

# PARADISE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED

滙彩控股有限公司\*

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 1180)

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# **Corporate Information**

#### PLACE OF INCORPORATION

Bermuda

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Executive Directors**

Dr. Jay CHUN, Co-chairman and Managing Director (also alternate Director to Mr. SHAN Shiyong, alias, SIN Sai Yung)
Mr. ZHANG Jianjun, Co-chairman (appointed on 22 December 2022)
Mr. SHAN Shiyong, alias, SIN Sai Yung

#### Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. LI John Zongyang Ms. TANG Kiu Sam Alice Dr. LIU Ka Ying Rebecca (appointed on 28 March 2023) Mr. Kai-Shing TAO (resigned on 28 March 2023)

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Mr. LI John Zongyang (*Chairman*) Ms. TANG Kiu Sam Alice Dr. LIU Ka Ying Rebecca (*appointed on 28 March 2023*) Mr. Kai-Shing TAO (*resigned on 28 March 2023*)

#### **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. LI John Zongyang *(Chairman)* Dr. Jay CHUN Ms. TANG Kiu Sam Alice

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Jay CHUN *(Chairman)* Mr. LI John Zongyang Ms. TANG Kiu Sam Alice

#### AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

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Place of Listing

Main Board of the Stock Exchange

Stock Code

1180

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#### **CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS**

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# **Corporate Profile**

The Company was incorporated in Bermuda on 3 December 1996 with its Shares listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange since 20 January 1997.

The Company is the holding company of a diverse group of companies that embraces synergies of two principal business segments, namely, provision of casino management services (operating under its trade name or brand "LT Macau"), and the development, sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems (operating under its trade name or brand "LT Game"). Such synergies provide the Group with a unique and privileged position in the Macau and overseas gaming markets.

Since 2007, LT Macau has been positioning itself as a casino management service provider focusing on mass market patrons for satellite casinos in Macau upon the commencement of the provision of casino management services in Casino Kam Pek Paradise, a satellite casino of SJM Resorts in Macau, under a service contract entered into with SJM Resorts, the latest term of which is from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025. LT Macau sets itself apart from its peers by offering patrons affordable minimum bets which attract a large, diverse and loyal patron base, and achieves a notable edge by leveraging technology to lower its operational costs and increase game efficiency and productivity.

LT Game envisions to take on a leadership role to be one of the worldwide leading gaming equipment and systems suppliers for the development of table game automation and innovative technologies that improve game efficiency and optimise operations with a view of bringing patrons an experience of the perfect harmony of high technology and gaming. LT Game's first and core flagship product is the patented LMG system which has seen tremendous demand from Macau and overseas casino operators. The Group is the investor, patent owner and sole provider of LMG systems and terminals and dominates the ETG market in Macau. In addition to the LMG system, LT Game has been investing in developing slot machines, other ETG machines and other high-tech gaming related products including automatic intelligent robots, face recognition systems and game management systems. LT Game has missions to provide comprehensive solutions in response to the development needs in the future and become a leader in the global gaming equipment market. The Group shall continue to place investments on the innovation and development of electronic gaming equipment and systems.

In addition to its core gaming business, the Group is also prepared to develop a diversified business portfolio and actively pursue investments with suitable partners in industries providing innovative new or renewable energy solutions.

# **Statement from the Board**



2022 proved to be another year in a row of unprecedented challenges to the gaming and entertainment industry and many others, yet it has been a year marked with both "change" and "hope".

The business and financial performance of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 was still adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, exacerbated by the rising uncertainty of the macro-economic environment, including the escalation in geopolitical tensions, and the global surging inflation and interest rate hike, etc. Nevertheless, we began to see some positive and encouraging signs starting towards the year end as the Covid-19 situation was gradually under control as compared with the beginning of 2022 in Hong Kong as well as Macau, coupled with the fact that cross-border travel between Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau has fully resumed from 6 February 2023. We are pleased to see a rebound in tourist arrivals and an increase in economic activities in Macau after the city has cancelled from 8 January 2023 most of its travel restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Furthermore, the new contracts for the 10-year gaming concession entered into between the Macau government and the six newly-reinstalled Macau concessionaires in December 2022, coupled with the passing of new gaming law in Macau in June 2022, has mitigated the uncertainty and imminent regulatory risk relating to the expiration of the gaming concessions in 2022, which had been acting as one of the main stumbling blocks to investment in the region.

### Statement from the Board (Continued)

Looking back at 2022, the Covid-19 pandemic continued to wreak havoc across the globe along with its several variants and we were still experiencing certain scale of outbreaks from time to time. In Macau, we saw initial revival in the first guarter of 2022 as domestic health threats eased and the general economy turned a corner from months of downturn, up until mid-June 2022 when a new wave of highly transmissible Omicron sub-variants brought a sharp and sudden spike in Covid-19 infection cases. In order to contain these flare-ups swiftly, the Macau government made the decisive response to issue two executive orders in July 2022 and suspended the operations of all non-essential industrial and commercial companies (including all casinos) for certain periods of the month. Even though most of the Macau casinos were allowed to reopen in mid-July 2022 with limited operations, the movement across borders with Mainland China, Hong Kong and overseas countries was still subject to guarantine and other travel restrictions. According to published statistical information, GGR in Macau was MOP42.2 billion in 2022, representing a decrease of 51.4% from that of 2021 and was just 14.4% of that of the pre-pandemic level of 2019. Similarly, the number of visitors to Macau tumbled by 26.0% from 7.7 million in 2021 to 5.7 million in 2022, which was just 14.5% of that of the pre-pandemic level of 2019, leaving casinos in Macau devoid of customers. Against the backdrop of the Covid-19 situation and the complex global business environment, the Group's gaming business in Macau was inevitably affected. The Group's reported revenue for the year ended 31 December 2022 was HK\$297.8 million, representing a slump of 39.7% over that for the year ended 31 December 2021; and the Group's Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended 31 December 2022 was a loss of HK\$109.0 million, as compared with Adjusted EBITDA of loss of HK\$18.4 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. In tandem with various cost saving measures taken to contain the expenditure, our self-developed slot machines business expansion to the North American markets as well as the related research and development activities have been slowed down. The pandemic has given us a difficult time to go through, but also sent us challenges to bolster our inner strength.

During the year under review, the Macau government passed the new gaming law on 21 June 2022, which served to provide new regulations and guidelines for the healthy and orderly development of the Macau gaming industry including satellite casinos, and further signed a new gaming concession contract on 16 December 2022 with each of the six awardees of a Concession Agreement on Operating Games of Luck in Casinos in Macau. The new contracts have come into effect on 1 January 2023, with a term of ten years. We are pleased to note that SJM Resorts is one of the six awardees and are privileged to sign a new service contract with SJM Resorts on 30 December 2022 for our provision of casino management services in Casino Kam Pek Paradise (which operates under SJM Resorts' gaming concession) for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025. On 15 December 2022, the Macau Legislative Assembly has unanimously passed the "Legal Framework for the Operations of Casino Games of Fortune", the law which regulates the rules of operation of gaming junkets and management companies in Macau. Upon the granting of the new gaming concessions and the introduction of the new legal framework, Macau's gaming and tourism industries are stepping forward into a new era of development. The Group is ready to capture new cooperation as well as business opportunities focusing on mass market arising from the regulatory changes within the ambit of the new gaming law.

In alignment with the Group's strategic initiatives to develop a diversified business portfolio, on 22 December 2022, the Group was pleased to announce that Mr. Zhang Jianjun has been appointed as an executive Director and a Co-chairman of the Board. Given Mr. Zhang's profound experience in investment banking, financial investment, asset restructuring and management and other areas, and given his work experience in industries providing innovative new or renewable energy solutions, big data for health and consumption, and digital financial technology, we have confidence that he could and will help promote the Group's businesses as well as identify and explore new business opportunities to achieve new breakthroughs for the Group.

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# Statement from the Board (Continued)

Looking forward, as more countries and regions have reopened borders and eased social distancing measures, in particular the full opening of borders between Mainland China, Macau and Hong Kong, it is expected that visitation and spending in Macau and in turn the Macau gaming industry, which the Group is principally engaged in, will respond positively and the worst time has passed. However, there remains uncertainties around aggressive interest rate hikes, soaring inflation and geopolitical tensions that might derail the global economic recovery. Despite such uncertainties, the Group is optimistic about the rebound of Macau's economic situations reeling from Covid-19's aftermath in particular since the gaming industry is now well-poised to a gradual revival with the enactment of new gaming law and the grant of new gaming concessions pursuant to the new gaming law. We continue to hold optimism for the Group's medium to long term prospects.

Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to our Shareholders, customers and business partners for their continuing support to the Group, and all staff members for their dedications and hard work over the years.

On behalf of the Board

Dr. Jay Chun

Co-chairman and Managing Director

28 March 2023

# **Management Discussion and Analysis**

#### **BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Overview of Results**

Total reported revenue of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 was HK\$297.8 million, representing a decrease of 39.7% over that of HK\$494.1 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in revenue from the provision of casino management services in Macau and the sale/leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems in Macau as a result of the tough business environment as further discussed in the subsection headed "Impact of Covid-19 on the Group's Business" below, which was partially offset by the increase in revenue from sale/leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems in overseas markets.

An analysis of reported revenue by properties/nature is as follows:

	2022 HK\$ million	2021 HK\$ million
Casino under the Group's management in Macau: Casino Kam Pek Paradise	266.9	415.7
Electronic gaming equipment and systems: Sale/leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems in Macau* Sale/leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems overseas Royalty income from IGT	7.4 21.3 2.2	64.7 10.9 2.8
	30.9	78.4
Total reported revenue	297.8	494.1

\* Leasing revenue in Macau for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 did not include the intercompany revenue derived from the LMG terminals deployed at the casino under the Group's management amounting to HK\$56.3 million (2021: HK\$86.0 million) which was included in the reported revenue of Casino Kam Pek Paradise under the Group's management in the above table.



#### BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

#### **Overview of Results** (Continued)

Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended 31 December 2022 was a loss of HK\$109.0 million, as compared with a loss of HK\$18.4 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. The following table reconciles loss for the year to Adjusted EBITDA:

	2022 HK\$ million	2021 HK\$ million
	(100.0)	(00.4)
Loss for the year	(166.3)	(88.4)
Adjustments for:		
Interest income	(1.5)	(2.1)
Finance costs	7.5	4.0
Taxation (credit) charge	(4.6)	0.4
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	29.4	29.2
Loss on disposal/write-off of property, plant and equipment	2.8	0.1
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	11.1	14.9
Loss from change in fair value of convertible loan	0.3	9.7
Amortisation of intangible assets	12.1	12.1
Impairment loss in respect of amount due from a joint venture	0.1	1.9
Net loss on disposal of subsidiaries	0.1	_
Others		(0.2)
Adjusted EBITDA	(109.0)	(18.4)

An analysis of Adjusted EBITDA by properties/nature is as follows:

	2022 HK\$ million	2021 HK\$ million
Casino under the Group's management:		
Casino Kam Pek Paradise	(38.0)	42.3
Electronic gaming equipment and systems:		
Sale/leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems	(18.4)	28.6
Research and development and other costs	(37.4)	(52.6)
ETG distribution from IGT	2.2	2.8
	(53.6)	(21.2)
Other businesses	(3.7)	(22.8)
Corporate and other expenses	(13.7)	(16.7)
Adjusted EBITDA	(109.0)	(18.4)

#### BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

#### **Overview of Results (Continued)**

Adjusted EBITDA from the casino under the Group's management segment for the year ended 31 December 2022 was a loss of HK\$38.0 million, as compared with a profit of HK\$42.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. The turnaround from profit to loss was mainly due to the decrease in GGR generated by Casino Kam Pek Paradise when compared with that generated for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Adjusted EBITDA from the electronic gaming equipment and systems segment for the year ended 31 December 2022 was a loss of HK\$53.6 million, as compared with a loss of HK\$21.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. The increase in loss of the segment was mainly due to the turnaround of the Adjusted EBITDA from sale/leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems from a profit of HK\$28.6 million for the year ended 31 December 2021 to a loss of HK\$18.4 million for the year ended 31 December 2022 which in turn was mainly attributable to the decrease in revenue from the provision of upgrading services to LMG terminals in Macau for the year ended 31 December 2022 (when compared with that for the year ended 31 December 2021) in which the profit margin was comparatively higher than other sale/leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems in Macau and overseas markets. Albeit the tough business environment as further discussed in the sub-section headed "Impact of Covid-19 on the Group's Business" below, the Group continued to invest a total of HK\$37.4 million (2021: HK\$52.6 million) in research and development and other costs on electronic gaming equipment and systems for the year ended 31 December 2022 in order to enhance its product specifications and competitive advantages, attract potential customers and increase market penetration and shares in the long run.

Adjusted EBITDA of other businesses of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 was a loss of HK\$3.7 million, as compared with a loss of HK\$22.8 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. The reduction in loss was mainly attributable to the Group's successful launches of streamlining the high-tech health innovative business during the year ended 31 December 2022 and the absence of sharing of loss of the joint venture of the Group by the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 as the principal business of the joint venture was suspended during the year ended 31 December 2022 in response to the unprecedented impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, as compared with the Group's share of loss of the joint venture of HK\$8.6 million for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The Group recorded a loss of HK\$166.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2022, as compared with a loss of HK\$88.4 million for the year ended 31 December 2021.





#### BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

#### **Provision of Casino Management Services**

The following table sets out the average numbers of gaming tables, LMG terminals and slot machines which were in operation in Casino Kam Pek Paradise under the Group's management for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021:

	2022	2021
Traditional gaming tables	31	39
LMG gaming tables	8	10
LMG terminals	493	486
Slot machines	98	89

As at 31 December 2022, the Group managed a total of 47 (2021: 49) gaming tables in Casino Kam Pek Paradise under the Group's management, 33 (2021: 49) of which were in operation as at that date.

Pursuant to a new service contract entered into between SJM Resorts and the Group on 30 December 2022 for the Group's provision of casino management services in Casino Kam Pek Paradise for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025, the Group has been allocated quotas for managing 30 gaming tables and 100 slot machines in Casino Kam Pek Paradise during the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025.





#### BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

#### Provision of Casino Management Services (Continued)

The following table sets out certain key operational data of gaming tables, LMG terminals and slot machines which were in operation in Casino Kam Pek Paradise under the Group's management for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021:

		2022	2021
Traditional gaming tables			
GGR	(HK\$ million)	207.5	341.4
Gaming tables	(Average no. of tables)	31	39
Net win/table/day	(HK\$ thousand)	18.3	24.0
LMG gaming tables			
GGR	(HK\$ million)	255.9	390.7
Terminals/gaming tables	(Average no. of terminals/tables)	493/8	486/10
Net win/terminal/day	(HK\$)	1,422	2,202
Net win/table/day	(HK\$ thousand)	87.6	107.0
Total gaming tables			
GGR	(HK\$ million)	463.4	732.1
Gaming tables	(Average no. of tables)	39	49
Net win/table/day	(HK\$ thousand)	32.6	40.9
Slot machines			
GGR	(HK\$ million)	27.5	29.6
Slot machines	(Average no. of units)	98	89
Net win/unit/day	(HK\$)	769	911
Total GGR	(HK\$ million)	490.9	761.7

For the year ended 31 December 2022, total GGR generated by Casino Kam Pek Paradise amounted to HK\$490.9 million, representing a decrease of 35.6% over that of HK\$761.7 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. The decrease in GGR was mainly due to the tough business environment as further discussed in the sub-section headed "Impact of Covid-19 on the Group's Business" below.



#### BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

#### Provision of Casino Management Services (Continued)

Breakdown of revenue attributable to the Group for the casino under the Group's management for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 is as follows:

	2022 HK\$ million	2021 HK\$ million
Casino Kam Pek Paradise:		
Traditional gaming tables	114.1	187.8
LMG gaming tables	140.8	214.9
Slot machines	12.0	13.0
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	266.9	415.7

Total revenue attributable to the Group generated by Casino Kam Pek Paradise for the year ended 31 December 2022 was HK\$266.9 million, representing a decrease of 35.8% over that of HK\$415.7 million for the year ended 31 December 2021.

# Development, Sale and Leasing of Electronic Gaming Equipment and Systems and Royalty Income from IGT

#### Sale/Leasing of Electronic Gaming Equipment and Systems in Macau

For the year ended 31 December 2022, revenue from sale/leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems in Macau amounted to HK\$7.4 million, representing a decrease of 88.6% over that of HK\$64.7 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. Revenue for the year ended 31 December 2022 in Macau comprised revenue of (i) HK\$3.5 million (2021: HK\$31.2 million) derived mainly from the provision of upgrading services to 149 (2021: 1,449) LMG terminals in Macau; and (ii) HK\$3.9 million (2021: HK\$3.0 million) derived from leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems. The Group did not generate any revenue from the sale of LMG terminals for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: revenue of HK\$30.5 million was generated by the Group mainly from the sale of 116 LMG terminals).

#### Sale/Leasing of Electronic Gaming Equipment and Systems Overseas

For the year ended 31 December 2022, revenue from the sale/leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems in overseas markets, mainly from the North American markets, amounted to HK\$21.3 million, representing an increase of 95.4% over that of HK\$10.9 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. Revenue for the year ended 31 December 2022 in overseas markets comprised revenue of (i) HK\$20.3 million (2021: HK\$6.5 million) derived mainly from the sale of 498 units (2021: 99 units) of slot machine; and (ii) HK\$1.0 million (2021: HK\$4.4 million) derived from leasing of slot machines and other electronic gaming equipment and systems. Up to 31 December 2022, the Group has accumulatively deployed a total of 620 units of slot machine in the markets of North America and regions nearby.

#### Royalty income from IGT

In April 2016, the Group entered into a strategic agreement with IGT whereby the Group has assigned and licensed certain patents and associated technology to IGT in return for a non-refundable upfront payment of US\$12.95 million (approximately HK\$101.0 million) and a 15-year earn-out payment for every related ETG machine deployed in the global market (other than Macau).

With reference to the royalty statements provided by IGT to the Group, the Group recognised royalty income of HK\$2.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$2.8 million). Up to 31 December 2022, the Group has accumulatively recognised a total royalty income of HK\$14.4 million from IGT.

#### **IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE GROUP'S BUSINESS**

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to have a materially adverse effect on the Group's business and financial performance for the year ended 31 December 2022. Although the pandemic was largely under control during the first few months of 2022 in Macau, the economy was heavily battered by the new highly contagious Omicron sub-variants which spread rapidly and caused a severe outbreak of Omicron sub-variants reported cases in Macau in late June 2022. To contain the spread of the virus, the Macau government issued two executive orders in July 2022 to suspend the operations of all nonessential industrial and commercial companies (including all casinos) for certain periods of the month, which led to the tightening of various quarantine and social distancing measures. As a result, tourism, hospitality and gaming industries continued to struggle and were under tremendous financial pressure during the year under review. All these reintroductions of quarantine and social distancing measures have brought business recovery to a halt and highlighted the unpredictable and fluid nature of the pandemic situation in Macau.

On the brighter side heading to 2023, following the launch of vaccination campaigns by many governments to fight against Covid-19 on a global basis, we began to see encouraging signs in particular a sharp rebound in tourist arrivals and an increase in economic activities in Macau after the travel restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic were lifted and the resumption of ferry services in early January 2023. In this regard, it is generally expected that the gaming business in Macau will be returning to the pre-pandemic level soon. That said, it is not possible to rule out the possibility that new variants of Covid-19 may emerge to bring lingering economic effects and health concerns to the world for a longer period in the future.

#### PROSPECTS

The negative impact of the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic is expected to subside in the near future. Entering 2023, we see some green shoots of recovery and the Macau government has started to ease travel restrictions and lifted its quarantine requirements for inbound business and tourist travellers since early 2023. We believe this will help attract foreign investors and tourism to Macau after the reopening of the borders between Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau. As far as the gaming market in Macau is concerned, the positive impact of arrivals remains in sight to give a tally of patrons to casinos focusing on mass markets in particular, and the local economy continues its recovery amid the easing of Covid-19 related restrictions. In addition, the enactment of the new gaming law and signing of the new contracts in respect of the 10-year gaming concession served to clear the uncertainties regarding the prospects of the gaming industry including satellite casinos. As recovery momentum continues to build across Macau with the new legislative framework serving as a strong shield for growth and development, we remain confident in the future of the gaming business in Macau which will become the most successful casino gaming destination in the world, and we are cautiously optimistic about the performance of the Group in coming years.

To this end, we are particularly delighted to enter into a new service agreement with SJM Resorts on 30 December 2022 for our provision of casino management services in Casino Kam Pek Paradise (which operates under SJM Resorts' gaming concession) for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025. Looking forward to the coming years, we will continue to apply the success of our casino management strategy in Casino Kam Pek Paradise embracing the distinctive synergies of our two principal business segments, namely, the provision of casino management services and the development, sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems to increase both the operational efficiency as well as patrons' gaming experiences. The Group has a good reputation as a casino management services provider focusing on mass market patrons for satellite casinos in Macau and has a strong foothold in this aspect of the gaming industry, which has been demonstrated by the outperformance of Casino Kam Pek Paradise as compared with many other satellite casinos in Macau. Furthermore, the Macau's new gaming law has accelerated the demise of the VIP gaming segment, and we expect that the demand for electronic gaming machines should continue to grow. The Group remains confident that our LMG machines and other ETG machines will have ample room for development in the future, both in Macau and in overseas gaming markets.

#### **PROSPECTS** (Continued)

While we remain cautiously optimistic in the Macau gaming industry, the Group expects to continue facing unsteady headwinds while the world still faces austere economic and political uncertainties. The global geographical tensions are expected to impose great stress on the global economy, financial system and logistics supply, amid the rise in global inflation and interest rate hikes in many countries. These uncertainties and tensions will continue to make precise prediction of the global economic growth difficult. In facing unpredictable market changes, the Group will maintain a prudent and conscientious attitude, focus on developing its core business, continue to improve internal operation efficiency and management and capture other good business opportunities so as to achieve steady growth and healthy returns for the Group. In this regard, on 22 December 2022, the Group appointed Mr. Zhang Jianjun as an executive Director and Co-chairman of the Board, who has profound work experience in industries providing innovative new or renewable energy solutions, big data for health and consumption, and digital financial technology, which is in alignment with the Group's strategic initiatives to develop a diversified business portfolio. Under the leadership of the Board with enhanced expertise, we have confidence that the Group will be able to identify and explore new business opportunities to achieve new breakthroughs for the Group.

#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Group's liquidity needs primarily comprise working capital including research and development expenditure, capital expenditure and repayment of bank borrowings, other borrowing and loans from a Shareholder. The Group has generally funded its operations from internal resources, bank borrowings, other borrowing, loans from a Shareholder, and/or equity financing.

The Group has adopted a prudent financial management approach towards its financial and treasury policies. During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group was on track with this approach to maintain a healthy liquidity position. The Board closely monitors the Group's liquidity position to ensure that the liquidity structure of the Group's assets, liabilities and other commitments can meet its funding requirements from time to time. The Group may utilise the balance of cash for appropriate investment in accordance with the Group's strategic direction and development.

As at 31 December 2022, the consolidated net assets of the Group amounted to HK\$157.7 million, representing a decrease of HK\$161.3 million or 50.6% from HK\$319.0 million as at 31 December 2021. The decrease in consolidated net assets of the Group was mainly due to the Group's loss of HK\$166.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### Pledged Bank Deposits, and Bank Balances and Cash

As at 31 December 2022, the Group held pledged bank deposits of HK\$31.2 million, and bank balances and cash of HK\$20.2 million.

The Group's pledged bank deposits of HK\$31.2 million as at 31 December 2022 comprise a fixed deposit of HK\$30.9 million (denominated in HK\$, the Group's functional currency, and placed at a Macau bank with original maturity of 12 months) and another fixed deposit of HK\$0.3 million (denominated in Australian dollars and placed at an Australian bank with original maturity of 12 months). The Group's other bank deposits and cash of HK\$20.2 million as at 31 December 2022 were mainly denominated in HK\$, MOP, RMB, and US\$. Given MOP is pegged to HK\$ and HK\$ are linked to US\$, the Group considers that the exposure to exchange rate risk is normal for its bank deposits denominated in MOP and US\$. Exchange rate of RMB against HK\$ fluctuated during the year ended 31 December 2022. For accounting purposes, the Group's bank deposits denominated in RMB were re-translated to HK\$ at the exchange rate as at 31 December 2022 which resulted in a net unrealised exchange loss of HK\$0.5 million (2021: a net unrealised exchange gain of HK\$0.3 million) being recognised in the Group's results for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES (Continued)

#### Loans from a Shareholder

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group entered into a deed of loan which was subsequently amended by a deed of amendment (the deed of loan together with its amendment(s) from time to time collectively referred to as the "Deed of Loan") with Dr. Chun pursuant to which Dr. Chun agreed to provide a loan facility amounting to HK\$120.0 million to the Group to strengthen the liquidity of the Group. As at 31 December 2022, the Group had drawn down on the facility in aggregate an amount of HK\$65.0 million (2021: nil). The loans are conducted on normal commercial terms and are unsecured, carry interest at 10% per annum and have a maturity date on 31 December 2023.

Subsequent to 31 December 2022, the Deed of Loan was further amended pursuant to which the maturity date of the loan facility was extended from 31 December 2023 to 31 March 2024, and any amounts repaid by the Group under the loan facility could be re-drawn or re-borrowed during the term of the Deed of Loan. Subsequent to 31 December 2022, an aggregate amount of HK\$30.0 million under the loan facility has been settled by the Group. As at the date of this annual report, the total outstanding loans from a Shareholder under the Deed of Loan was HK\$35.0 million.

In addition, subsequent to 31 December 2022, the Group entered into two other deeds of loan with Dr. Chun pursuant to which Dr. Chun agreed to provide a term loan facility of HK\$70.0 million for a 3-year period to the Group. The loans are conducted on normal commercial terms and are unsecured, carry interest at 12.5% per annum and are repayable in monthly instalments. As at the date of this annual report, the loans have been fully drawn down by the Group.

#### **Borrowing and Gearing Ratio**

As at 31 December 2022, the Group had total outstanding indebtedness of HK\$188.3 million (2021: HK\$131.4 million) comprising:

- (1) secured and unguaranteed bank borrowings of HK\$120.6 million (2021: HK\$128.0 million) (note i);
- (2) unsecured and unguaranteed bank borrowing of HK\$0.5 million (2021: HK\$1.2 million) (note ii);
- (3) unsecured and unguaranteed loans from a Shareholder of HK\$65.0 million (2021: nil) (note iii);
- (4) unsecured and unguaranteed other borrowing of HK\$0.4 million (2021: HK\$0.5 million) (note iv); and
- (5) unsecured and unguaranteed amounts due to Directors of HK\$1.8 million (2021: HK\$1.7 million) (note v).

Notes:

- (i) The bank borrowings carried interest at prevailing market rates and were on floating rate basis.
- (ii) The bank borrowing carried interest at a fixed rate of 4% per annum.
- (iii) The loans from a Shareholder as at 31 December 2022 carried interest at a fixed rate of 10% per annum.
- (iv) The other borrowing was interest-free.
- (v) The amounts due to Directors were interest-free.

#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES (Continued)

#### Borrowing and Gearing Ratio (Continued)

The maturity profile of the bank borrowings, other borrowing and loans from a Shareholder totalling HK\$186.5 million as at 31 December 2022 spread over a period of more than five years, with HK\$71.2 million repayable within one year, HK\$9.8 million in the second year, HK\$31.3 million in the third to fifth years, and HK\$74.2 million over five years. The amounts due to Directors of HK\$1.8 million as at 31 December 2022 were repayable on demand. The Group's bank borrowings, other borrowing, loans from a Shareholder and amounts due to Directors were mainly denominated in MOP, HK\$ and RMB. Given MOP is pegged to HK\$, the Group considers that the exposure to exchange rate risk is normal for its indebtedness denominated in MOP. Exchange rate of RMB against HK\$ fluctuated during the year ended 31 December 2022. For accounting purposes, the Group's loans from a Shareholder denominated in RMB were retranslated into HK\$ at the exchange rate as at 31 December 2022 without significant unrealised exchange difference being recognised in the Group's results for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: nil).

The Group's gearing ratio (expressed as a percentage of consolidated total borrowings over consolidated net assets of the Group) as at 31 December 2022 was 119.4% (2021: 41.2%). The increase in the Group's gearing ratio was mainly due to the inception of loans from a Shareholder and the decrease in consolidated net assets of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2022.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group did not employ any financial instruments for hedging purposes.

#### **CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

As at 31 December 2022, the Group had capital commitments in respect of acquisition of property, plant and equipment which is contracted for but not provided for in the consolidated financial statements of HK\$6.6 million (2021: HK\$4.8 million).

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

The majority of the Group's income and expenses, bank deposits and borrowings are denominated in HK\$ (the Group's functional currency), MOP, RMB and US\$. HK\$ are linked to US\$ and the exchange rate between these two currencies has remained relatively stable over the past several years. MOP is pegged to HK\$, and in many cases the two currencies are used interchangeably in Macau. Due to the stable exchange rates between HK\$ and US\$ and between HK\$ and MOP, the Group does not consider any specific hedge for fluctuation of US\$ or MOP against HK\$ is necessary. The Group has net exchange exposure to RMB as it maintains certain bank deposits and loans from a Shareholder denominated in RMB during the year ended 31 December 2022. The Group manages its foreign currency risk of RMB against HK\$ by closely monitoring the movement of the exchange rate and may consider specific hedge for significant foreign exchange exposure should additional need arise.

#### **CHARGES ON GROUP ASSETS**

As at 31 December 2022, the Group had charges on its leasehold land and buildings with total carrying amount of HK\$199.9 million and bank fixed deposits of HK\$31.2 million, details as follows:

- (1) leasehold land and buildings with carrying amount of HK\$115.8 million to secure a bank borrowing offered by a bank to the Group;
- (2) leasehold land and buildings with carrying amount of HK\$84.1 million to secure a bank borrowing and other facility (a bank guarantee as mentioned in (3) below) offered by a bank to the Group;
- (3) bank fixed deposit of HK\$30.9 million to secure for a guarantee issued by a bank in favour of SJM Resorts in the amount of HK\$45.7 million for the period from 15 May 2020 to 31 December 2023 for the Group's fulfilment of all its obligations, including the reimbursement by the Group to SJM Resorts of the employees' compensation and benefits for those gaming operation employees employed by SJM Resorts who work for the casino under the Group's management, as stipulated under the service agreements (and all related supplemental agreements) entered into between SJM Resorts and the Group for the provision of casino management services by the Group to SJM Resorts; and
- (4) bank fixed deposit of HK\$0.3 million to secure for a guarantee issued by a bank in favour of a landlord for fulfilment of all obligations of a Group company as tenant. Subsequent to 31 December 2022, the guarantee was released upon expiry of the related lease contract without any outstanding obligations from the Group company to the landlord.

#### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2022, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities.

#### MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS, AND SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS

There were no material acquisitions or disposals (including material acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures), or significant investments of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

As at 31 December 2022 and the date of this annual report, save as disclosed under the sub-section headed "Capital Commitments" above, the Group had no other plans for material investments or capital assets.

#### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY**

As at 31 December 2022, the Group had approximately 660 employees, including approximately 360 gaming operation employees who were employed by SJM Resorts to work for Casino Kam Pek Paradise under the Group's management. These gaming operation employees were paid by SJM Resorts and the Group reimbursed SJM Resorts in full for their salaries and other benefits.

Total staff costs, including Directors' emoluments, for the year ended 31 December 2022 amounted to HK\$219.6 million (2021: HK\$255.2 million), including HK\$102.8 million (2021: HK\$115.6 million) for gaming operation employees employed by SJM Resorts for Casino Kam Pek Paradise.

The terms of employment of employees conform to normal commercial practice. The remuneration policy for the employees of the Group is principally set up by the Board and the management of the Company on the basis of the relevant employees' qualifications, competence, work performance, industry experience, relevant market trend and the Group's operating results, etc. Discretionary bonuses are granted to employees based on merit and in accordance with industry practice. Other benefits including share options, share awards, retirement benefits, subsidised medical care, pension funds and training programmes are offered to eligible employees of the Group.

# **Profile of Directors and Senior Management**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

**Dr. Jay Chun**, aged 58, is an executive Director, a Co-chairman of the Board and Managing Director of the Company, also alternate Director to Mr. Shan Shiyong, alias, Sin Sai Yung. He is the chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee. He is also a director of various subsidiaries of the Company. Dr. Chun is a talented entrepreneur and manager. He possesses solid background in information technology and marketing, and has 32 years of management and investment experience. Dr. Chun holds a doctoral degree in business administration from the University of Macau, a master's degree in business administration from the W.P. Carey School of Business at the Arizona State University and a bachelor's degree in computer science from the Shanghai University of Science and Technology. Dr. Chun joined the Group and was appointed as the Managing Director of the Company in January 1999. He was appointed as the Chairman of the Board in July 2002 and was re-designated from the Chairman of the Board to a Co-chairman of the Board in December 2022.

Dr. Chun has been particularly caring for the development of the country. He is a member of the Standing Committee of the Shandong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the PRC. He is also a member of the Economic Development Council of the Macau government. In addition, Dr. Chun has been actively participating in community services. He is presently the chairman of Ze Ai Association and honorary chairman of Ze Ai Charity Association, which are prominent non-profit making charitable organisations committed to caring for the elderly, women and children as their core goals, and have been adhering to the mission of "quality care, all-round development" for the commission of charity work in Mainland China and Macau. In recognition of his outstanding achievement in the Macau entertainment and leisure industry, in October 2019, Dr. Chun was honoured with the award of "20 Persons in 20 Years: the Most Valuable Persons of Macao's Tourism and Leisure Industry from 1999 to 2019".

The discloseable interests of Dr. Chun in the Shares and underlying Shares under the provisions of Part XV of the SFO are set out in the section headed "Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Securities" under the Directors' Report of this annual report.

**Mr. Zhang Jianjun**, aged 48, is an executive Director and a Co-chairman of the Board. Mr. Zhang has 25 years of experience in investment banking, financial investment, asset restructuring and management, corporate listing, finance and advisory, and mergers and acquisitions. He is a seasoned investor especially in the industries of providing innovative new or renewable energy solutions, big data for health and consumption, and digital financial technology. Mr. Zhang is a Chinese Certified Public Accountant and has been a member of the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants since 1998. He graduated from the Zhongnan University of Economics and Law with a bachelor's degree in Economics (Accounting) in 1997. He further attained a master's degree in Economics (Finance) from Wuhan University in 2006. Mr. Zhang joined the Group and was appointed as an executive Director and a Co-chairman of the Board in December 2022.

Mr. Zhang has been serving as a supervisory member of the administrative board of De-Fin Trust S.E. since 2022. Prior to that, he held senior management roles at various companies, which include but not limited to being an executive deputy general manager of a state-owned enterprise in the PRC, as well as the managing director of the investment banking department of the Beijing Branch at Haitong Securities Company Limited, a company listed on both the Shanghai Stock Exchange with stock code: 600837 and the Stock Exchange with stock code: 6837.

In recognition of his expertise as an investment banker, Mr. Zhang was awarded the "2018 Top Ten Outstanding Investment Bankers in China" by Securities Times in April 2018. In September 2012, he was awarded the "2012 Best Investment Banker of Chinese Securities Firms" by Money Weekly. In July 2012, he was named "2011 Best Sponsor Representative" and "2011 Most Powerful Sponsor Representative" by Chinese Venture. Mr. Zhang has also been actively contributing to the community as he currently serves as the 11th director of the China Youth Entrepreneurs Association, an expert committee member of the China Social Financing Cost Index, a tutor of the China Association for Public Companies and the standing deputy chairman of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Industrial and Commercial Federation.

# Profile of Directors and Senior Management (Continued)

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS** (Continued)

**Mr. Shan Shiyong, alias, Sin Sai Yung**, aged 59, is an executive Director. He is also a director of various subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Shan is an entrepreneur with strong business vision. After completing his studies in economics at the University of Agriculture, Shandong, he started his own business in manufacturing and exporting. Mr. Shan subsequently diversified his business interests to trading, property development and venture capital investment in the PRC. He has 35 years of dedicated business, investment and management experience at the owner level. Mr. Shan joined the Group and was appointed as an executive Director in October 1998. He was the Chairman of the Board from May 1999 to July 2002.

The discloseable interest of Mr. Shan in the Shares and underlying Shares under the provisions of Part XV of the SFO is set out in the section headed "Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Securities" under the Directors' Report of this annual report.

#### **INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

**Mr. Li John Zongyang**, aged 67, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 10 September 2007. He is the chairman of both the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Nomination Committee. Mr. Li has a rich and versatile background in the finance, business and corporate environment in the Asia-Pacific region. Mr. Li had worked for 10 years with Framlington Investment Management Company Limited, a leading investment management company in London, where he served as a senior fund manager and the head of the Asia Pacific region. Mr. Li had served as the chief executive officer for several reputable companies in Asia. Mr. Li holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Peking University and a master's degree in business administration from Middlesex University Business School in London.

**Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice**, aged 41, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 25 April 2014. She is a member of each of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee. Ms. Tang graduated with a bachelor of science degree in e-commerce from the Brunel University in London. Ms. Tang has more than 18 years of business development experience in the gaming industry and has comprehensive knowledge in gaming operations and products, strategic planning, sales and marketing and is experienced in product development with successful launches of a series of gaming products including video slot machines, electronic table games and slot management system. Ms. Tang is currently the managing director of Winning Asia Technology Macau Limited.

**Dr. Liu Ka Ying Rebecca**, aged 53, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director and a member of the Audit Committee on 28 March 2023. Dr. Liu graduated from York University, Canada with a double bachelor's degree in Business Administrative Studies with major in management and in accounting (with honours) in November 1992 and November 1994, respectively, and further obtained a doctoral degree in business administration from Victoria University of Switzerland in November 2011. Dr. Liu possesses extensive experience in management, finance, investment, as well as accounting and financial management, and is currently the senior vice president of Fortune (Shanghai) Limited. She was a chief executive officer of AllPanther Asset Management Limited from April 2007 to December 2015 and the general manager for the Asia and China region of PRG-Schultz International, Inc., a company listed on NASDAQ (NASDAQ: PRGX), from June 1996 to March 2002.

Dr. Liu has been an independent non-executive director of Logan Group Company Limited (stock code: 3380) since November 2013, SITC International Holdings Company Limited (stock code: 1308) since December 2020 and Renaissance Asia Silk Road Group Limited (stock code: 274) since August 2022, and a non-executive director and the vice chairman of the board of directors of Culturecom Holdings Limited (stock code: 343) since January 2023, the shares of all of them are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

# Profile of Directors and Senior Management (Continued)

#### **INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (Continued)**

Dr. Liu is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Illinois CPA Society of the United States and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Dr. Liu is also a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers, the Association of Women Accountants (Hong Kong) Limited, and the Hong Kong Professionals and Senior Executives Association. She was also a former member of the Tenth and the Eleventh Jilin Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the PRC.

**Mr. Kai-Shing Tao**, aged 46, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 13 April 2014. He was a member of the Audit Committee. Mr. Tao graduated from the Stern School of Business at New York University. He has served as a member of the board of directors of Remark Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as Remark Media, Inc.) since Remark Holdings, Inc.'s public listing in 2007 (NASDAQ: MARK). After being elected as chairman and co-chief executive officer of Remark Holdings, Inc. in October 2012, Mr. Tao assumed the position of chief executive officer in December 2012. Mr. Tao also serves as chairman and chief investment officer of Pacific Star Capital Management, L.P., a private investment group, and a director of Genesis Today, Inc., a leading health and wellness company. Prior to founding Pacific Star Capital Management, L.P., Mr. Tao was a partner at FALA Capital Group, a single-family investment office.

Mr. Tao tendered resignation as an independent non-executive Director on 28 March 2023 due to his own decision to devote more time to his other personal commitments.

#### SENIOR MANAGEMENT

**Ms. Feng Yi**, **Jenny**, aged 58, is the Group's Senior Vice President. Ms. Feng studied at the Shanghai University of Science and Technology. She has extensive experience in business management and promotion. She is the spouse of Dr. Chun, an executive Director. Ms. Feng joined the Group in 2006.

Ms. Feng is enthusiastic about charitable and community services. She is a director of the China Next Generation Education Foundation.

**Ms. Zhao Yi**, aged 45, is the Group's Chief Operating Officer of the electronic gaming business. Ms. Zhao holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. She has more than 14 years of experience in the gaming industry. Ms. Zhao joined the Group in 2007.

**Mr. Chan Kin Man**, aged 47, is the Group's Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary. Mr. Chan holds a bachelor's degree in business administration in accounting and finance from The University of Hong Kong. He has over 25 years of experience in accounting, auditing, financial advisory, corporate finance and corporate governance, particularly in entertainment and hospitality sectors. He is a fellow of both the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. Mr. Chan joined the Group in February 2017.

The Board presents this annual report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Company is an investment holding company of a diverse group of companies that are principally engaged in the provision of casino management services, and the development, sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems. Principal activities of each of its principal subsidiaries are set out in note 46 to the consolidated financial statements.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

A review of the business of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 which includes an analysis of the Group's performance using financial key performance indicators and a discussion on the Group's likely future business development, a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that the Group may be facing, particulars of important events affecting the Group that have occurred since 31 December 2022, a discussion on the Group's ESG policy and performance, the Company's compliance with the relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the Company and the relationships with its key stakeholders including its employees, customers and suppliers and others that have a significant impact on the Company and on which the Company's success depends, are provided in the sections headed "Statement from the Board", "Management Discussion and Analysis", "Corporate Governance Report" and "Environmental, Social and Governance Report" of this annual report. The review forms part of the Directors' Report.

#### **PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

A discussion on the principal risks and uncertainties facing by the Group are set out in the sub-section headed "Principal Risks and Uncertainties" in the Corporate Governance Report of this annual report.

#### **RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION**

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on pages 85 and 86, respectively.

The financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2022 is set out in the consolidated statement of financial position on pages 87 and 88.

#### **SEGMENT INFORMATION**

Segment information of the Group is set out in note 6 to the consolidated financial statements.

#### DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: nil).

**Directors' Report** 

#### **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Details of the movements in property, plant and equipment of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2022 are set out in note 14 to the consolidated financial statements.

#### **SHARE CAPITAL**

There were no changes in the Company's share capital during the year ended 31 December 2022. Details of the Company's share capital are set out in note 34 to the consolidated financial statements.

#### RESERVES

Movements in the reserves of the Group and the Company during the year ended 31 December 2022 are set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 89 and in note 44 to the consolidated financial statements, respectively.

#### DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES OF THE COMPANY

As at 31 December 2022, the Company's reserves available for distribution to Shareholders amounted to approximately HK\$156,159,000 comprising contributed surplus of HK\$1,042,083,000, which is offset by the debit balance of accumulated losses of HK\$885,924,000.

Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, subject to the provisions of the Bye-Laws, the Company's contributed surplus may be applied to pay distributions or dividends to the Shareholders, provided that immediately following the date on which the distribution or dividend is proposed to be paid, the Company is able to pay its liabilities as they become due.

#### DIRECTORS AND SERVICE CONTRACTS

The members of the Board during the year ended 31 December 2022 and up to the date of this annual report were as follows:

#### **Executive Directors:**

Dr. Jay Chun, Co-chairman and Managing Director (also alternate Director to Mr. Shan Shiyong, alias, Sin Sai Yung) Mr. Zhang Jianjun, Co-chairman (appointed on 22 December 2022) Mr. Shan Shiyong, alias, Sin Sai Yung

#### Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Li John Zongyang Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice Dr. Liu Ka Ying Rebecca (appointed on 28 March 2023) Mr. Kai-Shing Tao (resigned on 28 March 2023)



#### **DIRECTORS AND SERVICE CONTRACTS** (Continued)

In accordance with Bye-Law 87(1) of the Bye-Laws, Dr. Chun and Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice will retire by rotation at the 2023 AGM, and they, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the 2023 AGM. Each of Dr. Chun and Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice does not have a service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

In accordance with the Bye-Law 86(2) of the Bye-Laws, Mr. Zhang Jianjun and Dr. Liu Ka Ying Rebecca, both being appointed as Directors after the last annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 May 2022, will retire at the 2023 AGM, and they, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the 2023 AGM. Each of Mr. Zhang Jianjun and Dr. Liu Ka Ying Rebecca does not have a service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

#### **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

No contract for the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company was entered into or existed during the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

During the year ended 31 December 2022 and up to the date of this annual report, the Company has in force the permitted indemnity provisions which are provided for in the Bye-Laws and in the directors and officers liability insurance maintained for the Group in respect of potential liability and costs associated with legal proceedings that may be brought against (i) the Directors and the directors of any subsidiaries of the Company; and (ii) the directors appointed by the Company in the board of any associates or joint ventures of the Company.

#### TAX RELIEF

The Company is not aware of any relief on taxation available to the Shareholders by reason of their holdings of the Shares. If the Shareholders are unsure about the taxation implications of purchasing, holding, disposing of, dealing in, or exercising of any rights in relation to the Shares, they are advised to consult their professional advisers.

#### **DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES**

As at 31 December 2022, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code, were as follows:

Name of Directors	Name of company/ associated corporation	Capacity/ nature of interests	Number of Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	Approximate aggregate percentage of interests <sup>(4)</sup>
Dr. Chun	The Company The Company	Beneficial owner Interest of controlled corporation	124,160 630,836,720 <sup>(2)</sup>	0.01% 59.95%
			630,960,880	59.96%
Mr. Shan Shiyong, alias, Sin Sai Yung	The Company	Interest of controlled corporation	26,097,580 <sup>(3)</sup>	2.48%

Notes:

(1) All interests in Shares stated above represent long positions.

(2) These Shares were held by August Profit Investments Limited, a company wholly-owned by Dr. Chun.

(3) These Shares were held by Best Top Offshore Limited, a company wholly-owned by Mr. Shan Shiyong, alias, Sin Sai Yung, an executive Director.

(4) The percentage represents the number of Shares interested divided by the total number of issued Shares as at 31 December 2022.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2022, none of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company was interested or had any short position in any Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS IN SHARES

As at 31 December 2022, according to the register of interests kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO, and so far as was known to the Directors or chief executive of the Company, the following persons or corporations, other than Directors or chief executive of the Company, had an interest or short positions in the Shares and underlying Shares of the Company, which would require to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who was directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at a general meeting of the Company:

Name of company	Number of Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	Approximate percentage of interests <sup>(4)</sup>
August Profit Investments Limited <sup>(2)</sup>	630,836,720	59.95%
FIL Limited <sup>(3)</sup>	77,504,000	7.37%
Pandanus Partners L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>	77,504,000	7.37%
Pandanus Associates Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>	77,504,000	7.37%

Notes:

(1) All interests in Shares stated above represent long positions.

(2) August Profit Investments Limited is a company wholly-owned by Dr. Chun.

(3) To the best of the Directors' knowledge, FIL Limited is controlled (as defined under the SFO) by Pandanus Partners L.P., which in turn is controlled (as defined under the SFO) by Pandanus Associates Inc. Those 77,504,000 Shares represent the same interests and are therefore duplicated among them.

(4) The percentage represents the number of Shares interested divided by the total number of issued Shares as at 31 December 2022.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2022, the Company had not been notified of any person or corporation who was interested or had a short position in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO.

#### SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company adopted the Share Option Scheme on 25 May 2017 for the purposes of providing incentives or rewards to the eligible participants for the contribution to the success of the Group's operations. Eligible participants of the Share Option Scheme include, among others, the Directors (including independent non-executive Directors), full-time or part-time employees, executives or officers of the Group, consultants and suppliers. The Share Option Scheme will be valid and effective for a period of ten years from the date of adoption of the Share Option Scheme. Accordingly, the remaining life of the Share Option Scheme is approximately four years.

The maximum number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme must not exceed 30% of the total number of Shares in issue from time to time. The maximum number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted and to be granted to each eligible participant in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the Company's issued share capital from time to time. Any grant or further grant of share options in excess of this limit is subject to Shareholders' approval in a general meeting of the Company.

#### SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

Each grant of share options to a Director, chief executive or substantial Shareholder of the Company, or to any of their associates, is subject to approval in advance by the independent non-executive Directors. In addition, any grant of share options to a substantial Shareholder or an independent non-executive Director, or to any of their associates, resulting in the Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options already granted and to be granted (including options exercised, cancelled and outstanding) to such person in a 12-month period up to and including the date of such grant in excess of 0.1% of the Shares in issue and with an aggregate value (based on the closing price of the Shares at the date of the grant) in excess of HK\$5 million, is subject to Shareholders' approval in advance in a general meeting of the Company.

The period during which an option may be exercised is determined by the Board in its absolute discretion, save that such period shall not be longer than ten years from the date of grant. The minimum period for which an option must be held before it can be exercised (i.e. the vesting period) is determined by the Board upon the grant of an option.

An option shall be deemed to have been granted and accepted by the grantee and to have taken effect when the duplicate offer document constituting acceptance of the option is duly signed by the grantee, together with a remittance in favour of the Company of HK\$1.00 as consideration for the grant of the option, is received by the Company within 21 days after the date of offer.

The exercise price of share options is determined by the Directors, but shall not be less than the highest of (i) the nominal value of the Shares; (ii) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotation sheets of the Stock Exchange on the date of offer of the share options; and (iii) the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotation sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the date of offer.

No options were granted by the Company, exercised, cancelled or lapsed under the Share Option Scheme and no equitysettled employees' benefit (including Directors' emoluments) was recognised during the year ended 31 December 2022. There was no share option outstanding under the Share Option Scheme as at 1 January 2022, during the year ended 31 December 2022 and as at 31 December 2022.

As at the beginning and the end of the year ended 31 December 2022 and the date of this annual report, the total number of Shares available for issue under the Share Option Scheme is 105,218,531 Shares, representing 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of adoption of the Share Option Scheme (i.e., 25 May 2017) and as at the date of this annual report.

#### SHARE AWARD SCHEME

The Company adopted the Share Award Scheme on 11 November 2019 for the purposes of, among others, providing incentives and/or rewards to the eligible participants for the contribution to the development and success of the Group. Eligible participants of the Share Award Scheme include, among others, the Directors (including executive Directors, non-executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors), the directors of the Company's subsidiaries, and the employees of the Group. The Share Award Scheme shall be valid and effective for a term of ten years commencing on the date of adoption of the Share Award Scheme. Accordingly, the remaining life of the Share Award Scheme is approximately six years.

#### SHARE AWARD SCHEME (Continued)

Under the Share Award Scheme, the Board shall not make any further award which will result in the aggregate number of Shares underlying all awards granted by the Board under the Share Award Scheme exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of adoption of the Share Award Scheme. Except as otherwise approved by the Board, the maximum aggregate number of Shares underlying the awards that may be granted to any grantee under the Share Award Scheme shall not exceed 1% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of adoption of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of adoption of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of adoption of the Share Award Scheme. Any grant of an award to any Director, chief executive or substantial shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company, or any of their respective associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), shall be subject to the prior approval of the independent non-executive Directors (excluding any independent non-executive Director who is the proposed grantee of the award in question) and all grants to connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) shall be subject to compliance with the requirements of the Listing Rules. Unless otherwise specified in the offer document, acceptance of the award is not subject to any payment by the grantee.

The Share Award Scheme shall terminate on the earlier of: (i) the tenth anniversary date of the adoption date of the Share Award Scheme; and (ii) such date of early termination as determined by a resolution of the Board, provided that such termination shall not affect any subsisting rights of any grantee under the Share Award Scheme. In the event of termination, no further awards may be offered or granted but the terms of the Share Award Scheme shall remain in full force and effect in respect of awards which are granted during the term of the Share Award Scheme and which remain unvested immediately prior to the termination of the Share Award Scheme.

Further details of the Share Award Scheme are set out in the Company's announcement dated 11 November 2019.

In December 2019, the Company appointed a trustee in connection with the Share Award Scheme (the "Trustee") to assist with the administration and vesting of awards under the Share Award Scheme and the trust deed executed in such connection.

Subject to the terms of the Share Award Scheme and the specific terms on which an award is granted, an award held by the Trustee on behalf of the relevant grantee shall vest on the vesting date as determined by the Board in accordance with the Listing Rules and notified to the relevant grantee.

No awards were granted by the Company under the Share Award Scheme since its adoption and up to 31 December 2022. Accordingly, during the year ended 31 December 2022, no Shares were purchased by the Trustee, and no awards were vested under the Share Award Scheme.

As at the beginning and the end of the year ended 31 December 2022 and the date of this annual report, the total number of Shares available for issue under the Share Award Scheme is 105,218,531 Shares, representing 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of adoption of the Share Award Scheme (i.e., 11 November 2019) and as at the date of this annual report.

#### **DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES**

Apart from the Share Option Scheme and Share Award Scheme disclosed under the sections headed "Share Option Scheme" and "Share Award Scheme", respectively, and the contracts disclosed under the section headed "Directors' Interests in Transactions, Arrangements and Contracts of Significance" in this Directors' Report, at no time during the year ended and as at 31 December 2022 was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements 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. In addition, none of the Directors, or their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any right to subscribe for the securities of the Company or had exercised any such right during the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **ISSUE FOR CASH OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

For the year ended 31 December 2022, the Company did not issue for cash any securities (including securities convertible into equity securities).

#### **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Bye-Laws, or the laws of Bermuda, which would oblige the Company to offer new Shares on a pro-rata basis to the existing Shareholders.

#### **CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES, OPTIONS, WARRANTS, OR SIMILAR RIGHTS**

For the year ended 31 December 2022, no convertible securities, options, warrants or similar rights were issued or granted by the Company or any of its subsidiaries or were exercised. As at 31 December 2022, no convertible securities, options, warrants or similar rights remained outstanding.

#### **KEY RELATIONSHIP WITH EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

The Group is committed to operating in a sustainable manner while balancing the interests of its various stakeholders including employees, customers and suppliers.

The Group's employees are invaluable assets of the Group and the Group is dedicated to managing human capital. Remuneration package the Group offering to its staff includes basic salaries, allowances, discretionary bonuses, share options, share awards, retirement benefits, subsidised medical care and pension funds. The management of the Group reviews the performance of the Group's employees on a periodical basis in order to determine salary adjustments and promotions and keep the Group's remuneration package competitive. The Group also provides ongoing training programmes to its employees and subsidies to its staff for recognised courses. The Directors believe that these measures could also serve as means to retain quality staff.

The Group has been providing casino management services at Casino Kam Pek Paradise to SJM Resorts since 2007. Since then, the Group has provided efficient management services as demonstrated by the outperformance of Casino Kam Pek Paradise than many other satellite casinos in Macau. The Group has successfully built a solid and reliable long-term business relationship with SJM Resorts and has managed to offer an affordable and exhilarating gaming experience to the patrons in Casino Kam Pek Paradise. In addition, the Group has also maintained strong and long-term business relationships with some loyal customers for purchasing or leasing electronic gaming equipment and systems from the Group in Macau and overseas. The Directors believe that the Group's strong and long-term relationships with these key customers provide it with a competitive advantage to secure a steady flow of repeat business and revenue.



#### KEY RELATIONSHIP WITH EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS (Continued)

The Group has established close and long-term business relationships with suppliers in different areas of specialty, including but not limited to SJM Resorts (in which the Group reimburses SJM Resorts for its supply of labours and other essential equipment in Casino Kam Pek Paradise), as well as other suppliers in respect of electronic gaming equipment and systems including cabinets, parts and accessories. Some of them are reputable suppliers in the global gaming industry. The Directors believe that the Group's established relationships with them have greatly enhanced and will continue to enhance the Group's overall services to its customers.

In view of the above, there is no circumstance or any event which may have a significant impact on the Group's business and on which the Group's success depends as at the date of this annual report.

#### **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

For the year ended 31 December 2022, the aggregate amount of revenue attributable to the Group's five largest customers accounted for approximately 99.3% of the Group's total revenue and the revenue attributable to the Group's largest customer represented approximately 89.6% of the Group's total revenue.

For the year ended 31 December 2022, the aggregate amount of cost of sales and services attributable to the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for approximately 71.9% of the Group's total cost of sales and services and the cost of sales and services attributable to the Group's largest supplier represented approximately 52.7% of the Group's total cost of sales and services.

None of the Directors, their associates or any Shareholders (which to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) has any interest in any of the Group's five largest customers or suppliers.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The Group recognises the importance of compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Internal compliance and risk management policies and procedures are in place to ensure the Group's adherence and compliance with all significant legal and regulatory requirements in the territories in which the Group has business operations. For details, please refer to the Corporate Governance Report of this annual report. For the year ended 31 December 2022 and up to the date of this annual report, to the best knowledge of the Directors, the Group has complied in all material respects with the applicable laws and regulations of the territories in which the Group has business operations, which have a significant impact on the business and operations of the Group. The Group has also obtained all licenses, approvals and permits from the relevant regulatory authorities that are material for its business operations in the territories in which the Group has business operations.

#### **UPDATES TO A MAJOR DISPOSAL**

On 25 April 2016, the Group entered into a strategic agreement (the "Agreement") with IGT, pursuant to which the Group assigned and licensed certain patents and associated technology to IGT in return for a non-refundable upfront payment and a 15-year earn-out payment for every related ETG machine deployed in the global market (other than Macau). The transaction constituted a major transaction of the Company.

According to the statements provided by IGT to the Group, earn-out payments entitled by the Group as a result of such placement of the licensed products amounted to US\$1,850,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$14,430,000) up to 31 December 2022. Such earn-out payments were calculated in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, which state that such payments shall be calculated based on (i) the number of licensed products placed times a flat fee per unit for the licensed products placed by IGT through sale; and (ii) the number of licensed products placed times a flat fee per unit per day for the licensed products placed by IGT through leasing.

Subsequent to the signing of the Agreement, a dispute arose between the Group and IGT as to whether the Group has to provide certain technology (not being possessed by the Group) to IGT that may be required for IGT to make and place the licensed products under the Agreement (the "Dispute"). On 17 October 2017, upon commercial negotiation of the parties with the view to resolving the Dispute, the Group agreed in writing with IGT that it shall pay to IGT a sum of US\$800,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$6,240,000) (the "Settlement Amount") for complete resolution of the Dispute, which was determined based on the sharing by the Group of the estimated costs for the required technology. The parties further agreed that the Settlement Amount shall first set-off against any earn-out payments owed by IGT to the Group under the Agreement.

Further details of the transaction and the Dispute/Settlement Amount were disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 26 April 2016 and 14 December 2017, and the Company's circular dated 21 June 2016.

#### **CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

#### Continuing Connected Transactions for Year Ended 31 December 2022

#### Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022

On 14 December 2021, the Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries) entered into a renewed supply framework agreement (the "Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022") with Mr. Feng (for himself and on behalf of companies controlled by him) for the supply of slot machines and other electronic gaming machines, devices, equipment and systems, and the hardware, components, accessories, parts and materials thereof, the additions thereto, and other related products (the "Products") by way of sale and/or leasing to Mr. Feng and companies controlled by him (the "Customers") for a term of one year commencing from 1 January 2022 and ending on 31 December 2022. According to the terms of the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022, (i) when supplying the Products to the Customers by way of sale, the Products shall be priced at such level that represents an 8% to 10% discount from the Group's listed price of the same Products, which were, in turn, determined with reference to the then prevailing market price of corresponding Products; and (ii) when supplying the Products to the Customers by way of leasing, the rental fees of the Same Products to be paid by the Customers to the Group shall be determined at such level that represents an 8% to 10% discount from the Group's listed rental fees of the same Products, which were, in turn, determined at such level that represents an 8% to 10% discount from the Group's listed rental fees of the same Products, which were, in turn, determined at such level that represents an 8% to 10% discount from the Group's listed rental fees of the same Products, which were, in turn, determined at such level that represents an 8% to 10% discount from the Group's listed rental fees of the same Products, which were, in turn, determined with reference to the then prevailing market rental rates. The annual cap under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 was HK\$17,000,000 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS** (Continued)

#### Continuing Connected Transactions for Year Ended 31 December 2022 (Continued)

#### Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 (Continued)

Mr. Feng is the brother-in-law of Dr. Chun, the controlling Shareholder, a Co-chairman of the Board, an executive Director and the Managing Director of the Company, and thus a deemed connected person of the Company within the meaning of the Listing Rules and therefore, the transactions contemplated under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 constitute continuing connected transactions for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Pursuant to applicable percentage ratios (as defined under the Listing Rules) on execution of the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 in respect of the annual cap under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022, the transactions contemplated under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 are subject to the reporting, announcement and annual review requirements but exempt from the independent Shareholders' approval requirement under the Listing Rules.

#### Revision of Annual Cap under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022

On 28 April 2022, the Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries) entered into a supplemental agreement (the "First Supplemental Agreement") with Mr. Feng (for himself and on behalf of companies controlled by him), pursuant to which the parties agreed to amend the terms of the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 to increase the annual cap from HK\$17,000,000 to HK\$24,000,000 (the "Revised Annual Cap") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Pursuant to applicable percentage ratios (as defined under the Listing Rules) on execution of the First Supplemental Agreement in respect of the Revised Annual Cap under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022, the transactions contemplated under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 are subject to the reporting, announcement and annual review requirements but exempt from the independent Shareholders' approval requirement under the Listing Rules.

#### Further revision of the Revised Annual Cap under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022

On 2 June 2022, the Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries) entered into another supplemental agreement (the "Second Supplemental Agreement") with Mr. Feng (for himself and on behalf of companies controlled by him), pursuant to which the parties agreed to amend the terms of the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 (as amended by the First Supplemental Agreement) to further increase the Revised Annual Cap from HK\$24,000,000 to HK\$58,000,000 (the "Further Revised Annual Cap") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Pursuant to applicable percentage ratios (as defined under the Listing Rules) on execution of the Second Supplemental Agreement in respect of the Further Revised Annual Cap under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022, the Second Supplemental Agreement and the transactions contemplated under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 (including the Further Revised Annual Cap) are subject to the approval of the independent Shareholders at a special general meeting of the Company (the "SGM"). The SGM was held on 28 July 2022 and the Second Supplemental Agreement and the transactions contemplated under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 (including the Further Revised Annual Cap) were approved, confirmed and ratified by the independent Shareholders at the SGM.

Further details of the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022, the First Supplemental Agreement, the Second Supplemental Agreement and the SGM are set out in the Company's announcements dated 14 December 2021, 28 April 2022, 2 June 2022, 7 July 2022 and 28 July 2022 and the Company's circular dated 7 July 2022. The Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 was expired on 31 December 2022.

#### **CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (Continued)**

#### Continuing Connected Transactions for Year Ended 31 December 2022 (Continued)

#### Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 (Continued)

The amount received/receivable by the Group from companies controlled by Mr. Feng under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2022 for the year ended 31 December 2022 was HK\$21,311,000.

The Company has complied with the reporting, announcement, annual review and independent Shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules and other requirements in accordance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules in respect of the above non-exempt continuing connected transactions.

Pursuant to Rule 14A.55 of the Listing Rules, the independent non-executive Directors have reviewed the continuing connected transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022 as disclosed above and have confirmed that the transactions have been entered into (i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group; (ii) on normal commercial terms or better; and (iii) according to the agreements governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Pursuant to Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, the Board engaged the independent auditor of the Company to report on the continuing connected transactions of the Group. The independent auditor of the Company was engaged in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) "Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" and with reference to Practice Note 740 "Auditor's Letter on Continuing Connected Transactions under the Hong Kong Listing Rules" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The independent auditor of the Company has reported to the Board and issued an unqualified letter containing their findings and conclusions in respect of the continuing connected transactions disclosed by the Group above in accordance with Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules. A copy of the auditor's letter has been provided by the Company to the Stock Exchange in accordance with Rule 14A.57 of the Listing Rules. The continuing connected transactions above were also reported as the related party transactions in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards in note 42 to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### Continuing Connected Transactions for Year Ending 31 December 2023

#### Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023

On 13 December 2022, the Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries) entered into a renewed supply framework agreement (the "Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023") with Mr. Feng (for himself and on behalf of companies controlled by him) for the supply of slot machines and other electronic gaming machines, devices, equipment and systems, and the hardware, components, accessories, parts and materials thereof, the additions thereto, and other related products by way of sale and/or leasing to Mr. Feng and companies controlled by him for a term of one year commencing from 1 January 2023 and ending on 31 December 2023. Pursuant to the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023, the total transaction amount for the year ending 31 December 2023 shall not be more than HK\$20,000,000.

#### **CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (Continued)**

#### Continuing Connected Transactions for Year Ending 31 December 2023 (Continued)

#### Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023 (Continued)

Same as the transactions contemplated under the Revised Supply Framework Agreement 2022, since Mr. Feng is the brother-in-law of Dr. Chun, the controlling Shareholder, a Co-chairman of the Board, an executive Director and the Managing Director of the Company, and thus a deemed connected person of the Company within the meaning of the Listing Rules, the transactions contemplated under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023 constitute continuing connected transactions for the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules for the year ending 31 December 2023.

Pursuant to applicable percentage ratios (as defined under the Listing Rules) in respect of the annual transaction amount under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023, the transactions contemplated under the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023 are subject to the reporting, announcement and annual review requirements but exempt from the independent Shareholders' approval requirement under the Listing Rules.

Further details of the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023 are set out in the Company's announcement dated 13 December 2022.

The Directors, including the independent non-executive Directors, have reviewed the terms of Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023 and have confirmed that (i) the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023 was entered into in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group and on normal commercial terms or better; and (ii) the terms and conditions of the Renewed Supply Framework Agreement 2023, including the annual cap, are fair and reasonable, and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Save as disclosed under the section headed "Connected Transactions" in this Directors' Report and in notes 23 and 42 to the consolidated financial statements, no transactions, arrangement and contracts of significance to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which any Director (or any entity connected with a Director) had a material interest, whether directly and indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Save as disclosed under the section headed "Connected Transactions" in this Directors' Report and in notes 23 and 42 to the consolidated financial statements, no contracts of significance (including contracts of significance for the provision of services) between the Company (or any of its subsidiaries) and any controlling Shareholder (or any of its subsidiaries) subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS**

Save as the Share Option Scheme and the Share Award Scheme disclosed in this Director's Report, no equity-linked agreements were entered into by the Company during the year or subsisted at the end of the year ended 31 December 2022.

## **Directors' Report (Continued)**

## **EMOLUMENT POLICY AND DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION POLICY**

The emoluments of the executive Directors were decided by the Board as recommended by the Remuneration Committee having regard to a written emolument policy (which ensures a clear link to business strategy and a close alignment with the Shareholders' interest and current best practice), the Group's operating results, the individual performance of the executive Directors and the comparable market statistics. The independent non-executive Directors' fees are in line with market practice. No individual Director should determine his/her own remuneration.

Emolument package includes, as the case may be, fees, basic salaries, housing allowances, contribution to pension schemes, discretionary bonus relating to the financial results of the Group and individual performance, ad hoc rewards, share options, share awards and other competitive fringe benefits such as medical and life insurances. Details of the emoluments of the Directors and the five highest paid individuals of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 are set out in note 10 to the consolidated financial statements.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

In the opinion of the Board, the Company has complied with the code provisions as set out in the CG Code throughout the year ended 31 December 2022 except for certain deviations disclosed under the sections headed "Chairman and Managing Director" in the Corporate Governance Report of this annual report. For further information on the Company's corporate governance practices and details of the deviations, please refer to the Corporate Governance Report on pages 38 to 59.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE POLICIES AND PERFORMANCE**

The Group is aware of the importance of environmental-friendly and sustainable development. The Group strives to minimise wastes and consumption of resources such as electricity and water. The Group recognises this to be a continuous process of monitoring and improvement, and the Group seeks to look for environmental-friendly practice in the Group's operations whenever possible. For further details, please refer to the Environmental, Social and Governance Report on pages 60 to 79.

## **UPDATE ON DIRECTORS' INFORMATION**

Biographical details of each of the Directors are set out in the section headed "Profile of Directors and Senior Management" of this annual report.

On 22 December 2022, Dr. Chun has been re-designated from the Chairman of the Board to a Co-chairman of the Board and Mr. Zhang Jianjun has been appointed as an executive Director and a Co-chairman of the Board. Further details of the re-designation and the appointment of Directors are set out in the Company's announcement dated 22 December 2022.

On 28 March 2023, Mr. Kai-Shing Tao tendered resignation as an independent non-executive Director and Dr. Liu Ka Ying Rebecca was appointed as an independent non-executive Director. Further details of the resignation and the appointment of Directors are set out in the Company's announcement dated 28 March 2023.

Save as disclosed, there is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

## **Directors' Report (Continued)**

## **EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

On 18 January 2023, the Group entered into a deed of amendment with Dr. Chun to further amend the deed of loan dated 14 March 2022 (as amended from time to time) such that maturity date of the loan facility was extended from 31 December 2023 to 31 March 2024 and any amounts repaid by the Group under the loan facility could be re-drawn or reborrowed during the term of the loan facility. Subsequent to 31 December 2022, an aggregate amount of HK\$30.0 million under the loan facility has been settled by the Group. As at the date of this annual report, the total outstanding loans from a Shareholder under the loan facility was HK\$35.0 million.

In addition, on 18 January 2023, the Group entered into two other deeds of loan with Dr. Chun pursuant to which Dr. Chun agreed to provide a term loan facility of HK\$70.0 million for a 3-year period to the Group. The loans are conducted on normal commercial terms and are unsecured, carry interest at 12.5% per annum and are repayable in monthly instalments. As at the date of this annual report, the loans have been fully drawn down by the Group.

Save as disclosed, there is no important event after 31 December 2022 which is required to be disclosed.

## SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, as at the date of this annual report, there is sufficient public float of not less than 25% of the Company's issued Shares as required under the Listing Rules.

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

A summary of the audited consolidated results and assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is set out on page 172 of this annual report.

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

The consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022 were audited by the Company's independent auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. A resolution will be proposed at the 2023 AGM to re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the independent auditor of the Company.

On behalf of the Board

**Dr. Jay Chun** Co-chairman and Managing Director

28 March 2023

## **Corporate Governance Report**

The Board believes that corporate governance is essential to the success of the Company and has adopted various measures to ensure that a high standard of corporate governance is maintained to safeguard the interests of the Shareholders.

In the opinion of the Board, the Company has complied with the code provisions of the CG Code set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules throughout the year ended 31 December 2022 except for certain deviations disclosed herein.

# MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE GROUP'S CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

In light of recent changes to the Listing Rules, the major development in the Group's corporate governance during the year ended 31 December 2022 are as follows:

- Pursuant to the changes to Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, the following policies were proposed and adopted by the Board on 24 March 2022:
  - (i) Statement on purpose, values and strategy
  - (ii) Shareholders' communication policy
  - (iii) Policy on obtaining independent views and input
  - (iv) Board diversity policy;
  - (v) Whistleblowing policy; and
  - (vi) Anti-corruption policy.
- Pursuant to the changes to Chapter 17 and Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, revised terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee was adopted by the Board on 21 December 2022 such that the Remuneration Committee shall also be responsible for reviewing and/or approving matters relating to share schemes under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules (as amended from time to time).

## **COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE**

The Company has adopted the Model Code as the code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, all Directors have confirmed that they had complied with the requirements set out in the Model Code during the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### (a) Board Composition

Given the nature and business objectives of the Company, the Board has a balance of skill and experience, and board diversity appropriate for the requirements of the business of the Company. The list of Directors, their respective biographical details, and the relationships among the members of the Board and the senior management of the Company (if any) are set out under the section headed "Profile of Directors and Senior Management" of this annual report.

### (b) Appointment and Re-election of Directors

The Bye-Laws contain provisions on the procedures of appointment and re-election of Directors.

Currently, none of the Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) are appointed with specific term of employment. However, all Directors (including the independent non-executive Directors) are subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years at annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the provision of the Bye-Laws, and their terms of appointment will be reviewed when they are due for re-election.

In light of code provision B.2.3 of the CG Code, the Company goes further that election of any Director, including independent non-executive Directors, will be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by the Shareholders at annual general meeting of the Company disregarding the length of service of the Director has served the Board.

#### (c) Board Meetings

The Company adopts the practice of holding Board meetings on regular and ad hoc basis. Notices of no less than fourteen days are given for all regular Board meetings to provide all Directors with an opportunity to attend and include matters in the agenda for a regular meeting. For other Board meetings and Board committee meetings, reasonable notice is generally given by the Company.

The agenda and accompanying Board papers are dispatched to the Directors or committee members at least three days before the Board meetings or Board committee meetings to ensure that the Directors have sufficient time to review the papers and be adequately prepared for the Board meetings or Board committee meetings. When the Directors or committee members are unable to attend a meeting, they are advised of the matters to be discussed and given an opportunity to make their views known to the chairman of the meeting prior to the meeting. Minutes of meetings are kept by the company secretary of the Company with copies circulated to all Directors for information and records.

Minutes of the Board meetings and Board committee meetings are recorded in sufficient detail on the matters considered by the Board and the Board committees and the decisions reached, including any concerns raised by the Directors. Draft minutes of each Board meeting and Board committee meeting are sent to the Directors for comments within a reasonable time after the date on which the meeting is held. The minutes of the Board meetings are open for inspection by the Directors.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (Continued)

### (d) Directors' Attendance Records

During the year ended 31 December 2022, eleven Board meetings, an annual general meeting and a special general meeting of the Company were held. The attendance of each member of the Board at these meetings are as follows:

	Number of attendance/meetings		
	Board meetings	Annual general meeting held on 26 May 2022	Special general meeting held on 28 July 2022
Executive Directors:			
Dr. Chun (Co-chairman and Managing Director)	9/11	1/1	1/1
Mr. Zhang Jianjun <i>(Co-chairman)</i>			
(appointed on 22 December 2022)	1/1	N/A	N/A
Mr. Shan Shiyong, alias, Sin Sai Yung	0/11	0/1	0/1
Independent Non-executive Directors:			
Mr. Li John Zongyang	10/11	0/1	1/1
Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice	11/11	1/1	1/1
Dr. Liu Ka Ying Rebecca (appointed on 28 March 2023)	) N/A	N/A	N/A
Mr. Kai-Shing Tao (resigned on 28 March 2023)	0/11	0/1	0/1

### (e) Responsibilities and Delegations

The Board is responsible for the leadership, management and control of the Group, overseeing the Group's businesses, strategic decisions and performance, evaluating the performance of the Group and supervising the management. All Directors take decisions objectively in the interests of the Company.

In addition, the Board reserves the authority to make final decisions for all major matters of the Company, including approving and monitoring of all policy matters, overall strategies and budgets, risk management and internal control systems, adoption of dividend policy, dividend payout (if any), adoption of nomination policy, preparation and release of financial information, material transaction (in particular those may involve a conflict of interests), appointment of Directors and other significant financial and operational matters.

All Directors have timely access to all relevant information as well as the advices and services of the company secretary and the senior management of the Company, with a view to ensuring compliance with Board procedures and all applicable laws and regulations. Any Director may request independent professional advice in appropriate circumstances at the Company's expense, upon reasonable request made to the Board.

In order to enhance efficiency, the Board has delegated the day-to-day responsibilities, operations and decisions to the executive Directors and the senior management of the Company who perform their duties under the leadership of the Managing Director.

Approval has to be obtained from the Board prior to the entry into of any significant transactions by any of the Directors and/or the senior management of the Company on behalf of the Group. The Board has the full support of the executive Directors and the senior management of the Company to discharge its responsibilities and operations.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (Continued)

### (f) Corporate Governance Functions

The Board is responsible for performing the corporate governance duties set out in code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Audit Committee and the Board had reviewed and monitored the Company's corporate governance practices, training and continuous professional development of Directors and the senior management of the Company, the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the compliance with the Model Code, the CG Code and disclosure in this Corporate Governance Report (including the nomination policy, dividend policy, board diversity policy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems) from time to time and made recommendations (where appropriate).

#### (g) Environmental, Social and Governance Functions

The Board has overall responsibility for the Group's strategy and reporting in connection with ESG. The Environmental, Health and Safety team (the "EHS Team"), reporting to the Board, is formed for the purpose of ESG evaluation and reporting with members who own ESG knowledge to conduct internal and external materiality assessments and skill in preparation of ESG reports. The EHS Team members will, if they think fit, meet the employees from different departments to drive implementation, review their operations in order to identify relevant ESG issues and assess their materiality based on their impact to the Group's businesses as well as the stakeholders.

### PURPOSE, VALUES AND STRATEGY

The Group embraces synergies of its two principal business segments, namely, provision of casino management services (operating under its trade name or brand "LT Macau"), and the development, sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems (operating under its trade name or brand "LT Game"). Such synergies provide the Group with a unique and privileged position in the Macau and overseas gaming markets.

LT Macau has been positioning itself as a casino management service provider focusing on mass market patrons for satellite casinos in Macau. LT Macau sets itself apart from its peers by offering patrons affordable minimum bets which attract a large, diverse and loyal patron base, and achieves a notable edge by leveraging technology to lower its operational costs and increase game efficiency and productivity.

LT Game envisions to take on a leadership role to be one of the worldwide leading gaming equipment and systems suppliers for the development of table game automation and innovative technologies that improve game efficiency and optimise operations with a view of bringing patrons an experience of the perfect harmony of high technology and gaming. LT Game has missions to provide comprehensive solutions in response to the development needs in the future and become a leader in the global gaming equipment market. The Group shall continue to place investments on the innovation and development of electronic gaming equipment and systems.

In addition to its core gaming business, the Group is also prepared to develop a diversified business portfolio and actively pursue investments with suitable partners in industries providing innovative new or renewable energy solutions.

## SHAREHOLDERS' COMMUNICATION POLICY

In March 2022, the Board adopted a shareholders' communication policy of the Company, details of which are as follows:

The goal of our communication activities is to provide a true and fair view of the Company. As such, the Company has leveraged various channels and platforms to ensure timely release of important messages to enable meaningful dialogues and two-way communication engagement with the Shareholders.

### **General Meetings**

The annual general meetings and other general meetings of the Company provide the best opportunity for exchange of views between the Board and the Shareholders who can exercise their right to speak and discuss the business activities of the Company if they are relevant to the resolutions under consideration. The chairman of the Board will allow relevant debate and questioning between the Board and the Shareholders, enabling a two-way communication in which comments, feedback and views are exchanged.

- The chairman of the Board will attend the Company's annual general meeting in normal circumstances.
- The chairman of the Board will invite the chairmen of the committees to attend the general meetings. These persons will, in normal circumstances, be available to answer questions at general meetings.
- At least one independent non-executive Director who is a member of the independent Board committee will be available to answer questions at any general meeting for approval of a connected transaction or any other transaction that is subject to independent Shareholders' approval.
- The independent auditor of the Company will be requested to attend the annual general meeting to answer questions about the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the auditor's report, the accounting policies and auditor independence.
- The chairman of every general meeting will invite the Shareholders to exercise their right to speak, and question and discuss the business activities of the Company if they are relevant to the resolutions under consideration.
- The notice for every general meeting to Shareholders will be sent in accordance with the requirements of the Bye-Laws.
- The chairman of every general meeting will ensure that an explanation is provided of the detailed procedures for conducting a poll and answer any questions from Shareholders on voting by poll.

#### **Corporate Communication**

• Corporate communications are provided to the Shareholders in plain language and in both English and Chinese versions.

### **Corporate Website**

The Company's website (www.hk1180.com) is regularly being updated.

Information released by the Company to the HKEXnews website is also posted on the Company's website. Such information includes but is not limited to consolidated financial statements, results announcements, circulars, notices of general meetings and associated explanatory documents.

## SHAREHOLDERS' COMMUNICATION POLICY (Continued)

### Communication with the Company

Under the Company's shareholders' communication policy, the Company will take steps to solicit and understand the views of its Shareholders and other stakeholders (including employees, customers, suppliers and investors). Shareholders may, at any time, direct questions, communicate their views on various matters affecting the Company, request for publicly available information and provide comments and suggestions to Directors or management of the Company. Such questions, requests and comments can be addressed to the Company by mail to Unit C, 19th Floor, Entertainment Building, 30 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong or by email to paradise.ir@hk1180.com.

### Shareholders' Privacy

The Company recognises the importance of the Shareholders' privacy and will not disclose the Shareholders' information without their consent, unless required by law to do so.

An annual review of the shareholders' communication policy of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022 has been conducted. Several communication channels between the Company and the Shareholders are in place and they have been working properly. There is no evidence of inadequate communication between the Company and Shareholders via the aforementioned communication channels. The Board is satisfied with the implementation and effectiveness of the policy.

### POLICY ON OBTAINING INDEPENDENT VIEWS AND INPUT

In March 2022, the Board adopted a policy on obtaining independent views and input of the Company, details of which are as follows:

The Board, Board committees or individual Directors may seek such independent professional advice, views and input as considered necessary to fulfill their responsibilities and in exercising independent judgement when making decisions in furtherance of their Directors' duties at the Company's expense (the "Mechanism"). The Mechanism is established to ensure independent views and input are available to the Board and has been disclosed in this Corporate Governance Report.

Independent professional advice shall include legal advice and advice of accountants and other professional financial advisers on matters of law, accounting, tax and other regulatory matters.

Despite having obtained any information or advice from the Chairman and/or any independent professional advisers through the Mechanism, the Directors are expected to exercise independent judgement in forming their decisions.

All Directors are aware of this policy and the Mechanism. An annual review of the Company's policy on obtaining independent views and input for the year ended 31 December 2022 has been conducted. The Board is satisfied with the implementation and effectiveness of the policy.

## **DIVIDEND POLICY**

In December 2018, the Board adopted a dividend policy of the Company, details of which are as follows:

The Board will meet semi-annually to consider and declare interim/final dividends, if any. The Board may also declare special dividends from time to time in addition to the interim/final dividends.

On consideration of any dividend, the Board will take into account the Company's distributable reserves, the Group's performance, liquidity position, expected working capital requirements, future prospects and other factors that the Board deems relevant, provided that payment of proposed dividend will not affect operations of the Group. The declaration and payment of dividend is subject to any applicable restrictions under the laws of Bermuda, the Bye-Laws, the Listing Rules and any applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The Board will review the dividend policy of the Company from time to time and may exercise at its sole and absolute discretion to update, amend and/or modify the policy at any time as it deems fit and necessary.

There is no assurance that any particular amount of dividend will be paid for any given period.

### **NOMINATION POLICY**

In December 2018, the Board adopted a nomination policy of the Company which sets out the objectives, selection criteria and nomination process and procedures for the appointment and re-election of Directors. The nomination policy specifies that the Company will nominate suitable candidates to the Board for it to consider and make recommendations to the Shareholders for election of Directors at general meetings, appointment of Directors to fill casual vacancies, Board succession planning considerations and periodical reviews of the plan.

#### Selection criteria

The factors listed below would be used as reference by the Nomination Committee in assessing the suitability of a proposed candidate.

- The perspectives, skills and experience that the individual can bring to the Board
- Experience in listed companies, in particular, in the industry relevant to the Group's business
- Commitment in respect of available time
- How the individual contributes to diversity of the Board in all its aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills and knowledge
- Reputation for integrity

These factors are for reference only, and not exhaustive and decisive. The Nomination Committee has the discretion to nominate any person, as it considers appropriate.

### **NOMINATION POLICY** (Continued)

### Nomination Process and Procedures

### a. Appointment of Directors

- (1) The Nomination Committee identifies individual(s) suitably qualified to become Board members, having due regard to the nomination policy and the board diversity policy of the Company, assesses the independence of the proposed independent non-executive Director(s) as appropriate and makes recommendations to the Board.
- (2) The Remuneration Committee determines the remuneration of executive Directors and make recommendations on the remuneration of independent non-executive Directors to the Board.
- (3) The Board considers the individual(s) recommended by the Nomination Committee, having due regard to the nomination policy and the board diversity policy of the Company and the Listing Rules.
- (4) Where the Board considers the individual(s) suitable, it then confirms the appointment of the individual(s) as Director(s) or recommends the individual(s) to stand for election at a general meeting. Individual(s) appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board will be subject to re-election by Shareholders at the next annual general meeting after initial appointment in accordance with the Bye-Laws.
- (5) The Shareholders approve the election of individual(s), who stand(s) for election at general meeting, as Director(s).

#### b. Re-election of Directors

- (1) The Nomination Committee considers each retiring Director, having due regard to the nomination policy and the board diversity policy of the Company and the Listing Rules, and assesses the independence of each retiring independent non-executive Director.
- (2) The Nomination Committee makes recommendation(s) to the Board.
- (3) The Board considers each retiring Director recommended by the Nomination Committee, having due regard to the nomination policy and the board diversity policy of the Company and the Listing Rules.
- (4) The Board recommends the retiring Directors to stand for re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Bye-Laws.
- (5) The Shareholders approve the re-election of Directors at the annual general meeting.

## **CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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.

On or before 21 December 2022, Dr. Chun was the Chairman of the Board and the Managing Director of the Company. With effect from 22 December 2022, Dr. Chun has been re-designated from the Chairman of the Board to a Co-chairman of the Board and continues to serve as the Managing Director of the Company, and Mr. Zhang Jianjun has been appointed as a Co-chairman of the Board.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, Dr. Chun and Mr. Zhang Jianjun (since his appointment on 22 December 2022) are Co-chairmen of the Board and responsible for the management of the Board and ensuring that all major and appropriate issues are discussed by the Board in a timely and constructive manner.

Dr. Chun takes care of the day-to-day management of the Group's business and implements the Group's policies, strategic plans and business goals formulated by the Board. In the opinion of the Board, the roles of the Managing Director and the chief executive officer are the same. Although Dr. Chun is both a Co-chairman of the Board and the chief executive officer of the Company, the powers have been shared between the two Co-chairmen and Mr. Zhang Jianjun would also exercise his power and authorities as a Co-chairman of the Board in managing the affairs of the Board and the Company. The Board believes that the present structure provides the Group with strong and consistent leadership and allows for efficient and effective business planning and execution, while the balance of power and authority for the present arrangement has been and is adequately ensured to protect the interests of the Company and the Shareholders by the current Board which also comprises a Co-chairman with professional background and experienced and high calibre individuals, with sufficient number of independent non-executive Directors that can scrutinise important decisions with their independent judgment and monitor the power exercised by the Co-Chairmen of the Board and the Managing Director of the Company. Hence, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Shareholders that Dr. Chun will continue to assume the roles of a Co-Chairman of the Board and the Managing Director of the Company. The Company will review the current structure as and when it becomes appropriate in the future.

## **INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

The Board has met the requirements of Rules 3.10 and 3.10A of the Listing Rules of having a minimum of three independent non-executive Directors with at least one of them possessing appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise and independent non-executive directors representing at least one-third of the Board.

The Company has received annual confirmation from each independent non-executive Director of his/her independence pursuant to the requirements of Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company considers all independent non-executive Directors to be independent in light of the independence guidelines set out in the Listing Rules.

In particular, Mr. Li John Zongyang has served the Board for more than nine years. He has not been and is not involved in the daily management of the Company or in any relationships or circumstances which would interfere with the exercise of his independent judgment. He continues to demonstrate his ability to provide an independent, balanced and objective view to the affairs of the Company. The Company is satisfied that he remains independent notwithstanding the length of his service.

In light of code provision B.2.3 of the CG Code, the Company goes further that election of any Director, including independent non-executive Directors, will be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by the Shareholders at annual general meeting of the Company disregarding the length of service of the Director has served the Board.

## DIRECTORS' TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Each newly appointed Director will receive induction on the first occasion of his/her appointment so as to ensure that he/ she has appropriate understanding of the business and operations of the Group and that he/she is fully aware of his/her responsibilities and obligations under the Listing Rules, the CG Code and other regulatory requirements.

Directors are continually updated on the latest development and changes in the Listing Rules, the CG Code and other regulatory requirements in order to ensure the compliance with the same by the Directors.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Directors complied with code provision C.1.4 of the CG Code and all Directors (including Dr. Chun, Mr. Zhang Jianjun, Mr. Shan Shiyong, alias Sin Sai Yung, Mr. Li John Zongyang, Mr. Kai-Shing Tao and Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice) received regular briefings, updates, continuous professional development and reading materials on the Group's business/operations/regulatory/corporate governance matters which are relevant to their duties and responsibilities. Directors are also encouraged to participate in professional development courses and seminars to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills. All Directors have provided a record of the training they received during the year ended 31 December 2022 to the Company.

### COMMITTEES

The Board has established three committees, namely the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee to assist the Board in overseeing particular aspects of the Company's affairs. All the Board committees should report to the Board on their decisions and recommendations made. The committees are provided with sufficient resources to discharge their duties and, upon reasonable request, are able to seek independent professional advice in appropriate circumstances, at the Company's expenses.

All Board committees of the Company have been established with written terms of reference which are posted on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

### Audit Committee

The Company has met the requirements of Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules. The Audit Committee comprised three independent non-executive Directors. Both Mr. Li John Zongyang, the chairman of the Audit Committee, and Dr. Liu Ka Ying Rebecca (appointed on 28 March 2023) possess relevant financial management expertise and meet the requirements of Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules. None of the members of the Audit Committee is a former partner of the independent auditor of the Company.

The Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing the financial information, statements and reports of the Company, considering any significant or unusual items raised by the financial officers of the Company or the independent auditor of the Company before submission to the Board, reviewing the effectiveness of the financial reporting system, risk management and internal control systems of the Group and maintaining an appropriate relationship with the independent auditor of the Company. The Board did not disagree with the Audit Committee's view on the selection, appointment, resignation or dismissal of the external auditors.

## **COMMITTEES** (Continued)

### Audit Committee (Continued)

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Audit Committee held two meetings. Members of the Audit Committee and the attendance of each member are as follows:

Directors	Number of attendance/meetings	
Independent Non-executive Directors:		
Mr. Li John Zongyang <i>(Chairman)</i>	2/2	
Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice	2/2	
Dr. Liu Ka Ying Rebecca (appointed on 28 March 2023)	N/A	
Mr. Kai-Shing Tao (resigned on 28 March 2023)	0/2	

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Audit Committee had performed the following duties:

- reviewed with the management and the independent auditor of the Company the audited consolidated financial statements, the annual results announcement and the annual report of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021, the related accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group with recommendations to the Board for approval, and the relevant audit findings;
- reviewed the continuing connected transactions of the Group carried out during the year ended 31 December 2021;
- reviewed the revisions of annual cap for the continuing connected transactions of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- reviewed the agreement governing the continuing connected transactions of the Group for the year ending 31 December 2023;
- recommended the re-appointment of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the independent auditor of the Company in the annual general meeting held on 26 May 2022;
- reviewed with the management and the independent auditor of the Company the unaudited consolidated financial statements, the interim results announcement and the interim report of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2022 and the related accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group with recommendations to the Board for approval;
- reviewed the nature and scope of the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended
   31 December 2022, the reporting obligations and the work plan of the independent auditor of the Company;

### **COMMITTEES** (Continued)

### Audit Committee (Continued)

- reviewed and discussed the financial reporting system, risk management and internal control systems of the Group with the management of the Company to ensure that the management of the Company has performed its duty to have effective systems. The review covered all material controls, including financial, operational and compliance controls, and the discussion with the management of the Company regarding adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the Group's accounting and financial reporting function, etc.; and
- reviewed the compliance with accounting standards, the Listing Rules, legal and statutory requirements in relation to financial reporting.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Audit Committee met two times with the independent auditor of the Company. The Company has met the requirement of code provision D.3.3(e)(i) of the CG Code, stating that the Audit Committee must meet, at least twice a year, with the independent auditor of the Company.

### **Remuneration Committee**

The Company has met the requirements of Rule 3.25 of the Listing Rules. The Remuneration Committee comprises a majority of independent non-executive Directors and is chaired by Mr. Li John Zongyang, an independent non-executive Director.

The Remuneration Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on, among other things, the Company's policy for the remuneration of all the Directors and the senior management of the Company (by making reference to market rates, their duties and responsibilities within the Group and their experience) and the remuneration of the independent non-executive Directors. The Remuneration Committee is also responsible for reviewing and/or approving matters relating to share schemes under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules (as amended from time to time) according to the revised terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee adopted by the Board on 21 December 2022.

The Remuneration Committee is delegated by the Board with the responsibility to determine on behalf of the Board the remuneration of the executive Directors and the senior management of the Company in accordance with code provision E.1.2(c)(i) of the CG Code.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Remuneration Committee held two meetings. Members of the Remuneration Committee and the attendance of each member are as follows:

Directors	Number of attendance/meeting		
<b>Executive Director:</b> Dr. Chun	2/2		
<b>Independent Non-executive Directors:</b> Mr. Li John Zongyang <i>(Chairman)</i> Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice	2/2 2/2		

### **COMMITTEES** (Continued)

### Remuneration Committee (Continued)

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Remuneration Committee had performed the following duties:

- assessed the performance of the executive Directors and the senior management of the Company;
- considered material matters relating to share schemes under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules and concluded that there were none; and
- reviewed and determined the terms and remuneration of the executive Directors, including the remuneration of Mr. Zhang Jianjun, who was appointed as a Co-chairman of the Board and an executive Director on 22 December 2022, and the senior management of the Company, and made recommendation to the Board on the remuneration of the independent non-executive Directors.

Pursuant to code provision E.1.5 of the CG Code, the annual remunerations of the senior management of the Company (including those set out in the section headed "Profile of Directors and Senior Management" of this annual report) by bands for the year ended 31 December 2022 were as follows:

	Number of individuals
HK\$500,001 to HK\$1,000,000	1
HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$2,500,000	1
HK\$2,500,001 to HK\$3,000,000	1

Details of the remuneration of each of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2022 are set out in note 10 to the consolidated financial statements.

### Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee comprises a majority of independent non-executive Directors and is chaired by Dr. Chun.

The Nomination Committee is responsible for determining the policy for the nomination of Directors, reviewing the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board regularly and making recommendations to the Board on any proposed changes to complement the Company's corporate strategy and the board diversity policy. Its duties include identification and nomination of candidates to fill casual vacancies of Directors, and recommendations to the Board on relevant matters relating to the appointment or re-election of Directors and succession planning for Directors, in particular, the Chairman and the chief executive of the Company.

The Board has adopted a board diversity policy of the Company setting out the approach to diversity of members of the Board. The Company recognises and embraces the benefits of diversity of Board members. It endeavours to ensure that the Board has a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the requirements of the Company's business. All appointments of Board members will continue to be made on a merit basis with due regard for the benefits of diversity of the Board members. The Board has also set measurable objectives to achieve board diversity, which includes (i) the selection of candidates will be based on a range of diversity perspectives/measurable goals, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, experience (professional or otherwise), skills and knowledge, (ii) at least one of the Directors having appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise, and (iii) at least one Director having intensive experience of the industry on which the business of the Group is engaged in. The ultimate decision will be made upon the merits and contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the Board.

### **COMMITTEES** (Continued)

### Nomination Committee (Continued)

The Board is also committed to having a Board consisting of more than one gender, and this is taken into account in the Director selection process. The Board aims to ensure that there is at least one Director of a different gender on the Board and that this is maintained in accordance with the Listing Rules. Throughout the year ended 31 December 2022, the Board included one female Director (Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice). Upon the appointment of Dr. Liu Ka Ying Rebecca and the resignation of Mr. Kai-Shing Tao as an independent non-executive Director on 28 March 2023, the Board consists of two female Directors and four male Directors. The Board considered that the aforementioned measurable goals have been achieved satisfactorily during the year ended 31 December 2022. An annual review of the board diversity policy of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022 has been conducted. The Board is satisfied with the implementation and effectiveness of the policy.

#### Gender ratio in the workforce

As at 31 December 2022, the gender ratio of the workforce (including senior management) employed by the Group was 96 men to 100 women or a gender ratio of male to female of 49:51. This gender ratio is considered appropriate for the Group's businesses. The Group targets to maintain the gender ratio in the workforce with no single gender more than 70%. Meanwhile, the Company does not think it is necessary to set any plan for achieving gender diversity. However, the Company may consider any plan for achieving gender diversity should the need arise.

The Nomination Committee also conducted an annual review of the independence of independent non-executive Directors with consideration of those factors set forth in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules before confirming their independence status to the Board. The relevant independent non-executive Directors will abstain from participating in the assessments of their own independence. Particular consideration will be given in assessing the independence of those independent non-executive Directors who have been serving the Board for more than nine years and seeking for reelection in an annual general meeting. Reasons will be given in the circular for the annual general meeting to explain why the Board believes those retiring independent non-executive Directors, if any, are still independent and should be reelected.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Nomination Committee held two meetings. Members of the Nomination Committee and the attendance of each member are as follows:

Directors	Number of attendance/meeting
<b>Executive Director:</b> Dr. Chun <i>(Chairman)</i>	2/2
<b>Independent Non-executive Directors:</b> Mr. Li John Zongyang Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice	2/2 2/2

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Nomination Committee had performed the following duties:

- reviewed the structure, size, composition and diversity of the Board to ensure that it has a balance of expertise, skills, experience and diversity of perspective appropriate to the requirements for the business of the Company;
- recommended the re-designation of Dr. Chun from the Chairman of the Board to a Co-chairman of the Board and the appointment of Mr. Zhang Jianjun as a Co-chairman of the Board and an executive Director on 22 December 2022;

### **COMMITTEES** (Continued)

### Nomination Committee (Continued)

- recommended the re-election of the retiring Directors at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 May 2022; and
- assessed the independence of each independent non-executive Director.

# REVIEW OF AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management and the independent auditor of the Company the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the related accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR AND ITS REMUNERATION

The statement of the independent auditor of the Company about their reporting responsibilities for the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 is set out in the "Independent Auditor's Report" of this annual report.

The remuneration paid/payable to the independent auditor of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022 is as follows:

Services rendered for the Group	HK\$'000
Audit services Non-audit services: Interim review for the six months ended 30 June 2022	1,980 480
	2,460

### **ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT**

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements, annual and interim reports, inside information announcements and other disclosures which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs, the results of operations and cash flows of the Group in compliance with accounting standards, the Listing Rules, legal and all applicable statutory requirements in relation to financial reporting. The senior management of the Company has provided to the Board such explanation and information as are necessary to enable the Board to carry out an informed assessment of the financial information and position of the Company, which are put to the Board for approval.

In preparation of the consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2022 and for the year ended 31 December 2022, the Directors have adopted suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently. The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Directors are not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

The company secretary of the Company is Mr. Chan Kin Man, who is also the Group's Chief Financial Officer. In compliance with Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules, Mr. Chan has undertaken no less than 15 hours of relevant professional training during the year ended 31 December 2022.

## SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

As one of the measures to safeguard Shareholders' interests and rights, separate resolutions are proposed at Shareholders' meetings on each substantial issue, including the election of individual Directors, for Shareholders' consideration and voting. All resolutions put forward at Shareholders' meetings will be voted by poll pursuant to the Listing Rules and the poll results will be published on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company at "www. hkexnews.hk" and "www.hk1180.com", respectively, after the relevant Shareholders' meetings.

### **Right to Convene Extraordinary General Meeting**

Shareholders may request to convene a special general meeting. According to Bye-Law 58 of the Bye-Laws, Shareholders holding as at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth (10%) 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 convened by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition, and such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition. If the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting within twenty-one days after such deposit, the requisitionists themselves may do so in accordance with the provisions of Section 74 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.

### Right to Put Enquiries to the Board

Shareholders have the right to put enquiries to the Board. All enquiries shall be in writing and sent by post, together with his/her contact details, such as postal address, email or fax, to the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong for the attention of the company secretary of the Company.

### Right to Put Forward Proposals at General Meetings

Shareholders may put forward proposals at general meetings of the Company by sending the same to the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong, specifying his/her information, contact details and the proposal(s) he/she intends to put forward at the general meeting regarding any specified transaction/business and the supporting documents.

## **COMMUNICATIONS WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS**

The Company believes that effective communication with the Shareholders and its investors is essential for enhancing investor relations and investors' understanding of the Group's business performance and strategies. The Group also recognises the importance of transparent and timely disclosure of corporate information, which enables the Shareholders and its investors to make the best investment decision.

The Company maintains a website at "www.hk1180.com" as a communication platform with the Shareholders and its investors, where annual reports, interim reports, announcements and updates on the Company's business developments and operations and other information are available. Shareholders and investors may send written enquiries or requests to the Company as follows:

Address:	Unit C, 19th Floor, Entertainment Building, 30 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong
Fax:	(852) 2620 6000
Email:	paradise.ir@hk1180.com

The Company continues to enhance communications and relationships with the Shareholders and its investors. Designated senior management of the Company maintains regular dialogue with institutional investors and analysts to keep them posted of the Company's developments. Enquiries from the Shareholders and the investors of the Company are dealt with in an informative and timely manner.

Besides, Shareholders' meetings provide an opportunity for communication between the Board and the Shareholders. Board members and appropriate senior staff of the Group are available at the meeting to answer any questions raised by the Shareholders.

## MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND BYE-LAWS OF THE COMPANY

During the year ended 31 December 2022, no amendment was made to the Memorandum of Association of the Company.

In light of the amendments to the Listing Rules being effective on 1 January 2022, certain amendments to the Bye-Laws were proposed by the Company on 24 March 2022 and were adopted by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 26 May 2022. Details of the amendments are set out in the Company's announcements dated 24 March 2022 and 26 May 2022 and the Company's circular dated 22 April 2022.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL**

The Board acknowledges that it is their responsibility to ensure that the Company establishes and maintains appropriate and effective risk management and internal control systems (the "Systems") and review their effectiveness. Such risks would include, amongst others, material risks relating to ESG. The Systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate risks of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL (Continued)**

The control structure of the Group is as follows:

		ensures the maintenance of appropriate and effective Systems in order to safeguard the Shareholders' investment and assets of the Group;	
	•	defines management structure with clear lines of responsibility and limit of authority; and	
	•	determines the nature and extent of significant risk that the Company is willing take in achieving the strategic objectives and formulates the Group's r management strategies.	
The Audit Committee	•	oversees the Systems of the Group;	

- reviews and discusses with the management of the Company at least annually to ensure that the management of the Company has performed its duty to have the effective Systems; and
- considers major findings on internal control matters and makes recommendations to the Board.
- designs, implements and monitors the Systems properly and ensure the Systems are executed effectively;
- monitors risk and takes measures to mitigate risks in day-to-day operations;
- gives prompt responses to and follows up the findings on internal control matters raised by internal auditor (if any) or the independent auditor; and
- provides confirmation to the Board on the effectiveness of the Systems.

In addition, the Group has engaged an independent professional firm to perform certain agreed-upon procedures to assist the Board in reviewing the Group's internal control systems and compliance.

## **Risk Management**

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The risk management process includes risk identification, risk evaluation, risk management measures and risk control and review. Risks include, among others, ESG risks.

The management of the Company is entrusted with duties to identify, analyse, evaluate, respond, monitor and communicate risks associated with any activity, function or process within its scope of responsibility and authority. It endeavours to evaluate and compare the level of risk against predetermined acceptable levels of risk. For risk control and monitoring, it involves making decisions regarding which risks are acceptable and how to address those that are not. The management of the Company will develop contingency plans for possible loss scenarios. Accidents and other situations involving loss or near-loss will be investigated and properly documented as part of the effort to manage risks.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL (Continued)**

### Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Certain principal risks and uncertainties of the Group have been identified through the process of risk identification and assessment. The Group believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks and uncertainties which may potentially affect its business, financial conditions, operations, and future prospects of the business. It does not represent that the factors described below are exhaustive. Such principal risks and uncertainties and their respective key strategies/control measures are set out below:

(a) Adverse changes and volatility in economic conditions globally, outbreak of highly infectious diseases and adverse changes in laws, rules and regulations and policies and practices implemented by the governments of the relevant countries and regions which would have an adverse impact on the gaming and travel related activities in Macau and the demand for the electronic gaming equipment and systems of the Group in the relevant countries and regions (in particular, Macau and U.S.).

The Group's control measures are as follows:

- To stay alert to changes in economic and public health conditions globally and changes in laws, rules and regulations and policies and practices, and to adjust business strategic plans to cope with these changes;
- To expand the Group's business and to broaden the gaming patron base; and
- To control expenses and manpower and to re-allocate resources in an efficient manner without affecting the quality of the Group's products and services.
- (b) Ever increasing competition in the gaming industry, in particular (i) due to the opening of more casinos and the upgrading of existing casinos by competitors (as well as increasing number of gaming tables and machines at existing casinos) in Macau and other Asian countries (e.g. Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam and Cambodia); and (ii) from other gaming equipment and systems suppliers globally.

The Group's control measures are as follows:

- To expand the Group's business and to broaden the gaming patron base;
- To improve marketing strategy and enhance promotions and publicities from time to time in order to encourage existing gaming patrons to come back to the casino under the Group's management and attract new patrons from around the world;
- To be responsive to the feedbacks of its customers on the electronic gaming equipment and systems sold or leased and to customise its electronic gaming equipment and systems according to the specific needs of its customers; and
- To collaborate with IGT in distributing the related electronic gaming equipment and systems worldwide (except Macau).

## **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL (Continued)**

### Principal Risks and Uncertainties (Continued)

(c) Reliance on the concession contract between the Macau government and SJM Resorts (pursuant to which Casino Kam Pek Paradise is licensed for operation) and the existing service agreement between SJM Resorts and the Group whereby the Group provides casino management services at Casino Kam Pek Paradise. There is possibility of termination/non-renewal of, or unfavourable changes in the terms of, the concession contract and/or the services agreement for whatever reasons. In December 2022, SJM Resorts was awarded a new gaming concession by the Macau government for a ten-year period commencing on 1 January 2023, and on 30 December 2022, the Group entered into a new service contract with SJM Resorts for the provision of casino management services in Casino Kam Pek Paradise for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025.

The Group's control measures are as follows:

- To stay alert to changes in laws, rules and regulations and policies and practices, and to adjust business strategic plans to cope with these changes; and
- To keep close communications with SJM Resorts in this respect.
- (d) The possible infringement of patents and other intellectual property of the Group (collectively the "IPs") by competitors and third parties, the expiry of the IPs (whereby competitors and third parties are no longer prohibited from using the IPs), and the fast-changing technology rendering the IPs obsolete, which may result in a decrease in the value of the IPs and thereby a decrease in demand of the related electronic gaming equipment and systems of the Group (collectively the "Gaming Products"). High popularity of the Gaming Products in Macau does not mean the same level of popularity in other countries and regions.

The Group's control measures are as follows:

- To monitor any infringement of the IPs and to take appropriate actions to protect the Group's interest;
- To continuously invest in research and development to keep pace with the fast-changing technology;
- To modify the Gaming Products and to launch more new products to meet the preference of gaming patrons in other countries and regions; and
- To collaborate with IGT to speed up the distribution of the related electronic gaming equipment and systems around the world (except Macau).
- (e) Hacking, software and hardware errors and fraudulent manipulation of the Gaming Products, which may have an adverse impact on the reputation and profitability of the Group.

The Group's control measure is as follow:

• To monitor and improve the built-in computerised features of the Gaming Products whenever necessary in order to safeguard against the risks of human errors and fraud.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL (Continued)**

### Principal Risks and Uncertainties (Continued)

(f) Failure to attract, retain and motivate key employees and consultants of the Group, in particular qualified executives with vast knowledge, experience and connections in the gaming industry and those for inventing new patents and technology.

The Group's control measures are as follows:

- To offer competitive remuneration packages for the suitable candidates identified; and
- To offer share options and share awards in the Shares to those key employees and consultants of the Group as and when the Board deems appropriate.
- (g) No control over the performance of business partners, in particular original equipment manufacturers ("OEM") for the manufacture of the Gaming Products and IGT for the distribution of the Gaming Products around the world (except Macau), which may have an adverse impact on the quality, production capacity availability and delivery schedules of the Gaming Products.

The Group's control measure is as follow:

- To work closely with OEM and IGT such that the Group can detect any problems at the earliest instance and adopt remedial measures promptly.
- (h) Capital risks and financial risks as set out in notes 39 and 40 to the consolidated financial statements, respectively.

The Group's control measure is as follow:

• To stay alert to such risks and to adjust business strategic plans to cope with such risks.

### **Internal Control**

The Board acknowledges that the management of the Company has been progressively implementing an adequate internal control system to ensure the effective functioning of the Group's operational, financial and compliance areas, including the following key measures, policies and procedures:

- (a) Financial reporting management:
  - Proper controls are in place for the recording of complete, accurate and timely accounting and management information;
  - Regular reports on revenue and debtors' ageing and internal financial reports are prepared to the management of the Company which give a balanced and understandable assessment of the Group's financial performance;
  - Timely updates on internal financial statements are provided to the Directors which give a balanced and understandable assessment of the Group's performance, position and prospects with sufficient details; and
  - Annual audit is carried out by the independent auditor of the Company to ensure that the annual consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the Group's accounting policies and the applicable laws and regulations.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL (Continued)**

#### Internal Control (Continued)

- (b) Systems and procedures on disclosure of inside information: It is to ensure, with the assistance of an internal work team (if required), that any material information which comes to the knowledge of any one or more officers should be promptly identified, assessed and escalated (where appropriate) for the attention of the Board.
- (c) Policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements: It shall be reviewed and monitored regularly by the Board.
- (d) Continuing connected transactions: The Audit Committee shall monitor, control and review continuing connected transactions of the Company regularly and ensure proper compliance with the Listing Rules and all other relevant laws and regulations from time to time.

The Group does not have an internal audit department as it has engaged an independent third-party professional firm to perform such function. During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group had engaged Annie Chan & Associates Limited to perform certain agreed-upon procedures to assist the Board and the Audit Committee in reviewing the Group's internal control systems and compliance.

The Board and the Audit Committee review the Group's Systems on an annual basis.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Board and the Audit Committee reviewed the Group's Systems and are not aware of any material risks, deficiencies and issues that would have an adverse impact on the effectiveness and adequacy of the Systems and the operations of the Group. The Board and the Audit Committee considered the Group's Systems effective and adequate.

In addition, the Audit Committee has reviewed and is satisfied with the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the Company's accounting, internal audit, financial reporting functions, as well as those relating to the Group's ESG performance and reporting.

## **Environmental, Social and Governance Report**

In accordance with the requirements set forth in Appendix 27 — Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide (the "ESG Reporting Guide") to the Listing Rules, the Group hereby presents the ESG Report for the year ended 31 December 2022. Corporate governance matters are addressed in greater detail in the Corporate Governance Report of this annual report. Except for the provisions that the Group considers are inapplicable to its operations, for which explanations have been given below, the ESG Report has complied with all the mandatory disclosure requirements and the "Comply or Explain" provisions set out in the ESG Reporting Guide. It is recommended that the ESG Report should be read together with other sections of this annual report, in particular the Corporate Governance Report and the Directors' Report.

### **REPORTING PERIOD**

The ESG Report covers the ESG activities, challenges and measures taken by the Group for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 (the "Reporting Period"),

## **REPORTING BOUNDARIES**

The ESG Report outlines the ESG policies, initiatives and performance of the Group for the Reporting Period. The scope of reporting covers our operations in Casino Kam Pek Paradise, being the casino under the Group's management in Macau, in which the Group has financial significance and operational influence. Accordingly, the key performance indicators ("KPIs"), including the comparative figures, disclosed in the ESG Report cover Casino Kam Pek Paradise only, unless otherwise specifically stated. In particular for calculation of certain employee-related KPIs, employees employed by SJM Resorts to work for Casino Kam Pek Paradise (whose remunerations were paid by SJM Resorts and fully reimbursed by the Group to SJM Resorts) are excluded. There has been no change in the scope of reporting during the Reporting Period.

### ESG GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Group is of the belief that good and effective ESG measures are important to the sustainable development of our business and of our community. The Board retains the overall responsibility for the formulation, implementation and reporting of the Group's ESG strategies and for the oversight of the relevant ESG issues. The Board is also responsible for evaluating the impacts of ESG risks and opportunities taking into account the Group's long-term business objectives and ensuring that appropriate and effective ESG risk management and internal control systems are in place.

The EHS Team has been established to manage policies and procedures that drive environmental protection initiatives and responsible stewardship of local resources for the Group's operations. The EHS Team is comprised of senior management from different business functions. The EHS Team members have equipped with updated knowledge on ESG related issues. The EHS Team reports to the Board directly and is responsible for monitoring the Group's policies, programmes, and performances relating to ESG issues. The EHS Team also sets ESG performance targets at the management level in order to assist the Board in evaluating the effectiveness of its ESG strategy and measures. The Group aspires to create long-term value for our stakeholders that is in line with the sustainable and responsible growth of our business, and the Group believes that transparency and accountability are important foundations for building trust with our stakeholders. The EHS Team members strive to maintain an open and transparent dialogue with various stakeholders including employees, customers, suppliers, Shareholders, investors, media and local communities for the purpose of conducting ESG evaluation and materiality assessments, both internal and external. The EHS Team members will, if they think fit, engage our key stakeholders on a regular basis across various platforms, such as meetings, interviews, surveys and workshops to gauge their expectations and feedback on how we could address ESG issues in the best manner. For instance, the EHS Team members target to meet the employees from different departments to drive implementation, review their operations in order to identify relevant ESG issues and assess their materiality based on their impact on our businesses as well as the stakeholders.

### ESG GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE (Continued)

Based on the inputs of our key stakeholders, the EHS Team prioritises various aspects relating to environmental discharges, use of resources, employment and labour standards, operating practices and community investment. Key initiatives and measures about the management approach and strategy adopted by the Group are further discussed in below sections headed "Stakeholders Engagement" and "Materiality Assessment" of this ESG Report. ESG performance is measured, reviewed and reported to the Board in written form at Board meetings on annual basis.

To ensure the Board keeps up with the latest trend of ESG requirements, updated training materials are provided to Directors in order to ensure the Board has the necessary expertise and skills to oversee the management of ESG-related issues and requirements.

### **RESULTS OF THE BOARD'S REVIEW OF ESG-RELATED GOALS**

The Board is satisfied with the performance of the Group in striving for ESG-related goals, especially those goals set for those environmental KPIs. The Board has confidence that there is no need to amend the goals in the future. More details of ESG-related performance and goals are disclosed in the sections below.

### **REPORTING PRINCIPLES**

The ESG Report has been prepared in accordance with the three reporting principles set forth in the ESG Reporting Guide as follows:

- Materiality: The Group regularly communicates with both internal and external stakeholders to better understand their concerns relating to sustainability issues that affect them and to address their concerns where possible. Regular references are made to peers, local and regional sustainability criteria which help to improve sustainability context, materiality and disclosures. Please refer to the section headed "Materiality Assessment" below for details in relation to materiality assessment. The Group values stakeholders engagement as it provides valuable input which contributes to steering the Group's development in the ESG aspects. For more information on stakeholders engagement, please refer to the section headed "Stakeholders Engagement" below.
- Quantitative: In accordance with the ESG Reporting Guide, the Group disclosed certain applicable KPIs (which serve as quantitative indicators) in the section headed "Environmental" in the ESG Report.
- Consistency: The Group adopts consistent methodology for the assessment of the KPIs in accordance with the ESG Reporting Guide to achieve a comparison of ESG performances over time whenever practicable. In this connection, there has been no change to the methods or KPIs used or any other relevant factors affecting the comparison of the ESG Report with the Group's ESG report for the year ended 31 December 2021.

## STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

The Group recognises the importance of engagement with its stakeholders, both internal and external, and considers their input key to the sustainable development of the Group. The Group believes that the feedback from the stakeholders not only facilitates a comprehensive assessment of its ESG performance but also helps improve the Group's performance accordingly. Engagement with our key stakeholders (including our Shareholders, business partners, suppliers, service providers, employees, casino patrons, customers and the community, etc.) on an ongoing basis provides an opportunity for the Group to understand their concerns. This will in turn drive our business development initiatives in the right direction and make our operations sustainable. The Group considers our key stakeholders as valued partners and has set up strategic and collaborative business relationships to better understand their respective needs. Accordingly, the Group has maintained effective communication and interaction with our stakeholders in an open, efficient and positive manner in areas of common goals or concerns through various channels which have been described in the table below, and will continue to maintain its communications with the stakeholders for the purpose of improving its ESG approaches and strategies.

Stakeholders	Communication Channels	Areas of Common Goals/Concerns		
Shareholders	<ul> <li>General meetings</li> <li>Results announcements, annual reports and ESG reports</li> <li>Company's website</li> <li>Direct communication</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business development and financial performance of the Group</li> <li>Information on ESG matters</li> <li>Corporate governance matters</li> <li>Profitability of the Group</li> </ul>		
Business partners, suppliers and service providers	<ul> <li>Meetings/conferences/emails/ telephone calls</li> <li>Site visits</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Supply chain management</li> <li>Procurement procedures</li> <li>Monitoring project progress and development</li> <li>Assessment and reviews</li> </ul>		
Employees	<ul> <li>Direct communications and regular discussions with superiors</li> <li>Team building activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Remuneration and career advancement</li> <li>Occupational health and safety</li> <li>Training and professional development</li> </ul>		
Customers and casino patrons	<ul> <li>Customer satisfaction survey</li> <li>Interactions and open ways of communication including providing customer service centres</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Quality and efficiency of customer services</li> <li>Promoting responsible gaming</li> <li>Promoting awareness of problem gaming</li> </ul>		
Community	<ul> <li>Company's website</li> <li>Organising/participating charitable activities</li> <li>Staff recruitment activities</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Supporting charitable organisations and activities</li><li>Job creation</li></ul>		

Through our communication channels with the stakeholders, we map out and prioritise our ESG issues and enhance our understanding of the views and expectations of our stakeholders enabling us to better assess and manage the impact of our activities on the stakeholders.

## **MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT**

To prioritise relevant sustainability areas that would have a material impact on the Group's operations and reputation, the Group has adopted a three-step process to conduct materiality assessment as more described below.

### Step 1: Identification

Through industry research and with reference to the ESG Reporting Guide, the Group has identified a list of sustainability issues relevant to the Group's business operations for the Reporting Period.

### Step 2: Prioritisation

Ranking the identified topics by reference to the respective level of interest, risk and importance to the Group through stakeholders engagement and generating a list of prioritised material topics based on the Group's understanding of the stakeholders' concerns and requirements as a result of stakeholders engagement.

### Step 3: Validation

The Board has regularly reviewed, validated and endorsed the list of material sustainability topics to ensure that they are relevant and material to the Group for further action and disclosure as appropriate. For instance, in view of the prevalence of the global pandemic raising public awareness on health issues, the Group has implemented various preventive and safety measures on Casino Kam Pek Paradise upon discussion with the key stakeholders, in compliance with the prevailing anti-Covid-19 requirements and social distancing rules.

After discussion with the key stakeholders, the EHS Team has prepared a materiality matrix for the purpose of materiality assessment. The result of the materiality assessment advises the Group that material ESG issues of Casino Kam Pek Paradise are as follows:

- Employment
- Labour standards
- Development and training
- Health and safety
- Anti-corruption
- Responsible gaming
- Data privacy
- Emissions

These material ESG issues will be discussed in the ESG Report. Looking forward, the Board will review the Group's strategic planning and performance from time to time. The Board also sets out (and where necessary revises) ESG goals and targets based on relevant KPIs, reviews the progress of ESG-related goals and targets performance at Board meetings on annual basis, strives to provide a supportive environment, and incorporates ESG initiatives into the Group's strategy in order to reduce the adverse impact of its activities on the environment.

## A. ENVIRONMENTAL

As the Group does not operate any manufacturing factories, the Group does not impose significant impacts on the environment due to the minimal activities undertaken. The Group's main emissions, being greenhouse gas emissions and wastes produced, are primarily attributable to its use of resources in terms of electricity, water and paper during daily operation. The Group has established environmental policies aiming to lessen its impact on the environment and natural resources by using its resources more efficiently, and by monitoring and minimising its energy consumption and thereby reducing emissions as much as possible. The Group does not anticipate any material risks in its operations in respect of environmental protection concerns. The Group's environmental policies cover material environmental issues including emissions, use of resources and other environmental impacts, and are further described in the sections below in respect of Casino Kam Pek Paradise. The Group has complied with relevant environmental laws and regulations in Macau relating to air and greenhouse gas emissions, discharges into water and land, and generation of hazardous and non-hazardous waste, where applicable, and did not note any cases of material non-compliance during the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### A1 Emissions

#### A1.1 Air Emissions

#### Emissions Data from Gaseous Fuel Consumption

As the Group is principally engaged in the provision of casino management services as well as the development, sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems, consumption of towngas and liquefied petroleum gas in the operation of Casino Kam Pek Paradise are considered insignificant. Accordingly, emission data in this respect is not provided in the ESG Report.

#### Emissions Data from Vehicles

Air emissions from operations of Casino Kam Pek Paradise are mainly generated from vehicles. In order to improve air quality, the Group aims to reduce air emissions generated from its operations. Considering that Casino Kam Pek Paradise locates in the city of the Macau Peninsula, where is supported by a good network of public transport facilities with close proximity, it currently does not provide shuttle bus services connecting passengers, for instance, between border gates and the casino. The reduction of such shuttle bus operations reduces traffic and emissions on roads. For the purpose of compliance with the disclosure requirements under the ESG Reporting Guide, details of air emissions data for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 in respect of Casino Kam Pek Paradise are as follows:

Type of emissions	Unit	2022	2021
Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )	Kg	18	21
Sulphur oxides (SO <sub>x</sub> )	Kg	1	1
Particulate matter (PM)	Kg	1	2
Total emissions	Kg	20	24
Emissions per sq. ft.	Kg/sq. ft.	0.0001	0.0002

Remark: The emissions data shown and emission factors applied in the ESG Report are provided with reference to the emission factors set out in the document known as "How to prepare an ESG Report — Appendix 2: Reporting Guidance on Environmental KPIs" which is available on the website of the Stock Exchange (the "HKEX Guidance Document") and relevant emission factors in Macau.

### A. ENVIRONMENTAL (Continued)

#### A1 Emissions (Continued)

#### A1.1 Air Emissions (Continued)

### Emissions Data from Vehicles (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2022, air emissions from the vehicles of Casino Kam Pek Paradise decreased by 16.7% when compared with that of 2021 which was mainly due to the decrease in casino patrons caused by various measures (including suspension of casino operation during the period from 11 July 2022 to 22 July 2022 (both dates inclusive) caused by an abrupt pandemic outbreak in Macau in July 2022, cross-border travel restrictions, quarantine requirement, limitation of numbers of gaming tables and machines in operation in casinos, etc.) taken to contain the spread of Covid-19 in Macau during the year ended 31 December 2022. By the year ending 31 December 2023, we target to maintain or where possible reduce air emissions of Casino Kam Pek Paradise to such a similar level before the outbreak of the pandemic, assuming Macau would recover generally from the pandemic.

#### A1.2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

With reference to the HKEX Guidance Document, greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions (direct and indirect) can be broadly classified into the following separate scopes:

- Scope 1 Direct emissions from operations that are owned or controlled by the Group. The main source of direct emission of Casino Kam Pek Paradise is consumption of gasoline and diesel by the vehicles controlled by the Group;
- Scope 2 Energy indirect emissions resulting from the electricity purchased; and
- Scope 3 Other indirect emissions that occur outside Casino Kam Pek Paradise, including upstream and downstream emissions.

The main sources of GHG emissions arising from our business activities in respect of Casino Kam Pek Paradise for the year ended 31 December 2022 are the consumption of gasoline, diesel and electricity purchased from power companies. As the Group is principally engaged in the provision of casino management services as well as the development, sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems, other indirect emissions under Scope 3 that occur outside the Group are insignificant and accordingly, emission data under Scope 3 is not provided in the ESG Report.

### A. ENVIRONMENTAL (Continued)

#### A1 Emissions (Continued)

#### A1.2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Continued)

GHG emission data, measured in terms of carbon dioxide equivalent ("CO<sub>2</sub>e"), of Casino Kam Pek Paradise for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 are as follows:

		Unit	2022	2021
Scope 1	Gasoline and diesel consumed by vehicles	Ton	87	108
Scope 2	Electricity purchased	Ton	3,847	4,073
	Total emissions	Ton	3,934	4,181
	Emissions per sq. ft.	Kg/sq. ft.	29.4	28.7

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions of Casino Kam Pek Paradise decreased by 19.4% and 5.5%, respectively, in 2022 when compared with that of 2021. Decease in gasoline and diesel consumed by vehicles and decrease in electricity consumed by Casino Kam Pek Paradise in 2022 was mainly due to the decrease in casino patrons caused by various measures (including suspension of casino operation during the period from 11 July 2022 to 22 July 2022 (both dates inclusive) caused by an abrupt pandemic outbreak in Macau in July 2022, cross-border travel restrictions, quarantine requirement, limitation of numbers of gaming tables and machines in operation in casinos, etc.) taken to contain the spread of Covid-19 in Macau during the year ended 31 December 2022. By the year ending 31 December 2023, we target to maintain or where possible reduce GHG emissions of Casino Kam Pek Paradise to such a similar level before the outbreak of the pandemic, assuming Macau would recover generally from the pandemic.

The intensity (emissions per square foot) increased by 2.4% in 2022 when compared with that of 2021 because of the decrease in floor area occupied by Casino Kam Pek Paradise during the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### A1.3 Hazardous Waste

Since the Group is principally engaged in the provision of casino management services as well as the development, sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems, no significant hazardous wastes and pollutants such as hazardous chemicals are discharged due to its business nature and accordingly, data on hazardous waste is not provided in the ESG Report.

### A1.4 Non-hazardous Waste

In view of the principal business operations of Casino Kam Pek Paradise and also the measures adopted by the Group to mitigate non-hazardous as further described in Section A1.6 below, nonhazardous wastes produced such as paper waste and water waste are insignificant. Accordingly, data on non-hazardous waste is not provided in the ESG Report.

### A. ENVIRONMENTAL (Continued)

#### A1 Emissions (Continued)

#### A1.5 Measures to Mitigate Emissions

The main source of emissions of Casino Kam Pek Paradise is the use of energy. The Group is committed to reducing our emissions through our resource efficiency initiatives wherever possible. For instance, the Group notes that the carbon footprint produced by business trips shall increase GHG emissions although its impact is not significant as far as the business of the Group is concerned. As part of the Group's green policy, employees of the Group are encouraged to reduce and minimise business trips unless they are strictly necessary. Audio or video conferencing facilities are installed in the offices and certain meetings by means of audio or video conferences have been conducted in lieu of physical conferences. In addition, there have been cross-border travel restrictions and quarantine requirements imposed by many countries since the outbreak of Covid-19 in early 2020. As a result, physical business trips for the Group in 2022 were insignificant, and so as GHG emissions in this respect. The Group has also adopted various energy-saving initiatives to reduce emissions. Please refer to the Section A2 "Use of Resources" below for details.

#### A1.6 Measures to Mitigate Non-hazardous Waste

The Group, including Casino Kam Pek Paradise, has managed to keep its level of non-hazardous waste low as a result of the Group's policy of reducing waste. In order to reduce paper waste, the Group advocates the policy "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle", and encourages its staff to reduce paper usage and recycle paper waste where possible. For example, the use of recycled paper and double-sided printing and photo-copying are adopted and publications of the Group, including the Group's Interim Report 2022 and Annual Report 2021, etc., were made of papers certified by the Forest Stewardship Council. Moreover, waste toner cartridges are recycled. Paperless approval processes and paperless meetings are adopted to reduce the use of photocopy papers where applicable. On the other hand, in order to reduce waste of plastic bottles (from bottles of distilled water provided to casino patrons), there are water bars in Casino Kam Pek Paradise where hot water, distilled water dispenser and reusable metallic cups are provided to casino patrons. Since the adoption of water bars, waste plastic bottles have been reduced drastically. By the year ending 31 December 2023, we target to maintain or where possible reduce non-hazardous waste of Casino Kam Pek Paradise to such a similar level before the outbreak of the pandemic, assuming Macau would recover generally from the pandemic.

## A. ENVIRONMENTAL (Continued)

### A2 Use of Resources

#### A2.1 Energy Consumption

Details of energy consumed directly (gasoline and diesel) and indirectly (electricity purchased) by Casino Kam Pek Paradise for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 are as follows:

Туре	Unit	2022	2021
Consumption:			
Gasoline	Litre	30,267	37,741
Diesel	Litre	1,856	2,115
Electricity purchased	Kwh	10,595,229	11,216,979
Intensity:			
Gasoline	Litre/sq. ft.	0.23	0.26
Diesel	Litre/sq. ft.	0.01	0.01
Electricity purchased	Kwh/sq. ft.	79.0	76.9

The intensity of electricity purchased increased by 2.7% when compared with that of 2021 because of the decrease in floor area occupied by Casino Kam Pek Paradise during the year ended 31 December 2022.

Consumption of gasoline by Casino Kam Pek Paradise decreased by 19.8% and consumption of diesel decreased by 12.2% in 2022 when compared with that of 2021. The quantity of electricity purchased decreased by 5.5% in 2022 when compared with that of 2021. The decrease in energy consumption and also the related intensity of Casino Kam Pek Paradise in 2022 was mainly due to the decrease in casino patrons caused by various measures (including suspension of casino operation during the period from 11 July 2022 to 22 July 2022 (both dates inclusive) caused by an abrupt pandemic outbreak in Macau in July 2022, cross-border travel restrictions, quarantine requirement, limitation of numbers of gaming tables and machines in operation in casinos, etc.) taken to contain the spread of Covid-19 in Macau during the year ended 31 December 2022. By the year ending 31 December 2023, we target to maintain or where possible reduce consumption of gasoline, diesel and electricity of Casino Kam Pek Paradise to such a similar level before the outbreak of the pandemic, assuming Macau would recover generally from the pandemic.



### A. ENVIRONMENTAL (Continued)

### A2 Use of Resources (Continued)

#### A2.2 Water Consumption

Water consumed by Casino Kam Pek Paradise for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 is as follows:

	Unit	2022	2021
Water consumed	M <sup>3</sup> M <sup>3</sup> /sq. ft	190.4	223.8 0.002
Intensity of water consumed	M³/sq. ft.	0.00	01

Compared with 2021, the consumption of water in Casino Kam Pek Paradise in 2022 decreased by 14.9%. The decrease in consumption of water was mainly due to decrease in casino patrons caused by various measures (including suspension of casino operation during the period from 11 July 2022 to 22 July 2022 (both dates inclusive) caused by an abrupt pandemic outbreak in Macau in July 2022, cross-border travel restrictions, quarantine requirement, limitation of numbers of gaming tables and machines in operation in casinos, etc.) taken to contain the spread of Covid-19 in Macau during the year ended 31 December 2022. By the year ending 31 December 2023, we target to maintain or where possible reduce water consumption of Casino Kam Pek Paradise to such a similar level before the outbreak of the pandemic, assuming Macau would recover generally from the pandemic.

#### A2.3 & A2.4 Energy and Water Efficiency Initiatives

To reduce the Group's negative impact on the environment, the Group sets out policy for effective use of resources in order to protect the environment and make its business operations more cost-efficient. The Group has implemented green office practices in order to minimise the use of resources like paper, electricity and water, wherever possible.

The Group's green measures include double-sided printing, the use of energy-saving lightings such as light-emitting diode ("LED") lightings both on the sign boards and at Casino Kam Pek Paradise, and reducing energy consumption by switching off idle lightings, computers and electrical appliances, etc. In order to save electricity consumed, the indoor temperature in Casino Kam Pek Paradise is maintained at reasonable level in order to avoid over usage of air-conditioning and electricity. Moreover, labels reminding employees to save energy are placed close to the switches.

In order to reduce consumption of paper, collection boxes have been put in place to collect single-side used paper for reuse as draft paper and other scrap paper for recycling. Staff are reminded of the necessity in email communications before printing out in hard copies to reduce unnecessary paper usage. Moreover, paperless approval processes are adopted for the purpose of reducing use of paper.

In order to reduce consumption of water, the data on water consumption pattern in respect of Casino Kam Pek Paradise were collected and analysed. Thereafter, water bars are installed in the casino under the Group's management where hot water, distilled water dispenser and reusable metallic cups are provided to casino patrons. Under such arrangement, water is consumed by casino patrons on an asneeded basis by the adoption of water bars, as opposed to constraining casino patrons' consumption of bottled water which may be beyond their needs. As a result, consumption of water has been reduced drastically.

### A. ENVIRONMENTAL (Continued)

### A2 Use of Resources (Continued)

#### A2.3 & A2.4 Energy and Water Efficiency Initiatives (Continued)

Since there are no rivers within the territory of Macau, where Casino Kam Pek Paradise operates, the facilities of rainwater storage are very limited. The main source of water in Macau is supplied from Zhuhai, with Xijiang River as the source. The water source in Macau is generally considered to be in low risk of lack of potable water supply. Casino Kam Pek Paradise did not have any material concerns with respect to sourcing potable water we require for our operations during the year ended 31 December 2022.

By the year ending 31 December 2023, we target to maintain or where possible reduce consumption of gasoline, diesel, electricity, water and emissions of the Group including Casino Kam Pek Paradise to such a similar level before the outbreak of the pandemic, assuming Macau would recover generally from the pandemic.

#### A2.5 Packaging Material

In view of the business nature of Casino Kam Pek Paradise being mainly the provision of casino management services, the packaging material used for finished products is not significant and accordingly, data on packaging material is not provided in the ESG Report.

### A3 The Environment and Natural Resources

The Group recognises the responsibility in managing the Group's impact on the environment. For this reason, the Group has adopted series of initiatives as set out above in order to minimise emissions and consumption of energy and resources. The Group closely monitors the utilisation of resources and shall take appropriate actions to seek opportunities for increasing operating efficiency in order to reduce the consumption of non-renewable resources where possible. The Group shall assess the environmental risks of its operations and ensure its compliance with relevant laws and regulations in Macau from time to time. During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group did not recognise any significant non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations in Macau in this aspect.

#### Indoor Air Quality

In order to improve the quality of air in Casino Kam Pek Paradise for the health of the casino patrons and the staff working in the casino, the Group has installed air-purifiers in the casino. The Group is committed to complying with relevant prevailing laws and requirements and adhering to the Regime of Tobacco Prevention and Control requirements imposed by the relevant Macau government authority.

The Group did not note any cases of material non-compliance with Air Pollution Control Ordinance and Water Pollution Control Ordinance of Hong Kong or the applicable legislation in Macau regarding the Group's operations during the year ended 31 December 2022.

### A. ENVIRONMENTAL (Continued)

#### A4 Climate Change

Climate change poses one of the greatest risks to the global economies and businesses. Noticing that the physical impacts of flooding and damage brought by super typhoons such as "Hato" and "Mangkhut" to the business operations of Casino Kam Pek Paradise in recent years, the Board recognises the need to adopt a holistic view of how climate change affects the Group's business and functions, for instance, by incorporating climate-related considerations into its strategic planning and decision-making process. Climate-related issues are integrated into the mandates of the EHS Team for the day-to-day assessment and management of climate-related issues. Meetings with key stakeholder groups such as employees, investors, and suppliers were held, if appropriate, to help the EHS Team identify climate-related risks for prioritisation.

Supported by the EHS Team, the Board oversees the management of climate-related issues and risks annually during Board meetings and ensures that they are incorporated into the strategy of the Group. The EHS Team is responsible for assessing, managing and monitoring the Group's policies, programmes, and performances relating to climate change, and provisions of recommendations and updates to assist the Board in evaluating the effectiveness of climate strategy and measures of the Group. To ensure the Board keeps up with the latest trend of climate-related issues, climate competence training is provided to all Directors to ensure that the Board has the necessary expertise and skills to oversee the management of climate-related issues.

Meetings were convened to gather department heads from different departments to further identify climaterelated risks. Meetings with stakeholder groups such as employees, investors, and suppliers were held. Subsequently, a list of climate-related risks was identified for prioritisation.

Utilising the quantitative scoring method, identified climate-related risks were prioritised. Criteria including likelihood, impact, adaptability and recovery were used to rank the priority of relevant risks. Then, the scoring process was done.

The EHS Team has reviewed different types of physical risks (such as flood and typhoon, rising sea level and frequency and severity of extreme weather) and transition risks (such as new policy relating to carbon price, new technology and market preference). Given the business nature of Casino Kam Pek Paradise being mainly the provision of casino management services, significant climate-change related issues which have impacted or which may impact the Group have not been identified.

To minimise the disruption caused by changes in weather patterns and the increased severity of extreme weather events to the continuity of the Group's daily operations and the availability of our staff to serve our customers, the Group has developed emergency protocols to handle such events, as outlined in the employee handbook including guidelines of work arrangements, and reviewed the adequacy of insurance coverage for Casino Kam Pek Paradise. The Group will continue to monitor climate-change related issues and make appropriate assessments to consider and determine whether it is necessary to take measures should any of such issues arise or not.

## **B. SOCIAL**

## **B1** Employment

Employees are the greatest asset of the Group. The Group strives to attract, recruit, retain and train its employees. Employee handbooks have been established, with sets of policies to govern employees' affairs such as recruitment, payroll, working hours, rest periods, termination and rules of conduct. All the Group's offices (including offices in Hong Kong and Macau) are in compliance with the relevant labour laws and regulations in the relevant jurisdictions.

## **Total Workforce**

As at 31 December 2022, there were 142 employees who were employed by the Group and working at Casino Kam Pek Paradise. The breakdown of employees by gender, employment type, age group and geographical region as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 were as follows:

Number of employees by gender	2022	2021
Male	46	43
Female	96	88
	142	131
Number of employees by employment type	2022	2021
Full time Contract	142 —	131 —
	142	131
Number of employees by age group	2022	2021
Below 30	23	19
30 to 50	72	73
Above 50	47	39
	142	131

## B. SOCIAL (Continued)

## B1 Employment (Continued)

Total Workforce (Continued)

Number of employees by geographical region (location of work)	2022	2021
Macau Others	142	131 —
	142	131

#### **Employment Turnover Rate**

The staff turnover rate is calculated by the monthly average number of employees leaving the Group during the year divided by the average number of employees for the year. The overall staff turnover rate and staff turnover rate by gender, age group and geographical region of Casino Kam Pek Paradise in 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

Staff turnover rate (overall)	2022	2021
Overall rate	1.4%	0.4%
Staff turnover rate by gender	2022	2021
Male	0.7%	0.7%
Female	1.7%	0.2%
Staff turnover rate by age group	2022	2021
Below 30	2.1%	0.4%
30 to 50	1.1%	0.1%
Above 50	1.5%	0.7%
Staff turnover rate by geographical region (location of work)	2022	2021
Macau	1.4%	0.4%

The Group recognises the importance of maintaining a stable staff force for its continued success. Staff remuneration is determined by reference to personal qualifications, performance, relevant experience, responsibilities and market trends. Discretionary bonuses are granted to employees based on merit and in accordance with industry practice. Other benefits including share options, share awards, subsidised medical care, pension funds and sponsorship for external education and training programmes are offered to employees.

## B. SOCIAL (Continued)

## B1 Employment (Continued)

The Group respects cultural diversity and is committed to provision of working environment which is free from all forms of discrimination (including age, religion, gender, pregnancy, marital status, disability, family status and race). Therefore, any employee dismissal due to discrimination or unlawful reasons is forbidden in the Group. Besides, opportunities for hiring, training and promotion are equal and open to all qualified candidates or employees and the Group has developed a systematic and objective evaluation mechanism to assess their performance based on qualifications, work experience, skills and abilities. When a position becomes available, the Group prefers internal promotion (where possible) to external recruitment.

The Group strives to maintain the work-life balance of its employees by establishing fair and reasonable working hours and leave policy to ensure that employees have sufficient time for rest and leisure. For the betterment of harmonious relationship between the employees across departments and offices, the Group provides various social activities to its employees where appropriate.

The Group did not note any cases of material non-compliance with the "Labour Relations Law" of the Labour Affairs Bureau of Macau and the "Labour Legislation" of the Labour Department of Hong Kong during the year ended 31 December 2022.

## B2 Health and Safety

The Group strives to provide a safe working environment for all employees. Auxiliary facilities and protective equipment are provided to the employees in order to reduce the possibility of injury. Training courses on fire extinguishing and escape exercises are held regularly. All cases of injury, if any, are required to be reported to the head office for assessment of the cause of injury, consideration of corresponding preventive measures and to ensure proper handling of the cases in compliance with relevant regulations.

#### Number and Rate of Work-related Fatality

There was no recorded case of employee work-related fatality during the years ended 31 December 2020, 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022. Accordingly, the rates of work-related fatality for the years ended 31 December 2020, 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022 were nil.

#### Lost Days Due to Work Injury

The number of lost days due to work injury during the year ended 31 December 2022 was 28 days (2021: 5 days).

Meetings of relevant department heads were held. They investigated into the injuries seriously and reasons attributable to the injuries were found by the department heads. In order to prevent similar injuries in future, certain tools including trolleys and more preventive trainings were provided to our staff.

#### Occupational Health and Safety Measures

Occupational health services which aim to protect the physical and mental health of workers in relation to their work environment are offered. This includes surveillance of the work environment, including sanitary installations and canteens, training on occupational health, safety, and hygiene, and provision of individual protective supplies and first aid, etc.



## B. SOCIAL (Continued)

## B2 Health and Safety (Continued)

#### Occupational Health and Safety Measures (Continued)

Voluntary health promotion programs are also provided. This includes offering healthy food and medical insurance to employees.

In response to the outbreak of Covid-19, all employees working in and casino patrons entering into Casino Kam Pek Paradise are required to wear surgical face mask at all time. Besides, all employees are required to provide their green Macau Health Code together with either one of the records of their vaccination or a certificate of negative nucleic acid testing issued within a designated period; otherwise, they will not be permitted to enter into Casino Kam Pek Paradise. On the other hand, all patrons are required to provide their green Macau Health Code when entering into Casino Kam Pek Paradise. The Group encourages the employees at Casino Kam Pek Paradise to get vaccinated. As a responsible employer, the Group has encouraged its staff at all offices, including Macau and Hong Kong offices, to take vaccination. Moreover, in order to keep social distance, the number of gaming machines in operation in Casino Kam Pek Paradise has been restricted and maximum number of seats per traditional gaming table has also been restricted. All these measures can help hamper the wide spread of the pandemic.

The Group did not note any cases of material non-compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance of Hong Kong or the applicable legislation in Macau during the year ended 31 December 2022.

### B3 Development and Training

The Group strives to improve employee's knowledge and skills for discharging their duties at work and to make them valuable assets to the Group, with a view to promoting the long-term development of its employees. For this reason, vocational training courses are provided to the employees, for example, antimoney laundering courses are provided to employees in Macau.

The overall percentage of employees trained and the percentage of employees trained by gender and employee category in 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

Percentage of employees trained (overall)	2022	2021
Overall rate	94.4%	93.9%
Percentage of employees trained by gender	2022	2021
Male	100.0%	83.7%
Female	91.7%	98.9%
Percentage of employees trained by employee category	2022	2021
General employee	92.9%	95.9%
Middle management	100.0%	87.1%
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Senior management	100.0%	100.0%

## B. SOCIAL (Continued)

## B3 Development and Training (Continued)

The overall average training hours per employee and the average training hours per employee by gender and employee category in 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

Average training hours per employee (overall)	2022 Hours	2021 Hours
Overall	0.9	0.9
Average training hours per employee by gender	2022	2021
	Hours	Hours
Male	1.0	0.8
Female	0.9	1.0
Average training hours per employee by employee category	2022	2021
	Hours	Hours
General employee	0.9	1.0
Middle management	1.0	0.9
Senior management	1.0	1.0

## B4 Labour Standards

## Anti-Child and Forced Labour

The Group strictly prohibits the use of child and forced labour in the Group's operations or activities. The Group's operations strictly comply with local labour laws and regulations. Forcing labour to work by means of physical punishment, abuse, involuntary servitude, peonage or trafficking is strictly forbidden. Employment of any person who is under the age as set forth by the local labour law is prohibited, including but not limited to hiring for the gaming areas in respect of Casino Kam Pek Paradise. The Group formally requires all job applicants to present their identity cards when they attend recruitment interview. If violations are involved, they will be dealt with in light of the circumstance and in accordance with the "Labour Relations Law" of the Labour Affairs Bureau of Macau. The Group's Human Resources Department is responsible for monitoring and ensuring compliance with the "Labour Relations Law" of the Labour Affairs Bureau of Macau that prohibits child and forced labour.

The Group did not note any cases of material non-compliance with the "Labour Relations Law" of the Labour Affairs Bureau of Macau during the year ended 31 December 2022.

## B. SOCIAL (Continued)

## **B5** Supply Chain Management

The Group's operation in Casino Kam Pek Paradise maintained business relationship with approximately 70 suppliers during the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: approximately 80 suppliers). Nearly all of the suppliers for our operation in Casino Kam Pek Paradise are located in Macau for both years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021. In determining the location of the suppliers, we refer to the location in which products or services are provided to the Group. The Group is well aware that selection and management of suppliers is key to promoting green and environmental-friendly procurement in its operations. As such, the Group also maintains a list of approved suppliers which is updated regularly by the Purchasing Department of the Group. In selection of suppliers, domestic suppliers in Macau and green suppliers are preferred. For example, suppliers located in Macau adopting recycled materials and products made of recycled materials are preferred, in order to promote green products. The suppliers within the approved list are also required to adhere to the Group's ESG policies including but not limited to:

- Provision of safe working environment;
- Prohibition of child and forced labour;
- Certified green products preferred;
- Fair wages and fair working environment without discrimination; and
- Compliance with or exceeding all relevant laws, regulations, and codes of conduct or practice.

The products and services provided by the suppliers to the Group will be reviewed by our Purchasing Department from time to time. When it comes to the Group's attention that a supplier in the approved list of suppliers has failed to meet the standards or failed to adhere to the Group's policies, upon the Group's review and assessment, such supplier may be removed from the approved list of suppliers and the Group may source for new suppliers which can supply products with equivalent standards and quality and at the same time uphold environmental and social principles that align with the Group's policies. The Purchasing Department also regularly monitors the implementation of such policies and performance of such suppliers.

In light of this policy, photocopiers of less consumption of energy and less emissions of carbon are adopted by the Group, including Casino Kam Pek Paradise.

## B. SOCIAL (Continued)

## **B6** Product Responsibility

In view of the business nature of Casino Kam Pek Paradise being mainly the provision of casino management services, disclosure on the number of products sold or shipped subject to recalls for safety and health reasons is not applicable to the Group. Product responsibility information on the services provided are discussed as follows:

#### **Responsible Gaming**

As a group engaged in the provision of casino management services, the Group is committed to promoting responsible gaming and supporting Macau government's relevant measures. The Group promotes responsible gaming in a variety of ways, including:

- Notice boards, kiosks and posters are in place in Casino Kam Pek Paradise to improve the awareness
  of problem gaming among the Group's employees and the casino patrons;
- Staff of Casino Kam Pek Paradise are prohibited at all times from gambling at any gaming venue pursuant to Macau's Law No. 10/2012 (Amended by Law No. 17/2018) Regulating the Conditions of Entering, Working and Gaming at Casinos;
- The Group shall seek suitable opportunities to take part in the events with non-profitable or charitable organisations and academic institutions in Macau to alleviate the adverse social impact as a result of problem gaming;
- Providing our employees with training on responsible gaming as part of their orientation; and
- Assisting our customers in obtaining information about responsible gaming.

The Group did not note any cases of material non-compliance with Macau's Law No. 10/2012 (Amended by Law No. 17/2018) Regulating the Conditions of Entering, Working and Gaming at Casinos during the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### Service-Related Complaints Received

A complaint-handling mechanism is in place at our operations in Casino Kam Pek Paradise. Upon receiving customers' complaints, the corresponding units will follow up and address such for further improvement in accordance with our complaint record guideline. Our staff are trained to ensure customers' complaints are handled in a timely and effective manner. All customer complaints are handled, responded and undertaken reviews within an appropriate time frame.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group did not receive any significant written complaints relating to our services.

#### Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

Intellectual property rights are of key value to the Group as they are crucial business assets that will support our continued growth. In order to protect the Group's intellectual property rights, the Group has been registered as the owner of certain patents and trademarks registered in Macau, the PRC, the U.S., etc. To protect the Group's patents and other intellectual property rights from possible infringement by third parties and competitors, the Group regularly monitors to ensure its intellectual properties are not being infringed upon and is ready to take appropriate and immediate actions to protect its interests.

## B. SOCIAL (Continued)

## B6 Product Responsibility (Continued)

#### **Quality Assurance**

The Group always strives to provide high quality services to the casino patrons by providing safe, clean and comfortable environment to them. There is a monthly departmental meeting among department heads aiming for provision of even better services to the casino patrons.

#### **Data Privacy**

The Group understands the importance of data privacy. The Group is committed to protecting the privacy of its customers in collection, processing and use of their personal data. The Group has adopted policies on consumer data protection to ensure that relevant critical IT systems will follow the measures as required by the Macau Cyber Security Law and such systems will be protected by the appropriate security controls within our IT environment.

The Group did not note any cases of material non-compliance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance of Hong Kong, the Personal Data Protection Act and the Macau Cyber Security Law of Macau in relation to data privacy during the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **B7** Anti-corruption

The Group believes that honesty, integrity and fairness are of vital importance to its business operations. The Group does not tolerate corruption, bribery, money-laundering and other fraudulent activities in its operations. All employees of the Group are expected to adhere to the anti-corruption policy of the Group in which standards of ethical, personal and professional conduct are set out.

Updated training on anti-money laundering, anti-bribery and anti-corruption are provided to Directors and employees from time to time. Moreover, the whistleblowing policy of the Company provides a private communication channel to all staff to report suspicious fraudulent actions to the senior management directly. Review of the effectiveness of the internal control systems is also conducted on a regular basis for prevention of corruption.

The Group did not note any cases of material non-compliance with the relevant Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and Anti-money Laundering Ordinance of Hong Kong and Macau and there was no concluded legal case regarding corruption, extortion, fraud, or money laundering against the Group or its employees during the year ended 31 December 2022.

## **B8** Community Investment

It is the Group's policy on the community engagement to understand the needs of the communities where the Group operates and to support and sponsor charitable activities where appropriate after taking into consideration of the communities' interests.

For the benefit of the Macau community in advancing arts, culture and sports, the Group has been supporting and sponsoring a variety of activities to attain social harmony. The Group has also set up a showroom for non-gaming attraction known as "Street Steel — Heavy Metal Bike Gallery Macau" in Casino Kam Pek Paradise with more than 20 collectable luxury motorbikes, which is free for public visit. The Group is also dedicated to supporting the advancement of education for young people, helping them establish a strong and solid foundation of their chosen careers.

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

# **Deloitte.**



#### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF PARADISE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED

(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

## **OPINION**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Paradise Entertainment Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") set out on pages 85 to 171, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

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 2022, and of its consolidated financial performance and its 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 ("HKSAs") 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 MATTER**

Key audit matter is the matter that, in our professional judgment, was of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. This matter was 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 this matter.

## Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

#### Key audit matter

#### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Impairment assessment of the intangible asset and property, plant and equipment allocated to the cashgenerating unit comprising the patent for the computerised gaming system for operating multigambling games in Macau (the "Macau Patent CGU")

We have identified the Group's impairment assessment of the Macau Patent CGU as a key audit matter due to the significant level of management judgment and inherent uncertainty involved in determining the recoverable amounts of the non-current assets allocated to the Macau Patent CGU.

As set out in notes 16 and 14 to the consolidated financial statements, as at 31 December 2022, the intangible asset of approximately HK\$32.4 million representing a patent for a computerised gaming system to operate multi-gambling games on electronic gaming equipment in certain casinos in Macau, and the property, plant and equipment of approximately HK\$30.8 million, respectively, are allocated to the Macau Patent CGU.

The recoverable amount of the Macau Patent CGU is the estimated value in use determined by the directors of the Company based on the present value of estimated future net cash flows to be generated over the remaining license period and, with reference to the valuation report prepared by an independent professional valuer, which was approved by the directors of the Company. The key assumptions adopted by the directors of the Company in the value in use calculation includes the growth rates of revenue and costs, working capital needs and the pre-tax discount rate.

Based on the Group's impairment assessment, no impairment loss was recognised on the Macau Patent CGU for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Our procedures in relation to the impairment assessment of the intangible asset and property, plant and equipment allocated to the Macau Patent CGU included:

- Obtaining an understanding of the impairment assessment process used by the directors of the Company and the independent professional valuer to estimate the recoverable amounts based on a value in use calculation;
- Assessing the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the independent professional valuer;
- Understanding the key assumptions applied to the valuation with reference to available market data;
- Assessing the reasonableness of the key assumptions adopted by the directors of the Company in determining the recoverable amount of the Macau Patent CGU, including growth rates of revenue and costs and working capital needs with regards to the Group's strategic plans and changes in market conditions;
- Assessing the reasonableness of the pre-tax discount rate applied in the value in use calculation by developing independent expectations for the discount rate based on market data and certain company specific input data, with the involvement of our valuation specialist;
- Evaluating the historical accuracy and reasonableness of the value in use calculation by comparing the historical cash flow forecasts with the actual performance of the Macau Patent CGU; and
- Evaluating whether disclosures are appropriately made in accordance with the Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 16 "Property, Plant and Equipment", HKAS 36 "Impairment of Assets" and HKAS 38 "Intangible Assets".

## Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises 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 of the Company 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.

## 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 solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act, 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 HKSAs 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 HKSAs, we exercise professional judgment 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 to 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.

## Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

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 partner on the audit resulting in the independent auditor's report is Kwok Lai Sheung.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong 28 March 2023

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

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Revenue	5	297,820	494,126
Cost of sales and services	_	(270,272)	(304,190)
Gross profit		27,548	189,936
Other income, gains and losses	7	11,136	5,452
Marketing, selling and distribution costs		(41,643)	(67,533)
Operating and administrative expenses		(148,350)	(191,125)
Amortisation of intangible assets		(12,138)	(12,138)
Finance costs	8	(7,515)	(3,999)
Share of losses of a joint venture	18	_	(8,585)
Loss before taxation	9	(170,962)	(87,992)
Taxation credit (charge)	11	4,632	(375)
Loss for the year	=	(166,330)	(88,367)
Loss for the year attributable to:			
<ul> <li>Owners of the Company</li> </ul>		(154,565)	(86,115)
<ul> <li>Non-controlling interests</li> </ul>	_	(11,765)	(2,252)
		(166,330)	(88,367)
	_	HK cents	HK cents
Basic loss per share	13	(14.7)	(8.2)

# Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Loss for the year	(166,330)	(88,367)
Other comprehensive income for the year: Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	4,422	1,335
Total comprehensive expense for the year	(161,908)	(87,032)
Total comprehensive expense for the year attributable to:		
- Owners of the Company	(150,582)	(84,696)
- Non-controlling interests	(11,326)	(2,336)
	(161,908)	(87,032)

## **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

At 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	14	239,129	261,670
Right-of-use assets	15	35,877	19,066
Intangible assets	16	32,367	44,505
Convertible loan	17		347
Interests in a joint venture	18	_	-
Other assets	19	13,523	6,132
	20		
Pledged bank deposits		31,174	30,748
	_	352,070	362,468
Current assets			
Inventories	21	37,590	49,177
Trade and other receivables	22	33,613	74,520
Amount due from a related company	23	3,816	1,052
Convertible loan	17	_	_
Bank balances and cash	24	20,179	64,043
	_	95,198	188,792
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	25	52,217	59,425
Amounts due to directors	26	1,773	1,740
Amount due to a joint venture	27	_	278
Taxation payable		3,684	8,877
Bank borrowings — due within one year	28	6,087	9,863
Other borrowing – due within one year	29	69	69
Lease liabilities	30	13,651	10,256
Contract liabilities	31	7,190	10,230
Loans from a shareholder	32	64,960	
		140 001	101.400
		149,631	101,420
Net current (liabilities) assets	_	(54,433)	87,372
Total assets less current liabilities		297,637	449,840
Non-current liabilities			
Bank borrowings — due after one year	28	115,036	119,302
Other borrowing — due after one year	29	312	381
Lease liabilities	30	24,599	11,130
		139,947	130,813
Net assets		157,690	319,027

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Continued)** 

At 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	34	1,052	1,052
Reserves		128,262	278,844
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		129,314	279,896
Non-controlling interests		28,376	39,131
		157,690	319,027

The consolidated financial statements on pages 85 to 171 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors of the Company on 28 March 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

JAY CHUN DIRECTOR TANG KIU SAM ALICE DIRECTOR

## **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		Attributable	to owners of	the Company		Non-	
	Share capital HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000 (note)	<b>reserve</b> HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	<b>Subtotal</b> HK\$'000	controlling interests HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
At 31 December 2020	1,052	1,020,504	17,356	(674,320)	364,592	41,467	406,059
Loss for the year Other comprehensive income	_	_	_	(86,115)	(86,115)	(2,252)	(88,367)
(expense) for the year		_	1,419	_	1,419	(84)	1,335
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the year		_	1,419	(86,115)	(84,696)	(2,336)	(87,032)
At 31 December 2021	1,052	1,020,504	18,775	(760,435)	279,896	39,131	319,027
Loss for the year Other comprehensive income	_	_	_	(154,565)	(154,565)	(11,765)	(166,330)
for the year		_	3,983	_	3,983	439	4,422
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the year Deregistration of a subsidiary			3,983 —	(154,565) —	(150,582) —	(11,326) 571	(161,908) 571
At 31 December 2022	1,052	1,020,504	22,758	(915,000)	129,314	28,376	157,690

Note: The contributed surplus represents the aggregate of: (i) the difference between the nominal amount of the share capital issued by the Company and the aggregate of the nominal amounts of the issued share capital and the share premium of subsidiaries acquired by the Company pursuant to the group reorganisation in 1996; (ii) the effects of the capital reduction, share premium cancellation and the elimination to accumulated losses took place in 1999 and 2013; (iii) the effect of the reduction of share premium took place in 2017; and (iv) the effect of dividend for the year ended 31 December 2018 paid in 2019.

## **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Operating activities		
Loss before taxation	(170,962)	(87,992)
Adjustments for:		
Interest income	(1,486)	(2,142)
Finance costs	7,515	3,999
Amortisation of intangible assets	12,138	12,138
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	29,412	29,203
Deprecation of right-of-use assets	11,065	14,923
Share of losses of a joint venture	_	8,585
Loss on disposal/write-off of property, plant and equipment	2,756	89
Impairment loss in respect of amount due from a joint venture	141	1,891
Gain arising from early termination of lease contracts	(77)	(129)
Loss from change in fair value of convertible loan	347	9,653
Loss on acquisition of a subsidiary	_	8
Loss on disposal of subsidiaries	128	_
Unrealised exchange losses	5,889	1,644
Write-down of inventories	3,597	420
Covid-19-related rent concessions		(690)
Covid-19-1elated Tehr Concessions	(227)	(090)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	(99,764)	(8,400)
Decrease in inventories and others	10,913	5,194
Decrease in trade and other receivables	34,557	16,551
Increase in amount due from a related company	(2,764)	(972)
Increase in amount due from a joint venture	(141)	(1,032)
(Decrease) increase in amount due to a joint venture	(278)	100
Decrease in trade and other payables	(6,132)	(6,611)
Decrease in contract liabilities	(3,722)	(12,622)
Cash used in operations	(67,331)	(7,792)
Lump Sum Dividend Tax paid	(561)	(283)
Macau complementary tax paid	(	(45)
		(10)
Net cash used in operating activities	(67,892)	(8,120)
Investing activities		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(13,588)	(16,160)
Payments for rental deposits	(958)	(73)
Deposits paid for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment	(1,735)	(3,131)
Placement of pledged bank deposits	(426)	(407)
Proceeds from rental deposits refunded	1,828	91
Interest received	899	1,506
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	625	362
Subscription of convertible loan	-	(10,000)
Acquisitions of subsidiaries	_	(330)
Advances to joint ventures	_	(859)
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,355)	(29,001)
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## **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)**

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Financing activities		
New loans from a shareholder raised	64,960	_
Repayments of lease liabilities	(10,687)	(14,180)
Repayments of bank borrowings	(8,042)	(9,685)
Interest paid	(7,496)	(4,011)
Repayments of other borrowing	(69)	(35)
Advances from directors	33	140
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	38,699	(27,771)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(42,548)	(64,892)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	64,043	129,244
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(1,316)	(309)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year,		
representing bank balances and cash	20,179	64,043

## **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

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## **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Paradise Entertainment Limited (the "Company") was incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability and its shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). Its ultimate holding company is August Profit Investments Limited, a company established in the British Virgin Islands ("BVI"). In the opinion of the directors of the Company, the Company's ultimate controlling party is Dr. Jay Chun ("Dr. Chun"), who is also an executive director of the Company. The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are disclosed in the "Corporate Information" section of the annual report.

The Company is an investment holding company of a diverse group of companies that are principally engaged in provision of the casino management services, and the development, sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems. The principal activities of its principal subsidiaries are set out in note 46.

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

## 2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs")

## Amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group's annual period beginning on 1 January 2022 for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRS 3	Reference to the Conceptual Framework
Amendments to HKAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment - Proceeds before Intended Use
Amendments to HKAS 37	Onerous Contracts — Cost of Fulfilling a Contract
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018–2020

The application of the amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

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## 2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

## New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

HKFRS 17 (including the October 2020 and February 2022 Amendments to HKFRS 17)	Insurance Contracts <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture <sup>2</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020) <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined

<sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

Except for the amendments to HKFRSs mentioned below, the directors of the Company anticipate that the application of the other new and amendments to HKFRSs will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements in the foreseeable future.

Amendments to HKAS 1 "Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020)" (the "2020 Amendments") and Amendments to HKAS 1 "Non-current Liabilities with Covenants" (the "2022 Amendments")

The 2020 Amendments provide clarification and additional guidance on the assessment of right to defer settlement for at least twelve months from reporting date for classification of liabilities as current or non-current, which:

- clarify that if a liability has terms that could, at the option of the counterparty, result in its settlement by the transfer of the entity's own equity instruments, these terms do not affect its classification as current or noncurrent only if the entity recognises the option separately as an equity instrument applying HKAS 32 "Financial Instruments: Presentation".
- specify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current should be based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period. Specifically, the amendments clarify that the classification should not be affected by management intentions or expectations to settle the liability within 12 months.

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## 2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

### New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective (Continued)

Amendments to HKAS 1 "Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020)" (the "2020 Amendments") and Amendments to HKAS 1 "Non-current Liabilities with Covenants" (the "2022 Amendments") (Continued)

For rights to defer settlement for at least twelve months from reporting date which are conditional on the compliance with covenants, the requirements introduced by the 2020 Amendments have been modified by the 2022 Amendments. The 2022 Amendments specify that only covenants with which an entity is required to comply with on or before the end of the reporting period affect the entity's right to defer settlement of a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date. Covenants which are required to comply with only after the reporting period do not affect whether that right exists at the end of the reporting period.

In addition, the 2022 Amendments specify the disclosure requirements about information that enables users of financial statements to understand the risk that the liabilities could become repayable within twelve months after the reporting period, if the entity classify liabilities arising from loan arrangements as non-current when the entity's right to defer settlement of those liabilities is subject to the entity complying with covenants within twelve months after the reporting period.

The 2022 Amendments also defer the effective date of applying the 2020 Amendments to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024. The 2022 Amendments, together with the 2020 Amendments, are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, with early application permitted. If an entity applies the 2020 amendments for an earlier period after the issue of the 2022 Amendments, the entity should also apply the 2022 Amendments for that period.

Based on the Group's outstanding liabilities as at 31 December 2022, the application of the 2020 Amendments and the 2022 Amendments will not result in reclassification of the Group's liabilities.

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

HKAS 1 is amended to replace all instances of the term "significant accounting policies" with "material accounting policy information". Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements.

The amendments also clarify that accounting policy information may be material because of the nature of the related transactions, other events or conditions, even if the amounts are immaterial. However, not all accounting policy information relating to material transactions, other events or conditions is itself material. If an entity chooses to disclose immaterial accounting policy information, such information must not obscure material accounting policy information.

HKFRS Practice Statement 2 "Making Materiality Judgements" (the "Practice Statement") is also amended to illustrate how an entity applies the "four-step materiality process" to accounting policy disclosures and to judge whether information about an accounting policy is material to its financial statements. Guidance and examples are added to the Practice Statement.

The application of the amendments is not expected to have significant impact on the financial position or performance of the Group but may affect the disclosures of the Group's significant accounting policies.



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## 2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

## New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective (Continued)

## Amendments to HKAS 8 "Definition of Accounting Estimates"

The amendments define accounting estimates as "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty". An accounting policy may require items in financial statements to be measured in a way that involves measurement uncertainty — that is, the accounting policy may require such items to be measured at monetary amounts that cannot be observed directly and must instead be estimated. In such a case, an entity develops an accounting estimate to achieve the objective set out by the accounting policy. Developing accounting estimates involves the use of judgements or assumptions based on the latest available, reliable information.

In addition, the concept of changes in accounting estimates in HKAS 8 is retained with additional clarifications.

The application of the amendments is not expected to have significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

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

The amendments narrow the scope of the recognition exemption of deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets in paragraphs 15 and 24 of HKAS 12 "Income Taxes" so that it no longer applies to transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

As disclosed in note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, the Group applies HKAS 12 requirements to the relevant assets and liabilities separately. Temporary differences on initial recognition of the relevant assets and liabilities are not recognised due to application of the initial recognition exemption.

Upon the application of the amendments, the Group will recognise a deferred tax asset (to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised) and a deferred tax liability for all deductible and taxable temporary differences associated with the right-of-use assets and the lease liabilities.

The amendments are effective for the Group's annual reporting period beginning on 1 January 2023. As at 31 December 2022, the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities which are subject to the amendments amounted to HK\$29,963,000 and HK\$32,119,000, respectively, in which the Group will recognise the related deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities of HK\$3,711,000 and HK\$3,977,000, respectively.

The cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments will be recognised as an adjustment to the opening balance of accumulated losses at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## 3.1 Basis of preparation of consolidated financial statements

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA. For the purpose of preparation of the consolidated financial statements, information is considered material if such information is reasonably expected to influence decisions made by primary users. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange ("Listing Rules") and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

#### Going concern assessment

The directors of the Company have, at the time of approving the consolidated financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. As at 31 December 2022, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of HK\$20,179,000 and net current liabilities of HK\$54,433,000. The Group has prepared a cash flow forecast which involves making assumptions, judgments and estimations of key input variables pertaining to market conditions including the future economic conditions, increased competition, the regulatory environment and the growth rates of the gaming markets. The cash flow forecast has been determined using estimations of future cash flows based upon projected income and expenses of the business, projected capital expenditure and working capital needs for a period of not less than twelve months from 31 December 2022.

The Macau government has awarded SJM Resorts, Limited ("SJM Resorts") a new gaming concession for a period of ten years from 1 January 2023 up to 31 December 2032. On 30 December 2022, the Group extended its service agreement with SJM Resorts for the provision of casino management services in Casino Kam Pek Paradise, a satellite casino of SJM Resorts for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025.

The directors of the Company are satisfied with the granted concession contract between the Macau government and SJM Resorts and the service agreement between SJM Resorts and the Group are appropriate for the cash flow forecast.

The Group believes it will have sufficient liquidity based upon cash on hand, the expected cash to be used in and generated from operations, terms of the existing bank and other borrowings, extension of loan facilities offered by Dr. Chun, a shareholder and an executive director of the Company, to the Group to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the following twelve months from the date of this report.



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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.1 Basis of preparation of consolidated financial statements (Continued)

### Going concern assessment (Continued)

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for convertible loan that is measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies set out below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of HKFRS 2 "Share-based Payment", leasing transactions that are accounted for in accordance with HKFRS 16 "Lease" and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in HKAS 2 "Inventories" or value in use in HKAS 36 "Impairment of Assets".

For financial instruments which are transacted at fair value and a valuation technique that unobservable inputs are to be used to measure fair value in subsequent periods, the valuation technique is calibrated so that at initial recognition the results of the valuation technique equals the transaction price.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.2 Significant accounting policies

### Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss from the date the Group gains control until the date when the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive expense are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive expense of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries are presented separately from the Group's equity therein, which represent present ownership interests entitling their holders to a proportionate share of net assets of the relevant subsidiaries upon liquidation.



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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

## **Business combinations**

A business is an integrated set of activities and assets which includes an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. The acquired processes are considered substantive if they are critical to the ability to continue producing outputs, including an organised workforce with the necessary skills, knowledge, or experience to perform the related processes or they significantly contribute to the ability to continue producing outputs and are considered unique or scarce or cannot be replaced without significant cost, effort, or delay in the ability to continue producing outputs.

Acquisitions of businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred in a business combination is measured at fair value, which is calculated as the sum of the acquisition-date fair values of the assets transferred by the Group, liabilities incurred by the Group to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. Acquisition-related costs are generally recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

For business combinations in which the acquisition date is on or after 1 January 2022, the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed must meet the definitions of an asset and a liability in the "Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018" issued in June 2018 (the "Conceptual Framework") except for transactions and events within the scope of HKAS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets" or HK(IFRIC)-Int 21 "Levies", in which the Group applies HKAS 37 or HK(IFRIC)-Int 21 instead of the Conceptual Framework to identify the liabilities it has assumed in a business combination. Contingent assets are not recognised.

At the acquisition date, the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed are recognised at their fair value, except that:

- deferred tax assets or liabilities, and assets or liabilities related to employee benefit arrangements are recognised and measured in accordance with HKAS 12 and HKAS 19 "Employee Benefits", respectively;
- liabilities or equity instruments related to share-based payment arrangements of the acquiree or sharebased payment arrangements of the Group entered into to replace share-based payment arrangements of the acquiree are measured in accordance with HKFRS 2 at the acquisition date;
- assets (or disposal groups) that are classified as held for sale in accordance with HKFRS 5 "Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations" are measured in accordance with that standard; and
- lease liabilities are recognised and measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments (as defined in HKFRS 16) as if the acquired leases were new leases at the acquisition date. Right-of-use assets are recognised and measured at the same amount as the relevant lease liabilities, adjusted to reflect favourable or unfavourable terms of the lease when compared with market terms.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### **Business combinations (Continued)**

Goodwill is measured as the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any noncontrolling interests in the acquiree, and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any) over the net amount of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed as at acquisition date. If, after re-assessment, the net amount of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed exceeds the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held interest in the acquiree (if any), the excess is recognised immediately in profit or loss as a bargain purchase gain.

Non-controlling interests that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of the relevant subsidiary's net assets in the event of liquidation are initially measured at the non-controlling interests' proportionate share of the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets or at fair value.

When the consideration transferred by the Group in a business combination includes a contingent consideration arrangement, the contingent consideration is measured at its acquisition-date fair value and included as part of the consideration transferred in a business combination. Changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration that qualify as measurement period adjustments are adjusted retrospectively. Measurement period adjustments are adjustments that arise from additional information obtained during the "measurement period" (which cannot exceed one year from the acquisition date) about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date.

The subsequent accounting for the contingent consideration that do not qualify as measurement period adjustments depends on how the contingent consideration is classified. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured at subsequent reporting dates and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration that is classified as an asset or a liability is remeasured to fair value at subsequent reporting dates, with the corresponding gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss.

When a business combination is achieved in stages, the Group's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date (i.e. the date when the Group obtains control), and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognised in profit or loss or other comprehensive income, as appropriate. Amounts arising from interest in the acquiree prior to the acquisition date that have previously been recognised in other comprehensive income and measured under HKFRS 9 "Financial Instruments" would be accounted for on the same basis as would be required if the Group had disposed directly of the previously held equity interest.

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the Group reports provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete. Those provisional amounts are adjusted retrospectively during the measurement period (see above), and additional assets or liabilities are recognised, to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the amounts recognised at that date.



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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Interests in a joint venture

A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint arrangement. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

The results and assets and liabilities of a joint venture are incorporated in the consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting. The financial statements of a joint venture used for equity accounting purposes are prepared using uniform accounting policies as those of the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances. Under the equity method, an investment in a joint venture is initially recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the joint venture. Changes in net assets of the joint venture other than profit or loss and other comprehensive income are not accounted for unless such changes resulted in changes in ownership interest held by the Group. When the Group's share of losses of a joint venture exceeds the Group's interest in that joint venture (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the joint venture), the Group discontinues recognising its share of further losses. Additional losses are recognised only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of that joint venture.

An investment in a joint venture is accounted for using the equity method from the date on which the investee becomes a joint venture. On acquisition of the investment in a joint venture, any excess of the cost of the investment over the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the investee is recognised as goodwill, which is included within the carrying amount of the investment. Any excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities over the cost of the investment, after reassessment, is recognised immediately in profit or loss in the period in which the investment is acquired.

The Group assesses whether there is an objective evidence that the interest in a joint venture may be impaired. When any objective evidence exists, the entire carrying amount of the investment (including goodwill) is tested for impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 as a single asset by comparing its recoverable amount (higher of value in use and fair value less costs of disposal) with its carrying amount. Any impairment loss recognised is not allocated to any asset, including goodwill, that forms part of the carrying amount of the investment. Any reversal of that impairment loss is recognised in accordance with HKAS 36 to the extent that the recoverable amount of the investment subsequently increases.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Interests in a joint venture (Continued)

When the Group ceases to have joint control over a joint venture, it is accounted for as a disposal of the entire interest in the investee with a resulting gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss.

When a group entity transacts with a joint venture of the Group, profits and losses resulting from the transactions with the joint venture are recognised in the Group's consolidated financial statements only to the extent of interests in the joint venture that are not related to the Group.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment held for supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses, if any.

#### Ownership interests in leasehold land and buildings

When the Group makes payments for ownership interests of properties which includes both leasehold land and building elements, the entire consideration is allocated between the leasehold land and the building elements in proportion to the relative fair values at initial recognition.

To the extent the allocation of the relevant payments can be made reliably, interest in leasehold land that is accounted for as an operating lease is presented as "right-of-use assets" in the consolidated statement of financial position. When the consideration cannot be allocated reliably between non-lease building element and undivided interest in the underlying leasehold land, the entire properties are classified as property, plant and equipment.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.



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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

## Intangible assets

#### Intangible assets acquired separately

Intangible assets with finite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at costs less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation for intangible assets with finite useful lives is recognised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful life and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

Internally-generated intangible assets — research and development expenditure Expenditure on research activities is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

An internally-generated intangible asset arising from development activities (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognised if, and only if, all of the following have been demonstrated:

- the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale;
- the intention to complete the intangible asset and use or sell it;
- the ability to use or sell the intangible asset;
- how the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits;
- the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the intangible asset; and
- the ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development.

The amount initially recognised for internally-generated intangible asset is the sum of the expenditure incurred from the date when the intangible asset first meets the recognition criteria listed above. Where no internally-generated intangible asset can be recognised, development expenditure is recognised in profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred.

Subsequent to initial recognition, internally-generated intangible assets are reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses (if any), on the same basis as intangible assets that are acquired separately.

An intangible asset is derecognised on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains and losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

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

At the end of the reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets with finite useful lives to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the relevant asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, and intangible assets are estimated individually. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount individually, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

In testing a cash-generating unit for impairment, corporate assets are allocated to the relevant cashgenerating unit when a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be established, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be established. The recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit or group of cashgenerating units to which the corporate asset belongs, and is compared with the carrying amount of the relevant cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are 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 a cash-generating unit) for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or a cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. For corporate assets or portion of corporate assets which cannot be allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis to a cash-generating unit, the Group compares the carrying amount of a group of cash-generating units, including the carrying amounts of the corporate assets or portion of corporate assets or portion of corporate assets allocated to that group of cash-generating units, with the recoverable amount of the group of cash-generating units. In allocating the impairment loss, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill (if applicable) and then to the other assets on a pro-rata basis based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit or the group of cash-generating units. The carrying amount of an asset is not reduced below the highest of its fair value less costs of disposal (if measurable), its value in use (if determinable) and zero. The amount of the impairment loss that would otherwise have been allocated to the asset is allocated pro rata to the other assets of the unit or the group of cash-generating units. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.



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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Impairment on property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets (Continued)

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit or a group of cash-generating units) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or a cash-generating unit or a group of cash-generating units) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

## Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs of inventories are determined on a first-in, first-out method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale. Costs necessary to make the sale include incremental costs directly attributable to the sale and non-incremental costs which the Group must incur to make the sale.

The Group transfers an inventory from/to plant and machinery under property, plant and equipment at its carrying amount when there is a change in use to (i) sell in the ordinary course of business for the transfer to inventory; or (ii) hold the plant and machinery for supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes for the transfer to plant and machinery under property, plant and equipment.

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value except for trade receivables arising from contracts with customers which are initially measured in accordance with HKFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers". Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability, and of allocating interest income and interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts and payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued) Financial assets Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI"):

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both selling and collecting contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All other financial assets are subsequently measured at FVTPL, except that at initial recognition of a financial asset the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value of an equity investment in other comprehensive income if that equity investment is neither held for trading nor contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which HKFRS 3 "Business Combinations" applies.

A financial asset is held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is a part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

In addition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that are required to be measured at the amortised cost or FVTOCI as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch.



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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued) Financial assets (Continued) Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets (Continued)

(i) Amortised cost and interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for financial assets measured subsequently at amortised cost. For financial instruments, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired (see below). For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired (see below). For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset from the next reporting period. If the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset from the beginning of the reporting period following the determination that the asset is no longer credit-impaired.

(ii) Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for being measured at amortised cost or FVTOCI or designated as FVTOCI are measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss excludes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the "other income, gains and losses" line item.

## Impairment of financial assets and lease receivables subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9

The Group performs impairment assessment under expected credit loss ("ECL") model on financial assets (including trade receivables from gaming operators and customers in relation to sale of electronic gaming equipment and systems, loan receivable, deposits paid and other receivables, refundable rental deposits, amounts due from a joint venture, amount due from a related company, pledged bank deposits and bank balances) and lease receivables which are subject to impairment under HKFRS 9. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition.

Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of the relevant instrument. In contrast, 12-months ECL ("12m ECL") represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. Assessment are done based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current conditions at the reporting date as well as the forecast of future conditions.

The Group always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables, amount due from a joint venture in trade nature, amount due from a related company in trade nature and lease receivables.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued) Financial assets (Continued) Impairment of financial assets and lease receivables subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Continued)

For all other instruments including deposits paid and other receivables, refundable rental deposits, loan receivable, amounts due from a joint venture in non-trade nature, pledged bank deposits and bank balances, the Group measures the loss allowance equal to 12m ECL, unless when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the Group recognises lifetime ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognised is based on significant increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition.

(i) Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the ability of the debtor to meet its debt obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor; and
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the ability to meet its debt obligations.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are 30 days past due, unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

The Group regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.



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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued) Financial assets (Continued) Impairment of financial assets and lease receivables subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Continued)

(ii) Definition of default

For internal credit risk management, the Group considers an event of default occurs when information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Group, in full.

The Group considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

(iii) Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- (a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- (b) a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
- (c) the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider; or
- (d) it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.
- (iv) Write-off policy

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, for example, when the counterparty has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event. Any subsequent recoveries are recognised in profit or loss.

(v) Measurement and recognition of ECL

The measurement of ECL is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data and forward-looking information. Estimation of ECL reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined with the respective risks of default occurring as the weights.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued) Financial assets (Continued) Impairment of financial assets and lease receivables subject to impairment assessment under HKFRS 9 (Continued)

(v) Measurement and recognition of ECL (Continued)

Generally, the ECL is estimated as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate determined at initial recognition. For a lease receivable, the cash flows used for determining the ECL is consistent with the cash flows used in measuring the lease receivable in accordance with HKFRS 16.

Where ECL is measured on a collective basis or cater for cases where evidence at the individual instrument level may not yet be available, the financial instruments are grouped on the following basis:

- past-due status;
- nature, size and industry of receivables; and
- external credit ratings where available.

The grouping is regularly reviewed by the management of the Group to ensure the constituents of each group continue to share similar credit risk characteristics.

Interest income is calculated based on the gross carrying amount of the financial asset unless the financial asset is credit-impaired, in which case interest income is calculated based on amortised cost of the financial asset.

The Group recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments by adjusting their carrying amount, with the exception of trade receivables where the corresponding adjustment is recognised through a loss allowance account.

#### Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss.



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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

### Financial instruments (Continued) Financial liabilities and equity instruments Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments issued by a group entity are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

#### Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

#### Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities (including trade and other payables, amounts due to directors, amount due to a joint venture, bank borrowings, other borrowing and loans from a shareholder) are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

#### Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Revenue from contracts with customers

The Group recognises revenue when (or as) a performance obligation is satisfied, i.e. when "control" of the goods or services underlying the particular performance obligation is transferred to the customer.

A performance obligation represents a good or service (or a bundle of goods or services) that is distinct or a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same.

Control is transferred over time and revenue is recognised over time by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of the relevant performance obligation if one of the following criteria is met:

- the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group's performance as the Group performs;
- the Group's performance creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the Group performs; or
- the Group's performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the distinct good or service.

A contract liability represents the Group's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Group has received consideration (or an amount of consideration is due) from the customer.

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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Revenue from contracts with customers (Continued)

Over time revenue recognition: measurement of progress towards complete satisfaction of a performance obligation

#### Output method

The progress towards complete satisfaction of a performance obligation is measured based on output method, which is to recognise revenue on the basis of direct measurements of the value of the services transferred to the customer to date relative to the remaining services promised under the contract, that best depict the Group's performance in transferring control of services.

As a practical expedient, if the Group has a right to consideration in an amount that corresponds directly with the value of the Group's performance completed to date, the Group recognises revenue in the amount to which the Group has the right to invoice.

#### Warranties

As a customer does not have the option to purchase a warranty which provides assurance that the product complies with agreed-upon specification separately, the Group accounts for the warranty in accordance with HKAS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets".

#### Principal versus agent

When another party is involved in providing services to a customer, the Group determines whether the nature of its promise is a performance obligation to provide the specified services itself (i.e. the Group is a principal) or to arrange for those services to be provided by the other party (i.e. the Group is an agent).

The Group is a principal if it controls the specified services before that service is transferred to a customer.

The Group is an agent if its performance obligation is to arrange for the provision of the specified services by another party. In this case, the Group does not control the specified services provided by another party before that services are transferred to the customer. When the Group acts as an agent, it recognises revenue in the amount of any fee or commission to which it expects to be entitled in exchange for arranging for the specified goods or services to be provided by the other party.

#### Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

#### Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit before taxation because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.



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# 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Taxation (Continued)

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

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

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied to the same taxation entity by the same tax authority.

Current and deferred tax is recognised in profit or loss.

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax for leasing transactions in which the Group recognises the rightof-use assets and the related lease liabilities, the Group first determines whether the tax deductions are attributable to the right-of-use assets or the lease liabilities.

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### 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Taxation (Continued)

For leasing transactions in which the tax deductions are attributable to the lease liabilities, the Group applies HKAS 12 requirements to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately. Temporary differences on initial recognition of the relevant right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are not recognised due to application of the initial recognition exemption. Temporary differences arising from subsequent revision to the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities, resulting from remeasurement of lease liabilities and lease modifications, that are not subject to initial recognition exemption are recognised on the date of remeasurement or modification.

In assessing any uncertainty over income tax treatments, the Group considers whether it is probable that the relevant tax authority will accept the uncertain tax treatment used, or proposed to be use by individual group entities in their income tax filings. If it is probable, the current and deferred taxes are determined consistently with the tax treatment in the income tax filings. If it is not probable that the relevant taxation authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment, the effect of each uncertainty is reflected by using either the most likely amount or the expected value.

#### Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

For the purposes of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operation are translated into the presentation currency of the Group (i.e. HK\$) using exchange rates prevailing at the end of each reporting period. Income and expenses items are translated at the average exchange rates for the year. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the heading of the translation reserve and will be reclassified from equity to profit or loss on disposal of the foreign operation.

#### Leases

#### Definition of a lease

A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

For contracts entered into or modified on or after the date of initial application of HKFRS 16 or arising from business combinations, the Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease based on the definition under HKFRS 16 at inception, modification date or acquisition date, as appropriate. Such contract will not be reassessed unless the terms and conditions of the contract are subsequently changed.



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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Leases (Continued)

The Group as a lessee

#### Allocation of consideration to components of a contract

For a contract that contains a lease component and one or more additional lease or non-lease components, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of the relative stand-alone price of the lease component and the aggregate stand-alone price of the non-lease components.

Non-lease components are separated from lease component and are accounted for by applying other applicable standards.

#### Short-term leases

Lease payments associated with short-term leases of rented premises are recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date without a purchase option.

#### Right-of-use assets

The cost of right-of-use assets includes:

- the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs incurred by the Group; and
- an estimate of costs to be incurred by the Group in dismantling and removing the underlying assets, restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term.

The Group presents right-of-use assets as a separate line item on the consolidated statement of financial position.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Leases (Continued)

The Group as a lessee (Continued) Refundable rental deposits

Refundable rental deposits paid are accounted under HKFRS 9 and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments and included in the cost of right-of-use assets.

#### Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of a lease, the Group recognises and measures the lease liability at the present value of lease payments that are unpaid at that date. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable.

The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable.

Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are not included in the measurement of lease liabilities and right-of-use assets, and are recognised as expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

After the commencement date, lease liabilities are adjusted by interest accretion and lease payments.

The Group remeasures lease liabilities (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use assets) whenever:

- the lease term has changed or there is a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the related lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the date of reassessment.
- the lease payments change due to changes in market rental rates following a market rent review, in which cases the related lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using the initial discount rate.

The Group presents lease liabilities as a separate line item on the consolidated statement of financial position.



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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Leases (Continued)

The Group as a lessee (Continued) Lease modifications

Except for Covid-19-related rent concessions in which the Group applied the practical expedient, the Group accounts for a lease modification as a separate lease if:

- the modification increases the scope of the lease by adding the right to use one or more underlying assets; and
- the consideration for the leases increases by an amount commensurate with the stand-alone price for the increase in scope and any appropriate adjustments to that stand-alone price to reflect the circumstances of the particular contract.

For a lease modification that is not accounted for as a separate lease, the Group remeasures the lease liability, less any lease incentives receivable, based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

The Group accounts for the remeasurement of lease liabilities by making corresponding adjustments to the relevant right-of-use asset. When the modified contract contains a lease component and one or more additional lease or non-lease components, the Group allocates the consideration in the modified contract to each lease component on the basis of the relative stand-alone price of the lease component and the aggregate stand-alone price of the non-lease components.

#### Covid-19-related rent concessions

In relation to rent concessions that occurred as a direct consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Group has elected to apply the practical expedient not to assess whether the change is a lease modification if all of the following conditions are met:

- the change in lease payments results in revised consideration for the lease that is substantially the same as, or less than, the consideration for the lease immediately preceding the change;
- any reduction in lease payments affects only payments originally due on or before 30 June 2022; and
- there is no substantive change to other terms and conditions of the lease.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Leases (Continued)

The Group as a lessee (Continued) Covid-19-related rent concessions (Continued)

A lessee applying the practical expedient accounts for changes in lease payments resulting from rent concessions the same way it would account for the changes applying HKFRS 16 if the changes are not a lease modification. Forgiveness or waiver of lease payments are accounted for as variable lease payments. The related lease liabilities are adjusted to reflect the amounts forgiven or waived with a corresponding adjustment recognised in the profit or loss in the period in which the event occurs.

#### The Group as a lessor

#### Classification and measurement of leases

Leases for which the Group is a lessor are classified as finance or operating leases. Whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset to the lessee, the contract is classified as a finance lease. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rental income from operating leases is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset, and such costs are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as income when they arise.

Leasing income which are derived from the Group's ordinary course of business are presented as revenue.

#### Allocation of consideration to components of a contract

When a contract includes both leases and non-lease components, the Group applies HKFRS 15 to allocate consideration in a contract to lease and non-lease components. Non-lease components are separated from lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone selling prices.

#### Refundable rental deposits

Refundable rental deposits received are accounted for under HKFRS 9 and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments from lessees.



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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Leases (Continued)

The Group as a lessor (Continued) Lease modification

Changes in considerations of lease contracts that were not part of the original terms and conditions are accounted for as lease modifications, including lease incentives provided through forgiveness or reduction of rentals.

The Group accounts for a modification to an operating lease as a new lease from the effective date of the modification, considering any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to the original lease as part of the lease payments for the new lease.

For rent concession under which the Group legally releases the lessee from its obligation to make specifically identified lease payment, of which some of these lease payments are contractually due but not paid and some of them are not yet contractually due, the Group accounts for the portions which have been recognised as operating lease receivables (i.e. the lease payments which are contractually due but not paid) by applying the ECL and derecognition requirements under HKFRS 9 and applies lease modification requirements for the forgiven lease payments that the Group has not recognised (i.e. the lease payments which are not yet contractually due) as at the effective date of modification.

#### Sublease

When the Group is an intermediate lessor, it accounts for the head lease and the sublease as two separate contracts. The sublease is classified as a finance or operating lease by reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease, not with reference to the underlying asset.

#### Retirement benefit costs

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are recognised as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

#### Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are recognised at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid as and when employees rendered the services. All short-term employee benefits are recognised as an expense unless another HKFRS requires or permits the inclusion of the benefit in the cost of an asset.

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees (such as wages and salaries and annual leave) after deducting any amount already paid.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 3.2 Significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### Government grants

Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

Government grants related to income that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Group with no future related costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they become receivable. Such grants are presented under "other income, gains and losses".

#### Share-based payments

Share options granted to directors, employees and other participants Equity-settled share based payments to directors, employees and other participants providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date.

The fair value of equity-settled share-based payments determined at the grant date without taking into consideration all non-market vesting conditions is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest with a corresponding increase in equity (share options reserve). At the end of the reporting period, the Group revises its estimates of the number of equity instruments expected to vest based on assessment of all relevant non-market vesting conditions. The impact of the revision of the original estimates during the vesting period, if any, is recognised in profit or loss such that the cumulative expense reflects the revised estimate, with a corresponding adjustment to share options reserve.

When share options are exercised, the amount previously recognised in share options reserve will be transferred to share capital. When the share options are forfeited after the vesting date or are still not exercised at the expiry date, the amount previously recognised in share options reserve will be transferred to retained profits.

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## 4. KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in note 3, the directors of the Company are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. 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.

The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, which may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

# Impairment assessment of the intangible asset and property, plant and equipment allocated to the Macau Patent CGU (as defined in note 16)

In determining whether the intangible asset and property, plant and equipment are impaired requires an estimation of the recoverable amount of the Macau Patent CGU to which these assets are allocated. The Group engages an independent professional valuer to perform the valuation. The recoverable amount is based on the estimated value in use which is the aggregate of present value of estimated future cash flows. The Group has made reasonable estimates and judgments when developing the estimated recoverable amount in light of uncertainties surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic. Key assumptions including the growth rates of revenue and costs, working capital needs and the pre-tax discount rate in the cash flow projections, could materially affect the recoverable amounts arising from the current changing market conditions. Should the actual future cash flows be less than expected, a material impairment loss may arise.

Based on the Group's impairment assessment, as the recoverable amount based on value in use of the intangible asset and the related property, plant and equipment allocated to the Macau Patent CGU is estimated to be higher than the carrying amount, no impairment was recognised as at 31 December 2022 (2021: nil).

As at 31 December 2022, the carrying amounts of intangible asset and property, plant and equipment allocated to the Macau Patent CGU are HK\$32,367,000 (2021: HK\$44,505,000) and HK\$30,819,000 (2021: HK\$42,871,000), respectively.

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## 5. **REVENUE**

An analysis of the Group's revenue is as follows:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Casino management services:		
Provision of casino management services, recognised over time	266,904	415,712
Gaming systems:		
- Macau		
Sale of electronic gaming equipment and systems, recognised at a point in time	3,536	61,733
Leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems	3,330	01,700
<ul> <li>variable operating lease payments</li> </ul>	3,863	2,950
	7,399	64,683
- Overseas		
Sale of electronic gaming equipment and systems, recognised		
at a point in time	20,352	6,519
Leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems — variable operating lease payments	959	4,408
	21,311	10,927
<ul> <li>Royalty income, recognised over time</li> </ul>	2,206	2,804
	30,916	78,414
Total	297,820	494,126
Analysis of revenue:		
Recognised over time	269,110	418,516
Recognised at a point in time	23,888	68,252
Revenue recognition for revenue from contracts with customers	292,998	486,768
Leasing income — variable operating lease payments	4,822	7,358
Total	297,820	494,126

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### 5. **REVENUE** (Continued)

#### Performance obligations for contracts with customers

#### Provision of casino management services

The Group provides management services to a gaming operator in Macau under service arrangements for gaming operations in mass market halls and slot machine halls. Such services are recognised as a performance obligation satisfied over time as the Group is entitled to receive its service income according to the relevant operating performance from the gaming operator.

The directors of the Company considered that the Group acts as the principal for the casino management service operations with services provided to a gaming operator as the Group controls the specified services to be provided by the Group before the services are transferred to a customer.

As a practical expedient, the Group does not disclose the information about its remaining obligations in respect of provision of casino management services as the Group elected to apply the practical expedient by recognising revenue in the amount to which the Group has right to invoice.

#### Sale of electronic gaming equipment and systems

The Group enters into contracts with customers (casino operators) for the sale of electronic gaming equipment and systems include multi-elements as follows:

- (a) Procurement and delivery of electronic gaming equipment and systems;
- (b) Assist in obtaining the local regulatory approval of the electronic gaming equipment and systems;
- (c) On-site installation of the electronic gaming equipment and systems at the casino; and
- (d) After sales warranty service from three months to one year.

The directors of the Company considered that these multi-elements are not separately identifiable components and therefore, the revenue on sale of electronic gaming equipment and systems is recognised as sale of goods when the goods are approved by the local regulatory authority, delivered, on-site installation is satisfied as per terms of relevant sale contracts and titles have been passed.

#### Royalty income

Royalty income is recognised and based on sale and other measures by reference to the agreement for the placement of the relevant products in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreement.

As a practical expedient, the Group does not disclose the information about its remaining obligations in respect of sales of electronic gaming equipment and systems and royalty income as the contracts have an original expected duration of one year or less.

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## 6. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The executive directors of the Company (the "Executive Directors") have been identified as the chief operating decision makers (the "CODM"). The CODM review the business with the following reportable and operating segments:

Casino management services	—	Provision of casino management services in Macau
Gaming systems	_	Development, sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems
		and royalty income

The Group monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purposes of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment results represent the operating profit or loss from/earned by each segment without allocation of corporate income and expenses, finance costs, share of losses of a joint venture and taxation. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

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## 6. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

## Segment revenue and results

Information regarding the above segments is reported below:

#### For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Casino management services HK\$'000	Gaming systems HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Segment revenue	266,904	30,916		297,820
Segment results	(70,585)	(68,640)		(139,225)
Unallocated corporate income Unallocated corporate expenses Finance costs				11,185 (35,407) (7,515)
Loss before taxation Taxation credit				(170,962) 4,632
Loss for the year				(166,330)
Other information Capital expenditure Amortisation of intangible assets	31,449 12,138	20,661 —	561 —	52,671 12,138
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of right-of-use assets	18,330 3,336	9,317 3,631	1,765 4,098	29,412 11,065
(Gain) loss on disposal/write-off of property, plant and equipment Loss from change in fair value of	(624)	3,377	3	2,756
convertible loan Impairment loss in respect of amount due from a joint venture	_	-	347 141	347 141
Write-down of inventories	_	3,533	64	3,597

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## 6. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

### Segment revenue and results (Continued)

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	Casino management services HK\$'000	Gaming systems HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Segment revenue	415,712	78,414		494,126
Segment results	8,482	(34,818)		(26,336)
Unallocated corporate income Unallocated corporate expenses Finance costs Share of losses of a joint venture			-	9,163 (58,235) (3,999) (8,585)
Loss before taxation Taxation charge				(87,992) (375)
Loss for the year				(88,367)
Other information				
Capital expenditure	6,674	16,462	10,016	33,152
Amortisation of intangible assets	12,138	—	_	12,138
Depreciation of property, plant and				
equipment	17,875	9,735	1,593	29,203
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	4,430	4,378	6,115	14,923
Loss on disposal/write-off of property, plant and equipment	_	89	_	89
Loss from change in fair value of convertible loan	_	_	9,653	9,653
Impairment loss in respect of			1 001	1 001
amount due from a joint venture Write-down of inventories	_		1,891 104	1,891 420

No analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by operating and reportable segments are disclosed as they are not regularly provided to the CODM.

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### 6. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

#### Geographical information

The Group's operations are principally located in Macau and the United States of America ("U.S.").

Information about the Group's revenue from external customers is presented based on the location of the operations.

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Macau	274,303	480,395
U.S.	23,517	13,731
	297,820	494,126

The Group's non-current assets (excluding financial assets) are mainly located in Macau.

#### Information about major customers

During the year ended 31 December 2022, revenue derived from one (2021: one) customer, which individually contributed over 10% of the Group's revenue, is as follows:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Casino management services segment Gaming systems segment	266,904 8	415,712 30,505
	266,912	446,217

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## 7. OTHER INCOME, GAINS AND LOSSES

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Bank interest income	505	1,156
Interest on loan receivable	624	623
Interest on convertible loan	357	363
	1,486	2,142
Impairment loss in respect of amount due from a joint venture	(141)	(1,891)
Unrealised exchange loss	(5,889)	(1,644)
Loss from change in fair value of convertible loan (note 17)	(347)	(9,653)
Loss on disposal/write-off of property, plant and equipment	(2,756)	(89)
Gain arising from early termination of lease contracts	77	129
Government subsidies (note a)	1,017	1,114
Loss on acquisition of a subsidiary	_	(8)
Loss on disposal of subsidiaries	(128)	_
Sale of frozen food and products	5,654	4,993
Sale of high-tech healthcare innovative products	4,694	2,723
Rental income — fixed lease payment (note b)	3,671	4,430
Sundry income	3,798	3,206
	11,136	5,452

Notes:

(a) The government subsidies mainly represent the subsidies from the Macau government on Covid-19-related subsidies with no special and unfulfilled conditions attached.

(b) The amount of rental income mainly represents sublease of certain areas of the leased premises mainly for shops and restaurants.

## 8. FINANCE COSTS

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Interest on:		
<ul> <li>bank borrowings</li> </ul>	3,102	3,240
<ul> <li>loans from a shareholder</li> </ul>	3,753	· —
- lease liabilities	660	759
	7,515	3,999

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## 9. LOSS BEFORE TAXATION

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Loss before taxation has been arrived at after charging:		
Directors' emoluments (note 10)	16,238	16,283
Other staff costs		
<ul> <li>Salaries and other benefits</li> </ul>	97,880	120,071
<ul> <li>Retirement benefit scheme contributions</li> </ul>	2,689	3,254
Total staff costs	116,807	139,608
Auditor's remuneration	1,980	2,180
Cost of inventories recognised as expenses		
(included in cost of sales and services)	17,638	26,069
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	29,412	29,203
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	11,065	14,923
Commission expenses for casino management services		
(included in marketing, selling and distribution costs)	14,992	31,510
Impairment loss in respect of amount due from a joint venture		
(included in other income, gains and losses)	141	1,891
Loss on disposal/write-off of property, plant and equipment		
(included in other income, gains and losses)	2,756	89
Research and development expenditure (note)		
(included in operating and administrative expenses)	46,969	69,656
Loss from change in fair value of convertible loan		
(included in other income, gains and losses)	347	9,653
Write-down of inventories (included in cost of sales and services)	3,597	420
Unrealised exchange loss (included in other income, gains and losses)	5,889	1,644
and after crediting:		
Covid-19-related rent concessions (note 15)	227	690

Note: Research and development expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 of HK\$46,969,000 (2021: HK\$69,656,000) includes staff costs of HK\$29,733,000 (2021: HK\$40,783,000), depreciation of property, plant and equipment of HK\$1,243,000 (2021: HK\$1,457,000) and depreciation of right-of-use assets of HK\$2,654,000 (2021: HK\$3,088,000) which are included in the respective total amounts disclosed separately above.

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## 10. DIRECTORS', CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S AND EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS

The emoluments of the directors of the Company and chief executive of the Group during the year are analysed as follows:

	Executive Directors			Independent non-executive directors				
	Dr. Chun (chief executive) HK\$'000	Mr. Zhang Jianjun HK\$'000 (Note 1)	Mr. Shan Shiyong, alias, Sin Sai Yung HK\$'000	Mr. Hu Liming HK\$'000 (Note 2)	Mr. Li John Zongyang HK\$'000	Ms. Tang Kiu Sam Alice HK\$'000	Mr. Kai- Shing Tao HK\$'000 (Note 3)	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
2022								
Fees	-	6	-	-	120	120	120	366
Salaries and other benefits	12,140	-	2,400	-	-	-	-	14,540
Discretionary bonuses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accommodation benefits	1,320	-	-	-	-	_	-	1,320
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	12	_	_	_	_	_	_	12
	13,472	6	2,400	_	120	120	120	16,238
2021								
Fees	-	_	_	_	120	120	120	360
Salaries and other benefits	12,144	_	2,400	47	-	_	_	14,591
Discretionary bonuses	-	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Accommodation benefits Retirement benefit scheme	1,320	_	_	_	_	-	_	1,320
contributions	12	_	_	_	_	_	_	12
	13,476	_	2,400	47	120	120	120	16,283

Notes:

(1) Appointed on 22 December 2022.

(2) Retired on 21 May 2021.

(3) Resigned on 28 March 2023.

The Executive Directors' emoluments shown above were for their services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and the Group. The emoluments of independent non-executive directors shown above were for their services as directors of the Company.

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## 10. DIRECTORS', CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S AND EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS (Continued)

No emoluments were recognised or paid by the Group to the directors as compensation for loss of office or as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group for both years. None of the directors has waived any emoluments in both years.

No consideration was provided to or receivable by third parties for making available directors' services in both years.

During the year ended 31 December 2022 and subsequent to 31 December 2022, the Group entered into certain deeds of loan with Dr. Chun, a shareholder and an executive director of the Company, details of which are set out in note 32.

Save as disclosed under the section headed "Connected Transactions" in the directors' report of the annual report and in notes 23 and 42 to the consolidated financial statements, no transactions, arrangements and contracts of significance to which the Group was a party and in which any director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year (2021: nil).

The five highest paid individuals of the Group include two directors of the Company for both years, whose emoluments are disclosed above and the total emoluments of the remaining three individuals for both years were as follows:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Salaries and other benefits	6,822	7,841
Discretionary bonuses	-	—
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	212	87
	7,034	7,928
	Number of in	dividuals

Emoluments of the remaining three employees were within the following bands:

HK\$2,000,001— HK\$2,500,000	2	1
HK\$2,500,001— HK\$3,000,000	1	—
HK\$3,500,001— HK\$4,000,000	-	1

No emoluments were recognised or paid by the Group to the five highest paid individuals (including directors and employees) as compensation for loss of office or as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group for both years.

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## **11. TAXATION CREDIT (CHARGE)**

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Macau Complementary Tax		
<ul> <li>overprovision in respect of prior years</li> </ul>	5,000	1
Lump Sum Dividend Tax	(368)	(376)
Taxation credit (charge)	4,632	(375)

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been recognised in the consolidated financial statements as the Group did not generate any assessable profit in Hong Kong for both years.

Macau Complementary Tax ("Macau CT") is calculated at 12% of the estimated assessable profit. No provision for Macau CT was made in the consolidated financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 as the Group did not generate any assessable profit for both years.

Pursuant to the Macau CT law, the statutory right to issue Macau CT assessment on the estimated assessment profit in a year of assessment will expire in five consecutive years after that year of assessment. At the end of reporting period, the directors of the Company reassessed the adequacy of Macau CT provision and determined to reverse part of the Group's relevant Macau CT provision of HK\$5,000,000 during the year ended 31 December 2022.

Pursuant to the letter issued by the Financial Services Bureau of the Macau government dated 28 October 2020, the revenue generated from the service agreement signed between LT (Macau) Limited ("LT Macau"), a whollyowned subsidiary of the Company incorporated in Macau, and SJM Resorts is not subject to Macau CT for the period from 1 April 2020 to 26 June 2022 since it is derived from SJM Resorts' gaming revenue, for which gaming revenue is exempted from Macau CT pursuant to the terms of no. 2 of article 28 of the Law 16/2001 and the exemption granted by Despatch no. 378/2011 of 23 November 2011. The Group is in the progress of obtaining the extension of approval from Financial Service Bureau of the Macau government for the period for 27 June 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Pursuant to the letter issued by the Financial Services Bureau of the Macau government dated 28 October 2020, LT Macau is obligated to pay lump sum dividend withholding tax of MOP388,000 (equivalent to HK\$376,000) for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 and MOP190,000 (equivalent to HK\$184,000) for the period from 1 January 2022 to 26 June 2022, respectively, as payment in lieu of Macau CT otherwise due by the shareholders of LT Macau on dividend distributions from gaming profits generated in relation to the operation of the casino at Casino Kam Pek Paradise. These lump sum tax payments are required regardless of whether dividends were actually distributed or whether LT Macau had distributable profits in the relevant periods. For the year ended 31 December 2022, provision for lump sum dividend withholding tax of HK\$368,000 (2021: HK\$376,000) has been recognised which was charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

No provision for taxation for the PRC and overseas subsidiaries was made in the consolidated financial statements as the Group did not generate any assessable profit for both years.

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## 11. TAXATION CREDIT (CHARGE) (Continued)

The taxation (credit) charge for the year can be reconciled to the loss before taxation per consolidated statement of profit or loss as follows:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Loss before taxation	(170,962)	(87,992)
Tax credit at the Macau CT rate of 12%	(20,515)	(10,559)
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes	50,629	55,209
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purposes	(32,339)	(53,424)
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	2,591	8,774
Utilisation of estimated tax losses not recognised	(366)	_
Lump Sum Dividend Tax	368	376
Overprovision in respect of prior years	(5,000)	(1)
Taxation (credit) charge for the year	(4,632)	375

At 31 December 2022, the Group had unused tax losses of HK\$277,776,000 (2021: HK\$267,086,000) available to offset against future taxable profits which may be carried forward indefinitely except for (i) HK\$75,493,000 (2021: HK\$79,915,000) which was derived from Macau and (ii) HK\$70,722,000 (2021: HK\$60,501,000) which was derived from the PRC, with expiry dates as disclosed in the following table. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of such losses due to the unpredictability of future taxable profit streams.

	Mac	au	The I	PRC
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
2022	_	364	_	3,979
2022	68,600	75,025	7,620	7,620
2024	4,397	4,526	8,089	8,089
2025	2,496	_	13,772	13,772
2026	_	_	27,041	27,041
2027		_	14,200	
	75,493	79,915	70,722	60,501

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## **12. DIVIDEND**

No dividend was paid to the owners of the Company during the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021. The directors of the Company determined that no dividend will be declared, proposed or paid for both years.

### **13. LOSS PER SHARE**

The calculation of the basic loss per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Loss		
Loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company		
for the purposes of calculating basic loss per share	(154,565)	(86,115)
	2022	2021
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Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purposes of calculating basic loss per share	1,052,185	1,052,185

For the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, no diluted loss per share were presented as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares.

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## 14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Leasehold land and buildings HK\$'000	Leasehold improvements HK\$'000	Plant and machinery HK\$'000	Furniture, fixtures and equipment HK\$'000	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
COST	000 550			10 75 4	10.007	777 074
At 1 January 2021	228,552	175,327	313,541	46,754	13,697	777,871
Currency realignment	_	11	11	74	_	96
Additions	_	156	13,723	1,181	_	15,060
Acquisition of a subsidiary	_	1,955	654	_	288	2,897
Transfer to inventories	_	-	(4,745)		—	(4,745)
Disposals/write-off		(119)	(15,142)	(87)	_	(15,348)
At 31 December 2021	228,552	177,330	308,042	47,922	13,985	775,831
Currency realignment	_	(176)	(47)	(388)	_	(611)
Additions	_	1,690	20,471	962	_	23,123
Transfer to inventories	_	_	(17,354)	_	_	(17,354)
Disposals/write-off		(1,016)	(6,397)	(938)	(302)	(8,653)
At 31 December 2022	228,552	177,828	304,715	47,558	13,683	772,336
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT						
At 1 January 2021	13,804	165,726	270,660	41,268	9,607	501,065
Currency realignment	_	10	8	53	_	71
Provided for the year	7,405	4,160	13,628	1,947	2,063	29,203
Transfer to inventories	_	_	(1,281)	_	_	(1,281)
Eliminated on disposal/write-off		(30)	(14,780)	(87)	_	(14,897)
At 31 December 2021	21,209	169,866	268,235	43,181	11,670	514,161
Currency realignment		(112)	(46)	(292)		(450)
Provided for the year	7,405	3,276	15,685	1,586	1,460	29,412
Transfer to inventories			(4,644)	-	-	(4,644)
Eliminated on disposal/write-off		(563)	(3,649)	(758)	(302)	(5,272)
At 31 December 2022	28,614	172,467	275,581	43,717	12,828	533,207
CARRYING AMOUNTS						
At 31 December 2022	199,938	5,361	29,134	3,841	855	239,129
At 31 December 2021	207,343	7,464	39,807	4,741	2,315	261,670

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## 14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

The above items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line basis at the following rates per annum:

Leasehold land and buildings	Over the shorter term of the lease, or 50 years
Leasehold improvements	20% or over the remaining terms of the leases if shorter
Plant and machinery	10%–20%
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	15%–20%
Motor vehicles	20%

As at 31 December 2022, an aggregate amount of HK\$458,285,000 (2021: HK\$441,445,000) included in the cost of property, plant and equipment is fully depreciated.

At the end of the reporting period, the Group assessed certain property, plant and equipment with net carrying amount of HK\$30,819,000 (2021: HK\$42,871,000), allocated to the Macau Patent CGU, for impairment having regard to the market conditions in Macau. The details of the determination of the recoverable amounts of the assets allocated to the Macau Patent CGU are disclosed in note 16.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group disposed of/wrote off certain property, plant and equipment with an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$3,381,000 (2021: HK\$451,000) for cash proceeds of HK\$625,000 (2021: HK\$362,000), resulting in a loss on disposal/write-off of HK\$2,756,000 (2021: HK\$89,000).

The Group transfers inventory from/to plant and machinery under property, plant and equipment at its carrying amount when there is a change in use to (i) sell in the ordinary course of business for transfer to inventory; or (ii) hold the plant and machinery for supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes for transfer to plant and machinery under property, plant and equipment.

The Group leases out a number of electronic gaming equipment and systems in the category of plant and machinery, under operating leases with rentals payable monthly without fixed lease term. All these lease payments are variable based on a predetermined percentage of the gross gaming revenue or daily fee without fixed lease term through use of the electronic gaming equipment and systems by customers.

As at 31 December 2022, the carrying amount of the electronic gaming equipment and systems under operating leases included within plant and machinery is HK\$6,886,000 (2021: HK\$9,385,000).

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## **15. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS**

	Rented premises HK\$'000	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
COST			
At 1 January 2021	40,185	670	40,855
Currency realignment	31	_	31
Additions	15,686	2,406	18,092
Acquisition of a subsidiary	3,839	_	3,839
Early termination of lease contracts	(18,939)	_	(18,939)
At 31 December 2021	40,802	3,076	43,878
Currency realignment	(601)	_	(601)
Additions	29,548	_	29,548
Early termination of lease contracts	(9,863)	_	(9,863)
At 31 December 2022	59,886	3,076	62,962
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2021	24,171	265	24,436
Currency realignment	69	_	69
Early termination of lease contracts	(14,616)	_	(14,616)
Provided for the year	14,218	705	14,923
At 31 December 2021	23,842	970	24,812
Currency realignment	(460)	_	(460)
Early termination of lease contracts	(8,332)	_	(8,332)
Provided for the year	10,363	702	11,065
At 31 December 2022	25,413	1,672	27,085
CARRYING AMOUNTS			
At 31 December 2022	34,473	1,404	35,877
At 31 December 2021	16,960	2,106	19,066

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## 15. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (Continued)

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Short-term lease rentals in respect of rented premises and a motor vehicle	13,440	19,678
Variable lease rentals in respect of rented premises which are not included in lease liabilities	18,450	24,157
Total cash outflow for leases	43,237	58,774

For both years, the Group leases rented premises and motor vehicles for its operations. Lease contracts are entered into for fixed terms of 1 year to 5 years (2021: 1 year to 5 years). The leases are either only with fixed lease payments or contain variable lease payments that are based on the amount charged by the lessor on monthly actual reimbursement basis during the fixed term.

Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. In determining the lease term and assessing the length of the non-cancellable period, the Group applies the definition of a contract and determines the period for which the contract is enforceable.

The Group regularly entered into short-term leases for rented premises and motor vehicles. During the year ended 31 December 2022, one short-term lease for a rented premise has modified into a long-term lease and the related lease liabilities of long-term lease has been included in the lease liabilities of the Group as at 31 December 2022 (2021: the portfolio of short-term leases is similar to the portfolio of short-term leases to which the short-term lease expense). There are no significant commitments for other short-term leases for rented premises and motor vehicles as at 31 December 2022.

### **Rent concessions**

During the year ended 31 December 2022, lessors of various office premises, a warehouse and staff quarters provided rent concessions to the Group through rent reductions ranging from 24% to 100% (2021: 20% to 24%) over three to six months (2021: eight to ten months).

These were rent concessions occurred as a direct consequence of Covid-19 pandemic, which met all of the conditions in HKFRS 16.46B, and the Group applied the practical expedient not to assess whether the changes constituted lease modifications. The effects of the changes in lease payments due to forgiveness or waiver by the lessors for the relevant leases of HK\$227,000 (2021: HK\$690,000) were recognised as negative variable lease payments.

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## **16. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

	Macau Patent- Betting terminal	U.S. Patent- Betting terminal	
	system	system	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
COST			
At 1 January 2021, 31 December 2021 and			
31 December 2022	182,066	657,535	839,601
ACCUMULATED AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT			
At 1 January 2021	125,423	657,535	782,958
Provided for the year	12,138	_	12,138
At 31 December 2021	137,561	657,535	795,096
Provided for the year	12,138	_	12,138
At 31 December 2022	149,699	657,535	807,234
CARRYING AMOUNTS			
At 31 December 2022	32,367	_	32,367
At 31 December 2021	44,505	_	44,505

The Macau patent pertains to a computerised gaming system (the "Gaming System") for operating multi-gambling games. The Gaming System was installed on the electronic gaming equipment which operates in Casino Kam Pek Paradise and other casinos in Macau. The Group generates revenue from the provision of casino management services with the Gaming System installed on the electronic gaming equipment, and the sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment installed with the Gaming System in Macau. The patent is amortised over its useful life of 15 years using the straight-line method.

At the end of the reporting period, the Group assessed for impairment by considering the recoverable amount of the patent as well as certain property, plant and equipment, allocated to the single cash-generating unit comprising the patent for the computerised gaming system for operating multi-gambling game in Macau (the "Macau Patent CGU"), having regard to the market conditions in Macau. The recoverable amount of the Macau Patent CGU is the value in use of the Macau Patent CGU based on the present value of estimated future cash flows to be generated over the remaining license period and with reference to the valuation report prepared by an independent professional valuer, International Valuation Limited, which was approved by the directors of the Company. The valuation of intangible asset and property, plant and equipment in relation to patent is assessed by comparing the recoverable amount of the Macau Patent CGU to their carrying amounts at the end of each reporting period. Based on the Group's impairment assessment, as the recoverable amount based on value in use of Macau Patent CGU is estimated to be significantly over the carrying amount, no impairment loss was recognised on the intangible asset allocated to the Macau Patent CGU for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021.

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### 16. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

Key assumptions adopted by the management of the Group in the value in use calculation for the recoverable amount of the Macau Patent CGU are as follows:

- Growth rates for revenue and costs of sales ranging between 9.8% and 62.7% (2021: 14.0% and 15.0%) and 5.5% and 6.3% (2021: 3.0% and 6.0%), respectively, per annum are applied in the profit or loss projection for the remaining license period.
- Pre-tax discount rate of 16.0% (2021: 16.0%) is adopted based on the analysis performed by an independent professional valuer which reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the Macau Patent CGU.

## **17. CONVERTIBLE LOAN**

On 1 May 2021, Tong Sin Catering And Import & Export Group Company Limited ("Tong Sin"), an indirect whollyowned subsidiary of the Company, agreed to subscribe for an unlisted convertible loan (the "Convertible Loan") issued by Shuang Zuan Management Restaurant Company Limited ("Shuang Zuan"), a joint venture of Tong Sin, at a principal amount of HK\$10,000,000. The Convertible Loan carries interest at 7.2% per annum payable quarterly in arrears with maturity at two years after the date of issue (the "Maturity Date").

The Convertible Loan entitles Shuang Zuan, the issuer, to redeem the whole or part of the principal amount at any time between six months after the issuance of the Convertible Loan and the Maturity Date. The Convertible Loan also entitles Tong Sin, the holder, at its option to convert the principal amount by proportion to percentage of the principal over the total amounts of paid-up capital and outstanding shareholder loans to Shuang Zuan at the Maturity Date. The subscription of the Convertible Loan was completed and the Convertible Loan was issued to Tong Sin on 1 May 2021. The Group regularly monitors the business and financial performance of Shuang Zuan and expects to continue receiving interest from the Convertible Loan and Tong Sin may consider exercising the conversion option of the Convertible Loan on the Maturity Date depending on the then financial positions of Shuang Zuan and the Group.

The fair value of the Convertible Loan as at 31 December 2021 has been assessed with reference to a valuation carried out by an independent professional valuer. The fair value of conversion option of the Convertible Loan was assessed as insignificant on the initial date of recognition and at 31 December 2021 and 2022.

During the years ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022, the Covid-19 pandemic situations in Macau, Hong Kong as well as other parts of the world fluctuated significantly or deteriorated mainly due to the evolution of new virus variants which in turn causing various social distancing measures and cross-border travel controls being tightened. All these have severely affected the food and beverage businesses in Macau. In view of Shuang Zuan ceased business due to the unprecedented challenges arising from and the uncertain development of the Covid-19 pandemic, the directors of the Company assessed the fair value of the Convertible Loan as at 31 December 2022 (with the assistance of the independent professional valuer as at 31 December 2021) and determined a loss from change in fair value of the Convertible Loan of HK\$347,000 (2021: HK\$9,653,000) which was recognised in the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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## 17. CONVERTIBLE LOAN (Continued)

Movements in the Convertible Loan during the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 are as below:

	HK\$'000
	10.000
Completion of subscription on 1 May 2021	10,000
Change in fair value recognised in profit or loss	(9,653)
At 31 December 2021	347
Change in fair value recognised in profit or loss	(347)
At 31 December 2022	

## **18. INTERESTS IN A JOINT VENTURE**

Details of the Group's investments in a joint venture at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Cost of investments in a joint venture Share of post-acquisition losses		
Amounts due from a joint venture		 8,585
Less: share of post-acquisition losses that are in excess of the cost of the investments	(8,585)	(8,585)
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## 18. INTERESTS IN A JOINT VENTURE (Continued)

Movements in investments in joint ventures are as below:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
At 1 January	_	7,992
Reduction on acquisitions of additional equity interests in		1,002
joint ventures which become subsidiaries	_	(7,992)
Addition from acquisitions of subsidiaries	-	8,585
Share of post-tax losses	-	(8,585)
At 31 December	_	-

As at 31 December 2022, amount due from a joint venture of HK\$8,585,000 (2021: amounts due from a joint venture of HK\$8,585,000) before share of losses of the joint venture is considered as part of the long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's investment in the joint venture. The amounts due from a joint venture is unsecured, interest-free, and have no fixed terms of repayment.

In addition, amount due from a joint venture with gross carrying amounts of HK\$1,173,000 (2021: HK\$1,032,000) in trade nature and HK\$859,000 (2021: HK\$859,000) in non-trade nature, are not considered part of the long-term interest in the joint venture as at 31 December 2022, both of which are credit-impaired and impairment allowances based on lifetime ECL of HK\$1,173,000 (2021: HK\$1,032,000) and HK\$859,000 (2021: HK\$859,000) are provided for the trade and non-trade amounts, respectively, during the year ended 31 December 2022. The amounts are unsecured, and interest-free.

Details of impairment assessment of amounts due from a joint venture for the year ended 31 December 2022 are set out in note 40.

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## 18. INTERESTS IN A JOINT VENTURE (Continued)

Details of the Group's joint venture at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

Name of entity	Place of incorporation/ registration	Principal place of business	Proportion o ownership inter and voting right by the Grou 2022	rests s held	Principal activities
Shuang Zuan	Macau	Macau	50%	50%	Management and operation of food and beverage businesses in Macau

## **19. OTHER ASSETS**

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Deposits paid for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment	8,014	4,833
Rental deposits	5,509	1,299
	13,523	6,132

## **20. PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS**

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Non-current portion		
Bank deposits pledged:		
<ul> <li>in favour of SJM Resorts for Group's fulfilment of certain</li> </ul>		
obligations (Note (i))	30,864	30,420
<ul> <li>in favour of a landlord to secure a right-of-use asset (Note (ii))</li> </ul>	310	328
	31,174	30,748

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## 20. PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS (Continued)

Notes:

- (i) As at 31 December 2022, an amount of HK\$30,864,000 (2021: HK\$30,420,000) represented a bank deposit to secure a bank facility granted by a bank to a subsidiary of the Company. The bank facility represented a bank guarantee amounting to MOP47,082,000 (equivalent to HK\$45,711,000) (2021: MOP47,082,000 (equivalent to HK\$45,711,000)) for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2023 which was in favour of SJM Resorts for the Group's fulfilment of all its obligations, in particular for reimbursement by the Group to SJM Resorts of the employee's salaries and benefits for those gaming operation employees employed by SJM Resorts who work for the casino under the management of the Group, as stipulated under the service agreement (and all related supplemental agreements) entered into between SJM Resorts and the Group for provision of casino management services by the Group to SJM Resorts.
- (ii) As at 31 December 2022, an amount of HK\$310,000 (2021: HK\$328,000) represented a bank deposit to secure a bank guarantee granted to a subsidiary of the Company. The bank guarantee was in favour of a landlord to secure a right-of-use asset of HK\$35,000 (2021: HK\$482,000) at 31 December 2022 for a subsidiary of the Company.

Pledge bank deposits carry fixed interest rates ranging from 0.25% to 1.25% (2021: 0.4% to 1.45%) per annum.

### **21. INVENTORIES**

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Consumables	31,737	34,577
Trading goods	5,853	14,600
	37,590	49,177

### 22. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Trade receivables (note i)	5,069	26,518
Chips on hand (note ii)	-	10,612
Deposits paid	7,304	16,866
Loan receivable (note iii)	7,799	7,799
Other receivables (note ii)	11,147	5,763
Prepayments	2,294	6,962
	33,613	74,520

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## 22. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

#### Notes:

(i) As at 1 January 2021, the carrying amount of trade receivables from contracts with customers was HK\$33,943,000. As at 31 December 2022, trade receivables of HK\$5,069,000 (2021: HK\$26,518,000) comprised receivables from contracts with customers and lease receivables of HK\$4,134,000 (2021: HK\$26,479,000) and HK\$935,000 (2021: HK\$39,000), respectively.

Before accepting any new customer, the Group gathers and assesses the credit information of the potential customer in considering the customer's quality and determining the credit limits for that customer. Recoverability and credit limits of the existing customers are reviewed by the Group regularly. At the end of the reporting period, included in the Group's trade receivable balances are receivables with aggregate carrying amount of HK\$4,398,000 (2021: HK\$24,683,000), which are not past due. The directors of the Company considered that trade receivables are of good credit quality given the continuous subsequent settlements from the gaming operator and other customers and forward-looking information such as the economic outlook.

The Group normally allows a credit period with an average of 30 days to the gaming operator and other customers.

As at 31 December 2022, included in the Group's trade receivables balance are debtors with aggregate carrying amount of HK\$671,000 (2021: HK\$1,835,000) which are past due as at the reporting date. Out of the past due balances at 31 December 2022, HK\$4,000 (2021: nil) was past due 90 days or more and was not considered as in default based on historical repayment pattern from the specific debtors. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

As at 31 December 2022, 86.8% (2021: 93.1%) of the trade receivables that are not credit-impaired have the best credit scoring attributable under the internal credit scoring system used by the Group.

The following is the aged analysis of trade receivables (net of loss allowance) based on the date of monthly statements of service income or the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
4,398	24,683
225	5
421	1,830
25	
5,069	26,518
	НК\$'000 4,398 225 421 25

- (ii) Chips on hand represent chips issued by a gaming operator in Macau which can be exchanged into their cash amounts. On 31 December 2022, the Group transferred all its then chips on hand amounting to HK\$5,600,000 to SJM Resorts which was included in other receivables of the Group as at 31 December 2022 and was subsequently exchanged into cash to the Group.
- (iii) The amount represented a loan granted by the Group to a third party which is a company incorporated in Japan and principally engaged in the development and manufacture of gaming products. The loan is unsecured, bears interest at the rate of 8% per annum and is guaranteed by a director of an indirect non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company who also holds an 18% shareholding in this non-wholly owned subsidiary. The maturity date of the outstanding loan principal and accrued interest is 5 October 2023 (2021: 5 October 2022). At 31 December 2022, an amount of the interest receivable of HK\$1,613,000 (2021: HK\$988,000) accrued from the loan was included in other receivables.

Details of impairment assessment of trade and other receivables for the year ended 31 December 2022 are set out in note 40.

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## 23. AMOUNT DUE FROM A RELATED COMPANY

	As at 31 De	ecember	Maximum outstar during the y	nding
	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Empire Technological Group Limited (note)	3,816	1,052	7,941	1,052

Note: The company is wholly-owned by the brother-in-law of Dr. Chun, an executive director of the Company.

The amount due from a related company is trade in nature, unsecured and interest-free. The amounts of HK\$3,816,000 (2021: HK\$1,052,000) is aged over 180 days (2021: within 0 to 30 days) based on invoice date. The balance is not credit-impaired at the end of the reporting period, details of credit risk assessment are disclosed in note 40.

## 24. BANK BALANCES AND CASH

Bank balances carry interest at market rates ranging from 0.01% to 2.65% (2021: 0.01% to 1.12%) per annum.

## 25. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Trade payables	17,858	4,536
Accrued staff costs	4,998	21,361
Accrued promotional expenses	11,097	14,444
Deposits received	560	680
Payable for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	4,717	5,369
Other sundry payables	9,994	9,399
Other accrued expenses	2,993	3,636
	52,217	59,425

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## 25. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

The following is the aged analysis of trade payables based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Age:		
0–30 days	5,540	3,113
31–60 days	2,267	97
61–90 days	2,160	49
91–365 days	7,430	325
Over 365 days	461	952
	17,858	4,536

The average credit period of trade payables is 30 days. No interest is charged on the trade payables.

## 26. AMOUNTS DUE TO DIRECTORS

The amounts due to directors are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

## 27. AMOUNT DUE TO A JOINT VENTURE

The amount due to a joint venture was trade in nature, unsecured and non-interest bearing. The amount was aged within 0 to 30 days based on invoice date.

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## 28. BANK BORROWINGS

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Bank borrowings		
Secured bank mortgage loans (note i)	120,584	127,978
Unsecured bank loan (note ii)	539	1,187
	121,123	129,165
The bank borrowings are repayable as follows*:		
Within one year	6,087	9,863
Within a period of more than one year but not exceeding two years	9,736	9,981
Within a period of more than two years but not exceeding five years	31,069	29,739
More than five years	74,231	79,582
	121,123	129,165
Less: Amounts due within 12 months shown under current liabilities	(6,087)	(9,863)
Amounts due after 12 months shown under non-current liabilities	115,036	119,302

\* The amounts due are based on scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements.

Notes:

(i) At 31 December 2022, the secured bank mortgage loans carried interest at the Lending Prime Rate ("Prime Rate") as quoted by the lending banks from time to time minus 2.85% (2021: Prime Rate minus 2.85%) per annum. The effective interest rate of the bank borrowings as at 31 December 2022 was 3.03% (31 December 2021: 2.40%) per annum.

At 31 December 2022, the bank borrowings were secured by mortgages over the Group's leasehold land and buildings with an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$199,938,000 (2021: HK\$207,343,000). The bank borrowings are denominated in MOP and HK\$.

(ii) At 31 December 2022, the unsecured bank loan carried a fixed interest rate of 4% (2021: 4%) per annum.

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## **29. OTHER BORROWING**

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Unsecured other borrowing	381	450
The other borrowing is repayable as follows*:		
Within one year	69	69
Within a period of more than one year but not exceeding two years	69	69
Within a period of more than two years but not exceeding five years	208	208
More than five years	35	104
	381	450
Less: Amounts due within 12 months shown under current liabilities	(69)	(69)
Amounts due after 12 months shown under non-current liabilities	312	381

\* The amounts due are based on scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreement.

As at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, the unsecured other borrowing was interest-free.

## **30. LEASE LIABILITIES**

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Lease liabilities payable:		
Within one year	13,651	10,256
Within a period of more than one year but not more than two years	13,026	6,822
Within a period of more than two years but not more than five years	11,573	4,308
	38,250	21,386
Less: Amounts due for settlement within 12 months shown under		
current liabilities	(13,651)	(10,256)
Amounts due for settlement after 12 months shown under non-current liabilities	24,599	11,130

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### 30. LEASE LIABILITIES (Continued)

#### Restrictions or covenants on leases

Lease liabilities of HK\$38,250,000 (2021: HK\$21,386,000) are recognised with related right-of-use assets of HK\$35,877,000 (2021: HK\$19,066,000) as at 31 December 2022. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets (where applicable) that are held by the lessor. The related leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

As at 31 December 2022, the amounts are secured by rental deposits with carrying values of HK\$5,642,000 (2021: HK\$3,272,000) and secured by a bank deposit with carrying value of HK\$310,000 (2021: HK\$328,000).

### **31. CONTRACT LIABILITIES**

Contract liabilities comprise deposits received from customers in relation to the sale of electronic gaming equipment and systems which are recognised when the goods are approved by the local regulatory authority, delivered, on-site installation is satisfied as per terms of relevant sale contracts and titles have been passed. As at 31 December 2022, the amount of HK\$5,010,000 (2021: HK\$8,732,000) will be recognised as revenue when the Group performs its obligations under the contracts which are expected to be completed within one year from the end of the reporting period, while amount of HK\$2,180,000 (2021: HK\$2,180,000) represents an obligation to transfer goods to the customers at a later date. The fulfilment date of the contract is uncertain at this time, and as a result, the contract liability has been classified as a current liability.

As at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, the decrease in contract liabilities is because the Group satisfies the performance obligations under the contracts for which customers placed deposits before. As at 1 January 2021, contract liabilities amounted to HK\$23,534,000. The contract liabilities amounted to HK\$5,075,000 and HK\$21,353,000, which was included in the contract liabilities balance at the beginning of the year, was recognised as revenue during the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, respectively.

### **32. LOANS FROM A SHAREHOLDER**

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Loans from a shareholder	64,960	_

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group entered into a deed of loan which was subsequently amended by a deed of amendment (the deed of loan together with its amendment(s) from time to time collectively referred to as the "Deed of Loan") with Dr. Chun, a shareholder and an executive director of the Company, pursuant to which Dr. Chun agreed to provide a loan facility amounting to HK\$120,000,000 to the Group to strengthen the liquidity of the Group. As at 31 December 2022, the Group had drawn down on the facility in aggregate an amount of HK\$64,960,000 (31 December 2021: nil). The loans are unsecured, carry interest at 10% per annum and have a maturity date on 31 December 2023.

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## 32. LOANS FROM A SHAREHOLDER (Continued)

Subsequent to 31 December 2022, the Deed of Loan was further amended pursuant to which the maturity date of the loan facility was extended from 31 December 2023 to 31 March 2024, and any amounts repaid by the Group under the loan facility could be re-drawn or re-borrowed during the term of the Deed of Loan. Up to the date of approval of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022, the total outstanding loans from a shareholder under the Deed of Loan was HK\$34,960,000.

In addition, subsequent to 31 December 2022, the Group entered into two other deeds of loan with Dr. Chun pursuant to which Dr. Chun agreed to provide a term loan facility of HK\$70,000,000 for a 3-year period to the Group. The loans are unsecured, carry interest at 12.5% per annum and are repayable in monthly instalments. Up to the date of approval of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022, the loans have been fully drawn down by the Group.

## **33. ACQUISITIONS OF SUBSIDIARIES**

On 8 May 2019, the Group acquired a 50% equity interest in Tong Sin and a 50% equity interest in Bigger A for the consideration of MOP12,500 (equivalent to approximately HK\$12,000) per entity. The entities were classified as joint ventures under "Interests in joint ventures" as the Group has joint control over each of Tong Sin and Bigger A with other parties.

### (a) Acquisition of Tong Sin

On 11 January 2021, the Group acquired the remaining 50% equity interest in Tong Sin from an independent third party for cash consideration of HK\$1,500,000. Upon completion of the acquisition, Tong Sin became an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

The fair value of the Group's equity holding in Tong Sin immediately before the completion of the acquisition formed part of the total consideration of the acquisition and was included in the calculation of gain on acquisition of a subsidiary.

The fair value of the 50% equity interest in Tong Sin previously held by the Group prior to the completion of the acquisition was estimated to approximate the carrying amount as at the acquisition date.

The following table summarises the consideration paid by the Group for remaining 50% equity interest in Tong Sin:

	HK\$'000
Cash paid during the year ended 31 December 2021 Fair value of equity interest in Tong Sin previously held by the Group	1,500 7,987
Total consideration	9,487

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## 33. ACQUISITIONS OF SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

#### (a) Acquisition of Tong Sin (Continued)

Fair value of assets and liabilities recognised at the date of acquisition was as follows:

	HK\$'000
Property, plant and equipment	2,897
Interest in a joint venture	8,585
Other assets	163
Right-of-use assets	3,839
Inventories	1,471
Trade and other receivables	1,397
Amount due from a related company	17
Bank balances and cash	1,168
Trade and other payables	(1,942)
Lease liabilities	(5,789)
Bank borrowings	(1,834)
Other borrowing	(485)
Net assets	9,487

The trade and other receivables acquired (which principally comprised trade receivables) with a fair value of HK\$1,397,000 at the date of acquisition had gross contractual amounts of HK\$1,397,000 as the contractual cash flows was expected to be fully collected based on the best estimate at acquisition date.

Note:

Net cash outflows arising on the acquisition:

	HK\$'000
Consideration paid in cash	1,500
Less: Cash and cash equivalent balances acquired	(1,168)
	332

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## 33. ACQUISITIONS OF SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

#### (a) Acquisition of Tong Sin (Continued)

Other income and loss contribution:

The acquired business contributed other income of HK\$4,993,000 and incurred a net loss of HK\$22,549,000 (including share of loss of a joint venture of HK\$8,585,000), impairment loss in respect of amount due from a joint venture of HK\$1,891,000 and loss from change in fair value of convertible loan of HK\$9,653,000 to the Group for the period from 11 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

The other income and the results contributed by Tong Sin to the Group for the period from 1 January 2021 to the acquisition date of 11 January 2021 were insignificant, therefore there would be negligible difference if the acquisition had occurred on 1 January 2021 for consolidated other income and consolidated loss after taxation of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021 would have been presented in the consolidated financial statements.

#### (b) Acquisition of Bigger A

On 11 January 2021, the Group acquired the remaining 50% equity interest in Bigger A from independent third parties for no consideration. Upon completion of the acquisition, Bigger A has become an indirect whollyowned subsidiary of the Company. The fair value of assets and liabilities recognised at the date of acquisition was insignificant and the net cash inflows arising on acquisition was HK\$2,000 and loss arising from the acquisition of Bigger A was HK\$8,000 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The revenue and the results contributed by Bigger A to the Group for the period from 1 January 2021 to the acquisition date of 11 January 2021 and the period from 11 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 were insignificant.

## **34. SHARE CAPITAL**

	Number of shares '000	Share capital HK\$'000
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.001 each		
Authorised: At 1 January 2021, 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022	1,000,000,000	1,000,000
<b>Issued and fully paid:</b> At 1 January 2021, 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022	1,052,185	1,052

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### **35. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS**

During the year ended 31 December 2022, property, plant and equipment of HK\$400,000 were settled by utilising deposits paid for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment (2021: HK\$1,200,000).

During the year ended 31 December 2022, property, plant and equipment of HK\$12,710,000 (2021: HK\$3,464,000) were transferred to inventories.

### **36. PLEDGE OF ASSETS**

At 31 December 2022, the Group's leasehold land and buildings and bank deposits with carrying amounts of HK\$199,938,000 (2021: HK\$207,343,000) and HK\$31,174,000 (2021: HK\$30,748,000) as set out in notes 14 and 20, respectively, were pledged to banks to secure for certain facilities granted by the banks to the Group.

## **37. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Capital expenditure in respect of property, plant and equipment contracted for but not provided for in the consolidated financial statements	6,618	4,796

### **38. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES**

The Group contributes to a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for all qualifying employees in Hong Kong. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of the independent trustees. The Group and each employee make mandatory contributions of 5% of relevant payroll costs with monthly cap of HK\$1,500 to the scheme.

The employees of the Group in Macau are members of state-managed retirement benefit schemes operated by the Macau government. The Group is required to contribute a certain percentage of its payroll to the retirement benefit schemes to fund the benefits. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the retirement benefit schemes is to make the required contributions under the scheme.

As stipulated by the rules and regulations in the PRC, the Group contributes to retirement funds schemes managed by a social security bureau in the PRC. The Group contributes a certain percentage of the basic salaries of its employees to the retirement funds schemes to fund the benefits.

The total cost of retirement benefit schemes charged to profit or loss of HK\$2,701,000 (2021: HK\$3,266,000) represents contributions paid or payable to the above schemes by the Group.

The Group does not forfeit any contributions on behalf of its employee who leave the retirement benefit schemes prior to vesting fully in the schemes during both years. There is no forfeited contribution available for the Group to reduce its existing level of contributions to the retirement benefit schemes during and at the end of the reporting period.

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## **39. CAPITAL RISK 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 shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The capital structure of the Group consists of debt and equity of the Company, comprising issued share capital disclosed in note 34 and reserves as disclosed in consolidated statement of changes in equity. The management of the Group reviews the capital structure by considering the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. In view of this, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends, new share issues as well as new borrowings. The Group's approach to capital management remains unchanged throughout the year.

### **40. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

#### (a) Categories of financial instruments

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Financial assets		
Financial assets at amortised cost	88,757	157,319
Financial assets at FVTPL		
- convertible loan	_	347
	88,757	157,666
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	221,366	151,617

#### (b) Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments are listed in above table. Details of the financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk (foreign currency risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management of the Group manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

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### 40. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

#### (b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Market risk

#### Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk refers to the risk that movement in foreign currency exchange rates will affect the Group's financial results and its cash flows. Several subsidiaries of the Company have foreign currency sales and purchases, but the management of the Group considers the amount of foreign currency sales and purchases to be insignificant. The management of the Group considers that the Group is not exposed to significant foreign currency risk in relation to transactions denominated in MOP and US\$ as MOP and US\$ are pegged to HK\$.

The Group has certain bank balances which are denominated in Renminbi ("RMB") and Euro ("EUR") (being currencies other than the functional currency of the relevant group entities) amounting to HK\$231,000 (2021: HK\$19,369,000) and HK\$123,000 (2021: HK\$130,000), respectively. The Group also has certain loans from a shareholder which are denominated in RMB amounting to HK\$6,960,000 as at 31 December 2022. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management of the Group monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

The following details the Group's sensitivity to a reasonably possible change of 5.0% (2021: 5.0%) in exchange rates of RMB and EUR against HK\$, while all other variables are held constant. 5.0% (2021: 5.0%) is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to the key management personnel and represents the management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign currency rate. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the end of the reporting period for a 5.0% (2021: 5.0%) change in foreign currency rate. For a 5.0% (2021: 5.0%) strengthening in RMB and EUR against HK\$, the Group's loss for the year would be increased by HK\$336,000 (2021: decrease by HK\$968,000) and decreased by HK\$6,000 (2021: decreased by HK\$7,000), respectively. If RMB and EUR had been weakened against HK\$ in an opposite magnitude and all other variables were held constant, the potential effect on the results would be equal and opposite.

In the opinion of the directors of the Company, the sensitivity analysis is unrepresentative of inherent foreign exchange risk as the year end exposure does not reflect the exposure during the year.

#### Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to fair value interest rate risk in relation to fixed-rate convertible loan, loan receivable, lease liabilities, unsecured bank loan, pledged bank deposits and loans from a shareholder. The Group is also exposed to cash flow interest rate risk in relation to its variable-rate bank balances and secured bank mortgage loans. The Group currently does not have policy on cash flow hedges of interest rate risk. However, the management of the Group monitors the interest rate exposure and will consider hedging significant interest rate risk should the need arise.

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### 40. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

#### (b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Market risk (Continued)

Interest rate risk (Continued) Interest expenses on financial liabilities not measured at FVTPL:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	6,855	3,240

The Group's sensitivity to cash flow interest rate risk has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for those variable-rate bank balances and bank borrowings at the end of the reporting period and management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in the interest rate assuming that it took place at the beginning of each year and was held constant throughout the respective year.

If interest rates for variable-rate bank balances and bank borrowings had been 5 basis points and 50 basis points (2021: 5 basis points and 50 basis points) higher, respectively, and all other variables held constant, the potential effect on loss for the year:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Decrease (increase) in loss for the year — Variable-rate bank balances — Variable-rate bank borrowings	8 (603)	31 (640)
	(595)	(609)

If interest rates had been lowered in an opposite magnitude and all other variables were held constant, the potential effect on the results would be equal and opposite.

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk in the event of the counterparties' failure to perform their obligations as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position.

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### 40. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

#### (b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

Trade receivables arising from contracts with customers (including amount due from a related company and amount due from a joint venture in trade nature)

In order to minimise the credit risk, the management of the Group has delegated a team responsible for determination of credit limits and credit approvals. Before accepting any new customer, the Group uses an internal credit scoring system to assess the potential customer's credit quality and defines credit limits by customer. Limits and scoring attributed to customers are reviewed twice a year. Other monitoring procedures are in place to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Group performs impairment assessment under ECL model on trade balances individually or based on provision matrix. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced and insignificant to recognise loss allowance for the trade receivables from contracts with customers (including amount due from a related company) of HK\$7,950,000 (2021: HK\$27,531,000).

In addition, for the amount due from a joint venture in trade nature with gross carrying amount of HK\$1,173,000 (2021: HK\$1,032,000), which is not formed part of the long-term interest, an impairment allowance based on lifetime ECL of HK\$1,173,000 (2021: HK\$1,032,000) was made for the credit-impaired amount due from a joint venture in trade nature as at 31 December 2022, as the directors of the Company consider the outstanding balance was uncollectible.

The Group has concentration of credit risk as 43% (2021: 85%) and 100% (2021: 96%) of the total trade receivables and amount due from a related company, which were due from the Group's largest customer and the five largest customers, respectively. The directors of the Company consider that there is no significant credit risk on the trade receivables from the five largest customers given their strong financial background and good creditability. The remaining trade receivables balances are spread over a number of customers.

The Group has taken into account the economic outlook of the industry in which the related company operates, and concluded that there has been no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. The ECL on amount due from a related company are considered to be insignificant.

#### Pledged bank deposits/bank balances

For the pledged bank deposits of HK\$31,174,000 (2021:HK\$30,748,000) and bank balances of HK\$15,525,000 (2021: HK\$61,455,000), no allowance for impairment was made since the directors of the Company consider the probability of default is negligible as such amounts are receivable from or placed in banks in Macau and Hong Kong having good reputation.

#### Loan receivable

For the loan receivable from the borrower of HK\$7,799,000 (2021: HK\$7,799,000), no allowance for impairment was made since the directors of the Company consider the loss given default is minimal with reference to a guarantee provided by a director of a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company who also holds an 18% shareholding in this non-wholly owned subsidiary.

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### 40. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

#### (b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

Refundable rental deposits/other receivables/lease receivables

For non-current refundable rental deposits of HK\$5,509,000 (2021: HK\$1,299,000), other receivables of HK\$15,211,000 (2021: HK\$25,860,000) (including current refundable rental deposits of HK\$4,138,000 (2021: HK\$9,231,000), remaining other receivables of HK\$11,073,000 (2021: HK\$6,017,000) and as at 31 December 2021 chips on hand of HK\$10,612,000); and lease receivables of HK\$935,000 (2021: HK\$39,000) at 31 December 2022, no allowance for impairment was made since the directors of the Company consider the probability of default is minimal after assessing the counter-parties' financial background and creditability.

#### Amount due from a joint venture in non-trade nature

For the amount due from a joint venture with gross carrying amount of HK\$8,585,000 (2021: amounts due from a joint venture of HK\$8,585,000) before share of losses of a joint venture that are considered as part of long-term interest as 31 December 2022, the carrying amount was reduced by share of post-acquisition losses of HK\$8,585,000 (2021: HK\$8,585,000) to Nil (2021: nil). Accordingly, no allowance for impairment is made in respect of such amount due from a joint venture as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021.

In addition, for the amount due from a joint venture in non-trade nature with gross carrying amount of HK\$859,000 (2021: HK\$859,000), which is not formed part of the long-term interest, an impairment allowance based on lifetime ECL of HK\$859,000 (2021: HK\$859,000) was made for the credit-impaired amount due from a joint venture in non-trade nature as at 31 December 2022, as the directors of the Company consider the outstanding balance was uncollectible.

#### Liquidity risk

In the management of the liquidity risk, the Group monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by the management of the Group to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows.

The consideration of going concern assessment prepared by the Group is set out in note 3.1. The management of the Group considers that the Group's liquidity risk is duly monitored.

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### 40. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

#### (b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

#### Liquidity risk (Continued)

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities that will result in cash outflow. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows.

#### Liquidity and interest risk tables

	Weighted average effective interest rate %	Less than 1 month or repayable on demand HK\$'000	<b>1–3</b> months HK\$'000	3 months to 1 year HK\$'000	<b>1–5</b> years HK\$'000	<b>Over</b> <b>5 years</b> HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Total carrying amount HK\$'000
2022								
Trade and other payables	N/A	33,129	-	-	-	-	33,129	33,129
Amounts due to directors	N/A	1,773	-	-	-	-	1,773	1,773
Bank borrowings	3.03	625	1,293	7,680	50,351	81,605	141,554	121,123
Other borrowing	N/A	-	-	69	312	-	381	381
Lease liabilities	9.87	1,451	2,902	13,057	28,163	-	45,573	38,250
Loans from a shareholder	10.00		-	71,456	-	-	71,456	64,960
		36,978	4,195	92,262	78,826	81,605	293,866	259,616
2021								
Trade and other payables	N/A	19,984	_	_	_	_	19,984	19,984
Amounts due to directors	N/A	1,740	_	_	_	_	1,740	1,740
Amounts due to joint ventures	N/A	278	_	_	_	_	278	278
Bank borrowings	2.51	1,076	2,151	9,673	49,455	86,766	149,121	129,165
Other borrowing	N/A	_	_	69	277	104	450	450
Lease liabilities	3.55	1,035	1,995	8,052	11,250	_	22,332	21,386
		24,113	4,146	17,794	60,982	86,870	193,905	173,003

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### 40. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

#### (c) Fair value

Other than the convertible loan, fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities was determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis.

Valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs are used to determine the fair value of convertible loan. The fair value measurement is classified as Level 3 under fair value hierarchy.

Convertible loan is measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period. The following table gives information about how the fair value of the financial assets is determined (in particular, the valuation technique(s) and inputs used).

Fair value of the convertible loan that is measured at fair value as at 31 December 2022 on a recurring basis is as follows:

Financial asset	Fair va 2022 HK\$'000	alue 2021 HK\$'000	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation techniques and key inputs	Significant unobservable inputs	Sensitivity/relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Financial asset at FVTPL: Convertible Ioan	-	347	Level 3	Discounted cash flow model with discount rate as the key input	Discount rate at 15.56% per annum (2021: 15.56%)	N/A (2021: Increase in discount rate would result in decrease in fair value of the convertible loan, and vice versa)

Unrealised loss from change in fair value of convertible loan of HK\$347,000 (2021: HK\$9,653,000) has been recognised in the consolidated financial statements of the Group (included in other income, gains and losses) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of all financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost at the end of each reporting period approximate their corresponding fair values.

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## 41. RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

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

	Lease liabilities HK\$'000 (Note 30)	Amounts due to directors HK\$'000 (Note 26)	Bank borrowings HK\$'000 (Note 28)	Other borrowing HK\$'000 (Note 29)	Interest payables HK\$'000 (Note)	Loans from a shareholder HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
A	40.007	4 000					
At 1 January 2021	16,827	1,600	137,016	-	140	—	155,583
Net financing cash flows	(14,939)	140	(9,685)	(35)	(3,252)	—	(27,771)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	5,789	—	1,834	485	6	—	8,114
Early termination of lease							
contracts	(4,452)	_	_	_	_	_	(4,452)
Interest expenses	759	—	—	_	3,240	—	3,999
New leases entered	18,092	—	—	—	—	—	18,092
Covid-19-related rent							
concessions	(690)						(690)
At 31 December 2021	21,386	1,740	129,165	450	134	_	152,875
Net financing cash flows	(11,347)	33	(8,042)	(69)	(6,836)	64,960	38,699
Early termination of lease	(11,011)	00	(0,012)	(00)	(0,000)	0 1,000	00,000
contracts	(1,608)	_	_	_	_	_	(1,608)
Interest expenses	660	_	_	_	6,855	_	7,515
New leases entered	29,652	_	_	_	_	_	29,652
Covid-19-related rent							
concessions	(227)	_	_	_	_	_	(227)
Exchange adjustment	(266)	_	_	_	_	_	(266)
At 31 December 2022	38,250	1,773	121,123	381	153	64,960	226,640

Note: The amount is included in trade and other payables as set out in note 25.

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## 42. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Except for disclosure elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements, the Group had the following significant transactions during the year with related parties:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Sale/leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems (note i)	21,311	10,927
Consultancy fee (note ii)	60	360
Staff costs (note iii)	2,720	3,729
Sale of frozen food and products (note iv)	794	1,032
Interest on convertible loan (note iv)	357	363
Interest on loans from a shareholder (note vi)	3,753	_

Notes:

- (i) The related party is a company wholly-owned by the brother-in-law of Dr. Chun, an executive director. The transactions were charged at predetermined amounts agreed between the parties involved. These transactions constitute continuing connected transactions for the purpose of Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. Details of these continuing connected transactions, which are subject to the reporting requirements set out in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, have been disclosed under the section "Connected Transactions" in the directors' report of the annual report.
- (ii) The related party is the brother-in-law of Dr. Chun, an executive director. The transactions were charged at pre-determined amounts agreed between the parties involved.
- (iii) The related party is the spouse of Dr. Chun, an executive director. The transactions were charged at pre-determined amounts agreed between the parties involved.
- (iv) The related party is a joint venture of the Group. The transactions were charged at pre-determined amounts agreed between the parties involved.
- (v) Key management personnel compensation represents the amounts paid to the directors of the Company, details of which are set out in note 10.
- (vi) The related party is Dr. Chun, an executive director.
- (vii) Transactions described in notes (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) above do not fall under the definition of connected transactions or continuing connected transactions of Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

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### 43. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

#### Equity-settled share option scheme of the Company

The Company adopted the share option scheme ("Share Option Scheme") on 25 May 2017 for the purposes of providing incentives or rewards to the eligible participants for the contribution to the success of the Group's operations. Eligible participants of the Share Option Scheme include, among others, the directors of the Company (including independent non-executive directors), full-time or part-time employees, executives or officers of the Group, advisors, consultants, suppliers, customers and agents. The Share Option Scheme will be valid and effective for a period of 10 years from the date of adoption of the Share Option Scheme. Accordingly, the remaining life of the Share Option Scheme is approximately four years.

The maximum number of shares of the Company ("Shares") which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme must not exceed 30% of the total number of Shares in issue from time to time. The maximum number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted and to be granted to each eligible participant in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the Company's issued share capital from time to time. Any grant or further grant of share options in excess of this limit is subject to shareholders' approval in a general meeting of the Company.

Each grant of share options to a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or to any of their associates, is subject to approval in advance by the independent non-executive directors. In addition, any grant of share options to a substantial shareholder of the Company or an independent non-executive director, or to any of their associates, resulting in the Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options already granted and to be granted (including options exercised, cancelled and outstanding) to such person in a 12-month period up to and including the date of such grant in excess of 0.1% of the Shares in issue and with an aggregate value (based on the closing price of the Shares at the date of the grant) in excess of HK\$5 million, is subject to shareholders' approval in advance in a general meeting of the Company.

The period during which an option may be exercised is determined by the board of directors of the Company in its absolute discretion, save that such period shall not be longer than 10 years from the date of grant. The minimum period for which an option must be held before it can be exercised is determined by the board of directors upon the grant of an option.

An option shall be deemed to have been granted and accepted by the grantee and to have taken effect when the duplicate offer document constituting acceptance of the option is duly signed by the grantee, together with a remittance in favour of the Company of HK\$1.00 as consideration for the grant of the option, is received by the Company within 21 days after the date of offer.

The exercise price of share options is determined by the directors of the Company, but shall not be less than the highest of (i) the nominal value of the Shares; (ii) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotation sheets of the Stock Exchange on the date of offer of the share options; and (iii) the average closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotation sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the date of offer.



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## 43. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

#### Equity-settled share option scheme of the Company (Continued)

No options were granted by the Company, exercised, cancelled or lapsed under the Share Option Scheme and no equity-settled employees' benefit (including directors' emoluments) was recognised during the years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021. There was no share option outstanding under the Share Option Scheme as at 1 January 2022, during the year ended 31 December 2022 and as at 31 December 2022.

As at the date of this report, the total number of Shares available for issue under the Share Option Scheme is 105,218,531 Shares, representing 10% of the Shares in issue as at the date of adoption of the Share Option Scheme, that is 25 May 2017, and as at the date of this report.

#### Equity-settled share award scheme of the Company

The Company adopted the share award scheme ("Share Award Scheme") on 11 November 2019 for the purposes of, among others, providing incentives and/or rewards to the eligible participants for the contribution to the development and success of the Group. Eligible participants of the Share Award Scheme include, among others, the directors of the Company (including Executive Directors, non-executive directors and independent non-executive directors), the directors of the Company's subsidiaries, the employees of the Group or any other persons as determined by the board of directors whom the board of directors considers, in its absolute discretion, have contributed or will contribute to the Group. The Share Award Scheme shall be valid and effective for a term of 10 years commencing on the date of adoption of the Share Award Scheme.

Under the Share Award Scheme, the board of directors shall not make any further award which will result in the aggregate number of Shares underlying all awards granted by the board of directors under the Share Award Scheme exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of adoption of the Share Award Scheme. Except as otherwise approved by the board of directors, the maximum aggregate number of Shares underlying the awards that may be granted to any grantee under the Share Award Scheme shall not exceed 1% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of adoption of the Share Award Scheme shall not exceed 1% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of adoption of the Share Award Scheme. Any grant of an award to any director, chief executive or substantial shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company, or any of their respective associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), shall be subject to the prior approval of the independent non-executive directors (excluding any independent non-executive director who is the proposed grantee of the award in question) and all grants to connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) shall be subject to compliance with the requirements of the Listing Rules.

The Share Award Scheme shall terminate on the earlier of: (i) the tenth anniversary date of the adoption date of the Share Award Scheme; and (ii) such date of early termination as determined by a resolution of the board of directors, provided that such termination shall not affect any subsisting rights of any grantee under the Share Award Scheme. In the event of termination, no further awards may be offered or granted but the terms of the Share Award Scheme shall remain in full force and effect in respect of awards which are granted during the term of the Share Award Scheme. Scheme and which remain unvested immediately prior to the termination of the Share Award Scheme.

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### 43. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

#### Equity-settled share award scheme of the Company (Continued)

In December 2019, the Company appointed a trustee in connection with the Share Award Scheme (the "Trustee") to assist with the administration and vesting of awards under the Share Award Scheme and the trust deed executed in such connection.

No awards were granted by the Company under the Share Award Scheme since its adoption and up to 31 December 2022. Accordingly, during the year ended 31 December 2022, no Shares were purchased by the Trustee, and no awards were vested under the Share Award Scheme.

### 44. FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY

The financial information of the Company as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 is as follows:

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Non-current asset		
Interests in subsidiaries	158,087	319,925
Current assets		
Prepayments and deposits	261	436
Bank balances and cash	732	99
	993	535
Current liabilities		
Other payables	1,824	2,308
Amounts due to directors	45	49
	1,869	2,357
Net current liabilities	(876)	(1,822)
Net assets	157,211	318,103
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	1,052	1,052
Reserves	156,159	317,051
	157,211	318,103



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## 44. FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

#### Movement in reserves

	Contributed surplus HK\$'000 (note)	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
At 1 January 2021	1,042,083	(637,466)	404,617
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the year		(87,566)	(87,566)
At 31 December 2021	1,042,083	(725,032)	317,051
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the year		(160,892)	(160,892)
At 31 December 2022	1,042,083	(885,924)	156,159

Note: The contributed surplus represents the aggregate of: (i) the difference between the nominal amount of the share capital issued by the Company and the aggregate of the nominal amounts of the issued share capital and the share premium of LifeTec (Holdings) Limited, the subsidiary which was acquired by the Company pursuant to the group reorganisation in 1996; (ii) the effects of the capital reduction, share premium cancellation and the elimination to accumulated losses took place in 1999 and 2013; (iii) the effect of the reduction of share premium took place in 2017; and (iv) the effect of dividend for the year ended 31 December 2018 paid in 2019.

## 45. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The Macau government has started to ease travel restrictions and lifted its quarantine requirements for inbound business and tourist travellers since early 2023. The local economy continues its recovery amid the easing of Covid-19 related restrictions.

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements, there is no other event after the reporting period which is required to be disclosed.

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## **46. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES**

### (a) General information of subsidiaries

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries of the Company as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ operation	Nominal value of issued ordinary share/ registered capital	Class of share	The Groo attributa equity int 2022 %	able	Principal activities
Century Force Limited	Macau/Macau	MOP25,000	Ordinary	100	100	Properties holding
Fairy Host Limited	BVI/Macau	US\$1	Ordinary	82	82	Investment holding
Fresh Idea Global Limited	BVI/Hong Kong	US\$1	Ordinary	100	100	Investment holding
Grand Step Game Equipments Factory Limited	Macau/Macau	MOP25,000	Ordinary	100	100	Properties holding
LifeTec (Holdings) Limited	BVI/Hong Kong	HK\$141,176	Ordinary	100	100	Investment holding
LifeTec Enterprise Limited	Hong Kong/ Hong Kong	HK\$100	Ordinary	100	100	Provision of management and consulting service
LT Macau	Macau/Macau	MOP1,000,000	Ordinary	100	100	Provision of casino management services and operation of electronic gaming equipment and systems
LT Capital Limited	BVI/Hong Kong	US\$1	Ordinary	100	100	Investment holding
LT Digital Technology Limited	BVI/Macau	US\$1	Ordinary	100	100	Investment holding and provision of procurement services
LT Game (Canada) Limited	Incorporated in Canada and continued in U.S./U.S.	CAD100	Ordinary	100	100	Market development
LT Game Australia Pty Limited	Australia/Australia	AUD100	Registered capital	100	100	Market development
LT Game Limited	BVI/Macau	US\$5,000	Ordinary	82	82	Development, sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems
MedicTec Technology Company Limited	Macau/Macau	MOP25,000	Ordinary	100	100	Development and sale of high-tech healthcare innovative products

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## 46. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

### (a) General information of subsidiaries (Continued)

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ operation	Nominal value of issued ordinary share/ registered capital	Class of share	The Gro attribut equity int 2022 %	able	Principal activities
Natural Noble Limited	BVI/Macau	US\$1	Ordinary	100	100	Investment holding
Paradise Digital Technology (Shenzhen) Limited (note i)	PRC/PRC	RMB20,000,000	Registered capital	100	100	Technology and software development
Rich Yield Limited	Macau/Macau	MOP25,000	Ordinary	100	100	Investment holding
Shenzhen Caijing Software Technology Co., Ltd. (note i)	PRC/PRC	RMB500,000	Registered capital	100	100	Software development
Solution Champion Limited	BVI/Hong Kong	US\$1	Ordinary	100	100	Investment holding
Streetsteel Limited	Macau/Macau	MOP25,000	Ordinary	100	100	Investment holding
Tech (Macau) Limited	Macau/Macau	MOP3,000,000	Ordinary	82	82	Sale and leasing of electronic gaming equipment and systems
Tong Sin	Macau/Macau	MOP\$25,000	Ordinary	100	100	Import, export and sale of frozen food products and packaged meats; and investment holding
Zhuhai Caijing Software Technology Co., Ltd. (note i)	PRC/PRC	RMB6,800,000	Registered capital	100	100	Software development

Notes:

(i) The subsidiaries established in the PRC are wholly-owned foreign enterprises.

(ii) Other than LifeTec (Holdings) Limited, which is held directly by the Company, all the other subsidiaries are held indirectly by the Company.

None of the subsidiaries had any debt securities outstanding at the end of both reporting periods.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Company which, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, principally affect the results or assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries which are mainly inactive or investment holdings would, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, result in particulars of excessive length.

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### 46. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(b) Details of non-wholly owned subsidiaries that have material non-controlling interests

The table below shows details of non-wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company that have material noncontrolling interests:

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ principal place of business	Proportion ownership into and voting righ by non-contro interests	erests ts held olling	Total comp expense all non-cont intere	ocated to trolling	Accumu non- con intere	trolling
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
				HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
LT Game Limited and its subsidiaries Individually immaterial subsidiaries with	BVI/Macau	18%	18%	(11,211)	(2,223)	28,379	39,590
non-controlling interests	3					(3)	(459)
						28,376	39,131

#### LT Game Limited and its subsidiaries

	2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
Current assets	138,943	196,759
Non-current assets	28,720	38,315
Current liabilities	9,014	12,524
Non-current liabilities	980	2,608
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	129,290	180,352
Non-controlling interests of LT Game Limited	28,379	39,590

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## 46. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

(b) Details of non-wholly owned subsidiaries that have material non-controlling interests (Continued)

LT Game Limited and its subsidiaries (Continued)

2022 HK\$'000	2021 HK\$'000
6,039	64,217
70,752	76,103
(64,713)	(11,886)
(53,064) (11,649)	(9,747) (2,139)
(64,713)	(11,886)
2,002 438	(384) (84)
2,440	(468)
(51,062) (11,211)	(10,131) (2,223)
(62,273)	(12,354)
8,948	15,867
(18,816)	(11,141)
(1,623)	(1,819)
(11,491)	2,907
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# **Financial Summary**

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A summary of the audited consolidated results and assets and liabilities of the Group for the past five financial years is set out below:

## RESULTS

	Year ended 31 December				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	297,820	494,126	351,739	1,181,754	1,164,207
(Loss) profit before taxation	(170,962)	(87,992)	(189,709)	6,002	53,560
Taxation credit (charge)	4,632	(375)	(2,402)	4,558	(403)
(Loss) profit for the year	(166,330)	(88,367)	(192,111)	10,560	53,157
(Loss) profit for the year attributable to:					
<ul> <li>Owners of the Company</li> </ul>	(154,565)	(86,115)	(189,152)	926	58,224
<ul> <li>Non-controlling interests</li> </ul>	(11,765)	(2,252)	(2,959)	9,634	(5,067)
	(166,330)	(88,367)	(192,111)	10,560	53,157

## **ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	At 31 December				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Total assets	447,268	551,260	660,450	909,231	883,373
Total liabilities	(289,578)	(232,233)	(254,391)	(300,747)	(254,655)
	157,690	319,027	406,059	608,484	628,718
<b>-</b>					
Total equity attributable to:					
<ul> <li>Owners of the Company</li> </ul>	129,314	279,896	364,592	556,615	582,915
<ul> <li>Non-controlling interests</li> </ul>	28,376	39,131	41,467	51,869	45,803
	157,690	319,027	406,059	608,484	628,718



The following expressions shall, unless the content otherwise states, have the following meanings:

"2023 AGM"	the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 24 May 2023
"Adjusted EBITDA"	the Group's profit or loss for the year before interest income, finance costs, taxation, depreciation of property, plant and equipment, loss on disposal/write-off of property, plant and equipment, depreciation of right-of-use assets, gain on early termination of lease contracts, amortisation of intangible assets, gain or loss on acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries, loss from change in fair value of convertible loan, impairment loss in respect of amount due from a joint venture and costs incurred or associated with corporate exercises or potential projects, where applicable
"Audit Committee"	the audit committee of the Board
"Board"	the board of Directors
"Bye-Laws"	The bye-laws of the Company, as amended from time to time, and "Bye-Law" shall mean a bye-law of the Bye-Laws
"CG Code"	the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules
"Company"	Paradise Entertainment Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability, the issued Shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Dr. Chun"	Dr. Jay Chun, the controlling Shareholder, a Co-chairman of the Board, an executive Director and the Managing Director of the Company
"ESG"	environmental, social and governance
"ESG Report"	the ESG report of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022
"ETG"	electronic table game
"GGR"	gross gaming revenue, being total net win generated by all casino gaming activities combined, calculated before deduction of commissions and other expenses, if any
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

# **Definitions** (Continued)

"IGT"	a Nevada corporation and a subsidiary of International Game Technology PLC, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "IGT"
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"LMG"	live multi game
"Macao" or "Macau"	the Macao Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Model Code"	the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers contained in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules
"MOP"	Macau Pataca, the lawful currency of Macau
"Mr. Feng"	Mr. Linyi Feng, the brother-in-law of Dr. Chun
"Nomination Committee"	the nomination committee of the Board
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China
"Remuneration Committee"	the remuneration committee of the Board
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.001 each in the share capital of the Company
"Share Award Scheme"	the share award scheme of the Company adopted by the Company on 11 November 2019
"Share Option Scheme"	the share option scheme of the Company adopted by the Company at the annual general meeting held on 25 May 2017
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Shares
"SJM Resorts"	SJM Resorts, Limited, one of the concessionaires for operation of casinos in Macau
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"U.S."	the United States of America
"US\$"	the United States dollars, the lawful currency of the U.S.
"%"	per cent