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建業實業有限公司 Chinney Investments, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 216)

2019-20 INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

FINANCIAL RESULTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2019, the Group's unaudited consolidated revenue was HK\$375 million (2018 restated: HK\$1,184 million) and net profit attributable to shareholders was HK\$137 million (2018: HK\$375 million), including an increase in fair value of investment properties net of deferred taxation of HK\$60 million (2018: HK\$191 million). Basic earnings per share was HK\$0.25 (2018: HK\$0.68). As at 30 September 2019, the shareholders' equity amounted to HK\$7,834 million (as at 31 March 2019: HK\$8,086 million) and net assets per share attributable to shareholders was HK\$14.21 (as at 31 March 2019: HK\$14.66).

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2019 (2018: Nil).

BUSINESS REVIEW

1. Property

The Group's property development and investment activities are conducted by Hon Kwok Land Investment Company, Limited ("Hon Kwok") (Stock Code: 160) and its subsidiaries ("Hon Kwok Group"). Hon Kwok Group reported a revenue of HK\$375 million (2018: HK\$1,184 million) and net profit attributable to their shareholders of HK\$224 million (2018: HK\$576 million) for the six months ended 30 September 2019. The drop in revenue was mainly due to the decrease in property sales from Hon Kwok Group's development projects in Mainland China of which the project in Guangzhou, namely The Botanica, was completed with nearly all units being delivered to customers in prior years. Whilst the drop in profit was mainly attributable to the decrease in fair value gains on investment properties upon revaluation at 30 September 2019.

Property Development

For the six months ended 30 September 2019, the property development segment revenue was HK\$218 million compared with HK\$1,067 million in 2018. Segment profit before taxation was HK\$163 million compared with HK\$568 million in 2018. The revenue and profit were attributable to delivery of the sold units in Botanica and Metropolitan Oasis.

Hon Kwok Group's property development projects are located in Mainland China comprising mainly (i) The Botanica in the Tian He District of Guangzhou in which Hon Kwok Group owns 60% interest; (ii) Metropolitan Oasis, Hon Kwok Group's wholly owned project in the Da Li District of Nanhai; (iii) 45-107 Beijing Nan Road, Hon Kwok Group's wholly owned project in the Yue Xiu District of Guangzhou and (iv) Enterprise Square in the Nanshan District of Shenzhen in which Hon Kwok Group owns 20% interest.

The Botanica with a total gross floor area of approximately 229,000 square meters was developed in phases. The final phase of the development was completed in December 2016 with all residential units already sold out in prior years. For the six months ended 30 September 2019, Hon Kwok Group booked revenue of HK\$97 million (2018: HK\$945 million) from the units delivered during the period. As at 30 September 2019, the contracted property sales of the remaining units but not yet booked amounted to RMB34 million.

Metropolitan Oasis with a total gross floor area of approximately 273,000 square meters was also developed in phases. Phase 3 of the project, comprising 19 blocks of high rise apartments of approximately 550 units, is scheduled for completion next year. For the six months ended 30 September 2019, Hon Kwok Group booked revenue of HK\$121 million (2018: HK\$122 million) from the units of phase 1 and phase 2 delivered during the period. In September 2018, Hon Kwok Group launched part of the units in phase 3 to the market for pre-sale and achieved satisfactory results. As at 30 September 2019, the contracted property sales but not yet booked amounted to RMB749 million.

The site at 45-107 Beijing Nan Road, which is adjacent to the pedestrian street and the Pearl River, will be developed into a 30-storey residential building and a 32-storey commercial/office building. Foundation works for the project are in progress.

Enterprise Square, situated at Qiaoxiang Road North, Nanshan District, covers a site area of approximately 49,000 square meters and a total gross floor area of approximately 224,500 square meters. It has been developed into a commercial complex composed of office towers, a residential apartment tower and a commercial mall offering dining and entertainment facilities to the tenants. Development for the entire project was completed in June 2018. The office portion and the residential apartment have been launched to the market for sale. For the six months ended 30 September 2019, the project realized revenue of RMB1,394 million (2018: RMB1,751 million). As at 30 September 2019, the contracted property sales but not yet booked amounted to RMB121 million. Net profit attributable to Hon Kwok Group in respect of Enterprise Square, including an increase in fair value of an office tower, the residential apartment tower and the commercial mall which are classified as investment properties, amounted to HK\$88 million (2018: HK\$149 million) for the six months ended 30 September 2019.

Property Investment

For the six months ended 30 September 2019, the property investment segment revenue was HK\$140 million compared with HK\$103 million in 2018. Segment profit before taxation was HK\$191 million compared with HK\$405 million in 2018. Excluding the change in fair value of investment properties, segment profit before taxation was HK\$78 million compared with HK\$56 million in 2018, such increase in revenue and profit was mainly attributable to the commencement of leasing activities of Hon Kwok City Commercial Centre in Shenzhen and the opening of the hotel at Chongqing Jinshan Shangye Zhongxin after its refurbishment works finished in the fourth quarter of 2018. Leasing of Hon Kwok City Commercial Centre is progressing well and it is expected that the recurrent income base of Hon Kwok Group will be significantly improved.

Property Investment – Hong Kong

Hon Kwok Group's completed investment property portfolio in Hong Kong with a total gross floor area of approximately 246,000 square feet comprises (i) Hon Kwok Jordan Centre, a commercial/office building at Hillwood Road, Tsim Sha Tsui; (ii) The Bauhinia, a hotel cum serviced apartment property at Connaught Road Central and Des Voeux Road Central; and (iii) The Bauhinia Hotel (TST), a hotel property at Observatory Court, Tsim Sha Tsui. Average occupancy of the properties reached 85% for the six months ended 30 September 2019 (2018: 95%) amid the deteriorating business environment caused by the recent social incidents. Occupancy of our hotel properties has dropped due to the decline in tourists arrivals to Hong Kong since July 2019.

Hon Kwok Group's investment property under development in Hong Kong comprises a construction site at Kin Chuen Street, Kwai Chung, New Territories, providing a gross floor area of approximately 228,000 square feet. It is being developed into a data centre for rental purpose. Superstructure works are progressing smoothly and the project is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2020. Pre-leasing discussions of the building are currently underway.

Property Investment – Mainland China

Hon Kwok Group's completed investment property portfolio in Mainland China with a total gross floor area of approximately 446,000 square meters comprises (i) Hon Kwok City Commercial Centre, a commercial/office building at the Futian District of Shenzhen (ii) City Square/The Bauhinia Hotel (Shenzhen), a commercial podium comprising shops and hotel rooms at the Luo Hu District of Shenzhen, (iii) City Suites, serviced apartment units atop of City Square at the Luo Hu District of Shenzhen, (iv) Ganghui Dasha, a commercial/office building at the Yue Xiu District of Guangzhou, (v) Chongqing Hon Kwok Centre, a twin-tower office building atop of a commercial podium at the Bei Bu Xin Qu of Chongqing and (vi) Chongqing Jinshan Shangye Zhongxin, an office tower and a hotel/office tower each with a commercial podium at the Bei Bu Xin Qu of Chongqing. The properties, excluding Hon Kwok City Commercial Centre which has been completed recently and was at the stage of renovation by the tenants during the period, achieved an average occupancy of 74% for the six months ended 30 September 2019 (2018: 74%).

Property Investment – Valuation

Hon Kwok Group's investment properties, including the data centre project which is at its final stage of development, were fair valued at HK\$14,099 million as at 30 September 2019 (as at 31 March 2019: HK\$14,297 million, including the data centre project stated at cost). After netting off the additions to investment properties and the exchange loss arising from depreciation in Renminbi during the period, the increase in fair value of Hon Kwok Group's investment properties amounted to HK\$113 million (2018: HK\$349 million) for the six months ended 30 September 2019.

Property, carpark management and others

For the six months ended 30 September 2019, the property, carpark management and others segment revenue was HK\$17 million compared with HK\$14 million in 2018. Segment profit before taxation was HK\$0.3 million compared with HK\$0.9 million in 2018. The profit contributions were adversely affected under the recent social unrest. As at 30 September 2019, Hon Kwok Group managed 10 car parks (31 March 2019: 11 car parks) with 1,980 parking spaces (31 March 2019: 2,000 parking spaces).

2. Property under redevelopment plan

The parcel of land in Zhongtang District of Dongguan in Mainland China, where the Group's garment factory was situated prior its cessation of operation, covers a site area of approximately 19,000 square meters and a total gross floor area of approximately 58,000 square meters. Formal approval was obtained from the PRC government authority for redeveloping the land from industrial use into a commercial/residential project. Construction works are expected to be commenced next year.

3. Construction and Trading

Chinney Alliance Group Limited ("Chinney Alliance") (Stock Code: 385), a 29.1% owned associate recorded revenue and net profit attributable to shareholders for the six months ended 30 June 2019 of HK\$2,453 million (2018 restated: HK\$2,768 million) and HK\$84.8 million (2018 restated: HK\$80.0 million).

Chinney Alliance's foundation piling and ground investigation businesses are conducted by Chinney Kin Wing Holdings Limited ("Chinney Kin Wing") (Stock Code: 1556), a 74.5% owned subsidiary listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Chinney Kin Wing reported a revenue of HK\$518 million (2018 restated: HK\$529 million) and operating profit of HK\$34.8 million (2018 restated: HK\$38.1 million). The slightly drop in revenue and operating profit was mainly due to the reduced contract sum for foundation contracts awarded under the keen competition in the foundation industry. Nevertheless, under the ongoing implementation of stringent project cost control policies, gross profit margin remained stable and satisfactory. Meanwhile, the drilling division, which specified in ground investigation, recorded an increase in both revenue and profit. The drilling division is exploring its scope of services in marine ground investigation and other businesses to maintain sustainable business development.

The Building Construction division, mainly consists of Chinney Construction Company, Limited (“Chinney Construction”) which operates in Hong Kong and Chinney Timwill Construction (Macau) Company Limited which operates in Macau, engaged in superstructure construction works in Hong Kong and Macau, contributed a revenue of HK\$522 million (2018: HK\$852 million) and an operating profit of HK\$46.2 million (2018: HK\$41.5 million). Although revenue dropped substantially as major projects are still at their early stage, operating profit increased due to higher profit margin attained for Macau projects and variation orders agreed during the period. The division continues its cost control and project management cautiously, in order to maintain its profitability under the highly competitive market.

The Building related contracting services division, consists of Shun Cheong Investments Limited and its subsidiaries, engaged in the electrical and mechanical contracting businesses, contributed a revenue of HK\$1,160 million (2018: HK\$1,093 million) and an operating profit of HK\$52.5 million (2018: HK\$42.2 million). Improvement in operating profit was mainly due to higher profit margin attained for certain large projects. Meanwhile, the construction/alternation of the factory premises into internet data centre through its newly acquired subsidiary, IDC Realty Holdings Limited, has been completed.

The Plastic Trading division, consists of Jacobson van den Berg (Hong Kong) Limited, contributed a revenue of HK\$235 million (2018: HK\$288 million) and an operating loss of HK\$2.0 million (2018: profit of HK\$3.1 million). Both revenue and profit contribution were adversely impacted by the prevailing uncertain market condition arising from the US-China trade dispute. Besides, the profit margin was further eroded by the devaluation of Renminbi. Nevertheless, the division continues to broaden its product lines and explore more opportunities in other markets to improve its profitability.

OUTLOOK

The global economic outlook continued to remain fragile and clouded with considerable uncertainties. The re-escalation of trade conflicts arising from the imposition of bilateral tariff measures by the United States and China have weighed heavily on export trades in both countries, and posing substantial downside risks to the global economy. Nevertheless, it showed some signs of reaching an initial agreement between the two countries to remove the additional tariff in phases in the near future. On the other hand, it is likely that the Federal Reserve will continue its monetary easing policies to abate the downward risk while maintaining a strong labour market coupled with a controllable inflation rate of around 2%. For the Eurozone countries, GDP growth remained subdued reflecting by its weak external demand and low investment sentiment. Nonetheless, the possibility of resolving the Brexit deal within the three-month extension granted has become the dominant uncertainty underlying the economic development in the Eurozone.

In the Mainland China, GDP slowed to 6% (bottom end of government's target) in the third quarter of 2019 amid the protracted US-China trade conflicts and sluggish domestic market. Under the city-specific housing policies adopted in prior years, the real estate market has been stabilised and recovering. Yet, the expected economic downturn has dampened buyer's confidence and investment sentiment. Confronting the mounting headwinds, it is expected that the Central Government will implement fiscal stimulus and monetary easing measures to bolster economic growth while maintaining supervision over financing activities in the real estate market to control financial risks with an aim to develop a healthy and stable property market.

In Hong Kong, the economy recorded a sharp contraction with a shrinkage in GDP by 2.9% year-on-year in the third quarter of 2019. Being a small economic entity, Hong Kong is highly vulnerable to external factors, particularly, the local property market is affected by the interest policy in the US and the China market condition. Recently, Hong Kong economy has experienced an abrupt slump due to the recent social incidents, which adversely impacted various businesses, especially, the inbound tourism, catering and retailing sectors were severely hit. Under the local Government's easing measures introduced recently to boost economic growth, it is believed that the residential properties will remain resilient as underpinned by solid demand and the relaxation of mortgage ceiling, whereas the office and retail property markets will continue to be influenced by the economic sentiment.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow directors for their contributions and all staff members for their efforts during the period under review.

James Sai-Wing Wong
Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 November 2019

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

The unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 September 2019 together with comparative figures for the corresponding period in the prior year are as follows:

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

		Six months ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2018 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 (Restated)
	<i>Notes</i>		
CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Revenue	3	374,724	1,183,878
Cost of sales		<u>(110,896)</u>	<u>(540,630)</u>
Gross profit		263,828	643,248
Other income and gains, net	3	13,064	9,376
Fair value gains on investment properties, net		101,291	348,583
Administrative and other operating expenses		(67,389)	(65,328)
Finance costs	4	(108,772)	(64,519)
Share of profits of associates		<u>113,082</u>	<u>172,180</u>
Profit before tax from continuing operations	5	315,104	1,043,540
Income tax expense	6	<u>(91,647)</u>	<u>(349,006)</u>
Profit for the period from continuing operations		223,457	694,534
DISCONTINUED OPERATION			
Loss for the period from a discontinued operation	7	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,405)</u>
Profit for the period		<u>223,457</u>	<u>677,129</u>
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		136,793	374,652
Non-controlling interests		<u>86,664</u>	<u>302,477</u>
		<u>223,457</u>	<u>677,129</u>
Earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company			
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Basic and diluted			
- For profit for the period		HK\$0.25	HK\$0.68
- For profit from continuing operations		<u>HK\$0.25</u>	<u>HK\$0.71</u>

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2018 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 (Restated)
Profit for the period	223,457	677,129
Other comprehensive income/(loss)		
Other comprehensive loss to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Share of other comprehensive loss of associates	(30,309)	(25,054)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(544,522)	(730,716)
	(574,831)	(755,770)
Other comprehensive income not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:		
Gain on revaluation reserve	9,901	-
Other comprehensive loss for the period, net of tax	(564,930)	(755,770)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(341,473)	(78,641)
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	(224,183)	(112,539)
Non-controlling interests	(117,290)	33,898
	<u>(341,473)</u>	<u>(78,641)</u>

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

		At 30 September 2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 March 2019 (Audited) HK\$'000
	Notes		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		247,720	296,363
Right-of-use assets		41,875	-
Investment properties		14,283,524	14,453,997
Investment in a joint venture		199	199
Investments in associates		<u>1,169,068</u>	<u>1,197,680</u>
Total non-current assets		<u>15,742,386</u>	<u>15,948,239</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Tax recoverable		1,258	5,895
Properties held for sale under development and completed properties held for sale		1,909,419	2,101,523
Trade receivables	10	19,477	21,589
Contract costs		21,330	5,547
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		158,568	136,507
Cash and bank balances		<u>1,827,048</u>	<u>2,092,224</u>
Total current assets		<u>3,937,100</u>	<u>4,363,285</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	11	177,102	425,295
Lease liabilities		24,326	-
Contract liabilities		500,471	286,193
Customer deposits		45,182	47,582
Due to an associate		-	15,950
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings		1,060,307	1,473,105
Tax payable		<u>151,989</u>	<u>122,549</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>1,959,377</u>	<u>2,370,674</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,977,723</u>	<u>1,992,611</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>17,720,109</u>	<u>17,940,850</u>

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position *(Continued)*

	At 30 September 2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 March 2019 (Audited) HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Lease liabilities	17,866	-
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	4,546,013	4,318,761
Deferred tax liabilities	1,484,275	1,552,353
	<u>6,048,154</u>	<u>5,871,114</u>
Total non-current liabilities		
	<u>6,048,154</u>	<u>5,871,114</u>
Net assets	<u>11,671,955</u>	<u>12,069,736</u>
EQUITY		
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		
Share capital	405,411	405,411
Reserves	7,428,608	7,680,359
	<u>7,834,019</u>	<u>8,085,770</u>
Non-controlling interests	<u>3,837,936</u>	<u>3,983,966</u>
Total equity	<u>11,671,955</u>	<u>12,069,736</u>

Notes:

1. Basis of preparation and changes in accounting policies and disclosures

Basis of preparation

The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”).

The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The financial information relating to the year ended 31 March 2019 that is included in these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2019 as comparative information does not constitute the statutory annual consolidated financial statements of the Company for that year but is derived from those consolidated financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements required to be disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “Companies Ordinance”) is as follows:

The Company has delivered the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Companies Ordinance.

The Company’s auditor has reported on those consolidated financial statements. The auditor’s report was unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its report; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Companies Ordinance.

Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment properties which have been measured at fair value. The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019, except as described below. In the current period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”, which include all HKFRSs, HKASs and Interpretations) issued by the HKICPA which are effective for the Group’s financial year beginning on 1 April 2019.

Amendments to HKFRS 9
HKFRS 16
Amendments to HKAS 19
Amendments to HKAS 28
HK(IFRIC)-Int 23
Annual Improvements 2015–2017 Cycle

Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
Leases
Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments
Amendments to HKFRS 3, HKFRS 11, HKAS 12 and
HKAS 23

Other than as explained below regarding the impact of HKFRS 16 *Leases*, the new and revised standards are not relevant to the preparation of the Group’s unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information.

1. Basis of preparation and changes in accounting policies and disclosures *(Continued)*

HKFRS 16 replaces HKAS 17 *Leases*, HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*, HK(SIC)-Int 15 *Operating Leases – Incentives* and HK(SIC)-Int 27 *Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease*. The standard sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases and requires lessees to account for all leases under a single on-balance sheet model. Lessor accounting under HKFRS 16 is substantially unchanged from HKAS 17. Lessors will continue to classify leases as either operating or finance leases using similar principles as in HKAS 17. Therefore, HKFRS 16 did not have any financial impact on leases where the Group is the lessor.

The Group adopted HKFRS 16 using the modified retrospective method of adoption with the date of initial application of 1 April 2019. Under this method, the comparative information as at 31 March 2019 and for the six months ended 30 September 2018 was not restated and continues to be reported under HKAS 17.

New definition of a lease

Under HKFRS 16, a contract is, or contains a lease if the contract conveys a right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is conveyed where the customer has both the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the identified asset and the right to direct the use of the identified asset. The Group elected to use the transition practical expedient allowing the standard to be applied only to contracts that were previously identified as leases applying HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 at the date of initial application. Contracts that were not identified as leases under HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 were not reassessed. Therefore, the definition of a lease under HKFRS 16 has been applied only to contracts entered into or changed on or after 1 April 2019.

At inception or on reassessment of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease and non-lease component on the basis of their standard-alone prices. A practical expedient is available to a lessee, which the Group has adopted, not to separate non-lease components and to account for the lease and the associated non-lease components (e.g., property management services for leases of properties) as a single lease component.

As a lessee – Leases previously classified as operating leases

Nature of the effect of adoption of HKFRS 16

The Group has lease contracts for various items of properties. As a lessee, the Group previously classified leases as either finance leases or operating leases based on the assessment of whether the lease transferred substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets to the Group. Under HKFRS 16, the Group applies a single approach to recognise and measure right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for all leases, except for two elective exemptions for leases of low value assets (elected on a lease by lease basis) and short-term leases (elected by class of underlying asset). The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for (i) leases of low-value assets; and (ii) leases, that at the commencement date, have a lease term of 12 months or less. Instead, the Group recognises the lease payments associated with those leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Impacts on transition

Lease liabilities at 1 April 2019 were recognised based on the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the incremental borrowing rate at 1 April 2019 and included in lease liabilities.

The right-of-use assets were measured at the amount of the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to the lease recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position immediately before 1 April 2019. All these assets were assessed for any impairment based on HKAS 36 on that date. The Group elected to present the right-of-use assets separately in the consolidated statement of financial position.

1. Basis of preparation and changes in accounting policies and disclosures *(Continued)*

The Group has used the following elective practical expedients when applying HKFRS 16 at 1 April 2019:

- Applied the short-term lease exemptions to leases with a lease term that ends within 12 months from the date of initial application
- Used hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend/terminate the lease

The impacts arising from the adoption of HKFRS 16 as at 1 April 2019 are as follows:

	Increase HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Assets	
Increase in right-of-use assets and total assets	<u>55,829</u>
Liabilities	
Increase in lease liabilities and total liabilities	<u>55,829</u>

2. Operating segment information

The Group is principally engaged in property development, property investment and property related activities. The Group's operating businesses are structured and managed separately according to the nature of their operations and the products and services they provide. Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to key management personnel.

During the year ended 31 March 2019, the Group discontinued the business of manufacture and trading of garments and reallocated certain segment resources to property investment segment. Accordingly, certain comparative segment information related to the manufacture and trading of garments is classified as "loss for the year from a discontinued operation" in the consolidation statement of profit or loss. Besides, as a result of the formal approval obtained for redevelopment of a parcel of land in the PRC, management of the Group has reassessed the Group's segment reporting and decided that for financial reporting purposes, certain segment resources in other segment has been reallocated to property development segment. The impact of the abovementioned changes in the Group's reportable operating segment for the six months ended 30 September 2018 is considered retrospectively and the Group's operating segment information is restated as if the Group had reallocated the resources in that period.

(a) Business segments

Six months ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)

	Property development HK\$'000	Property investment HK\$'000	Property, carpark management and others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Segment revenue:				
Sales to external customers and revenue from continuing operations	<u>218,064</u>	<u>139,581</u>	<u>17,079</u>	<u>374,724</u>
Segment results	<u>147,363</u>	<u>169,602</u>	<u>(3,019)</u>	<u>313,946</u>
<i>Reconciliation:</i>				
Interest income				9,744
Corporate and other unallocated expenses				(12,896)
Finance costs				(108,772)
Share of profits of associates				<u>113,082</u>
Profit before tax from continuing operations				<u>315,104</u>

Six months ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)

	Property development HK\$'000	Property investment HK\$'000	Property, carpark management and others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000 (Restated)
Segment revenue:				
Sales to external customers and revenue from continuing operations	<u>1,066,725</u>	<u>102,668</u>	<u>14,485</u>	<u>1,183,878</u>
Segment results	<u>538,388</u>	<u>402,229</u>	<u>(3,713)</u>	<u>936,904</u>
<i>Reconciliation:</i>				
Interest income				6,867
Corporate and other unallocated expenses				(7,892)
Finance costs				(64,519)
Share of profits of associates				<u>172,180</u>
Profit before tax from continuing operations				<u>1,043,540</u>

2. Operating segment information (Continued)

(a) Business segments (Continued)

At 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)

	Property development HK\$'000	Property investment HK\$'000	Property, carpark management and others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Segment assets	2,128,720	14,781,118	2,384,540	19,294,378
<i>Reconciliation:</i>				
Elimination of intersegment receivables				(2,612,465)
Investments in associates				1,169,068
Investment in a joint venture				199
Corporate and other unallocated assets				<u>1,828,306</u>
Total assets				<u>19,679,486</u>
Segment liabilities	1,699,697	1,025,428	652,287	3,377,412
<i>Reconciliation:</i>				
Elimination of intersegment payables				(2,612,465)
Corporate and other unallocated liabilities				<u>7,242,584</u>
Total liabilities				<u>8,007,531</u>

At 31 March 2019 (Audited)

	Property development HK\$'000	Property investment HK\$'000	Property, carpark management and others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Segment assets	2,292,054	14,826,008	2,103,543	19,221,605
<i>Reconciliation:</i>				
Elimination of intersegment receivables				(2,206,304)
Investments in associates				1,197,680
Investment in a joint venture				199
Corporate and other unallocated assets				<u>2,098,344</u>
Total assets				<u>20,311,524</u>
Segment liabilities	1,518,332	1,009,820	417,019	2,945,171
<i>Reconciliation:</i>				
Elimination of intersegment payables				(2,206,304)
Corporate and other unallocated liabilities				<u>7,502,921</u>
Total liabilities				<u>8,241,788</u>

2. Operating segment information *(Continued)*

(b) Geographical segments – Revenue from continuing operations

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2018 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 (Restated)
Hong Kong	52,589	53,923
Mainland China	322,135	1,129,955
	<u>374,724</u>	<u>1,183,878</u>

3. Revenue, Other income and gains

Disaggregation of revenue

Set out below is the disaggregation of the Group's revenue from contracts with customers and the reconciliation of the revenue from contracts with customers with the amounts disclosed in the segment information:

	Six months ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)			
Segment	Property development HK\$'000	Property investment HK\$'000	Property, carpark management and others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Type of goods or services				
Sales of properties	218,064	-	-	218,064
Property management income	-	15,774	804	16,578
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u>218,064</u>	<u>15,774</u>	<u>804</u>	<u>234,642</u>
Revenue from other sources				
Gross rental income	-	123,807	16,275	140,082
Total revenue from other sources	<u>-</u>	<u>123,807</u>	<u>16,275</u>	<u>140,082</u>
Revenue disclosed in the segment information	<u>218,064</u>	<u>139,581</u>	<u>17,079</u>	<u>374,724</u>
Timing of revenue recognition				
Goods transferred at a point in time	218,064	-	-	218,064
Services transferred over time	-	15,774	804	16,578
Total revenue from contracts with customers	<u>218,064</u>	<u>15,774</u>	<u>804</u>	<u>234,642</u>

3. Revenue, Other income and gains (Continued)

Six months ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)

	Property development HK\$'000	Property investment HK\$'000	Property, carpark management and others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000 (Restated)
Segment				
Type of goods or services				
Sales of properties	1,066,725	-	-	1,066,725
Property management income	-	15,348	785	16,133
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1,066,725	15,348	785	1,082,858
Revenue from other sources				
Gross rental income	-	87,320	13,700	101,020
Total revenue from other sources	-	87,320	13,700	101,020
Revenue disclosed in the segment information	1,066,725	102,668	14,485	1,183,878
Timing of revenue recognition				
Goods transferred at a point in time	1,066,725	-	-	1,066,725
Services transferred over time	-	15,348	785	16,133
Total revenue from contracts with customers	1,066,725	15,348	785	1,082,858

Other income and gains, net

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2018 (Unaudited) HK\$'000 (Restated)
Bank interest income	9,744	6,867
Foreign exchange differences, net	(40)	147
Others	3,360	2,362
	13,064	9,376

4. Finance costs

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2019	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Restated)
Interest on bank loans and other loans	129,741	108,211
Interest on lease liabilities	438	-
Less: Interest capitalised under properties under development/construction	(21,407)	(43,692)
	<u>108,772</u>	<u>64,519</u>

5. Profit before tax from continuing operations

The Group's profit before tax from continuing operations is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2019	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Restated)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipments	4,714	3,660
Depreciation of right-of-use assets*	13,954	-
Employee benefit expenses (including directors' remuneration)	33,677	35,508
Less: Amounts capitalised under properties under development/construction	(8,150)	(8,700)
	<u>25,527</u>	<u>26,808</u>

* Included in the amount are the rental expenses for carpark operations of HK\$10,226,000 which are included in "Cost of sales" in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss.

6. Income tax

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2019	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Restated)
Current – Elsewhere	83,847	281,100
Deferred	<u>7,800</u>	<u>67,906</u>
Total tax charge for the period from continuing operations	<u>91,647</u>	<u>349,006</u>

No Hong Kong profits tax has been provided as the Group has available tax losses brought forward from prior years to offset the assessable profits generated during the period. Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the jurisdictions in which the Group operates.

7. Discontinued operation

During the year ended 31 March 2019, the Group decided to cease its garment business operated by J.L. Chinney (Holdings) Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, because of the continuous operating losses in the garment business. The cessation of business was completed during the year ended 31 March 2019 and thus classified as a discontinued operation. With the garment business being classified as a discontinued operation, it is no longer included in the note for operating segment information.

The results of garment business for the six months ended 30 September 2018 is presented below:

	Six months ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Revenue	20,319
Cost of sales	(15,319)
Gross Profit	5,000
Other income	301
Selling and distribution expenses	(4,054)
Administrative and other operating expenses	(17,714)
Finance costs	(931)
Loss before tax from the discontinued operation	(17,398)
Income tax expenses	(7)
Loss for the period from the discontinued operation	(17,405)

8. Earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company

The calculation of the basic earnings per share amount is based on the profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company of HK\$136,793,000 (2018: HK\$374,652,000) and the weighted average number of 551,368,153 ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

No adjustment has been made to the basic earnings per share amounts presented for the periods ended 30 September 2019 and 2018 in respect of a dilution as the Group has no potential dilutive ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

9. Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2019 (2018: Nil).

The final dividend of HK 5.0 cents per ordinary share for the year ended 31 March 2019 was approved by the Company's shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 29 August 2019 and paid on 30 September 2019.

10. Trade receivables

An ageing analysis of the trade receivables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice/contract date and net of impairment, is as follows:

	At 30 September 2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 March 2019 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within 30 days	1,513	1,900
31 to 60 days	550	1,347
61 to 90 days	165	1,370
Over 90 days	17,249	16,972
Total	19,477	21,589

The credit period was generally one month, extending up to four months for major customers. Each customer has a maximum credit limit. Overdue trade debts are closely monitored by management and are provided for in full in cases of non-recoverability. In view of the aforementioned and the fact that the Group's trade receivables relate to a large number of diversified customers, there is no significant concentration of credit risk. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over its trade receivable balances. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing. The carrying amounts of the trade receivables approximate to their fair values.

11. Trade payables and accrued liabilities

Included in the trade payables and accrued liabilities are trade payables of HK\$17,790,000 (as at 31 March 2019: HK\$28,105,000). An ageing analysis of the trade payables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	At 30 September 2019 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	At 31 March 2019 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within 30 days	17,773	28,088
31 to 60 days	-	-
61 to 90 days	-	-
Over 90 days	17	17
Total	17,790	28,105

12. Contingent liabilities

- (a) As at 31 March 2019, the Group has given a guarantee of HK\$24,000,000 to a bank in connection with a facility granted to an associate and such banking facility guaranteed by the Group to the associate was utilized to the extent of HK\$24,000,000 as at 31 March 2019.

The bank loan was fully repaid by the associate during the six months ended 30 September 2019.

- (b) As at 30 September 2019, the Group has given guarantees of HK\$230,418,000 (as at 31 March 2019 (audited): HK\$198,487,000) to banks for housing loans extended by the banks to the purchasers of the Group's properties for a period from the date the loans are granted to the purchasers up to the date of issuance of property ownership certificates to the purchasers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity and financial resources

The total interest-bearing debts of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$5,606 million as at 30 September 2019 (as at 31 March 2019: HK\$5,792 million), of which approximately 19% (as at 31 March 2019: 25%) of the debts were classified as current liabilities. Included therein were debts of HK\$103 million related to bank loans with repayable on demand clause and HK\$469 million related to project or term loans which will be refinanced during the forthcoming twelve months. Based on the repayment schedules pursuant to the related loan agreements and assuming that the aforesaid refinancing will be completed on schedule, the current portion of the total interest-bearing debts would be approximately 9%.

Total cash and bank balances including time deposits were approximately HK\$1,827 million as at 30 September 2019 (as at 31 March 2019: HK\$2,092 million) and the decrease was mainly due to the repayment of bank loans and the exchange loss arising from the depreciation in Renminbi during the period. Included in cash and bank balances are restricted bank deposits of HK\$95 million (as at 31 March 2019: HK\$77 million) which can only be applied in the designated property development projects prior to their completion of construction. The Group had committed but undrawn banking facilities of a total of approximately HK\$2,733 million at period end available for its working capital purpose.

Total shareholders' funds as at 30 September 2019 were approximately HK\$7,834 million (as at 31 March 2019: HK\$8,086 million). An exchange loss was recorded upon translating the financial statements of the foreign operations denominated in Renminbi to Hong Kong Dollars, which has offset the increase in net profit attributable to shareholders during the period, and resulted in a decrease in shareholders' equity at period end.

The gearing ratio of the Group, as measured by the net interest-bearing debts of approximately HK\$3,779 million (as at 31 March 2019: HK\$3,700 million) over the shareholders' funds plus non-controlling interests totalling of approximately HK\$11,672 million (as at 31 March 2019: HK\$12,070 million), was 32% as at 30 September 2019 (as at 31 March 2019: 31%).

Funding and treasury policies

There are no significant changes in the Group's funding and treasury policies. As at 30 September 2019, the Group had no material exposure under foreign exchange contracts or any other hedging instruments.

Pledge of assets

Properties with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$14,806 million as at 30 September 2019 and shares in certain subsidiaries were pledged to secure certain banking facilities of the Group.

Employees and remuneration policies

The Group, not including its associates and joint venture, employed approximately 340 employees as at 30 September 2019 (as at 31 March 2019: approximately 330). There have been no significant changes in the remuneration policies and benefits to the employees of the Group.

CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

1. On 20 September 2016, Gold Famous Development Limited (“Gold Famous”), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Hon Kwok, entered into a framework agreement with Kin Wing Foundations Limited (“Kin Wing Foundations”), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Chinney Kin Wing and an indirect non wholly-owned subsidiary of Chinney Alliance, pursuant to which, Kin Wing Foundations was appointed by Gold Famous as a contractor for the foundation construction works at K.C.T.L 495, Kin Chuen Street, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong for a contract sum of HK\$210,000,000. As Dr. James Sai-Wing Wong is the controlling shareholder of each of the Company, Hon Kwok, Chinney Alliance and Chinney Kin Wing, the transaction constituted a connected transaction under the Listing Rules. The transaction was approved by the independent shareholders of the Company, Hon Kwok, Chinney Alliance and Chinney Kin Wing at the respective general meetings held by each of the companies on 7 November 2016.

During the six months ended 30 September 2019, total development cost paid to Kin Wing Foundations amounted to HK\$5,250,000.

2. On 12 June 2018, Gold Famous, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Hon Kwok, entered into a consultancy agreement with Shun Cheong Data Centre Solutions Company Limited (“Shun Cheong Data Centre Solutions”), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Chinney Alliance, pursuant to which Shun Cheong Data Centre Solutions was appointed by Gold Famous as a consultant to provide consultancy services in respect of the construction and development of a data centre on a parcel of land owned by Gold Famous in Kwai Chung, Hong Kong (the “Data Centre Project”) at a fixed fee of HK\$16,200,000 (the “Consultancy Agreement”). As the Company is interested in approximately 68.09% of the issued shares of Hon Kwok and approximately 29.10% of the issued shares of Chinney Alliance and Dr. James Sai-Wing Wong is the chairman, executive director and a controlling shareholder of each of the Company, Hon Kwok and Chinney Alliance, the transaction constituted a connected transaction for each of the Company, Hon Kwok, and Chinney Alliance under the Listing Rules and is subject to the reporting and announcement requirements.

During the six months ended 30 September 2019, the consultancy fee paid to Shun Cheong Data Centre Solutions amounted to HK\$2,430,000 in respect of the transaction.

3. On 12 July 2018, Gold Famous, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Hon Kwok, entered into a framework agreement with Chinney Construction, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Chinney Alliance, pursuant to which Gold Famous engaged Chinney Construction to act as the main contractor to carry out construction works for the Data Centre Project at a total contract sum not exceeding HK\$757,800,000 (the “Framework Agreement”). As the Company is interested in approximately 68.09% of the issued shares of Hon Kwok and approximately 29.10% of the issued shares of Chinney Alliance and Dr. James Sai-Wing Wong is the chairman, executive director and a controlling shareholder of each of the Company, Hon Kwok and Chinney Alliance, the related transaction constituted a connected transaction for each of the Company, Hon Kwok, and Chinney Alliance under the Listing Rules. Since the entering into of the Consultancy Agreement dated 12 June 2018 also constituted a connected transaction and pursuant to Rules 14A.81 and 14A.82 of the Listing Rules, the Consultancy Agreement and the Framework Agreement should be aggregated as a series of transactions as they were entered into within a 12-month period and involved parties which are connected with one another. The applicable percentage ratios of the Framework Agreement on both stand-alone and the basis when aggregated with the Consultancy Agreement, are more than 5% and contract sum was more than HK\$10 million, the transaction is subject to the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders’ approval requirements. The transaction was approved by the independent shareholders of the Company, Hon Kwok and Chinney Alliance at the respective general meetings held by each of the companies on 24 August 2018.

During the six months ended 30 September 2019, total development cost paid to Chinney Construction amounted to HK\$194,085,000 in respect of the transaction.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Compliance with Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “Model Code”) as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct for directors’ securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry, all the directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 30 September 2019.

Compliance with the Corporate Governance Code

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the applicable code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the “CG Code”) as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules for the six months ended 30 September 2019, except for the following deviations:

1. CG Code provision A.4.1 stipulates that non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election and CG Code provision A.4.2 stipulates that all directors appointed to fill a casual vacancy should be subject to election by shareholders at the first general meeting after their appointment and every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

The non-executive directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the articles of association of the Company (the “Articles of Association”). The Articles of Association do not require the directors to retire by rotation at least once every three years. However, in accordance with article 104 of the Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting of the Company, one-third of the directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third), other than the one who holds the office as executive chairman or managing director, shall retire from office by rotation. The Board will ensure the retirement of each director, other than the one who holds the office as executive chairman or managing director, by rotation at least once every three years in order to comply with the CG Code provisions.

The Chairman and Managing Director will not be subject to retirement by rotation; which deviates from CG Code provision A.4.2 as the Board considers that the continuity of office of the Chairman and Managing Director provide the Group with a strong and consistent leadership and is of great importance to the smooth operations of the Group.

All directors appointed to fill a casual vacancy is subject to re-election by shareholders at the next following annual general meeting of the Company instead of at the first general meeting after their appointment as stipulated in CG Code provision A.4.2.

2. CG Code provision A.5.1 stipulates that the Company should establish a nomination committee which should be chaired by the Chairman of the Board or an independent non-executive director.

The Company has not established a nomination committee. The Board is responsible for considering the suitability of a candidate to act as a director, and collectively approving and terminating the appointment of a director as this allows a more informed and balanced decision to be made. The Chairman is mainly responsible for identifying suitable candidates for members of the Board when there is a vacancy or an additional director is considered necessary. The Chairman will propose the appointment of such candidates to the Board for consideration and the Board will determine the suitability of the relevant candidates having due regard to the Nomination Policy and the Board Diversity Policy adopted by the Company and assess the independence of the proposed independent non-executive director(s) as appropriate.

3. CG Code provision B.1.2 stipulates that the terms of reference of the remuneration committee should include, as a minimum, those specific duties as set out in the CG Code provisions.

The Company has adopted the revised terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee on 30 March 2012 with certain deviations from the CG Code provisions. Pursuant to the revised terms of reference, the Remuneration Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of directors (as opposed to directors and senior management).

Audit Committee

Regular meetings have been held by the Audit Committee of the Company since its establishment and it meets at least twice each year to review and supervise the Group's financial reporting process and internal control. The Company's interim results for the six months ended 30 September 2019 have not been audited, but have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September 2019.

By Order of the Board
James Sai-Wing Wong
Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 November 2019

At the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are Dr. James Sai-Wing Wong (Chairman), Mr. Yuen-Keung Chan (Vice Chairman and Managing Director) and Mr. James Sing-Wai Wong as executive directors; Mr. Paul Hon-To Tong and Dr. Emily Yen Wong as non-executive directors; and Mr. James C. Chen, Mr. Richard Chi-Ho Lo and Mr. Winfred Wai-Lap Fan as independent non-executive directors.