss	<u>566</u>	<u>(566)</u>	<u>–</u>
At 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023	(2,117)	2,117	–
Exchange realignment	23	(23)	–
Charged/(credited) to profit or loss	<u>827</u>	<u>(827)</u>	<u>–</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>(1,267)</u></u>	<u><u>1,267</u></u>	<u><u>–</u></u>

(b) Deferred tax assets not recognised

At 31 December 2023, the Group has not recognised deferred tax assets in respect of cumulative tax losses of HK\$68,879,000 (2022: HK\$69,682,000) as it is not probable that future taxable profits against which the assets can be utilised will be available in relevant tax jurisdiction and entity. Of the total tax losses, HK\$23,553,000 (2022: HK\$30,527,000) will expire within 5 years and the remaining tax losses of HK\$45,326,000 (2022: HK\$39,155,000) have no expiry date under the current tax legislation.

At 31 December 2023, save as disclosed in note 19(a), the Group does not have any other material temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements, and therefore, no provision for deferred tax has been made (2022: HK\$Nil).

20 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(a) Retirement benefits scheme

The Group participates a mandatory provident fund scheme (the "MPF Scheme") under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance for its employees in Hong Kong. The MPF Scheme is a defined contribution retirement scheme administered by independent trustees. Under the MPF Scheme, the Group and its employees are each required to make contributions to the scheme at 5% of the employees' relevant income, subject to a cap of monthly relevant income of HK\$30,000. Contributions to the scheme vest immediately, there is no forfeited contributions that may be used by the Group to reduce the existing level of contribution.

The employees of the Group's subsidiaries which operate in the PRC are required to participate in state-managed retirement benefits schemes operated by the PRC government. The relevant PRC subsidiaries are required to contribute a specified percentage of their payroll costs to the relevant schemes to fund the benefits. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the retirement schemes is to pay the ongoing contributions required by the schemes. Contributions to the scheme vest immediately, there is no forfeited contributions that may be used by the Group to reduce the existing level of contribution.

(b) Provision for LSP

Hong Kong employees that have been employed continuously for at least five years are entitled to long service payments in accordance with the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance under certain circumstances. These circumstances include where an employee is dismissed for reasons other than serious misconduct or redundancy, that employee resigns at the age of 65 or above, or the employment contract is of fixed term and expires without renewal. The amount of LSP payable is determined with reference to the employee's final salary (capped at HK\$22,500) and the years of service, reduced by the amount of any accrued benefits derived from the Group's contributions to MPF scheme (see note 20(a)), with an overall cap of HK\$390,000 per employee. Currently, the Group does not have any separate funding arrangement in place to meet its LSP obligation.

In June 2022, the Government gazetted the Amendment Ordinance, which will eventually abolish the statutory right of an employer to reduce its LSP payable to a Hong Kong employee by drawing on its mandatory contributions to the MPF scheme. The Government has subsequently announced that the Amendment Ordinance will come into effect from 1 May 2025 (the "Transition Date"). Separately, the Government is also expected to introduce a subsidy scheme to assist employers after the abolition.

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20 POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

(b) Provision for LSP (continued)

Among other things, once the abolition of the offsetting mechanism takes effect, an employer can no longer use any of the accrued benefits derived from its mandatory contributions under MPF scheme (irrespective of the contributions made before, on or after the Transition Date) to reduce the LSP in respect of an employee's service from the Transition Date. However, where an employee's employment commenced before the Transition Date, the employer can continue to use the above accrued benefits to reduce the LSP in respect of the employee's service up to that date; in addition, the LSP in respect of the service before the Transition Date will be calculated based on the employee's monthly salary immediately before the Transition Date and the years of service up to that date.

The present value of unfunded obligations and its movements are as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000
At 1 January	-
Expenses recognised in profit or loss:	
Current service cost	<u>191</u>
At 31 December	<u><u>191</u></u>

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation is 6.45 years. The above expense is recognised in administrative expense.

Significant actuarial assumptions (expressed as weighted averages) and sensitivity analysis are as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000
Discount rate	3.75%
Future salary increases	1.00%

The below analysis shows how the defined benefit obligation would have increased/decreased as a result of 1% change in the significant actuarial assumptions:

	Increase in 1% HK\$'000	Decrease in 1% HK\$'000
Discount rate	(11)	11
Future salary increases	4	(4)

The above sensitivity analysis is based on the assumption that changes in actuarial assumptions are not correlated and therefore it does not take into account the correlations between the actuarial assumptions.

21 EQUITY-SETTLED SHARE-BASED TRANSACTIONS

Pursuant to the written resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company on 17 May 2019, the Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme"). The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to enable the Company to grant share options to eligible participants as incentives or rewards for their contribution to the growth of the Group and to provide the Group with a more flexible means to reward, remunerate, compensate and/or provide benefits to the eligible participants. The Share Option Scheme is valid and effective for a period of 10 years from 17 May 2019.

Under the Share Option Scheme, the Board may at their discretion grant share options to full-time or part-time employees, directors (including executive, non-executive or independent non-executive) and any suppliers, service providers and business partners of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries.

The offer of a grant of share options may be accepted by the grantee within 14 days from the date of the offer, upon payment of HK\$1 by way of consideration for the grant. The maximum number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding share options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not exceed 30% of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time. In addition, the total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company must not exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 17 May 2019, being the scheme mandate limit. The Board may seek approval by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting to renew the scheme mandate limit, provided that the total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company in these circumstances must not exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of approval of the renewed limit.

Share options previously granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company (including those outstanding, cancelled, lapsed in accordance with the Share Option Scheme or any other share option schemes of the Company and exercised share options) will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the renewed limit. The Board may seek separate shareholders' approval in general meeting to grant share options beyond the scheme mandate limit or the renewed limit provided that the share options in excess of the scheme mandate limit or the renewed limit are granted only to the participants specifically identified by the Company before such approval is sought. The total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the share options granted to each participant (including both exercised and outstanding share options under the Share Option Scheme) in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the issued share capital of the Company unless approved by the shareholders of the Company in general meetings.

No share options under the Share Option Scheme were granted or exercised during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 and there were no outstanding share options under the Share Option Scheme as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

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22 SHARE CAPITAL, DIVIDENDS AND RESERVES

(a) Share capital

	2023		2022	
	Number of ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	Amount HK\$'000	Number of ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	Amount HK\$'000
Authorised:				
At 31 December	3,000,000,000	30,000	3,000,000,000	30,000
Issued and fully paid:				
At 31 December	808,096,025	8,081	808,096,025	8,081

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at the meetings of the Company. All ordinary shares rank equally with regard to the Company's residual assets.

(b) Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: HK\$Nil).

(c) Nature and purpose of reserves

(i) Share premium

The application of the share premium account is governed by section 40 of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981.

(ii) Exchange reserve

The exchange reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of operations outside Hong Kong which are dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies as set out in note 2(s).

(iii) Statutory reserve fund

Subsidiaries in the PRC are required to transfer 10% of the net profits, as determined in accordance with the PRC accounting rules and regulations, to statutory reserve fund until the reserve balance reaches 50% of the registered capital. The transfer of this fund must be made before distribution of dividends to equity holders.

The statutory reserve fund can be used to make good of previous years' losses, if any, and may be converted into capital provided that the balance of the general reserve fund after such conversion is not less than 25% of their registered capital.

22 SHARE CAPITAL, DIVIDENDS AND RESERVES (continued)

(c) Nature and purpose of reserves (continued)

(iv) Merger reserve

The Group's merger reserve represents the difference between the aggregate net assets of the subsidiaries acquired by the Group and the nominal amount of the Company's shares issued under the 2004 Reorganisation.

(v) Capital reserve

The capital reserve represents the excess of the fair value of consideration paid for acquisition of additional interest in a non-wholly owned subsidiary over the decrease in the carrying amount of the non-controlling interest.

(d) Distributability of reserves

At 31 December 2023, the aggregate amount of reserves available for distribution to equity shareholders of the Company was HK\$68,143,000 (2022: HK\$68,158,000), being the aggregate of the share premium and accumulated losses of the Company.

(e) Capital management

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through maintaining healthy capital ratio.

The capital structure of the Group consists of net debts, which includes secured bank loans and lease liabilities net of cash and cash equivalents, and equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company, comprising issued share capital, reserves and accumulated losses as disclosed in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

The directors review the capital structure on an annual basis. As a part of this review, management considers the cost of capital, the changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of each class of capital. The directors will balance the Group's overall capital structure through the payment of dividends and new share issues.

The Group's overall strategy remained unchanged during the year.

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23 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Exposure to credit, liquidity, interest rate and currency risks arises in the normal course of the Group's business. The Group does not have any written risk management policies and guidelines. The directors monitor the financial risk management of the Group and take measures as considered necessary from time to time to minimise such financial risks.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss to the Group. The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to trade and other receivables. The Group's exposure to credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents is limited because the counterparties are reputable banks of which the Group considers to have low credit risk.

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer rather than the industry or country in which the customers operate and therefore significant concentrations of credit risk primarily arise when the Group has significant exposure to individual customers. At the end of the reporting period, the Group had a concentration of credit risk as 61% (2022: 87%) and 96% (2022: 99%) of total trade receivables due from the largest customer and five largest customers respectively.

Individual credit evaluations are performed on all customers requiring credit over a certain amount. These take into account the customer's past payment history, financial position and other factors. Trade receivables are due within 30 days to 90 days (2022: 30 days to 90 days) from the date of billing. Normally, the Group does not obtain collateral from customers.

The Group measures loss allowances for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, which is calculated using a provision matrix. As the Group's historical credit loss experience does not indicate significantly different loss patterns for different customer segments, the loss allowance based on past due status is not further distinguished between the Group's different customer bases.

23 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

The following table provides information about the Group's exposure to credit risk and ECLs for trade receivables:

	2023			
	Expected loss rate	Gross carrying amount HK\$'000	Loss allowance HK\$'000	Net carrying amount HK\$'000
Current (not past due)	6.99%	9,440	(660)	8,780
Less than 3 months past due	7.02%	6,540	(459)	6,081
3 to 6 months past due	7.02%	1,795	(126)	1,669
6 months to 1 year past due	6.99%	5,405	(378)	5,027
More than 1 year past due	100.00%	9,841	(9,841)	-
		33,021	(11,464)	21,557

	2022			
	Expected loss rate	Gross carrying amount HK\$'000	Loss allowance HK\$'000	Net carrying amount HK\$'000
Current (not past due)	2.81%	6,627	(186)	6,441
Less than 3 months past due	2.80%	4,175	(117)	4,058
3 to 6 months past due	2.78%	3,739	(104)	3,635
6 months to 1 year past due	2.80%	8,212	(230)	7,982
More than 1 year past due	100.00%	8,897	(8,897)	-
		31,650	(9,534)	22,116

Expected loss rates are based on actual loss experience in current year. These rates are adjusted to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historical data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the trade receivables.

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23 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Movement in loss allowance in respect of trade receivables during the year is as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Balance at 1 January	9,534	4,308
Exchange realignment	(24)	(278)
Impairment loss recognised	1,954	5,504
	<hr/> 11,464 <hr/>	<hr/> 9,534 <hr/>
Balance at 31 December	11,464	9,534

The Group accounts for its credit risk by appropriately providing for ECLs on a timely basis. In calculating the ECL rates, the Group considers historical loss rates for each category of receivables and adjusts for forward looking macroeconomic data.

A summary of the assumptions underpinning the Group's ECL model is as follows:

Category	Definition of category	Basis for recognition of ECL provision
Stage 1	Exposures where there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and that are not credit-impaired upon origination.	Portion of the lifetime ECL associated with the probability of default events occurring within the next 12 months is recognised.
Stage 2	Exposures where there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition but are not credit-impaired.	Lifetime expected losses (i.e. reflecting the remaining lifetime of the financial asset) is recognised.
Stage 3	Exposures are assessed as credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that asset have occurred.	Lifetime expected losses is recognised and interest revenue is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost (net of provision) rather than the gross carrying amount.

All deposits and other receivables are under stage 1 and its analysis of changes in the corresponding ECL allowances is as follows:

	2023 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000
Balance at 1 January	699	859
Exchange realignment	(12)	(62)
Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment loss) recognised	1,050	(98)
	<hr/> 1,737 <hr/>	<hr/> 699 <hr/>
Balance at 31 December	1,737	699

23 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

The Group rebutted the presumption of default under ECL model for deposits and other receivables for over 90 days past due based on continuous business with the Group. They are assessed individually based on their probability of default and exposure of default with reference to historical credit loss experience, adjusted by current and forward-looking factors.

(b) Liquidity risk

The Group's policy is to regularly monitor its liquidity requirements and its compliance with lending covenants, to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

The following table shows the remaining contractual maturities at the end of the reporting period of the Group's financial liabilities, which are based on contractual undiscounted cash flows (including interest payments computed using contractual rates or, if floating, based on rates current at the end of the reporting period) and the earliest date the Group can be required to pay.

Specifically, for bank loans which contain a repayment on demand clause which can be exercised at the bank's sole discretion, the analysis shows the cash outflow based on the earliest period in which the entity can be required to pay, that is if the lenders were to invoke their unconditional rights to call the loans with immediate effect.

	2023					2022				
	Total contractual amount	Within 1 year or on demand	More than 1 year but less than 2 years	More than 2 years but less than 5 years	More than 5 years	Carrying amount	Total contractual cash flow	Within 1 year or on demand	More than 1 year but less than 2 years	More than 2 years but less than 5 years
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade and other payables	13,517	13,517	13,517	-	-	14,103	14,103	14,103	-	-
Bank loans	53,828	54,113	54,113	-	-	70,886	71,270	71,270	-	-
Lease liabilities	6,273	6,583	4,252	2,331	-	9,989	10,797	4,133	4,306	2,358
	73,618	74,213	71,882	2,331	-	94,978	96,170	89,506	4,306	2,358

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(b) Liquidity risk (continued)

The following table summarises the maturity analysis including bank loans with a repayment on demand clause based on agreed scheduled repayments set out in the loan agreements. Taking into account the financial position of the Group, the directors do not consider that it is probable that the bank will exercise its discretion to demand immediate repayment. The directors believe that such bank loans will be repaid in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements.

	2023					2022				
	Total contractual	Within 1 year or on demand	More than 1 year but less than 2 years	More than 2 years but less than 5 years	More than 5 years	Total contractual	Within 1 year or on demand	More than 1 year but less than 2 years	More than 2 years but less than 5 years	More than 5 years
Carrying amount	undiscounted cash flow					Carrying amount	undiscounted cash flow			
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade and other payables	13,517	13,517	13,517	-	-	14,103	14,103	14,103	-	-
Bank loans	53,828	59,348	7,151	52,197	-	70,886	80,338	20,121	7,263	52,954
Lease liabilities	6,273	6,583	4,252	2,331	-	9,989	10,797	4,133	4,306	2,358
	73,618	79,448	24,920	54,528	-	94,978	105,238	38,357	11,569	55,312

23 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk where the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

Interest-earning financial assets include mainly deposits with banks and cash at banks ("bank deposits"). Interest-bearing financial liabilities include bank loans and lease liabilities. The Group currently does not have any interest rate hedging policy and will consider entering into interest rate hedging should the need arise. The Group ensures that it borrows at competitive interest rates under favourable terms and conditions.

(i) Interest rate profile

The following table details the interest rate profile of the Group's interest-earning financial assets and interest-bearing financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period.

	2023		2022	
	Effective interest rate	HK\$'000	Effective interest rate	HK\$'000
Fixed rate deposits/(liabilities):				
Bank deposits	3.61%	16,982	4.08%	24,521
Bank loans	6.10%	(17,849)	6.30%	(19,451)
Lease liabilities	5.89% - 6.08%	(6,273)	5.89% - 6.08%	(9,989)
Net fixed rate liabilities		(7,140)		(4,919)
Variable rate deposits/(liabilities):				
Bank deposits	0.57%	12,697	0.80%	12,428
Bank loans	5.86%	(35,979)	5.61%	(51,435)
Net variable rate liabilities		(23,282)		(39,007)
Net exposure		(30,422)		(43,926)

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(c) Interest rate risk (continued)

(ii) Sensitivity analysis

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, it is estimated that a general increase/decrease of 100 basis points in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, would have increased/decreased the Group's loss after tax and accumulated losses by approximately HK\$194,000 (2022: HK\$326,000) for the years.

The sensitivity analysis above has been determined assuming that the change in interest rates had occurred at the end of the reporting period and had been applied to the exposure to interest rate risk for financial instruments in existence at that date. The 100 basis point increase or decrease represents management's assessment of a reasonably possible change in interest rates over the period until the end of the next annual reporting period. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2022.

(d) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk primarily through sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the operations to which the transaction relates. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi and United States dollars. Hence, the Group's foreign currency risk is considered to be minimal by the directors of the Company. The Group does not hold or issue material derivative financial instruments for trading purposes or to hedge against fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, but the management continuously monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

23 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

(d) Foreign currency risk (continued)

The following table details the Group's exposure at the end of the reporting period to foreign currency risk arising from recognised assets or liabilities denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the operations to which they relate. For presentation purposes, the amounts of the exposure are shown in Hong Kong dollars, translated using the spot rate at the end of the reporting period.

	2023			2022		
	Denominated in			Denominated in		
	Hong Kong dollars	Renminbi	United States dollars	Hong Kong dollars	Renminbi	United States dollars
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade and other receivables	-	4,477	6,308	-	4,625	2,223
Cash and cash equivalents	82	2,570	13,718	139	176	2,857
Trade and other payables	-	-	(144)	-	-	(491)
Net exposure arising from recognised assets	82	7,047	19,882	139	4,801	4,589

It is assumed that the pegged rate between Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars would be materially unaffected by any changes in movement in value of United States dollars against other currencies and thus the sensitivity analysis is not presented.

Renminbi is not a freely convertible currency and the remittance of funds out of the PRC is subject to exchange restrictions imposed by the PRC government.

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, it is estimated that the effect on the Group's loss after tax and accumulated losses for the years would not be material for a general depreciation or appreciation of 5% on Hong Kong dollars against Renminbi with all other variables held constant.

(e) Fair value measurement

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and liabilities carried at amortised cost were not materially different from their fair values as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

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24 CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities, including cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from financing activities are liabilities for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the consolidated statement of cash flows as cash flows from financing activities.

	Bank loans HK\$'000 <i>(note 17)</i>	Lease liabilities HK\$'000 <i>(note 18)</i>	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2022	81,776	12,551	94,327
Changes from financing cash flows:			
Capital element of lease rentals paid	–	(2,851)	(2,851)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	–	(628)	(628)
Proceeds from new bank loans	12,314	–	12,314
Repayment of bank loans	(16,277)	–	(16,277)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(3,963)	(3,479)	(7,442)
Exchange realignment	(6,927)	(1,084)	(8,011)
Other changes			
Increase in lease liabilities from entering into a new lease	–	1,373	1,373
Finance costs <i>(note 5(a))</i>	4,655	628	5,283
Interest paid on bank loans	(4,655)	–	(4,655)
Total other changes	–	2,001	2,001
At 31 December 2022	70,886	9,989	80,875
At 1 January 2023	70,886	9,989	80,875
Changes from financing cash flows:			
Capital element of lease rentals paid	–	(3,589)	(3,589)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	–	(492)	(492)
Proceeds from new bank loans	5,517	–	5,517
Repayment of bank loans	(21,562)	–	(21,562)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(16,045)	(4,081)	(20,126)
Exchange realignment	(1,013)	(127)	(1,140)
Other changes			
Finance costs <i>(note 5(a))</i>	3,898	492	4,390
Interest paid on bank loans	(3,898)	–	(3,898)
Total other changes	–	492	492
At 31 December 2023	53,828	6,273	60,101

25 COMMITMENTS

Commitments outstanding as at 31 December 2023 not provided for in the consolidated financial statements were as follows:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Contracted for purchase of property, plant and equipment	107	108

26 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31 December 2023, the Company had contingent liabilities in respect of guarantees given for banking facilities granted to a subsidiary to the extent of HK\$88,279,000 (2022: HK\$89,559,000). These facilities were utilised to the extent of HK\$53,828,000 (2022: HK\$70,886,000) as at 31 December 2023.

27 MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Remuneration for key management personnel of the Group, including amounts paid to the Company's directors as disclosed in note 7 and certain of the highest paid employees as disclosed in note 8, is as follows:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Short-term employee benefits	2,580	2,520
Post-employment benefits	64	54
	2,644	2,574

Total remuneration is included in "staff costs" (see note 5(b)).

Save as disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements, the Group did not have any material related party transactions during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

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28 SUBSIDIARIES

(a) Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of company	Place of incorporation and operation	Particulars of issued and paid-up share capital/ registered capital	Proportion of Group's ownership interest		Principal activities
			2023	2022	
Directly held by the Company					
Great Ample Holdings Limited	BVI	22,001 shares of US\$1 each	100%	100%	Investment holding
Indirectly held by the Company					
Success Profit International Limited	BVI	12,501 shares of US\$1 each	100%	100%	Investment holding
Hing Lee Furniture Company Limited	BVI/Hong Kong	1 share of US\$1	100%	100%	Trading of furniture
Sharp Motion Worldwide Limited	BVI	4 shares of US\$1 each	100%	100%	Trademark holding/licensing
Hing Lee Furniture Group Limited	Hong Kong	3 shares (HK\$3)	100%	100%	Trading of furniture and provision of management services
Hanmix Limited	Hong Kong	1 share (HK\$1)	100%	100%	Investment holding
Astromax Investment Limited	BVI	100 shares of US\$1 each	100%	100%	Investment holding
City Leading Limited	Hong Kong	1 share (HK\$1)	100%	100%	Trading of sofa and investment holding
深圳興利家具有限公司 (Shenzhen Xingli Furniture Company Limited)*	PRC	RMB95,860,000	100%	100%	Design, manufacture, sale and marketing of home furniture, provision of promotional services and trademark holding/licensing
深圳歐羅家具有限公司 (Shenzhen Ouluo Furniture Company Limited)*	PRC	RMB8,500,000	100%	100%	Manufacture and sale of sofa

* These companies are limited liability wholly-owned foreign enterprises established in the PRC and their official names are in Chinese. The English company names are for reference only.

29 FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY

(a) Statement of financial position

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets		
Investment in a subsidiary	74,779	74,779
Right-of-use assets	877	1,334
	75,656	76,113
Current assets		
Other receivables	167	165
Amount due from subsidiaries	1,708	2,000
Cash and cash equivalents	294	364
	2,169	2,529
Current liabilities		
Other payables and accrued charges	605	877
Amounts due to subsidiaries	-	174
Lease liabilities	467	439
	1,072	1,490
Net current assets	1,097	1,039
Total assets less current liabilities	76,753	77,152
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	447	913
Provision for LSP	82	-
	529	913
NET ASSETS	76,224	76,239
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Share capital	8,081	8,081
Reserves	68,143	68,158
TOTAL EQUITY	76,224	76,239

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29 FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY (continued)

(b) Details of changes in the Company's reserves during the year:

	Share premium HK\$'000 <i>(note 22(c)(i))</i>	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2022	176,627	(42,576)	134,051
Changes in equity for 2022:			
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year	—	(65,893)	(65,893)
Balance at 31 December 2022 and at 1 January 2023	176,627	(108,469)	68,158
Changes in equity for 2023:			
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year	—	(15)	(15)
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>176,627</u>	<u>(108,484)</u>	<u>68,143</u>

30 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

30 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES (continued)

(i) Impairment of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets

If the circumstances indicate that the carrying values of these assets may not be recoverable, the assets may be considered "impaired", and an impairment loss may be recognised in accordance with HKAS 36 Impairment of Assets. Under HKAS 36, these assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their recorded carrying amounts may not be recoverable. When such a decline has occurred, the carrying amount is reduced to recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the greater of its fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. In determining the value in use, expected cash flows generated by the asset are discounted to their present value, which requires significant judgement relating to level of sales volume, selling prices and amount of operating costs. The Group uses all readily available information in determining an amount that is a reasonable approximation of recoverable amount, including estimates based on reasonable and supportable assumptions and projections of sales volume, selling prices and amount of operating costs. However, actual sales volumes, selling prices and operating costs may be different from assumptions which may require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the assets affected.

(ii) Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

The Group's management determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation charges for its property, plant and equipment. Management will revise the depreciation charge where useful lives are different to previously estimated, or will write-off or write-down technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold.

(iii) Net realisable value of inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is written down to net realisable value when there is an objective evidence that the cost of inventories may not be recoverable. The cost of inventories may not be recovered if those inventories are damaged, if they have become wholly or partially obsolete, or if their selling prices have declined. The cost of inventories may not also be recoverable if the estimated costs to be incurred to make the sales have increased. The amount written off to profit or loss is the difference between the carrying value and net realisable value of the inventories. In determining whether the cost of inventories can be recoverable, significant judgement is required. In making this judgement, the Group evaluates, among other factors, the duration and extent by all means to which the amount will be recovered.

(iv) Loss allowances for trade and other receivables

The Group estimates the loss allowances for trade and other receivables by assessing the ECLs. This requires the use of estimates and significant judgements. ECLs are based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, and an assessment of both the current economic conditions and forward-looking information at the end of the reporting period. Where the estimation is different from the previous estimate, such difference will affect the carrying amounts of trade and other receivables and thus the impairment loss in the period in which such estimate is changed.

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30 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES (continued)

(v) Income tax provision

Determining income tax provisions involves judgement on the future tax treatment of certain transactions. The Group carefully evaluates tax implications of transactions, and tax provisions are made accordingly. The tax treatment of transactions is assessed periodically to include the effect of all changes in tax legislation and practices.

31 POSSIBLE IMPACT OF AMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Up to the date of issue of these consolidated financial statements, the HKICPA has issued a number of amendments to HKFRSs, which are not yet effective for the year ended 31 December 2023 and which have not been adopted in these consolidated financial statements. These developments include the following which may be relevant to the Group:

		Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2024
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024
Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1 January 2024
Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements	1 January 2024
Amendments to HKAS 21	Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these developments is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far it has concluded that the adoption of them will not have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.