

Report of the Directors and Audited Financial Statements

PRINCIPAL INSURANCE COMPANY (HONG KONG) LIMITED  
美國信安保險有限公司

31 December 2024

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors herein present their report and the audited financial statements of Principal Insurance Company (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Principal activities

The Company's principal activities have not changed during the year and has been acting as a service provider in relation to provident fund activities.

Results and dividends

The Company's profit for the year ended 31 December 2024 and the Company's financial position at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 6 to 55.

An interim dividend of HK\$125 million (2023: Nil) was paid during the year ended 31 December 2024.

Property, plant and equipment

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Company during the year are set out in note 10 to the financial statements.

Share capital, restricted stock units and employee stock purchase plan

Details of movements in the Company's share capital, restricted stock units and employee stock purchase plan during the year are set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

Directors

The directors of the Company during the year were:

Wong Yuk Ying  
John Michael Egan  
Julian Christopher Vivian Pull  
Li Wing Kuen  
Lau Martin Kin Yeung

There being no rotational retirement provision in the Company's articles of association to the contrary, all the remaining directors continue in office.

Directors' interests

At no time during the year was there any loan advanced to or obligation assumed by or for a director of the Company.

Pursuant to the Stock Incentive Plan of the Company's ultimate holding company, certain directors and employees of the Company have been granted restricted stock units of the ultimate holding company.

Further details of the Stock Incentive Plan of the Company's ultimate holding company are set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)

Directors' interests (continued)

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the year was the Company or any of its holding companies or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Company's directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate, nor were any such rights exercised by them.

Directors' interests in transactions, arrangements or contracts

No director had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any transactions, arrangements or contract of significance to the business of the Company to which the Company or any of its holding companies or fellow subsidiaries was a party during the year.

Auditors

Ernst & Young retire and a resolution for their reappointment as auditors of the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



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Lau Martin Kin Yeung  
Director

Hong Kong  
25 April 2025

**Independent auditor's report****To the member of Principal Insurance Company (Hong Kong) Limited**

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(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Principal Insurance Company (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Company") set out on pages 6 to 55 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2024, and of its financial performance and 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 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 financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company 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.

**Information other than the financial statements and auditor's report thereon**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the report of the directors.

Our opinion on the 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 financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the 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.

**Independent auditor's report (continued)**  
**To the member of Principal Insurance Company (Hong Kong) Limited**  
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**Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements**

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

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company'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 Company or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 405 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, 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 financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

**Independent auditor's report (continued)**

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**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)**

- 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 Company'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 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 Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the board of directors 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized cursive letters, likely representing the auditor's name.

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong

25 April 2025

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Revenue	4	97,824,907	135,637,778
Investment income, net gains and other income	4	259,190,016	726,191,187
Net revenue		<u>357,014,923</u>	<u>861,828,965</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee benefit expense		( 60,911,352)	( 62,623,094)
Advertising and promotional expenses		( 466,410)	( 2,419,266)
Investment management costs		( 7,656,814)	( 76,532,546)
Management fees payable to intermediate holding companies and fellow subsidiaries	21(a)	( 72,502,706)	( 89,303,189)
Finance cost	6, 11(b), 11(c)	( 1,415,600)	( 313,453)
Other operating expenses		( 240,385,310)	( 588,606,692)
Total operating expenses		<u>( 383,338,192)</u>	<u>( 819,798,240)</u>
Fair value gains on embedded derivatives		173,954,190	32,100,642
Change in investment contract liabilities		( 77,039,459)	48,935,102
		<u>96,914,731</u>	<u>81,035,744</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	5	70,591,462	123,066,469
Income tax (expense)/credit	8	( 68,219,281)	6,099,712
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		2,372,181	129,166,181
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		<u>2,372,181</u>	<u>129,166,181</u>



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	10	8,386,911	16,140,976
Right-of-use assets	11(a)	27,980,806	4,601,332
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	12	748,557,056	1,808,108,579
Deferred tax assets	14	-	68,219,281
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	15	3,492,135	1,149,055
Total non-current assets		<u>788,416,908</u>	<u>1,898,219,223</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	12	1,052,577,553	1,182,493,159
Derivative financial instruments	13	-	1,648,452
Due from fellow subsidiaries	21(d)	40,588,765	157,275
Investment contract receivables		11,302,358	9,977,291
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	15	23,477,260	43,323,701
Cash and cash equivalents	16	297,105,693	430,263,982
Total current assets		<u>1,425,051,629</u>	<u>1,667,863,860</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Due to ultimate holding company	21(d)	303,987	1,534,898
Due to intermediate holding companies	21(d)	5,376,015	6,787,621
Due to immediate holding company	21(d)	1,484,238	31,085
Due to fellow subsidiaries	21(d)	86,522,864	65,309,008
Derivative financial instruments	13	1,643,481	174,029,946
Investment contract liabilities	17	1,287,268,005	2,376,481,941
Other payables and accruals		23,599,715	35,860,747
Lease liabilities	11(b)	15,379,245	2,737,488
Total current liabilities		<u>1,421,577,550</u>	<u>2,662,772,734</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>3,474,079</u>	<u>( 994,908,874)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>791,890,987</u>	<u>903,310,349</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (continued)

31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	11(b)	<u>12,998,824</u>	<u>2,128,622</u>
Total non-current liabilities		<u>12,998,824</u>	<u>2,128,622</u>
Net assets		<u>778,892,163</u>	<u>901,181,727</u>
EQUITY			
Share capital	18	355,000,000	355,000,000
Share option reserve		3,442,181	3,442,181
Restricted stock unit reserve		8,817,116	8,817,116
Performance share award reserve		365,327	365,327
Employee stock purchase plan reserve		541,742	203,487
Other reserve		-	471,940,690
Required insurance surplus		2,000,000	2,000,000
Retained profits		<u>408,725,797</u>	<u>59,412,926</u>
Total equity		<u>778,892,163</u>	<u>901,181,727</u>



Lau Martin Kin Yeung  
Director



Julian Christopher Vivian Pull  
Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year ended 31 December 2024

Notes	Share capital HK\$	Share option reserve HK\$	Restricted stock unit reserve HK\$	Performance share award reserve HK\$	Employee stock purchase plan reserve HK\$	Other reserve HK\$	Required insurance surplus HK\$	Retained profits HK\$	Total HK\$
Balance at 1 January 2023	630,000,000	3,442,181	10,477,622	365,327	-	471,940,690	2,000,000	( 69,753,255)	1,048,472,565
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129,166,181	129,166,181
Capital reduction	( 275,000,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	( 275,000,000)
Settlement of vested restricted stock unit	-	-	( 1,660,506)	-	-	-	-	-	( 1,660,506)
Equity-settled employee stock purchase plan expense	-	-	-	-	203,487	-	-	-	203,487
Balance at 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	355,000,000	3,442,181	8,817,116	365,327	203,487	471,940,690	2,000,000	59,412,926	901,181,727
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,372,181	2,372,181
Release of reserve*	-	-	-	-	-	( 471,940,690)	-	471,940,690	-
Interim dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	( 125,000,000)	( 125,000,000)
Equity-settled employee stock purchase plan expense	-	-	-	-	338,255	-	-	-	338,255
Balance at 31 December 2024	355,000,000	3,442,181	8,817,116	365,327	541,742	-	2,000,000	408,725,797	778,892,163

\* At the time of AXA acquisition in 2015, the assets that were transferred to the Company were more than the investment contract liabilities for AXA ORSO Deposit Administration Investment Management Policy to compensate for the required amount to be held in excess of the liabilities in accordance with Guideline on the Reserve Provision for Class G of Long Term Business ("GL7") issued by the Insurance Authority. Such capital requirement of assets held over liabilities of HK\$471.9 million were accounted for as equity reserve. During the year ended 31 December 2024, management has assessed that such GL7 reserve was not required under HKFRS and thus it was released to retained earnings.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Profit before tax		70,591,462	123,066,469
Adjustments for:			
Fair value gains, net:			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(	19,405,632)	( 384,136,685)
Derivative financial instruments – options embedded in investment contracts	(	173,954,190)	( 32,100,642)
Interest income	4	( 82,879,437)	( 194,579,643)
Dividend income	4	( 5,688,548)	( 38,146,017)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	10	7,390,093	11,552,730
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	11(a)	16,875,408	21,804,511
Finance cost	6, 11(b), 11(c)	1,415,600	313,453
Loss on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	5	370,571	27,430
Gain on transfer of lease	(	325,975)	-
Equity-settled restricted stock unit		-	( 1,660,506)
Equity-settled employee stock purchase plan expense	5	338,255	203,487
		( 185,272,393)	( 493,655,413)
Purchases of financial assets	(	1,872,805,705)	( 3,609,849,434)
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets		3,081,678,466	12,199,698,712
Decrease in derivative financial instruments		3,216,177	9,099,018
Decrease in amount due from immediate holding company		-	2,232,403
(Increase)/decrease in amounts due from fellow subsidiaries	(	40,431,490)	64,496,372
(Increase)/decrease in investment contract receivables	(	1,325,067)	3,740,827
Decrease in prepayments, deposits and other receivables		691,981	98,478,524
(Decrease)/increase in amounts due to ultimate holding company	(	1,230,911)	1,534,898
(Decrease)/increase in amounts due to intermediate holding companies	(	1,411,606)	259,298
Increase in amounts due to immediate holding company		1,453,153	31,085
Increase/(decrease) in amounts due to fellow subsidiaries		21,213,856	( 22,583,726)
Change in investment contract liabilities	(	1,089,213,936)	( 9,094,685,497)
Decrease in other payables and accruals	(	12,261,032)	( 67,368,939)
Cash used in operations	(	95,698,507)	( 908,571,872)
Interest received		99,690,817	220,850,787
Interest element on lease liabilities	11(b)	( 1,415,600)	( 313,453)
Dividend received		5,688,548	52,460,820
Hong Kong profits tax refund		-	7,957,087
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities		8,265,258	( 627,616,631)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchases of items of property, plant and equipment	10	( 6,599)	( 7,059,353)
Change in time deposits with original maturity of more than three months when acquired		-	1,100,845,759
Net cash flows (used in)/generated from investing activities		( 6,599)	1,093,786,406
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Dividend paid		( 125,000,000)	-
Principal portion of lease payments		( 16,416,948)	( 21,706,979)
Capital reduction	18	-	( 275,000,000)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		( 141,416,948)	( 296,706,979)
<b>NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		( 133,158,289)	169,462,796
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		430,263,982	260,801,186
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	16	297,105,693	430,263,982

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1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Principal Insurance Company (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Company") was incorporated in Hong Kong as a company with limited liability in accordance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance on 11 July 1996. The registered office of the Company is located at 30/F Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The Company's principal activities have not changed during the year and has been acting as a service provider in relation to provident fund activities.

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Principal International (Asia) Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong. In the opinion of the directors, the ultimate holding company of the Company is Principal Financial Group, Inc., which was incorporated in the United States of America.

2.1 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (which include all Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

2.2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and derivative financial instruments which have been measured at fair value. They are presented in Hong Kong dollars which is also the Company's functional currency.

2.3 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

The Company has adopted the following revised HKFRSs, which are applicable to the Company for the first time in current year's financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 16	<i>Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback</i>
Amendments to HKAS 1	<i>Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current</i> (the "2020 Amendments")
Amendments to HKAS 1	<i>Non-current Liabilities with Covenants</i> (the "2022 Amendments")

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2.3 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES (continued)

The nature and the impact of the revised HKFRSs are described below:

- (a) Amendments to HKFRS 16 specify the requirements that a seller-lessee uses in measuring the lease liability arising in a sale and leaseback transaction to ensure the seller-lessee does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains. Since the Company has no sale and leaseback transactions with variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate occurring from the date of initial application of HKFRS 16, the amendments did not have any impact on the financial position or performance of the Company.
- (b) The 2020 Amendments clarify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current, including what is meant by a right to defer settlement and that a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period. Classification of a liability is unaffected by the likelihood that the entity will exercise its right to defer settlement. The amendments also clarify that a liability can be settled in its own equity instruments, and that only if a conversion option in a convertible liability is itself accounted for as an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification. The 2022 Amendments further clarify that, among covenants of a liability arising from a loan arrangement, only those with which an entity must comply on or before the reporting date affect the classification of that liability as current or non-current. Additional disclosures are required for non-current liabilities that are subject to the entity complying with future covenants within 12 months after the reporting period.

The Company has reassessed the terms and conditions of its liabilities as at 1 January 2023 and 2024 and concluded that the classification of its liabilities as current or non-current remained unchanged upon initial application of the amendments. Accordingly, the amendments did not have any impact on the financial position or performance of the Company.



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 2.4 ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

The Company has not early applied any of the new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective for the accounting year ended 31 December 2024 in these financial statements. Among these new and revised HKFRSs, the following are expected to be relevant to the Company's financial statements upon becoming effective:

HKFRS 18	<i>Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements<sup>2</sup></i>
HKFRS 19	<i>Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures<sup>2</sup></i>
Amendments to HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 7	<i>Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments<sup>1</sup></i>
<i>Annual Improvements to HKFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11</i>	Amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 9, HKFRS 10 and HKAS 7 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual/reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027

Further information about those HKFRSs that are expected to be applicable to the Company is described below.

HKFRS 18 replaces HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements. While a number of sections have been brought forward from HKAS 1 with limited changes, HKFRS 18 introduces new requirements for presentation within the statement of profit or loss, including specified totals and subtotals. Entities are required to classify all income and expenses within the statement of profit or loss into one of the five categories: operating, investing, financing, income taxes and discontinued operations and to present two new defined subtotals. It also requires disclosures about management-defined performance measures in a single note and introduces enhanced requirements on the grouping (aggregation and disaggregation) and the location of information in both the primary financial statements and the notes. Some requirements previously included in HKAS 1 are moved to HKAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, which is renamed as HKAS 8 Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements. As a consequence of the issuance of HKFRS 18, limited, but widely applicable, amendments are made to HKAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows, HKAS 33 Earnings per Share and HKAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. In addition, there are minor consequential amendments to other HKFRSs. HKFRS 18 and the consequential amendments to other HKFRSs are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027 with earlier application permitted. Retrospective application is required. The Company is currently analysing the new requirements and assessing the impact of HKFRS 18 on the presentation and disclosure of the Company's financial statements.

HKFRS 19 allows eligible entities to elect to apply reduced disclosure requirements while still applying the recognition, measurement and presentation requirements in other HKFRSs. To be eligible, at the end of the reporting period, an entity must be a subsidiary as defined in HKFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, cannot have public accountability and must have a parent (ultimate or intermediate) that prepares consolidated financial statements available for public use which comply with HKFRSs. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Company's financial statements.



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2.4 ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS  
(continued)

Amendments to HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 7 clarify the date on which a financial asset or financial liability is derecognised and introduce an accounting policy option to derecognise a financial liability that is settled through an electronic payment system before the settlement date if specified criteria are met. The amendments clarify how to assess the contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets with environmental, social and governance and other similar contingent features. Moreover, the amendments clarify the requirements for classifying financial assets with non-recourse features and contractually linked instruments. The amendments also include additional disclosures for investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income and financial instruments with contingent features. The amendments shall be applied retrospectively with an adjustment to opening retained profits (or other component of equity) at the initial application date. Prior periods are not required to be restated and can only be restated without the use of hindsight. Earlier application of either all the amendments at the same time or only the amendments related to the classification of financial assets is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

*Annual Improvements to HKFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11* set out amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 7 (and the accompanying *Guidance on implementing HKFRS 7*), HKFRS 9, HKFRS 10 and HKAS 7. Details of the amendments that are expected to be applicable to the Company are as follows:

- **HKFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*:** The amendments have updated certain wording in paragraph B38 of HKFRS 7 and paragraphs IG1, IG14 and IG20B of the *Guidance on implementing HKFRS 7* for the purpose of simplification or achieving consistency with other paragraphs in the standard and/or with the concepts and terminology used in other standards. In addition, the amendments clarify that the *Guidance on implementing HKFRS 7* does not necessarily illustrate all the requirements in the referenced paragraphs of HKFRS 7 nor does it create additional requirements. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Company's financial statements.
- **HKFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*:** The amendments clarify that when a lessee has determined that a lease liability has been extinguished in accordance with HKFRS 9, the lessee is required to apply paragraph 3.3.3 of HKFRS 9 and recognise any resulting gain or loss in profit or loss. In addition, the amendments have updated certain wording in paragraph 5.1.3 of HKFRS 9 and Appendix A of HKFRS 9 to remove potential confusion. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Company's financial statements.
- **HKAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flows*:** The amendments replace the term “cost method” with “at cost” in paragraph 37 of HKAS 7 following the prior deletion of the definition of “cost method”. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any impact on the Company's financial statements.

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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Impairment of non-financial assets

Where an indication of impairment exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required (other than financial assets and deferred tax assets), the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's or cash-generating unit's value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal, and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets, in which case the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. In testing a cash-generating unit for impairment, a portion of the carrying amount of a corporate asset (e.g., a headquarters building) is allocated to an individual cash-generating unit if it can be allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis or, otherwise, to the smallest group of cash-generating units.

An impairment loss is recognised only if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. 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. An impairment loss is charged to profit or loss in the period in which it arises in those expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset.

An assessment is made at the end of each reporting period as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognised impairment loss of an asset other than goodwill is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount of that asset, but not to an amount higher than the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of any depreciation/amortisation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of such an impairment loss is credited to profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

Related parties

A party is considered to be related to the Company if:

- (a) the party is a person or a close member of that person's family and that person
  - (i) has control or joint control over the Company;
  - (ii) has significant influence over the Company; or
  - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Company or of a parent of the Company;
- or
- (b) the party is an entity where any of the following conditions applies:
  - (i) the entity and the Company are members of the same group;

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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Related parties (continued)

A party is considered to be related to the Company if: (continued)

- (b) the party is an entity where any of the following conditions applies:
  - (ii) one entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or of a parent, subsidiary or fellow subsidiary of the other entity);
  - (iii) the entity and the Company are joint ventures of the same third party;
  - (iv) one entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity;
  - (v) the entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Company or an entity related to the Company;
  - (vi) the entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a);
  - (vii) a person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity); and
  - (viii) the entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Company or to the parent of the Company.

Property, plant and equipment and depreciation

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. When an item of property, plant and equipment is classified as held for sale or when it is part of a disposal group classified as held for sale, it is not depreciated and is accounted for in accordance with HKFRS 5, as further explained in the accounting policy for “Non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale”. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use.

Expenditure incurred after items of property, plant and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, is normally charged to profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where the recognition criteria are satisfied, the expenditure for a major inspection is capitalised in the carrying amount of the asset as a replacement. Where significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Company recognises such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciates them accordingly.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of each item of property, plant and equipment to its residual value over its estimated useful life. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are as follows:

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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Property, plant and equipment and depreciation (continued)

Leasehold improvements	Over lease terms
Furniture and fixtures	20%
Hardware	25%-33⅓%
Software	25%-33⅓%
Office equipment	20%

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost of that item is allocated on a reasonable basis among the parts and each part is depreciated separately. Residual values, useful lives and the depreciation method are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at least at the end of each financial year end.

An item of property, plant and equipment including any significant part initially recognised is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss on disposal or retirement recognised in the profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised is the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the relevant asset.

Leases

The Company assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, 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.

The Company applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

(a) Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets are recognised at the commencement date of the lease (that is the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease terms and the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Premises	2-3 years
Other equipment	3-5 years

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Company by the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Leases (continued)

(b) Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities are recognised at the commencement date of the lease at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Company and payments of penalties for termination of a lease, if the lease term reflects the Company exercising the option to terminate the lease. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in lease payments (e.g., a change to future lease payments resulting from a change in an index or rate) or a change in assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

(c) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Company applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (that is those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the recognition exemption for leases of low-value assets to leases of office equipment and laptop computers that are considered to be of low value.

Investments and other financial assets

*Initial recognition and measurement*

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income, and fair value through profit or loss.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Company's business model for managing them. With the exception of investment contract receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Company has applied the practical expedient of not adjusting the effect of a significant financing component, the Company initially measures a financial asset at its fair value, plus in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Investment contract receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Company has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price determined under HKFRS 15 in accordance with the policies set out for "Revenue recognition" below.



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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

*Investments and other financial assets (continued)*

*Initial recognition and measurement (continued)*

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (“SPPI”) on the principal amount outstanding. Financial assets with cashflows that are not SPPI are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, irrespective of the business model.

The Company’s business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both. Financial assets classified and measured at amortised cost are held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, while financial assets classified and measured at fair value through other comprehensive income are held within a business model with the objective of both holding to collect contractual cash flows and selling. Financial assets which are not held within the aforementioned business models are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace are recognised on the trade date, that is, the date that the Company commits to purchase or sell the asset.

*Subsequent measurement*

The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as follows:

*Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)*

The Company measures financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows.
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are SPPI on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

*Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in the statement profit or loss.

This category includes derivative instruments and equity investments which the Company had not irrevocably elected to classify at fair value through other comprehensive income. Dividends on the equity investments classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are also recognised as other income in profit or loss when the right of payment has been established.

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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments and other financial assets (continued)

*Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)*

A derivative embedded in a hybrid contract, with a financial liability or non-financial host, is separated from the host and accounted for as a separate derivative if the economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to the host; a separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would meet the definition of a derivative; and the hybrid contract is not measured at fair value through profit or loss. Embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Reassessment only occurs if there is either a change in the terms of the contract that significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required or a reclassification of a financial asset out of the fair value through profit or loss category.

A derivative embedded within a hybrid contract containing a financial asset host is not accounted for separately. The financial asset host together with the embedded derivative is required to be classified in its entirety as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e., removed from the Company's statement of financial position) when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset has expired; or
- the Company has transferred its right to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; and either (a) the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Company has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Company has transferred its right to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if and to what extent it has retained the risk and rewards of ownership of the asset. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the Company continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the Company's continuing involvement. In that case, the Company also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Company has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Company could be required to repay.

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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognises an allowance for expected credit losses (“ECLs”) for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Company expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

*General approach*

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. When making the assessment, the Company 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 and considers reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort, including historical and forward-looking information. The Company considers that there has been a significant increase in credit risk when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due.

The Company considers a financial asset to be in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Company may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Company is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Company. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

Financial assets at amortised cost are subject to impairment under the general approach and they are classified within the following stages for measurement of ECLs except for investment contract receivables which apply the simplified approach as detailed below.

- Stage 1 – Financial instruments for which credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition and for which the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECLs
- Stage 2 – Financial instruments for which credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition but that are not credit-impaired financial assets and for which the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs
- Stage 3 – Financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date (but that are not purchased or originated credit-impaired) and for which the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs



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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment of financial assets (continued)

*Simplified approach*

For investment contract receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or when the Company applies the practical expedient of not adjusting the effect of a significant financing component, the Company applies the simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Under the simplified approach, the Company does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Company has applied probability of default based on that of comparable companies, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the counterparties and the economic environment.

For investment contract receivables and contract assets that contain a significant financing component and lease receivables, the Company chooses as its accounting policy to adopt the simplified approach in calculating ECLs with policies as described above.

Financial liabilities

*Initial recognition and measurement*

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings, and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Company's financial liabilities include other payables, accruals, amounts due to group companies, investment contract liabilities, derivative financial instruments and lease liabilities.

*Subsequent measurement*

The subsequent measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification as follows:

*Financial liabilities at amortised cost (other payable and accruals and borrowings)*

After initial recognition, other payables and accruals, and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost. Gains and losses are recognised in the statement profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the effective interest rate amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The effective interest rate amortisation is included in finance costs in profit or loss.

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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled, or expires.

When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and a recognition of a new liability, and the difference between the respective carrying amounts is recognised in profit or loss.

Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

Fair value measurement

The Company measures its financial instruments at fair value at the end of each reporting period. 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. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability, or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Company. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

Product classification

The Company issues contracts that transfer financial risk.

Investment contracts are defined as those contracts that transfer financial risk with no significant insurance risk at the inception of the contract. Deposits collected and benefits payments are not accounted for in profit or loss, but are accounted for directly in the statement of financial position as a movement in the liabilities.

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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investment contract liabilities

Investment contract liabilities comprise the following components:

- (i) Class G liabilities are equal to the sum of account balances, a reserve for interest guarantees and a reserve for unearned fees; and
- (ii) Class H liabilities are equal to the sum of policyholders' fund balances.

Contracts that have the legal form of insurance but do not expose the insurer to significant insurance risk would be classified as investment contracts under HKFRS 17. The investment contract liabilities arising from these contracts create financial liabilities which are accounted for under HKFRS 9.

Required insurance surplus

Required insurance surplus represents the required excess of assets over the amount of liabilities attributable to the long term business determined by year end actuarial valuations prepared by the appointed actuary of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Ordinance (Margin of Solvency) Rules.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash on hand and at banks, and other short term highly liquid deposits with a maturity of generally within three months that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash, subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments.

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and at banks, and short-term deposits as defined above, less bank overdrafts which are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management.

Provisions

A provision is recognised when a present obligation (legal or constructive) has arisen as a result of a past event and it is probable that a future outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, provided that a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

When the Company expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to a provision is presented in profit or loss net of any reimbursement.

Income tax

Income tax comprises current tax and deferred tax. Income tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss, either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Income tax (continued)

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method, on temporary differences at the end of the reporting period arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Tax rates enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period are used to determine deferred tax.

Deferred tax liabilities are provided in full while deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for the carryforward of unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the carryforward of unused tax losses can be utilised.

The carrying amount of the 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 profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at the end of each reporting period and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

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

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if and only if the Company has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets and current tax liabilities and the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on the same taxable entity.

Revenue recognition

*Revenue from contracts with customers*

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when the control of goods or services is transferred to the customers, at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

When the consideration in a contract includes a variable amount, the amount of consideration is estimated to which the Company will be entitled in exchange for transferring the goods or services to the customer. The variable consideration is estimated at contract inception and constrained until it is highly probable that a significant revenue reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur when the associated uncertainty with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

When the contract contains a financing component which provides the customer with a significant benefit of financing the transfer of goods or services to the customer for more than one year, revenue is measured at the present value of the amount receivable, discounted using the discount rate that would be reflected in a separate financing transaction between the Company and the customer at contract inception. When the contract contains a financing component which provides the Company with a significant financial benefit for more than one year, revenue recognised under the contract includes the interest expense accreted on the contract liability under the effective interest method. For a contract where the period between the payment by the customer and the transfer of the promised goods or services is one year or less, the transaction price is not adjusted for the effects of a significant financing component, using the practical expedient in HKFRS 15.

- (a) pension management fee, the performance obligation is satisfied over time as services are rendered. Revenue from services are recognised over time because the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Company.
- (b) dividend income is recognised when the shareholders' right to receive payment has been established, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the dividend will flow to the Company and the amount of the dividend can be measured reliably.
- (c) interest income, on an accrual basis using the effective interest method by applying the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Dividends

Interim dividends are simultaneously proposed and declared, because the Company's memorandum and articles of association grant the directors the authority to declare interim dividends. Consequently, interim dividends are recognised immediately as liability when they are proposed and declared.

Investment contract receivables

Investment contract receivables are recognised when due and measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method. The carrying value of investment contract receivables is reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable, with the impairment loss recorded in profit or loss.



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2.5 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Share-based payments

The Company's ultimate holding company operates an equity-settled, share-based compensation plan for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants including certain employees and directors of the Company.

Where restricted stock units, employee stock purchase plan and share options are awarded to employees, the fair value of the units and options at the date of grant is charged to profit or loss over the vesting period, with a corresponding increase in equity as a contribution from the holding company. At the end of each reporting period, the Company revises its estimates of the number of units and options that are expected to be vested. The impact of the revision of original estimates is recognised in profit or loss and a corresponding adjustment is made to the contribution from the holding company over the remaining vesting period.

Other employee benefits

*Paid leave carried forward*

The Company provides paid annual leave to its employees under their employment contracts on a calendar year basis. Under certain circumstances, such leave which remains untaken at the end of reporting period is permitted to be carried forward and utilised by the respective employees in the following year. An accrual is made at the end of the reporting period for the expected future cost of such paid leave earned during the year by the employees and carried forward.

*Pension schemes*

The Company operates a defined contribution Mandatory Provident Fund retirement benefits scheme (the "MPF Scheme") under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance, for those employees who are eligible and have elected to participate in the MPF Scheme. Contributions are made based on a percentage of the participating employees' basic salaries and are charged to profit or loss as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the MPF Scheme. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. In addition to mandatory contributions, which are fully vested once contributed into the MPF Scheme, the Company also makes voluntary contributions for certain eligible employees and the employees' entitlement to such voluntary contributions is subject to vesting. When an employee leaves employment prior to full vesting, the unvested portion of the voluntary contributions, subject to the rules of the MPF Scheme, will become forfeited contributions and be refunded to the Company.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency of the Company using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Exchange differences arising from the settlement of such transactions and from the retranslation at the year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Company's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and their accompanying disclosures, as well as the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in the future periods.

Judgements

In the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements apart from those involving estimations which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

*Management fee income and expenses*

The Company shares the expenses with its fellow subsidiaries and holding companies based on their utilisation of general office support and services rendered for the year.

*Income taxes*

Significant judgements on the future tax treatment of certain transactions are required in determining income tax provisions. The Company carefully evaluates tax implications of transactions and tax provisions are recorded accordingly. The tax treatment of such transactions is reconsidered periodically to take into account all changes in tax legislation.

Estimation uncertainty

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

*Provision for expected credit losses on investment contract receivables*

The Company makes its estimates on the probability of default based on that of comparable companies, the ageing of its investment contract receivable balances, counterparties' credit-worthiness, and historical write-off experience. If the financial condition of its counterparties was to deteriorate so that the actual impairment loss might be higher than expected, the Company would be required to revise the basis of making the allowance and its future results would be affected.

*Estimation of fair value of derivative financial instruments*

The fair value of derivative financial instruments is determined using the dividend approach. The Company will compute the present value of future benefits ("PVFB") and present value of gross premiums ("PVFGP") by projecting the benefits paid and gross premium received under future investment return scenarios. The fair value of the embedded derivative is determined as the 0% conditional tail expectation which is also the mean average of all scenarios.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES (continued)

Estimation uncertainty (continued)

*Estimation of fair value of derivative financial instruments (continued)*

The estimation of the valuation of embedded derivatives is the Company's key accounting estimate. There are sources of uncertainty that need to be considered in the estimation of the fair value.

Major components in the estimation of the fair value of the embedded derivatives are discount rates used in calculating the present values of PVFB and PVFGP, investment return scenarios and asset outflow assumptions. Discount rates were based on the mid-term notes ("MTN") yield curve, which is a risk-free rate plus a non-performance risk spread represented by the MTN spread. Investment return scenarios were stochastically generated by referring to risk free interest rates with market observable implied volatilities. Asset outflow assumptions were based on company's experiences and forward looking assumptions.

*Deferred tax assets*

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the losses can be utilised. Significant management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax asset that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies. At 31 December 2024, no deferred tax asset relating to unused tax losses was recognised (2023: HK\$69,213,393). Further details are contained in note 14 to the financial statements.

*Leases – Estimating the incremental borrowing rate*

The Company cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in a lease, and therefore, it uses an incremental borrowing rate ("IBR") to measure lease liabilities. The IBR is the rate of interest that the Company would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. The IBR therefore reflects what the Company "would have to pay", which requires estimation when no observable rates are available or when it needs to be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease. The Company estimates the IBR using observable inputs (such as market interest rates) when available and is required to make certain entity-specific estimates.



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4. REVENUE, INVESTMENT INCOME, NET GAINS AND OTHER INCOME

Revenue, which is also the Company's turnover, represents pension management fee in respect of pension business.

An analysis of revenue, investment income, net gains and other income is as follows:

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
<u>Revenue</u>			
Pension management fee		<u>97,824,907</u>	<u>135,637,778</u>
<u>Investment income</u>			
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		71,655,936	128,020,364
Bank interest income		<u>11,223,501</u>	<u>66,559,279</u>
		82,879,437	194,579,643
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		<u>5,688,548</u>	<u>38,146,017</u>
		<u>88,567,985</u>	<u>232,725,660</u>
<u>Net gains</u>			
Realised (losses)/gains, net:			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		( 160,253,257)	727,797,361
Unrealised gains/(losses), net:			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		179,658,889	( 343,660,676)
Fair value losses, net:			
Derivative financial instruments	13	( 7,701,580)	( 34,869,891)
Foreign exchange (losses)/gains, net		( 927,777)	515,132
Total gains, net		<u>10,776,275</u>	<u>349,781,926</u>
<u>Other income</u>			
Management fee	21(a)	157,095,000	142,116,000
Gain on transfer of lease		325,975	-
Others		<u>2,424,781</u>	<u>1,567,601</u>
		<u>159,845,756</u>	<u>143,683,601</u>
Total		<u>259,190,016</u>	<u>726,191,187</u>

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5. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Company's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	10	7,390,093	11,552,730
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	11(c)	16,875,408	21,804,511
Lease payments not included in the measurement of lease liabilities	11(c)	1,575,524	1,523,892
Employee benefit expense (excluding director's remuneration (note 7)):			
Salaries and other allowances		56,434,441	58,434,589
Pension contributions		3,481,989	3,613,080
Cash-settled restricted stock unit expense	21(b)	156,667	( 128,062)
Equity-settled employee stock purchase plan expense	21(c)	338,255	203,487
		<u>60,411,352</u>	<u>62,123,094</u>
Auditor's remuneration		2,331,580	1,749,000
Loss on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment		370,571	27,430
Management fees charged by intermediate holding companies	21(a)	22,722,539	26,849,049
Management fees charged by fellow subsidiaries	21(a)	<u>49,780,167</u>	<u>62,454,140</u>

6. FINANCE COST

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Interest on lease liabilities	11(b), 11(c)	<u>1,415,600</u>	<u>313,453</u>

7. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

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

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Fees	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>

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8. INCOME TAX

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2023: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the year.

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Deferred tax	68,219,281	( 6,099,712)
	<u>68,219,281</u>	<u>( 6,099,712)</u>

A reconciliation of the tax expense/(credit) applicable to profit/(loss) before tax at the statutory rate to tax expense at the effective tax rate is as follows:

	2024 HK\$	%	2023 HK\$	%
Profit before tax	<u>70,591,462</u>		<u>123,066,469</u>	
Tax at the statutory tax rate	11,647,591	16.5	20,305,967	16.5
Income not subject to tax	( 49,046,691)	(69.5)	( 36,158,737)	( 29.4)
Expenses not deductible for tax	47,635,976	67.5	6,689,735	5.4
Recognition of previously unrecognised temporary differences	-	-	( 273,984)	( 0.2)
Derecognition of previously recognised temporary differences	68,219,281	96.6	-	-
Adjustment in respect of tax loss utilized in previous periods	-	-	3,219,156	2.6
Utilization of tax loss	( 11,139,524)	(15.8)	-	-
Temporary difference not recognised	902,648	1.3	-	-
Others	-	-	118,151	0.1
Tax expense/(credit) at effective rate	<u>68,219,281</u>	<u>96.6</u>	<u>( 6,099,712)</u>	<u>( 5.0)</u>

9. DIVIDEND

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Interim – HK\$5.43 (2023: Nil) per ordinary share	<u>125,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Leasehold improvements HK\$	Furniture and fixtures HK\$	Hardware HK\$	Software HK\$	Office equipment HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>31 December 2024</b>						
At 1 January 2024						
Cost	18,707,096	2,108,586	55,878,036	4,365,717	6,617,466	87,676,901
Accumulated depreciation	( 16,259,957)	( 2,096,478)	( 42,397,989)	( 4,169,340)	( 6,612,161)	( 71,535,925)
Net carrying amount	<u>2,447,139</u>	<u>12,108</u>	<u>13,480,047</u>	<u>196,377</u>	<u>5,305</u>	<u>16,140,976</u>
At 1 January 2024, net of accumulated depreciation	2,447,139	12,108	13,480,047	196,377	5,305	16,140,976
Additions	-	-	-	-	6,599	6,599
Disposals	-	-	( 370,571)	-	-	( 370,571)
Depreciation	( 815,713)	( 7,647)	( 6,468,349)	( 95,660)	( 2,724)	( 7,390,093)
At 31 December 2024, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,631,426</u>	<u>4,461</u>	<u>6,641,127</u>	<u>100,717</u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>8,386,911</u>
At 31 December 2024						
Cost	17,688,709	2,108,586	55,354,875	4,365,717	6,624,065	86,141,952
Accumulated depreciation	( 16,057,283)	( 2,104,125)	( 48,713,748)	( 4,265,000)	( 6,614,885)	( 77,755,041)
Net carrying amount	<u>1,631,426</u>	<u>4,461</u>	<u>6,641,127</u>	<u>100,717</u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>8,386,911</u>

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10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

	Leasehold improvements HK\$	Furniture and fixtures HK\$	Hardware HK\$	Software HK\$	Office equipment HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>31 December 2023</b>						
At 1 January 2023						
Cost	15,968,519	2,515,806	58,183,262	4,283,817	6,813,116	87,764,520
Accumulated depreciation	( 13,713,403)	( 2,496,051)	( 40,177,397)	( 3,907,441)	( 6,808,445)	( 67,102,737)
Net carrying amount	<u>2,255,116</u>	<u>19,755</u>	<u>18,005,865</u>	<u>376,376</u>	<u>4,671</u>	<u>20,661,783</u>
At 1 January 2023, net of accumulated depreciation	2,255,116	19,755	18,005,865	376,376	4,671	20,661,783
Additions	2,972,083	-	4,000,082	81,900	5,288	7,059,353
Disposals	( 17)	-	( 27,413)	-	-	( 27,430)
Depreciation	( 2,780,043)	( 7,647)	( 8,498,487)	( 261,899)	( 4,654)	( 11,552,730)
At 31 December 2023, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>2,447,139</u>	<u>12,108</u>	<u>13,480,047</u>	<u>196,377</u>	<u>5,305</u>	<u>16,140,976</u>
At 31 December 2023						
Cost	18,707,096	2,108,586	55,878,036	4,365,717	6,617,466	87,676,901
Accumulated depreciation	( 16,259,957)	( 2,096,478)	( 42,397,989)	( 4,169,340)	( 6,612,161)	( 71,535,925)
Net carrying amount	<u>2,447,139</u>	<u>12,108</u>	<u>13,480,047</u>	<u>196,377</u>	<u>5,305</u>	<u>16,140,976</u>

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11. LEASES

(a) Right-of-use assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's right-of-use assets and the movements during the year are as follows:

	Premises HK\$	Other equipment HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>31 December 2024</b>			
At 1 January 2024			
Cost	55,402,129	17,124,956	72,527,085
Accumulated depreciation	( 55,351,482)	( 12,574,271)	( 67,925,753)
Net carrying amount	<u>50,647</u>	<u>4,550,685</u>	<u>4,601,332</u>
At 1 January 2024, net of accumulated depreciation	50,647	4,550,685	4,601,332
Additions	36,554,336	3,700,546	40,254,882
Depreciation	( 12,201,579)	( 4,673,829)	( 16,875,408)
At 31 December 2024, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>24,403,404</u>	<u>3,577,402</u>	<u>27,980,806</u>
At 31 December 2024			
Cost	36,554,336	18,170,659	54,724,995
Accumulated depreciation	( 12,150,932)	( 14,593,257)	( 26,744,189)
Net carrying amount	<u>24,403,404</u>	<u>3,577,402</u>	<u>27,980,806</u>

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11. LEASES (continued)

(a) Right-of-use assets (continued)

	Premises HK\$	Other equipment HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>31 December 2023</b>			
At 1 January 2023			
Cost	55,088,815	11,743,131	66,831,946
Accumulated depreciation	( 37,147,067)	( 8,974,175)	( 46,121,242)
Net carrying amount	<u>17,941,748</u>	<u>2,768,956</u>	<u>20,710,704</u>
At 1 January 2023, net of accumulated depreciation	17,941,748	2,768,956	20,710,704
Additions	313,314	5,381,825	5,695,139
Depreciation	( 18,204,415)	( 3,600,096)	( 21,804,511)
At 31 December 2023, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>50,647</u>	<u>4,550,685</u>	<u>4,601,332</u>
At 31 December 2023			
Cost	55,402,129	17,124,956	72,527,085
Accumulated depreciation	( 55,351,482)	( 12,574,271)	( 67,925,753)
Net carrying amount	<u>50,647</u>	<u>4,550,685</u>	<u>4,601,332</u>

The Company obtains right to use various premises and other equipment for a period of time through lease arrangements. Lease arrangements are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of terms and conditions including lease payments and lease terms ranging from 1 to 3 years.

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11. LEASES (continued)

(b) Lease liabilities

The carrying amount of lease liabilities and the movements during the year are as follows:

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Carrying amount at 1 January		4,866,110	20,877,950
Accretion of interest recognised during the year	6, 11(c)	1,415,600	313,453
Addition		39,928,907	5,695,139
Payments		( 17,832,548)	( 22,020,432)
Carrying amount at 31 December		<u>28,378,069</u>	<u>4,866,110</u>
Analysed into:			
Current portion		15,379,245	2,737,488
Non-current portion		<u>12,998,824</u>	<u>2,128,622</u>

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is disclosed in note 24 to the financial statements.

(c) The amounts recognised in profit or loss in relation to leases are as follows:

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Interest on lease liabilities	6, 11(b)	1,415,600	313,453
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	11(a)	16,875,408	21,804,511
Expense relating to short-term leases and other leases with remaining lease terms ended on or before 31 December	5	1,575,524	1,523,892
Gain on transfer of lease		( 325,975)	-
Total amount recognised in profit or loss		<u>19,540,557</u>	<u>23,641,856</u>



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12. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Club membership debenture	166,666	166,666
Unlisted unit trusts	279,501,398	898,758,472
Debt investments	<u>1,521,466,545</u>	<u>2,091,676,600</u>
Total	<u><u>1,801,134,609</u></u>	<u><u>2,990,601,738</u></u>
Analysed into:		
Current portion	1,052,577,553	1,182,493,159
Non-current portion	<u><u>748,557,056</u></u>	<u><u>1,808,108,579</u></u>

The above financial assets as at 31 December 2024 were classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss as the Company has not elected to recognise the fair value gain or loss through other comprehensive income.

13. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Derivative financial assets		
Forward currency contracts	<u>-</u>	<u>1,648,452</u>
Derivative financial liabilities		
Forward currency contracts	1,643,481	75,756
Options embedded in investment contracts (note)	<u>-</u>	<u>173,954,190</u>
Total	<u><u>1,643,481</u></u>	<u><u>174,029,946</u></u>

Note:

The Company offers investment contracts with guaranteed rates of return of 5%, 4.5%, 4% and 1% under Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (“ORSO”). As at 31 December 2024, the weighted average guaranteed rate under ORSO are not applicable due to closure of ORSO guaranteed funds in 2024 (2023: 2.61%).

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13. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The Company has entered into various forward currency contracts to manage its exchange rate exposures. These forward currency contracts are not designated for hedge purposes and are measured at fair value through profit or loss. The fair value losses of non-hedging currency derivatives amounting to HK\$7,701,580 (2023: HK\$34,869,891) were charged to profit or loss during the year (note 4).

14. DEFERRED TAX

The movements of deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year are as follows:

DEFERRED TAX ASSETS

	2024	Provision	Recognised losses available to offset against taxable profit		2024	Total
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
At 1 January	252,853	-	69,213,393	62,119,569	69,466,246	62,119,569
Deferred tax (expensed) /credited to profit or loss during the year	( 252,853)	252,853	(69,213,393)	7,093,824	( 69,466,246)	7,346,677
Deferred tax assets at 31 December	-	252,853	-	69,213,393	-	69,466,246

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14. DEFERRED TAX (continued)

DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES

	Depreciation allowance in excess of related depreciation	
	2024	2023
	HK\$	HK\$
At 1 January	1,246,965	-
Deferred tax (credited)/expensed to profit or loss during the year	( 1,246,965)	1,246,965
Deferred tax liabilities at 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>1,246,965</u>
Deferred tax assets, net at 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>68,219,281</u>

15. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2024	2023
	HK\$	HK\$
Interest receivables	10,057,329	26,868,709
Deposits	3,223,096	4,712,964
Prepayments	6,762,306	4,589,766
Other receivables	6,926,664	8,301,317
	<u>26,969,395</u>	<u>44,472,756</u>
Less: Non-current prepayments and deposits	<u>3,492,135</u>	<u>1,149,055</u>
	<u>23,477,260</u>	<u>43,323,701</u>

The financial assets included in the above balances relate to receivables for which there was no recent history of default. As at 31 December 2024 and 2023, the loss allowance was assessed to be minimal.

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16. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND TIME DEPOSITS

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Cash and bank balances	176,521,152	140,085,415
Non-pledged time deposits with original maturity of less than three months when acquired	<u>120,584,541</u>	<u>290,178,567</u>
Cash and cash equivalents and time deposits	<u>297,105,693</u>	<u>430,263,982</u>

Cash at banks and time deposits earns interest based on bank deposit rates. Time deposits are made for varying periods of between one month and twelve months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Company, and earn interest at the respective time deposit rates. The bank balances and deposits are deposited with credit-worthy banks with no recent history of default.

17. INVESTMENT CONTRACT LIABILITIES

Movements in investment contract liabilities under investment contracts are as follows:

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
As at 1 January	2,376,481,941	11,471,167,438
Deposits	277,260,540	2,069,142,804
Withdrawal	( 1,443,513,935)	(11,114,893,199)
Net investment return to customers	<u>77,039,459</u>	<u>( 48,935,102)</u>
As at 31 December	<u>1,287,268,005</u>	<u>2,376,481,941</u>

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18. SHARE CAPITAL

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Issued and fully paid:		
23,000,000 (2023: 23,000,000) ordinary shares	<u>355,000,000</u>	<u>355,000,000</u>

A summary of the movements in the Company's share capital is as follows:

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
As at 1 January	355,000,000	630,000,000
Capital reduction (Note i)	<u>-</u>	<u>( 275,000,000)</u>
As at 31 December	<u>355,000,000</u>	<u>355,000,000</u>

Note i:

On 18 December 2023, share capital reduced from HK\$630,000,000 to HK\$355,000,000. There will be no ground on which the Company could be found to be unable to pay its debts and will be able to pay its debts as they become due during the period of 12 months immediately.

Restricted stock units

These are restricted stock units issued under the ultimate holding company's Stock Incentive Plan, granted to certain employees of the Company during the year. Restricted stock units are treated as an equity award. There is no maximum contractual term on these awards. Under these plans, awards have a graded or cliff vesting over a three-year service period. When the employees' services with the company cease (except in the case of specific types of terminations), all vesting stops and unvested units are forfeited.

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18. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

Restricted stock units (continued)

Movements in the number of non-vested restricted stock units and their related average grant-date fair values during the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023 are as follow:

	2024 Weighted average grant date fair value US\$	2024 Number of restricted stock units	2023 Weighted average grant date fair value US\$	2023 Number of restricted stock units
Non-vested restricted stock units				
at 1 January	78.65	764	57.29	5,106
Granted	80.11	125	88.68	1,340
Cancelled	-	-	71.05	( 3,029)
Vested	58.68	( 340)	51.73	( 984)
Transfer in	58.68	170	-	-
Transfer out	84.18	( 238)	51.02	( 1,669)
Non-vested restricted stock units at 31 December	83.35	<u>481</u>	78.65	<u>764</u>

The fair value of restricted stock units is determined based on the closing stock price of the ultimate holding company's common shares on the grant date. The weighted average granted-date fair value of each restricted stock unit granted during the year ended 31 December 2024 was US\$80.11 (2023: US\$88.68).

In the prior periods restricted stock units were recorded as equity reserve to the Company. During 2023, the Company entered into an agreement with Principal Financial Group to reimburse Principal Financial Group for restricted stock units which vested and paid to employees after 10 February 2023. During the year ended 31 December 2023, restricted stock units granted during 2020-2022 of HK\$1,660,506 were reversed from equity reserve and reallocated to amount due to ultimate holding company. During the year ended 31 December 2024, restricted stock units granted amount of HK\$156,667 (2023: reversal of HK\$128,062) were recorded in amount due to ultimate holding company and vested amount of HK\$1,384,519 (2023: Nil) were settled.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The company also operates an Employee Stock Purchase Plan, participating employees have the opportunity to purchase shares of the Principal Financial Group, the ultimate holding company, on a quarterly basis through 2024 and 2023. Each year employees may purchase up to US\$22,500 worth of common stock at a price equal to 90% of the shares' fair market value as of the end of the purchase period. During the year ended 31 December 2024, number of shares purchased and employee stock purchase plan expenses are 3,916 (2023: 4,509) and HK\$338,255 (2023: HK\$203,487) respectively.

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19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company continues to provide continuous financial support to Principal Trust Company (Asia) Limited, a fellow subsidiary of the Company, under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (General) Regulation in accordance with the various deeds of undertaking signed on 28 February 2005, 3 July 2008, 23 June 2010 and 21 November 2018.

Except as disclosed above, at the end of the reporting period, the Company had no other significant contingent liabilities.

20. COMMITMENTS

The Company has lease contracts that had commenced as at 2 January 2024. The future lease payments for these non-cancellable lease contracts are HK\$16,133,904 due within one year and HK\$13,198,304 due in the second to fifth years.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) In addition to the transactions detailed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Company had the following transactions with related companies during the year:

	Note	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Management fee charged by intermediate holding companies	(i)	22,722,539	26,849,049
Management fees charged by fellow subsidiaries	(i)	<u>49,780,167</u>	<u>62,454,140</u>
		<u>72,502,706</u>	<u>89,303,189</u>
Management fee charged to immediate holding company	(i)	1,887,000	2,526,000
Management fees charged to fellow subsidiaries	(i)	<u>155,208,000</u>	<u>139,590,000</u>
		157,095,000	142,116,000
Pension management fees charged to fellow subsidiaries, net	(i)	<u>( 27,241,006)</u>	<u>26,360,062</u>
		<u>129,853,994</u>	<u>168,476,062</u>



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21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

- (a) In addition to the transactions detailed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Company had the following transactions with related companies during the year: (continued)

Note:

- (i) The management fees were determined among the Company, the intermediate holding companies, the immediate holding company and fellow subsidiaries.

- (b) Compensation of key management personnel of the Company:

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Cash-settled restricted stock unit expense	<u>156,667</u>	<u>( 128,062)</u>

- (c) Compensation to employees of the Company:

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Equity-settled employee stock purchase plan expense	<u>338,255</u>	<u>203,487</u>

- (d) Outstanding balances with related parties:

The balances are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed terms of repayment.

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22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

The carrying amounts of each of the categories of financial instruments at the end of the reporting periods are as follows:

2024

Financial assets

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss HK\$	Financial assets at amortised cost HK\$	Total HK\$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,801,134,609	-	1,801,134,609
Due from fellow subsidiaries	-	40,588,765	40,588,765
Investment contract receivables	-	11,302,358	11,302,358
Financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	-	20,207,089	20,207,089
Cash and cash equivalents	-	297,105,693	297,105,693
	<u>1,801,134,609</u>	<u>369,203,905</u>	<u>2,170,338,514</u>

Financial liabilities

	Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss HK\$	Financial liabilities at amortised cost HK\$	Total HK\$
Due to ultimate holding company	-	303,987	303,987
Due to intermediate holding companies	-	5,376,015	5,376,015
Due to immediate holding company	-	1,484,238	1,484,238
Due to fellow subsidiaries	-	86,522,864	86,522,864
Derivative financial instruments	1,643,481	-	1,643,481
Investment contract liabilities	1,287,268,005	-	1,287,268,005
Other payables and accruals	-	23,568,192	23,568,192
Lease liabilities	-	28,378,069	28,378,069
	<u>1,288,911,486</u>	<u>145,633,365</u>	<u>1,434,544,851</u>

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22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY (continued)

The carrying amounts of each of the categories of financial instruments at the end of the reporting periods are as follows:

2023

Financial assets

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss HK\$	Financial assets at amortised cost HK\$	Total HK\$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2,990,601,738	-	2,990,601,738
Derivative financial instruments	1,648,452	-	1,648,452
Due from fellow subsidiaries	-	157,275	157,275
Investment contract receivables	-	9,977,291	9,977,291
Financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	-	39,882,990	39,882,990
Cash and cash equivalents	-	430,263,982	430,263,982
	<u>2,992,250,190</u>	<u>480,281,538</u>	<u>3,472,531,728</u>

Financial liabilities

	Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss HK\$	Financial liabilities at amortised cost HK\$	Total HK\$
Due to ultimate holding company	-	1,534,898	1,534,898
Due to intermediate holding companies	-	6,787,621	6,787,621
Due to immediate holding company	-	31,085	31,085
Due to fellow subsidiaries	-	65,309,008	65,309,008
Derivative financial instruments	174,029,946	-	174,029,946
Investment contract liabilities	2,376,481,941	-	2,376,481,941
Other payables and accruals	-	35,722,066	35,722,066
Lease liabilities	-	4,866,110	4,866,110
	<u>2,550,511,887</u>	<u>114,250,788</u>	<u>2,664,762,675</u>

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23. FAIR VALUE AND FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The fair values of the Company's financial instruments approximate to their carrying amounts largely due to the nature or short term maturities of these instruments.

The fair values of the financial assets and liabilities are included at the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

The Company uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments:

Level 1: based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is observable, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

As at 31 December 2024 and 2023, the Company held the following financial instruments measured at fair value:

*Assets measured at fair value as at 31 December 2024:*

	Level 1 HK\$	Level 2 HK\$	Level 3 HK\$	Total HK\$
Club membership debenture	-	166,666	-	166,666
Unlisted unit trusts	-	279,501,398	-	279,501,398
Debt investments	-	1,521,466,545	-	1,521,466,545
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,801,134,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,801,134,609</u>

*Liabilities measured at fair value as at 31 December 2024:*

	Level 1 HK\$	Level 2 HK\$	Level 3 HK\$	Total HK\$
Derivative financial instruments	-	1,643,481	-	1,643,481
Investment contract liabilities	-	1,287,268,005	-	1,287,268,005
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,288,911,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,288,911,486</u>

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23. FAIR VALUE AND FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

*Assets measured at fair value as at 31 December 2023:*

	Level 1 HK\$	Level 2 HK\$	Level 3 HK\$	Total HK\$
Club membership debenture	-	166,666	-	166,666
Unlisted unit trusts	-	898,758,472	-	898,758,472
Debt investments	-	2,091,676,600	-	2,091,676,600
Derivative financial instruments	-	1,648,452	-	1,648,452
	-	2,992,250,190	-	2,992,250,190

*Liabilities measured at fair value as at 31 December 2024:*

	Level 1 HK\$	Level 2 HK\$	Level 3 HK\$	Total HK\$
Derivative financial instruments	-	174,029,946	-	174,029,946
Investment contract liabilities	-	2,376,481,941	-	2,376,481,941
	-	2,550,511,887	-	2,550,511,887

During the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023, there were no transfers of fair value measurements between Level 1 and Level 2 and no transfers into or out of Level 3.

24. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Company's principal financial instruments, other than derivatives, comprise cash, time deposits, unit trusts and debt investments. The main purposes of these financial instruments are to provide finance for the Company's operations and to earn interest income. The Company has various other financial assets and liabilities which arise directly from its operations.

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and price risk. The board of directors reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below.

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24. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

*Interest rate risk*

Investments in fixed interest rate debt securities are exposed to interest rate risk, where the value of these securities may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rate. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the portfolio also raises but the value of fixed rates securities declines. A fall in interest rates would generally have the opposite effect. Controlling relative interest rate risk is by aligning the portfolio maturity profile to that of the benchmark and keeping deviations within certain limits.

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk through the investments in fixed interest rate financial assets whose fair value will be affected by fluctuation of prevailing market interest rates. The Company manages exposure to risks associated with interest rate fluctuations through active monitoring on the investment portfolio. The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Company's profit before tax.

	2024 Changes in interest rates	2023 Changes in interest rates	2024 Impact on profit before tax HK\$'million	2023 Impact on profit before tax HK\$'million
Debts investments	+25 basis points	+25 basis points	(4.00)	(24.91)
Debts investments	+25 basis points	-25 basis points	4.00	24.91

*Foreign currency risk*

The Company has transactional currency exposures. Such exposures mainly arise from time deposits, derivative financial instruments and debt investments in United States dollars at the end of the reporting period. As Hong Kong dollars are pegged with United States dollars, it is considered by management that the foreign currency risks of these financial assets are minimal.

*Credit risk*

The Company trades only with recognised and credit-worthy third parties. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis and the Company's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

The maximum exposure of the credit risk of the Company's other financial assets, which comprise cash and cash equivalents, debts securities, unit trusts, derivative financial instruments and amounts due from group companies, is equal to the carrying amounts of these instruments.

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24. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

*Credit risk (continued)*

Since the Company trades only with recognised and credit-worthy third parties, there is no requirement for collateral. There are no significant concentrations of credit risk within the Company as the debt securities were issued by credit-worthy financial institutions and there was no recent history of default. At 31 December 2024 and 2023, the Company invested in high quality credit-worthy debts with short to medium term maturity and with Standard & Poor's ("S&P") credit ratings (or equivalent when S&P not available) of B or above.

The tables below show the credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Company's credit policy, which is mainly based on past due information unless other information is available without undue cost or effort, and year-end staging classification as at 31 December 2024 and 2023.

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	12-month expected credit losses	Lifetime expected credit losses			
	Stage 1 HK\$	Stage 2 HK\$	Stage 3 HK\$	Simplified approach HK\$	Total HK\$
Due from fellow subsidiaries	40,588,765	-	-	-	40,588,765
Investment contract receivables	-	-	-	11,302,358	11,302,358
Financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	20,207,089	-	-	-	20,207,089
Cash and cash equivalents	297,105,693	-	-	-	297,105,693
	<u>357,901,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,302,358</u>	<u>369,203,905</u>

31 December 2023

	12-month expected credit losses	Lifetime expected credit losses			
	Stage 1 HK\$	Stage 2 HK\$	Stage 3 HK\$	Simplified approach HK\$	Total HK\$
Due from fellow subsidiaries	157,275	-	-	-	157,275
Investment contract receivables	-	-	-	9,977,291	9,977,291
Financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	39,882,990	-	-	-	39,882,990
Cash and cash equivalents	430,263,982	-	-	-	430,263,982
	<u>470,304,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,977,291</u>	<u>480,281,538</u>



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*Liquidity risk*

This arises from the risk that the financial instrument may not be able to be converted into cash to meet liquidity needs in a timely manner. To guard against this risk, stock selection considerations include analysis of factors like daily trading volumes, bid-offer spreads, availability of prices from brokers at short notice etc. The financial instruments include mainly investments in quoted debt securities. They are mainly traded on either stock exchanges or over-the-counter markets, and are generally liquid and could be liquidated quickly at an amount close to their fair values in order to meet their liquidity requirements for most cases.

The Company has a solid financial position and maintained a strong and steady cash inflow from its operating activities. As at 31 December 2024, cash and cash equivalents of the Company amounted to HK\$297 million (2023: HK\$430 million). The current ratio of the Company was 1.0 (2023: 0.6).

Since the Company has sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet its liabilities, the Company did not enter into any bank overdrafts, bank loans, convertible bonds and other interest-paying loans during the year.

The maturity profile of the Company's financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period, based on the contracted undiscounted payments, were as follows:

Financial liabilities

2024					
On demand HK\$	Less than 3 months HK\$	3 months to less than 1 year HK\$	1 year to 5 years HK\$	No term HK\$	Total HK\$
Due to ultimate holding company	303,987	-	-	-	303,987
Due to intermediate holding companies	5,376,015	-	-	-	5,376,015
Due to immediate holding company	1,484,238	-	-	-	1,484,238
Due to fellow subsidiaries	86,522,864	-	-	-	86,522,864
Derivative financial instruments	1,643,481	-	-	-	1,643,481
Investment contract liabilities	-	-	-	1,287,268,005	1,287,268,005
Other payables and accruals	-	10,650,528	4,720,614	8,197,050	23,568,192
Lease liabilities	-	4,577,391	11,556,514	13,198,304	29,332,209
	<u>95,330,585</u>	<u>15,227,919</u>	<u>16,277,128</u>	<u>21,395,354</u>	<u>1,435,498,991</u>

Financial liabilities

2023					
On demand HK\$	Less than 3 months HK\$	3 months to less than 1 year HK\$	1 year to 5 years HK\$	No term HK\$	Total HK\$
Due to ultimate holding company	1,534,898	-	-	-	1,534,898
Due to intermediate holding companies	6,787,621	-	-	-	6,787,621
Due to immediate holding company	31,085	-	-	-	31,085
Due to fellow subsidiaries	65,309,008	-	-	-	65,309,008
Derivative financial instruments	75,756	-	-	173,954,190	174,029,946
Investment contract liabilities	-	-	-	2,376,481,941	2,376,481,941
Other payables and accruals	-	31,803,123	3,918,943	-	35,722,066
Lease liabilities	-	1,038,233	1,642,200	2,103,300	4,783,733
	<u>73,738,368</u>	<u>32,841,356</u>	<u>5,561,143</u>	<u>2,550,436,131</u>	<u>2,664,680,298</u>

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24. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

*Price risk*

Price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment or its issuer, or factors affecting all instruments traded in the market. The financial assets are exposed to market risk, as changes in market prices will affect the investment value. Price risk is mitigated by constructing a diversified portfolio of investments across different issuers, different sectors, or traded on different markets.

The Company's price risk exposure relates to listed and unlisted investments which are financial assets at fair value through profit or loss designated as such upon initial recognition. Gains or losses on these financial assets are recognised in profit or loss.

The Company's price risk policy requires it to manage such risks by setting and monitoring objectives and constraints on investments, diversification plans, limits on investments in each country, sector and market. The fair value hierarchy of the Company's financial instruments is set out in note 23 to the financial statements.

*Sensitivity analysis on financial assets*

As part of the Company's investment strategy, in order to reduce financial risks, the Company matches its investments to liabilities arising from investment contract liabilities, by reference to the type of benefits payable to contract holders.

At 31 December 2024, if the price of listed and unlisted investments had been 10% higher/lower with all other variables held constant, the Company's profit after tax would have been HK\$30.2 million (2023: HK\$33.9 million) higher/lower. The sensitivity analysis has been determined based on a reasonable expectation of possible valuation volatility over the next 12 months.

The Company offers investment contracts with guaranteed rates of returns of 5%, 4.5%, 4% and 1% ORSO. Change in market price of the underlying financial assets will impact the unit price of the guaranteed fund. As at 31 December 2024, such investment contracts under ORSO are all terminated. Based on the analyses at 31 December 2023, had the unit price of the guaranteed fund changed by 1%, with all other variables held constant, the estimated reserving provision required under HKFRS 9 would have changed by HK\$0.04 million.

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24. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

*Capital management*

The primary objective of the Company's capital management is to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and to maintain healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and maximise shareholder value. Moreover, as the Company is regulated by Insurance Authority, the Company has to maintain sufficient net assets, solvency margin and reserving requirement in accordance with the Insurance Ordinance up throughout the year. Since 1 July 2024, the Risk-based Capital ("RBC") framework has been implemented for Hong Kong insurance industry, following the commencement of Insurance (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 and the relevant subsidiary legislation. As required by the Insurance Ordinance, the Company's policy is to maintain its capital base, derived from its net asset, to be no less than its prescribed capital amount. The Company's net asset provides for insurance liabilities as the sum of the current estimates, inclusive of Investment contract liabilities for Class G and Class H businesses, and the margins over current estimate for such liabilities.

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may adjust the dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes for managing capital during the years ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

25. EVENT AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

On 16 January 2025, BCT Group and Principal Financial Group announced a strategic relationship. Under this agreement, subsidiaries of the BCT Group will become the sponsor and trustee of the Principal Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) Schemes. The Company and Principal Trust Company (Asia) Limited, a fellow subsidiary of the Company, are the current sponsor and trustee of the Principal MPF Schemes respectively. Principal Asset Management Company (Asia) Limited, a fellow subsidiary of the Company, will continue as the investment manager. The transition is expected to take place in the first quarter of 2026, subject to the required regulatory approvals from the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority and the Securities and Futures Commission.

26. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 25 April 2025.