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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2015 INTERIM RESULTS**

Six months ended 30th June, 2015	Six months ended 30th June, 2014	% Change
(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
HK\$'M	HK\$'M	
1,286.0	1,073.9	+19.8%
527.8	523.3	+0.9%
530.4	386.3	+37.3%
50.8	10.2	+398.0%
HK1.59 cents	HK0.32 cent	+396.9%
HK0.63 cent	HK0.63 cent	-
As at 30th June, 2015	As at 31st Dec., 2014	
(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	30th June, 2015 (Unaudited) HK\$'M  1,286.0 527.8  530.4  50.8  HK1.59 cents  HK0.63 cent  As at 30th June, 2015	30th June, 2015 (Unaudited) (U

- With the gradual diversification of its business portfolio, the Group as a whole has attained satisfactory results during the period under review, despite a relatively challenging environment experienced by the tourism and hotel industries in Hong Kong.
- > Operating profit before depreciation, finance costs and tax for the period amounted to HK\$530.4 million, an increase of approximately 37.3% over the HK\$386.3 million recorded for the corresponding half year in 2014.
- > Total depreciation charges for the period amounted to HK\$287.4 million (2014 HK\$248.2 million). Although not having an immediate impact on cash flows, they have nonetheless adversely affected the reported profit.
- As the ultimate holding company of a business conglomerate, the Company has been playing an important role in exploring and identifying appropriate business opportunities for its member companies, with the objective that the Group as a whole will sustain continuing growth.
- Including those held by Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited, the Group presently holds a portfolio of fourteen aircraft, which are yielding steady recurring revenues. The Group intends to further increase its investments in this new line of business and is assessing and determining for the aircraft ownership and leasing business a corporate and asset holding structure that can best facilitate its future expansion.
- The Group has recently revived its financial services business, through the reactivation of Cityline Finance Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Cityline is a licensed money lender in Hong Kong and its business is principally targeting on property mortgage financings. When the businesses of Cityline grow as planned, Cityline can also be used as a platform for participation by other member companies for provision of financings to customers, if circumstances are appropriate.

- Century Innovative Technology group (CIT) is a 48% owned associate of the Group (with the remaining 52% interest effectively held by Mr. Lo Yuk Sui, the Chairman and controlling shareholder of the Company), which is an edutainment company principally engaged in the development and distribution of online, offline and O2O educational entertainment (edutainment), focusing primarily on the China market. CIT has produced over 2,000 minutes of award-winning 3D animated content based on *Bodhi and Friends* characters. Following the successful airing of the first season in 2014 in over 70 TV channels, the second season has reached No. 1 in terms of viewership ratings on China's two leading children channels on CCTV (China Central Television) and Hunan TV for cartoons showing during prime time.
- Leveraging on the growth in user base, revenues are expected to be generated from three main business areas a) content and licensing, b) smart toys and mobile platform, and c) discovery centres. With a diverse team of creative and professional talent and key strategic partnerships, CIT is well positioned to become a leading player in the global edutainment space capitalising on the surge of China as both the world's largest children consumer market as well as a new cultural force.
- ➤ Detailed information on the business operations of Paliburg Holdings Limited, Regal, Regal Real Estate Investment Trust and Cosmopolitan International Holdings Limited, the listed subsidiaries of the Company, are contained in their separate results announcements released today.
- > The Group has substantially grown in size and diversity during the past few years. The new projects and investments acquired in this past period have been planned for completion or realisation that spans over the next few years.
- > The Directors are optimistic that when these new projects and investments come into fruition, the financial position of the Group as a whole will be further substantially strengthened, building for the Group a solid foundation for its future expansion.

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS

For the six months ended 30th June, 2015, the Group achieved an unaudited profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$50.8 million, as compared to the profit of HK\$10.2 million attained in the same period in 2014.

With the gradual diversification of its business portfolio, the Group as a whole has attained satisfactory results in respect of its overall business operations during the period under review, despite a relatively challenging environment experienced by the tourism and hotel industries in Hong Kong. Operating profit before depreciation, finance costs and tax for the period amounted to HK\$530.4 million, which was an increase of approximately 37.3% over the HK\$386.3 million recorded for the corresponding half year in 2014. As previously explained, to accord with the applicable accounting standards, the operating hotel properties owned within the Group are subject to depreciation charges. Total depreciation charges for the period amounted to HK\$287.4 million (2014 – HK\$248.2 million), which are mostly related to the hotel properties. Although these depreciation charges do not have an immediate impact on cash flows, they have nonetheless adversely affected the reported profit.

#### **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

As the ultimate holding company of a business conglomerate, the Company has been playing an important role in exploring and identifying appropriate business opportunities for its member companies, with the objective that the Group as a whole will sustain continuing growth.

The Company first embarked on its initial investment in the aircraft ownership and leasing business in 2012 with the acquisition of an 84.9% effective interest in a Boeing 737-800 aircraft. Since then, Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited, a listed subsidiary of the Group, has made significant investments in this new business sphere, through the platform

that the Company established. As of this date, the Group as a whole, including those held by Regal, holds a portfolio of fourteen aircraft, which are yielding steady recurring revenues.

The Group intends to further increase its investments in this new line of business. The Company together with Regal are presently assessing and determining for the aircraft ownership and leasing business a corporate and asset holding structure that can best facilitate its future expansion.

The Group has recently revived its financial services business, through the reactivation of Cityline Finance Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Cityline is a licensed money lender in Hong Kong and its business is principally targeting on property mortgage financings. In the recent sale programme launched by P&R Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of the Group held through Paliburg Holdings Limited, in respect of the residential units in Rainbow Lodge in Yuen Long, Cityline also provides services as the coordinating arranger for the second mortgages to be made available to the unit purchasers. When the businesses of Cityline grow as planned, Cityline can also be used as a platform for participation by other member companies for provision of financings to customers, if circumstances are appropriate.

The Group now comprises five listed companies, with the Company as the ultimate holding company. As at 30th June, 2015, the Company held 62.2% interest in Paliburg, the immediate listed subsidiary of the Company. Paliburg held an effective 65.3% controlling shareholding interest in Regal which, in turn, held 74.6% interest in the issued units of Regal Real Estate Investment Trust. Through P&R Holdings, a joint venture 50:50 owned by each of Paliburg and Regal, the Group held an effective 71.8% controlling shareholding interest in Cosmopolitan International Holdings Limited (comprising interests in its ordinary shares and convertible preference shares).

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

#### PALIBURG HOLDINGS LIMITED

For the six months ended 30th June, 2015, Paliburg attained an unaudited consolidated profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$54.9 million, as compared to HK\$16.2 million for the corresponding period in 2014.

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

### REGAL HOTELS INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

For the six months ended 30th June, 2015, Regal attained an unaudited consolidated profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$123.8 million, as compared to HK\$167.1 million recorded for the same period in 2014.

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

#### REGAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

For the six months ended 30th June, 2015, Regal REIT recorded an unaudited consolidated loss before distribution to unitholders of HK\$1,376.9 million, as compared to the profit of HK\$319.6 million attained in the corresponding period in 2014. The loss incurred by Regal REIT was solely attributable to the reduction of HK\$1,631.4 million in the fair value of Regal REIT's investment properties portfolio based on their independent market valuations as at 30th June, 2015, as compared to those last prevailing as at 31st December, 2014. If the fair value changes are excluded, the core profit before distribution to the unitholders of Regal REIT for the period under review would amount to HK\$254.6 million, an increase of approximately 3.6% over HK\$245.6 million attained for the corresponding period in 2014.

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

#### COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

For the six months ended 30th June, 2015, Cosmopolitan recorded an unaudited consolidated loss attributable to shareholders of HK\$164.0 million, as compared to the loss of HK\$78.1 million for the corresponding six months in 2014.

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

#### **OUTLOOK**

The Group has substantially grown in size and diversity during the past few years. The new projects and investments acquired in this past period have been planned for completion or realisation that spans over the next few years.

The Directors are optimistic that when these new projects and investments come into fruition, the financial position of the Group as a whole will be further substantially strengthened, building for the Group a solid foundation for its future expansion.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Group's significant investments and principal business activities mainly comprise property development and investment, construction and building related businesses, hotel

ownership, hotel operation and management, asset management, aircraft ownership and leasing business and other investments including financial assets investments.

The principal businesses of Paliburg, the Group's listed intermediate subsidiary, comprise its investment in Regal, its property development and investment businesses (including those undertaken in Hong Kong through P&R Holdings, the joint venture with Regal, and those in the People's Republic of China through Cosmopolitan, which is a listed subsidiary of P&R Holdings), construction and building related businesses, and other investment businesses. The business review of Paliburg during the period under review, the commentary on the property sectors in which the Paliburg group operates and the changes in the general market conditions and the potential impact on their operating performance and future prospects are contained in the separate interim results announcements for 2015 released by Paliburg and Cosmopolitan.

The significant investments and business interests of Regal comprise hotel ownership business undertaken through Regal REIT, hotel operation and management businesses, asset management of Regal REIT, property development and investment, including those undertaken through the joint venture in P&R Holdings and the interest in the retained houses in Regalia Bay in Stanley, aircraft ownership and leasing and other investment businesses. The performance of Regal's hotel, property and other investment businesses as well as that of Regal REIT during the period under review, the commentary on the hotel and property sectors in which the Regal group operates and the changes in general market conditions and the potential impact on their operating performance and future prospects are contained in the separate interim results announcements for 2015 released by Regal and Regal REIT.

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

#### CENTURY INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY GROUP (CIT)

The Group effectively owns an aggregate of 48% interests (comprising 36% held by the Regal group and 12% held through wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company) in 8D Matrix Limited, an associate of the Group, which wholly owns CIT. The remaining 52% interest in

8D Matrix is held by private companies owned by Mr. Lo Yuk Sui, the Chairman and controlling shareholder of the Company. CIT is an edutainment company principally engaged in the development and distribution of online, offline and O2O (online to offline) educational entertainment (edutainment), focusing primarily on the China market. CIT's flagship property "Bodhi and Friends" and related characters have been created by Miss Lo Po Man, the daughter of Mr. Lo and a Vice Chairman and an Executive Director of the Company, and the intellectual property rights over such characters are beneficially owned by Miss Lo.

CIT has produced over 2,000 minutes of award-winning 3D animated content based on Bodhi and Friends characters. Following the successful airing of the first season in 2014 in over 70 TV channels, the second season has reached No. 1 in terms of viewership ratings on China's two leading children channels on CCTV (China Central Television) and Hunan Television for cartoons showing during prime time. The second season is currently being aired on prime time on various channels in China during this summer along with high-profile joint promotions with major internet video platforms. In addition to its proven appeal to children, Bodhi and Friends has not only won top industry awards but also established a solid reputation among parents and educators as a professional and wholesome household brand that inspires positive values and holistic development in children. Riding on the animation's market penetration, CIT has developed a unique suite of mobile educational games and APPs designed to make learning maximally fun and effective. Timed to coincide with the second season, CIT simultaneously released an interactive English learning APP which was ranked No. 1 in China's iOS app store. Bodhi and Friends' original music albums have also achieved top rankings on iTunes around the world and won two prominent professional awards in the United States, demonstrating the brand's universal appeal across cultures. CIT's proprietary website Bodhiworld was prominently featured at the Grand Launch Ceremony of Microsoft's global launch of Win10 in Beijing on 29th July, 2015 as one of the key APP partners to be made available across all Win10 devices. On top of *Bodhiworld*, an interactive karaoke game APP and an English-learning adventure game will be distributed nationwide through the school network and a leading online learning platform respectively. A series of educational game APPs will be subsequently released to offer a rich and captivating mobile experience to nurture multiple intelligences in a fun, interactive manner.

Leveraging on the growth in user base, revenues are expected to be generated from three main business areas a) content and licensing, b) smart toys and mobile platform, and c) discovery centres. Building on the surge in brand awareness, the *Bodhi and Friends* products and edutainment content have attracted enormous interest among licensing partners and are in the final stages of concluding strategic business deals with top global leaders in toys and consumer products, children publishing and computer software. CIT is expecting to launch before Christmas 2015 a series of revolutionary smart toys connected to edutainment content aimed at enhancing parent-child interaction and optimising the learning experience. A chain of indoor discovery centres designed to foster innovation via interactive media and creative exploration is under planning, with the first prototype centres targeted for prime locations in first and second tier cities in China starting from 2016. With a diverse team of creative and professional talent and key strategic partnerships, CIT is well positioned to become a leading player in the global edutainment space capitalising on the surge of China as both the world's largest children consumer market as well as a new cultural force.

#### **P&R HOLDINGS LIMITED**

P&R Holdings is a 50:50 owned joint venture established by Paliburg and Regal, with capital contributions to be provided by Paliburg and Regal on a pro-rata basis in accordance with their respective shareholdings in P&R Holdings, and is a subsidiary of Paliburg and the Company. The business scope of P&R Holdings is the development of real estate projects for sale and/or leasing, the undertaking of related investment and financing activities, and the acquisition or making of any investments (directly or indirectly) in the financial assets of or interests in, or extending loans to, any private, public or listed corporations or undertakings that have interests in real estate projects or other financial activities where the underlying assets or security comprise real estate properties.

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

#### **Hong Kong**

Apart from the Shun Ning Road development project in Sham Shui Po, Kowloon and the

latest Anchor Street/Fuk Tsun Street development project in Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon, which are being undertaken pursuant to the development contracts awarded by the Urban Renewal Authority of Hong Kong, all of the following ongoing development projects and properties are wholly owned by P&R Holdings group.

Lot No.4309 in Demarcation District No.124, Tan Kwai Tsuen Road,

Yuen Long, New Territories

This residential project has a site area of approximately 11,192 square metres (120,470 square feet) and will provide a total of 170 units, comprising 36 luxurious garden houses and a low-rise apartment block with 134 units, having aggregate gross floor area of approximately 11,192 square metres (120,470 square feet). The superstructure works have been completed and the occupation permit is expected to be issued in the third quarter of 2015. The presale programme for the units in the apartment block, named Domus, was formally launched in June 2015 and all the 134 units were sold in one day. The sale programme for the 36 garden houses, which constitute the main component of the development and named Casa Regalia, is planned to be launched within the next few months.

#### Nos.5-7 Bonham Strand West and Nos.169-171 Wing Lok Street, Sheung Wan

The project has an aggregate site area of approximately 345 square metres (3,710 square feet) and is planned for the development of a hotel with 98 guestrooms and suites, with total gross floor area of approximately 5,236 square metres (56,360 square feet) and covered floor area of approximately 6,420 square metres (69,120 square feet). The foundation works have been completed and the technical difficulties encountered in relation to the adjoining building are being resolved. Some further delay in the construction works is anticipated.

## Nos.8, 8A, 10, 10A, 12 and 12A Ha Heung Road, To Kwa Wan, Kowloon

The project has an aggregate site area of approximately 700 square metres (7,535 square feet) and is being developed into a hotel with 340 guestrooms, having total gross floor area of approximately 6,298 square metres (67,790 square feet) and covered floor area of approximately 9,490 square metres (102,160 square feet). The foundation works have been completed and the superstructure works are progressing smoothly. This hotel development project is scheduled to be completed in the first half of 2016.

Sha Tin Town Lot No.482 at Po Tai Street, Ma On Shan, Sha Tin, New Territories

This development site has a site area of 5,090 square metres (54,788 square feet) and a maximum permissible gross floor area of 15,270 square metres (164,364 square feet). The site is planned to be developed into a shopping mall and the general building plans have been approved. The foundation works are proceeding and currently expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2016. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2017 and is intended to be retained for rental income.

### Sha Tin Town Lot No.578, Area 56A, Kau To, Sha Tin, New Territories

The project has a site area of 17,476 square metres (188,100 square feet) and is planned for a luxurious residential development comprising 7 mid-rise apartment blocks with about 136 units, 24 detached garden houses and 198 carparking spaces, with aggregate gross floor area of approximately 32,474 square metres (349,547 square feet). The general building plans for the development have been approved and the site formation works and foundation works are progressing. This development is scheduled to be completed in 2017.

#### Nos.69-83 Shun Ning Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon

This is a joint venture project awarded by the Urban Renewal Authority of Hong Kong through a tender process in March 2014. The land has a site area of 824.9 square metres (8,879 square feet) and is planned for a commercial/residential development with total gross floor area of 7,159 square metres (77,059 square feet), providing 155 residential units, 2 storeys of shops and 1 storey of basement carpark. The general building plans have been approved and foundation works commenced. The development is scheduled to be completed in 2017.

## Anchor Street/Fuk Tsun Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon

This is a hotel development project also awarded by the Urban Renewal Authority of Hong Kong through a tender process in June 2015. The project has a site area of 725.5 square metres (7,809 square feet) and total permissible gross floor area of approximately 6,529 square metres (70,278 square feet) and is planned to be developed into a multi-storey hotel building comprising about 288 guest rooms, with ancillary accommodation. The general building plans are being finalised and will be submitted to the Building Authority for

approval shortly. Further details with regards to this development project are contained in the announcement of the Company dated 17th June, 2015.

Rainbow Lodge, 9 Ping Shan Lane, Tong Yan San Tsuen, Yuen Long, New Territories

These properties comprise ten residential duplex units with gross area of approximately 1,832 square metres (19,720 square feet) and 14 car parks in a completed residential development. To prepare for the planned disposals, the tenancies for those units that were previously under lease have been terminated, and the sale programme launched in August 2015. The market response was very favourable and all the ten residential units and 13 car parks were sold within a short period of time.

#### COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

Cosmopolitan is a listed subsidiary of the Group held through P&R Holdings. Further information relating to the property projects currently undertaken by the Cosmopolitan group in the PRC, all of which are wholly owned, is set out below:

#### **Property Development**

#### Chengdu Project

Located in the Xindu District in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, the project is a mixed use development consisting of hotel, commercial, office, service apartments and residential components, with an overall total gross floor area of approximately 497,000 square metres. The first stage of the development includes a hotel with 306 hotel rooms and extensive facilities and three residential towers with about 340 residential units with car parking spaces and ancillary commercial accommodation. The construction works for these three residential towers are presently expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2016 and units presale is anticipated to be launched within the next few months. Having considered the current local market environment, a series of business remodeling works are being planned for the hotel, which is now anticipated to be completed in phases from late 2016. The second stage of the development comprises six residential towers with about 960 units, the construction works for which have commenced and are expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2017. The other components comprised within the overall development will continue to be

developed in stages.

### Tianjin Project

Located in the Hedong District in Tianjin, this project entails a development site with total site area of about 31,700 square metres, which is planned for a mixed use development comprising commercial, office and residential components with total gross floor area of about 145,000 square metres. The piling works for the project have already been completed and basement excavation works have commenced. Presale of the two residential towers with about 250 residential units is anticipated to be launched within the next few months. The entire development is now anticipated to be completed in stages from 2017.

#### Xinjiang Project

This is a re-forestation and land grant project for a land parcel with site area of about 7,600 mu in accordance with the relevant laws and policies in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. The Cosmopolitan group has re-forested an aggregate area of about 4,300 mu within the project site and in accordance with the relevant government policies of Urumqi, a parcel of land with an area of about 1,843 mu (equivalent to approximately 1,228,700 square metres) within the project site will be available for commercial development after the requisite inspection, land grant listing and tender procedures are completed. The inspection and measurement of the reforested area by the relevant government authorities is still ongoing and certain remedial re-forestation works will be undertaken to meet the requirements of the government authorities. In the meantime, the Cosmopolitan group is working on the design of the master plan to prepare for the land grant procedures. It is hoped that the final procedures leading to the land grant listing and tender of the development land would be concluded as soon as practicable. Should the Cosmopolitan group successfully secure the development land and depending on the permitted land use, the Cosmopolitan group preliminarily plans to develop on the land, in stages, a large scale mixed use development comprising residential, hotel, recreational and commercial properties.

### **Property Investment**

## Beijing Tongzhou Project

As previously reported, certain conditions required to be fulfilled by the counterparty with respect to the co-operation agreement entered into in 2014 for the captioned project have not been satisfied and the co-operation agreement has lapsed. The Group has determined that the captioned project will not be further pursued.

#### HANG FOK PROPERTIES LIMITED

Hang Fok is an entity that is 50% beneficially owned by each of the Paliburg group and the Regal group and is effectively a subsidiary of the Group. Hang Fok holds equity interests in a joint venture project company involved in a development project in the Central Business District in Beijing, the PRC. As previously reported, Hang Fok was engaged in a series of legal actions in the PRC with the other joint venture parties in the Beijing project, some of which were initiated by Hang Fok to protect its equity interests in the Beijing project. Appropriate provisions had been made by Hang Fok in the prior years and the interest held by the Group in the project was carried in the consolidated financial statements at an insignificant amount as at 31st December, 2013. In the process of the legal actions taken, the other joint venture parties have funded the joint venture project company and procured the latter to deposit an amount of approximately RMB195 million into the court in the PRC in August 2014, as repayment proceeds of certain of the shareholder's loans, plus accrued interest thereon, made by Hang Fok to the joint venture project company, which is pending collection by Hang Fok. Accordingly, Hang Fok had recorded a recovery of loans receivable and related interest income of approximately HK\$159.0 million and HK\$84.2 million respectively, which was reflected in the results of the Group in the financial year ended 31st December, 2014. The Group will continue to exercise strenuous efforts with a view to salvaging the value of the Group's interest in this development project.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### **ASSETS VALUE**

As at 30th June, 2015, the Group's net assets attributable to equity holders of the parent amounted to HK\$8,564.0 million, representing HK\$2.67 per ordinary share.

#### CAPITAL RESOURCES AND FUNDING

#### **Funding and Treasury Policy**

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

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

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

#### **Cash Flows**

Net cash flows generated from operating activities during the period under review amounted to HK\$28.2 million (2014 – net cash flows used in operating activities of HK\$118.8 million). Net interest payment for the period amounted to HK\$133.3 million (2014 – HK\$126.6 million).

### **Borrowings and Gearing**

As at 30th June, 2015, the Group had cash and bank balances and deposits of HK\$2,653.7 million (31st December, 2014 – HK\$3,506.2 million) and the Group's borrowings, net of cash and bank balances and deposits, amounted to HK\$10,536.1 million (31st December, 2014 – HK\$9,851.7 million).

As at 30th June, 2015, the gearing ratio of the Group was 28.4% (31st December, 2014 – 26.3%), representing the Group's borrowings net of cash and bank balances and deposits of HK\$10,536.1 million (31st December, 2014 – HK\$9,851.7 million), as compared to the total assets of the Group of HK\$37,078.0 million (31st December, 2014 – HK\$37,391.8 million).

Details of the maturity profile of the borrowings of the Group as of 30th June, 2015 are shown in the condensed consolidated financial statements ("Interim Financial Statements") contained in the interim report for the six months ended 30th June, 2015 of the Company to be published on or before 30th September, 2015.

#### **Pledge of Assets**

As at 30th June, 2015, certain of the Group's property, plant and equipment, investment properties, properties held for sale, properties under development, available-for-sale investments, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, held-to-maturity investments, bank deposits and bank balances in the total amount of HK\$18,695.6 million (31st December, 2014 – HK\$17,861.1 million) were pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group and, in addition, certain of the Group's bank deposits, bank balances, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and held-to-maturity investments in the amount of HK\$458.3 million (31st December, 2014 – HK\$454.6 million) were pledged to secure bank guarantees procured by the Group pursuant to certain lease guarantees in connection with the

leasing of the hotel properties from Regal REIT. In addition, as at 30th June, 2015, certain ordinary shares in a listed subsidiary with a market value of HK\$424.9 million (31st December, 2014 – HK\$445.0 million) were also pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group.

## **Capital Commitments**

Details of the capital commitments of the Group as at 30th June, 2015 are shown in the Interim Financial Statements.

### **Contingent Liabilities**

The Group had no contingent liability as at 30th June, 2015.

#### **DIVIDEND**

The Directors have declared the payment of an interim dividend of HK0.63 cent (2014 – HK\$0.63 cent) per ordinary share for the financial year ending 31st December, 2015, absorbing an amount of approximately HK\$20.2 million (2014 – HK\$20.2 million) and will be payable to holders of ordinary shares on the Register of Ordinary Shareholders on 9th October, 2015.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER**

The Register of Ordinary Shareholders will be closed from Wednesday, 7th October, 2015 to Friday, 9th October, 2015, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of ordinary shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the interim dividend declared, all transfers of ordinary shares, duly accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th October, 2015. The relevant dividend warrants are expected to be despatched on or about 23rd October, 2015.

## **HALF YEAR RESULTS**

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss**

	Six months ended 30th June, 2015	Six months ended 30th June, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
REVENUE (Notes 2 & 3)	1,286.0	1,073.9
Cost of sales	(758.2)	(550.6)
Gross profit	527.8	523.3
Other income and gains (Note 3)	39.8	31.1
Fair value gains on investment properties, net	42.9	1.2
Fair value gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, net	81.2	16.3
Administrative expenses	(161.3)	(185.6)
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE DEPRECIATION	530.4	386.3
Depreciation	(287.4)	(248.2)
OPERATING PROFIT (Notes 2 & 4)	243.0	138.1
Finance costs (Note 5)	(116.6)	(114.5)
Share of profits and losses of associates	(17.6)	(11.5)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	108.8	12.1
Income tax (Note 6)	(5.7)	45.9
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD BEFORE ALLOCATION BETWEEN EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT		
AND NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	103.1	58.0

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

	Six months ended 30th June, 2015	Six months ended 30th June, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	50.8	10.2
Non-controlling interests	52.3	47.8
	103.1	58.0
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT (Note 8)		
Basic and diluted	HK1.59 cents	HK0.32 cent

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**

	Six months ended 30th June, 2015	Six months ended 30th June, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD BEFORE ALLOCATION BETWEEN EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT AND NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	103.1	58.0
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)		
Other comprehensive income/(loss) to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Available-for-sale investments:		
Changes in fair value	5.4	43.4
Reclassification adjustment for gain on disposal included in		
the statement of profit or loss		(1.3)
	5.4	42.1
Cash flow hedges:		
Changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	(0.3)	(4.4)
Transfer from hedge reserve to the statement of profit or loss	1.2	3.1
<del>-</del>	0.9	(1.3)
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	(5.6)	(70.2)
Share of other comprehensive loss of an associate	_	(0.4)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	0.7	(29.8)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	103.8	28.2
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	50.8	10.8
Non-controlling interests	53.0	17.4
_	103.8	28.2
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## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

	30th June, 2015	31st December, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	19,733.2	19,793.9
Investment properties	2,101.6	1,946.6
Properties under development	1,306.0	1,305.1
Investments in associates	23.7	29.9
Available-for-sale investments	168.9	159.6
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1.9	1.9
Loans receivable	1.5	1.7
Deposits and prepayments	112.9	89.4
Deferred tax assets	62.4	62.4
Trademark	610.2	610.2
Goodwill	261.0	261.0
Other assets	0.2	0.2
Total non-current assets	24,383.5	24,261.9
CURRENT ASSETS		
Properties under development	7,040.2	6,617.0
Properties held for sale	876.8	1,000.5
Inventories	66.2	57.2
Debtors, deposits and prepayments (Note 9)	726.2	580.0
Loans receivable	7.0	13.3
Held-to-maturity investments	344.6	378.1
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	978.4	977.6
Derivative financial instruments	1.4	_
Restricted cash	38.1	47.2
Pledged time deposits and bank balances	192.2	333.8
Time deposits	588.7	831.9
Cash and bank balances	1,834.7	2,293.3
Total current assets	12,694.5	13,129.9

#### **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Cont'd)** 30th June, 2015 31st December, 2014 (Unaudited) (Audited) HK\$'M HK\$'M **CURRENT LIABILITIES** Creditors and accruals (Note 10) (615.3)(671.9)Deposits received (66.0)(24.5)Interest bearing bank borrowings (725.3)(1,375.9)Derivative financial instruments (4.8)Tax payable (149.4)(126.5)Total current liabilities (2,203.6)(1,556.0)**NET CURRENT ASSETS** 11,138.5 10,926.3 TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES 35,522.0 35,188.2 NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors and deposits received (149.4)(62.9)Interest bearing bank borrowings (8,250.0) (7,770.8)Other borrowings (4,214.5)(4,211.2)Deferred tax liabilities (2,296.2)(2,260.9)Total non-current liabilities (14,874.8) (14,341.1)Net assets 20,647.2 20,847.1 **EQUITY** Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent Issued capital 320.4 320.4 Reserves 8,223.4 8,135.5 Dividends 20.2 64.1

**Non-controlling interests** 

Total equity

8,564.0

12,083.2

20,647.2

8,520.0

12,327.1

20,847.1

Notes:

## 1. Accounting Policies

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2014, except for the adoption of the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), which are effective for the Group's annual periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2015.

Amendments to HKAS 19 Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions

Annual Improvements Amendments to a number of HKFRSs

2010-2012 Cycle

Annual Improvements Amendments to a number of HKFRSs 2011-2013 Cycle

The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs has had no significant financial effect on the Group's results of operation and financial position.

### 2. Operating Segment Information

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

(a) the property development and investment segment comprises the development and sale of properties, the leasing of properties and the provision of estate agency services;

- (b) the construction and building related businesses segment engages in construction works and building related businesses, including the provision of development consultancy and project management services, property management and also security systems and products and other software development and distribution;
- (c) the hotel operation and management and hotel ownership segment engages in hotel operations and the provision of hotel management services, and the ownership in hotel properties for rental income through Regal REIT;
- (d) the asset management segment engages in the provision of asset management services to Regal REIT;
- (e) the financial assets investments segment engages in trading of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and other financial assets investments;
- (f) the aircraft ownership and leasing segment engages in the aircraft ownership and leasing for rental income; and
- (g) the others segment mainly comprises the provision of financing services, travel agency services, sale of food products and development and distribution of multimedia entertainment and digital educational content and multi-platform social games.

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

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

Following the acquisition of additional aircraft during the current period by the Regal group, the Regal group has increased its focus on the aircraft ownership and leasing business. A change on the reporting structure of operating segments was made for facilitating management to make decisions about operating matters, resources allocation and performance assessment. Accordingly, an additional reportable operating segment of "Aircraft ownership and leasing" was separately disclosed and certain comparative amounts previously reported under the reportable operating segment of "Others" have been reclassified and restated to conform with the current period's presentation.

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

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Group	Prop develo and inv	pment	Constr and bu	ilding	Hotel op and man and l owne	agement hotel	As manag	set gement	Financi invest	al assets ments		raft ship and asing	Oth	ners	Elimin	ations	Consoli	idated
	Six mont 30th 2015	hs ended June, 2014	Six mont 30th 2015	hs ended June, 2014	Six mont 30th 2015		Six mont 30th 3 2015			ths ended June, 2014	Six mont 30th 2015	2014	Six mont 30th . 2015	June, 2014	Six mont 30th 2015		Six month 30th J 2015	
	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited and restated) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited and restated) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M	(Unaudited) HK\$'M
Segment revenue: Sales to external customers Intersegment sales	125.6	5.2 3.8	6.4 177.4	3.7 117.8	1,039.9	1,019.1	50.6	64.2	42.1	6.8	57.8	27.9	14.2 0.7	11.2	(232.6)	(185.8)	1,286.0	1,073.9
Total	129.5	9.0	183.8	121.5	1,039.9	1,019.1	50.6	64.2	42.1	6.8	57.8	27.9	14.9	11.2	(232.6)	(185.8)	1,286.0	1,073.9
Segment results before depreciation Depreciation	6.9 (7.1)	(29.6) (0.9)	0.2 (0.2)	(6.5) (0.5)	381.1 (253.2)	446.9 (232.1)	(5.4) (0.2)	(5.4)	128.8	27.0	66.3 (25.0)	24.6 (13.2)	(3.2) (0.5)	5.6 (0.8)		- 	574.7 (286.2)	462.6 (247.5)
Segment results	(0.2)	(30.5)		(7.0)	127.9	214.8	(5.6)	(5.4)	128.8	27.0	41.3	11.4	(3.7)	4.8			288.5	215.1
Unallocated interest income and unallocated non-operating and corporate gains Unallocated non-operating and corporate expenses Operating profit Finance costs Share of profits and losses of associates Profit before tax	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(17.6)	(11.7)	-	-	17.8 (63.3) 243.0 (116.6) (17.6) 108.8	14.6 (91.6) 138.1 (114.5) (11.5)
Income tax Profit for the period before allocation between equity holders of the parent and non-controlling interests Attributable to: Equity holders of the parent Non-controlling interests																	(5.7) 103.1 50.8 52.3 103.1	58.0 10.2 47.8 58.0

3. Revenue (which is also the Group's turnover), other income and gains are analysed as follows:

	Six months ended 30th June, 2015	Six months ended 30th June, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
Revenue		
Rental income:		
Hotel properties	23.8	23.0
Investment properties	8.9	7.5
Properties held for sale	0.1	0.1
Aircraft	57.8	27.9
Construction and construction-related income	3.9	1.3
Proceeds from sale of a property	120.0	_
Estate management fees	2.5	2.4
Net gain/(loss) from sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	27.0	(3.4)
Net gain/(loss) on settlement of derivative financial instruments	1.7	(5.4)
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10.6	11.5
Dividend income from listed investments	2.8	4.1
Hotel operations and management services	1,012.7	993.8
Other operations	14.2	11.1
	1,286.0	1,073.9

S	Six months ended 30th June, 2015	Six months ended 30th June, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
Other income and gains		
Bank interest income	16.9	13.0
Other interest income	6.8	15.2
Fair value gain on available-for-sale investment (transfer from equity on disposal)	_	1.3
Fair value gain upon reclassification of a property held for sale to an investment property	-	0.1
Gain on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment, net	14.7	-
Others	1.4	1.5
	39.8	31.1

4. An analysis of profit/(loss) on sale of investments and a property of the Group is as follows:

	Six months ended 30th June, 2015	Six months ended 30th June, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
Profit/(Loss) from sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	27.0	(3.4)
Profit/(Loss) on settlement of derivative financial instruments	1.7	(5.4)
Loss on disposal of a property	(10.0)	_

# 5. Finance costs of the Group are as follows:

	Six months ended 30th June, 2015	Six months ended 30th June, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
Interest on bank loans wholly repayable within five years	79.4	73.0
Interest on other borrowings wholly repayable within five years	90.7	90.6
Amortisation of debt establishment costs	18.6	15.8
Total interest expenses on financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss	188.7	179.4
Fair value changes on derivative financial instruments – cash flow hedge (transfer from hedge reserve)	1.0	3.1
Other loan costs	7.4	4.1
	197.1	186.6
Less: Finance costs capitalised	(80.5)	(72.1)
	116.6	114.5

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

Si	ix months ended 30th June, 2015	Six months ended 30th June, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
Group:		
Current – Hong Kong		
Charge for the period	41.1	42.2
Current – Overseas		
Charge for the period	0.4	2.4
Overprovision in prior years	(1.7)	_
Deferred	(34.1)	(90.5)
Total tax charge/(credit) for the period	5.7	(45.9)

The provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been calculated by applying the applicable tax rate of 16.5% (2014 - 16.5%) to the estimated assessable profits which were earned in or derived from Hong Kong during the period.

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

No provision for tax was required for the associates as no assessable profits were earned by the associates during the period (2014 - Nil).

## 7. Dividend:

	·	For year ended 31st December, 2014
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
Interim – HK0.63 cent (2014 – HK0.63 cent per ordinary share	20.2	20.2

8. The calculation of the basic earnings per ordinary share is based on the profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the parent of HK\$50.8 million (2014 – HK\$10.2 million) and on the weighted average of 3,203.8 million (2014 – 3,210.1 million) ordinary shares of the Company in issue during the period.

No adjustment has been made to the basic earnings per ordinary share amount presented for the periods ended 30th June, 2015 and 2014 as the Company had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue and therefore no diluting events existed throughout the periods.

9. Included in debtors, deposits and prepayments is an amount of HK\$231.4 million (31st December, 2014 – HK\$126.6 million) representing the trade debtors of the Group. The aged analysis of these debtors as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	<b>30th June, 2015</b>	31st December, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within 3 months	214.0	114.0
Between 4 to 6 months	5.5	4.2
Between 7 to 12 months	4.9	2.8
Over 1 year	10.8	9.5
	235.2	130.5
Impairment	(3.8)	(3.9)
	231.4	126.6

#### **Credit terms**

Trade debtors, which generally have credit terms of 30 to 90 days, are recognised and carried at their original invoiced amounts less impairment which is made when collection of the full amounts is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off as incurred.

The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. In view of the aforementioned and the fact that the Group's trade debtors relate to a large number of diversified customers, there is no significant concentration of credit risk. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over these balances.

10. Included in creditors and accruals is an amount of HK\$86.3 million (31st December, 2014 – HK\$136.2 million) representing the trade creditors of the Group. The aged analysis of these creditors as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	30th June, 2015	31st December, 2014
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M
Outstanding balances with ages:		
Within 3 months	85.5	135.3
Between 4 to 6 months	0.4	0.2
Between 7 to 12 months	0.1	0.3
Over 1 year	0.3	0.4
	86.3	136.2

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

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any listed securities of the Company during the six months ended 30th June, 2015.

#### **REVIEW OF RESULTS**

The Group's condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30th June, 2015 have not been audited, but have been reviewed by Ernst & Young, the Company's external auditors, whose review report is contained in the Company's interim report for the six months ended 30th June, 2015 to be despatched to shareholders.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30th June, 2015, including the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group, in conjunction with the Company's external auditors.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with the Code Provisions in the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange during the six months ended 30th June, 2015, except that:

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

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

#### **Executive Directors:**

Mr. LO Yuk Sui

(Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Jimmy LO Chun To

(Vice Chairman)

Miss LO Po Man

(Vice Chairman)

Mr. Kenneth NG Kwai Kai

(Chief Operating Officer)

Mr. Donald FAN Tung

Mr. Kelvin LEUNG So Po

By Order of the Board

## LO YUK SUI

Chairman

Hong Kong, 25th August, 2015

## Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Mr. Anthony CHUANG

Mr. NG Siu Chan

Mr. WONG Chi Keung