

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2024

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements of J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Principal activities

The Company is engaged in Commercial & Investment Bank related activities. The Company is a Restricted License Bank with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. It is also a Registered Institution with the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission.

Results and appropriations

The results of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2024 are set out in the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income on page 7 to the financial statements.

A dividend totalling US\$200,000,000 was paid on 30th September 2024 (2023: Nil).

Directors

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Gori, Filippo (Chief Executive)	
Ho, Alan Yiu Tung (Alternate Chief Executive)	
Goel, Sudhir (Alternative Chief Executive)	
Gil-Tienda, Rafael (Independent Non-Executive Director)	
Barbour, Roger (Non-Executive Director)	
Patel, Harshika (Non-Executive Director)	(Resigned on 12th July 2024)
Keay, Stephanie (Non-Executive Director)	
Page, Justin Ian (Non-Executive Director)	(Appointed on 12th July 2024)

There being no provision in the Company's Articles of Association for retirement by rotation, all remaining directors continue in office.

Ms. Harshika Patel resigned as director of the Company on 12th July 2024. She confirmed that she has no disagreement with the Board and nothing relating to the affairs of the Company needed to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Directors' material interests in transactions, arrangements or contracts that are significant in relation to the Company's business

No transactions, arrangements and contracts of significance in relation to the Company's business to which the Company, its fellow subsidiaries or its holding companies was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

Directors' interests in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any specified undertaking of the Company

At no time during the year was the Company, its fellow subsidiaries or its holding companies a party to any arrangement to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate, with the exception of the following:

JPMorgan Chase & Co. ("JPMorgan Chase") granted long-term share-based awards to certain employees under its Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"), as amended and restated effective 18th May 2021, and subsequently amended effective 21st May 2024. During 2024, JPMorgan Chase had granted restricted stock/unit awards under its LTIP. Under the terms of the LTIP, as of 31st December 2024, 81 million shares of common stock were available for issuance through May 2028. The LTIP is the only active plan under which JPMorgan Chase is currently granting stock-based incentive awards.

A restricted stock/unit ("RSU") award is the right to be vested in a specific number of shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock on a specific date(s), provided that the employee meets the grant's restriction requirements. The shares will vest based on the schedule in the Award Agreement and are subject to the related Terms and Conditions of the award, including continued employment.

In addition, RSUs typically include full-career eligibility provisions, which allow employees to continue to vest upon voluntary termination based on age and/or service-related requirements, subject to post-employment and other restrictions. All RSU awards are subject to forfeiture until vested and contain clawback provisions that may result in cancellation under certain specified circumstances. Predominantly all RSUs entitle the recipient to receive cash payments equivalent to any dividends paid on the underlying common stock during the period the RSUs are outstanding.

JPMorgan Chase separately recognizes compensation expense for each tranche of each award, net of estimated forfeitures, as if it were a separate award with its own vesting date. Generally, for each tranche granted, compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis from the grant date until the vesting date of the respective tranche, provided that the employees will not become full-career eligible during the vesting period. For awards with full-career eligibility provisions and awards granted with no future substantive service requirement, JPMorgan Chase accrues the estimated value of awards expected to be awarded to employees as of the grant date without giving consideration to the impact of post-employment restrictions. For each tranche granted to employees who will become full-career eligible during the vesting period, compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis from the grant date until the earlier of the employee's full-career eligibility date or the vesting date of the respective tranche.

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Directors' interests in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any specified undertaking of the Company (continued)

Employees granted restricted stock are shareholders and have voting rights. During the vesting period, employees receive any declared dividends on their outstanding restricted shares at approximately the same time that JPMorgan Chase distributes dividends to its shareholders. Employees with restricted stock units will receive a cash payment from JPMorgan Chase equivalent to any dividends declared by the Board of Directors of JPMorgan Chase; employees granted restricted stock units are not shareholders and do not have any voting rights. During 2024, employees were granted restricted stock unit awards rather than restricted stock.

The purpose of the LTIP is to encourage selected key employees of JPMorgan Chase and its subsidiaries to acquire a proprietary and vested interest in the growth and performance of JPMorgan Chase. The plan also serves to attract, retain and reward employees of exceptional talent and permits JPMorgan Chase to respond in a flexible manner to the changes within the financial services industry.

The above plans remained in place as at 31st December 2024.

During the year ended 31st December 2024, all except one of the directors who held office during the year held restricted stock units or common stock acquired pursuant to the above arrangements.

Management contracts

There existed agreements for front office and back office services to be provided by group companies to the Company under which costs are reimbursed and fees are payable. These agreements can be terminated by either party giving not less than ninety days notice of termination.

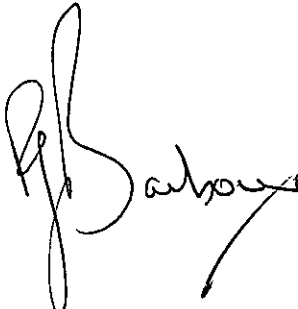

Permitted indemnity provisions

During the financial year and up to the date of this Directors' Report, there is a permitted indemnity provision being in force for the benefit of the directors of the Company.

Auditors

The financial statements have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers who retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board



Director
Hong Kong, 24th April 2025

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Interest income	3	115,092	105,444
Interest expense	3	<u>(7,943)</u>	<u>(8,040)</u>
Net interest income		107,149	97,404
Net fees and commission income	4	895,441	899,186
Net gain/ (loss) from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		587	(220)
Other gain	5	<u>36</u>	<u>1</u>
Total income		1,003,213	996,371
Operating expenses	6	<u>(764,742)</u>	<u>(858,926)</u>
Profit before tax		238,471	137,445
Taxation	9	<u>(34,766)</u>	<u>(14,195)</u>
Total comprehensive income		<u><u>203,705</u></u>	<u><u>123,250</u></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 61 are an integral part of these financial statements.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF J.P. MORGAN
SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED**
(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

Opinion

What we have audited

The financial statements of J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited (the "Company"), which are set out on pages 7 to 61, comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31st December 2024;
- the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31st December 2024, and of its financial performance and its 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 ("HKSA") 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

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.

Other Information

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF J.P. MORGAN
SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

Other Information (continued)

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.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the 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.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

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. We report our opinion 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED (CONTINUED)

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSA's, 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.
- 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 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 stylized, handwritten-style signature of 'PricewaterhouseCoopers'.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 24th April 2025

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

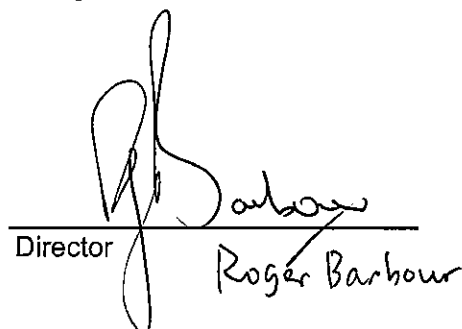
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
ASSETS			
Balances with banks	14	1,495,978	2,223,937
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	11	12,791	17,409
Deferred tax assets	12	20,522	23,270
Other assets	13	222,331	219,459
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	19	730,000	—
Taxation receivable		—	4,505
Fixed assets	16	34	71
Right-of-use assets	17	57	79
Total assets		<u>2,481,713</u>	<u>2,488,730</u>
EQUITY			
Share capital	20	527,000	527,000
Reserves		<u>1,365,966</u>	<u>1,362,261</u>
Total equity		<u>1,892,966</u>	<u>1,889,261</u>
LIABILITIES			
Balances from banks	15	163,422	177,478
Other liabilities	18	406,492	421,887
Lease liabilities	17	60	83
Taxation payable		<u>18,773</u>	<u>21</u>
Total liabilities		<u>588,747</u>	<u>599,469</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>2,481,713</u>	<u>2,488,730</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 61 are an integral part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 24th April 2025 and signed on its behalf.


Director Alan Ho


Director Roger Barbour

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	Share capital US\$'000	Employee benefit reserve US\$'000	Retained earnings US\$'000	Total US\$'000
At 1st January 2023	527,000	69,373	1,169,292	1,765,665
Total comprehensive income	—	—	123,250	123,250
Transactions with owners				
Employee benefit expenses for the year (note 7)	—	53,377	—	53,377
Employee benefits recharged by JPMorgan Chase	—	(53,031)	—	(53,031)
Total transactions with owners	—	346	—	346
At 31st December 2023	527,000	69,719	1,292,542	1,889,261
Total comprehensive income	—	—	203,705	203,705
Transactions with owners				
Employee benefit expenses for the year (note 7)	—	39,506	—	39,506
Employee benefits recharged by JPMorgan Chase	—	(39,506)	—	(39,506)
Dividend declared and paid during the year (note 31)	—	—	(200,000)	(200,000)
Total transactions with owners	—	—	(200,000)	(200,000)
At 31st December 2024	<u>527,000</u>	<u>69,719</u>	<u>1,296,247</u>	<u>1,892,966</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Net cash outflow from operating activities	29	<u>(581,713)</u>	<u>(7,858)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets	16	<u>(3)</u>	<u>—</u>
Net cash outflow from investing activities		<u>(3)</u>	<u>—</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Principal element of lease payments	17	<u>(24)</u>	<u>(24)</u>
Net cash outflow from financing activities		<u>(24)</u>	<u>(24)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(581,740)	(7,882)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January		823,937	831,047
Exchange difference on cash and cash equivalents		<u>3,781</u>	<u>772</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December		<u><u>245,978</u></u>	<u><u>823,937</u></u>
Representing:			
Balances with banks	14	1,495,978	2,223,937
Less: placement with bank with original maturity more than three months	14	<u>(1,250,000)</u>	<u>(1,400,000)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December		<u><u>245,978</u></u>	<u><u>823,937</u></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 61 are an integral part of these financial statements.

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 General information

The Company is a Restricted Licensed Bank with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and a Registered Institution with the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission. The Company is incorporated and domiciled in Hong Kong. The Company is engaged in Commercial & Investment Bank related activities.

The address of its registered office is 12/F, Tower 2, The Quayside, 77 Hoi Bun Road, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong.

The Company's parent company is J.P. Morgan International Finance Limited ("JPMIFL") (Incorporated in United States of America) and its ultimate holding company is JPMorgan Chase & Co. ("JPMorgan Chase", the "Group" or the "Firm"), a listed company incorporated in the United States of America. The transfer of all issued ordinary shares of the Company from J.P. Morgan Securities Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited (incorporated in Hong Kong) to JPMIFL is effective on 17th July 2024 and JPMIFL has been registered as the sole member of the Company in its Register of Members with effect from 17th July 2024.

These financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors on 24th April 2025.

2 Summary of material accounting policies

The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") and requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance Cap. 622. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 30.

The following amendments to standards have been adopted by the Company for the first time for the financial year beginning on or after 1st January 2024.

- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current Liabilities with Covenants – Amendments to HKAS 1

The adoption of these amendments did not have any impact on the amounts recognized in prior periods and is not expected to materially affect the current or future periods.

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

New standards, amendments and interpretations not yet effective

There are other new accounting standards, amendments to accounting standards and interpretations published that are not mandatory for 31st December 2024 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Company. These standards, amendments or interpretations are not expected to have a material impact to the Company in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities

(i) Recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities

The Company recognizes financial assets and financial liabilities when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the trade-date, which is the date on which the Company commits to purchase or sell an asset.

(ii) Classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

On initial recognition, financial assets are classified as measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") or fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortized cost. The classification is based on both the business model for managing the financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics. Factors considered by the Company in determining the business model for a group of assets include past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the assets' performance is evaluated and reported to key management personnel, how risks are assessed and managed, and how managers are compensated.

Financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortized cost

Financial assets are measured at amortized cost if they are held under a business model with the objective to collect contractual cash flows ("Hold to Collect") and they have contractual terms under which cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"). In making the SPPI assessment, the Company considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement (i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement). Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest. As a result of the application of these criteria, only debt financial assets are eligible to be measured at amortized cost.

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(ii) Classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include balances with banks and other assets (excluding derivative assets).

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value including transaction costs (which are explained below). The initial amount recognized is subsequently reduced for principal repayments and adjusted for accrued interest using the effective interest method (see below). In addition, the carrying amount of financial assets is adjusted by recognizing an expected credit loss allowance through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost unless they are held for trading or are designated as measured at fair value through profit or loss. Most of the Company's financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include deposits and balances from banks and other liabilities (excluding derivative liabilities).

Other financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value net of transaction costs incurred. Other financial liabilities are subsequently stated at amortized cost; any difference between proceeds net of transaction costs and the redemption value is recognized in the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income over the period of the other financial liabilities using the effective interest method.

Allocation of the interest income or interest expense

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability or a shorter period when appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. The effective interest rate is established on initial recognition of the financial asset or financial liability. The calculation of the effective interest rate includes all fees and commissions paid or received, transaction costs, and discounts or premiums that are an integral part of the effective interest rate.

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issuance or disposal of a financial asset or financial liability.

Gains and losses arising on the disposal of financial assets measured at amortized cost are recognized in "trading profit" or other noninterest revenue as relevant.

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(ii) Classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets measured at FVTPL consist primarily of instruments that are held for trading. Under HKFRS 9, a financial asset is defined as "held for trading" if it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term, or forms part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit taking or it is a derivative. However, such financial instruments are used by the Company predominantly in connection with its client-driven market-making and/or for hedging certain assets, liabilities, positions, cash flows or anticipated transactions (i.e. risk management activities). Financial assets held for trading comprise both debt and equity securities, derivatives and the related unrealized gains and losses.

In addition, certain financial assets that are not held for trading are measured at FVTPL if they do not meet the criteria to be measured at amortized cost or FVOCI. For example, if the financial assets are managed on a fair value basis, have contractual cash flows that are not SPPI or are equity securities. The Company did not elect to measure any equity instruments at FVOCI.

Financial instruments measured at FVTPL are initially recognized at fair value in the balance sheet. Transaction costs and any subsequent fair value gains or losses are recognized in profit or loss as they arise.

The Company manages cash instruments, in the form of debt and equity securities, and derivatives on a unified basis, including hedging relationships between cash securities and derivatives. Accordingly the Company reports the gains and losses on the cash instruments and the gains and losses on the derivatives on a net basis in trading profits.

Financial assets and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss

Subject to certain criteria, the Company can designate financial assets and financial liabilities to be measured at fair value through profit or loss. Designation is only possible when the financial instrument is initially recognized and cannot subsequently be reclassified. Financial assets can be designated as measured at fair value through profit or loss only if such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency.

Financial assets that the Company designates as measured at fair value through profit or loss are recognized at fair value at initial recognition, with transaction costs being recognized in profit or loss and subsequently measured at fair value. Gains and losses on financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss are recognized in profit or loss as they arise.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets designated as measured at FVTPL are recognized immediately in trading profit or loss.

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(iii) Reclassification

The Company may choose to reclassify financial assets that would meet the definition of trade and other receivables only when it changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Reclassifications are made at fair value on the reclassification date. Fair value becomes the new cost or amortized cost as applicable, and no reversals of fair value gains or losses recorded before reclassification date are subsequently made. Effective interest rates for financial assets reclassified to trade and other receivables are determined at reclassification date. Further increases in estimates of cash flows adjust effective interest rates prospectively.

(iv) Fair Value

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair values are determined by reference to observable market prices where available and reliable. Fair values of financial assets are based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations for financial instruments traded in active markets. Where market prices are unavailable, fair value is based on valuation models that consider relevant transaction characteristics (such as maturity) and use as inputs observable or unobservable market parameters, including but not limited to yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, equity or debt prices, foreign exchange rates and credit curves. Valuation adjustments may be made to ensure that financial instruments are recorded at fair value.

For financial assets held at fair value, most market parameters in the valuation model are either directly observable or are implied from instrument prices. When input values do not directly correspond to the most actively traded market parameters the model may perform numerical procedures in the pricing such as interpolation.

The Company classifies its assets according to a hierarchy that has been established under HKFRS for disclosure of fair value measurements. The fair value hierarchy is based on the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset as of the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 inputs).

A financial instrument's categorization within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES (ASIA PACIFIC) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(v) Derecognition and write-off

Financial assets are derecognized when the contractual right to receive cash flows from the financial assets has expired, or has been transferred with either of the following conditions met:

- the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset; or
- the Company has neither retained nor transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards; but has relinquished control of the asset.

Financial assets are written-off when the Company has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof.

Financial liabilities are derecognized when they are extinguished, that is when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

(vi) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the company or the counterparty.

(c) Impairment of financial assets

The Company establishes an expected credit loss ("ECL") for financial assets to ensure they are reflected in the financial statements at the Company's best estimate of the net amount expected to be collected. The ECL is determined on in-scope financial instruments measured at amortized cost or FVOCI. ECLs are measured collectively via a portfolio-based (modeled) approach for Stage 1 and 2 assets but are generally measured individually for Stage 3 assets. ECLs are forecasted over the 12-month term (Stage 1) or expected life (Stage 2 or 3) of in-scope financial instruments, where the forecast period includes the reasonable and supportable (R&S) forecast period, the reversion period and the residual period and considers the time value of money. These topics are discussed in more detail in the sections below.

Determining the appropriateness of the allowance is complex and requires judgement by management about the effect of circumstances that are inherently uncertain. Further, estimating the allowance involves consideration of a range of possible outcomes, which management evaluates to determine its best estimate. Subsequent evaluations, in light of the circumstances then prevailing, may result in significant changes in the ECL in future periods.

The Company must consider the appropriateness of decisions and judgements regarding methodology and inputs utilized in developing estimates of ECL each reporting period and document them appropriately. Note 24(a) provides more detail for how the expected credit loss allowance is measured.

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Balances with banks

Balances with banks include cash and cash equivalents and placement with financial institutions with original maturities more than three months. Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(e) Balances from banks

Balances from banks include unsecured bank overdrafts, short-term borrowings with financial institutions with original maturities less than three months and long-term borrowings with financial institutions with original maturities more than three months.

(f) Securities purchased under agreement to resell

Securities purchased under agreements to resell are treated as collateralised lending transactions. The consideration for the transaction can be in the form of cash or securities. If the consideration for the purchase of securities is given in cash, the transaction is recorded on the balance sheet within securities purchased under agreement to resell. If the consideration is received in the form of securities, the transaction is recorded off balance sheet. The difference between the sales and repurchase price is treated as interest and accrued over the life of the agreements using the effective interest method.

(g) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency").

The financial statements are prepared in United States dollars ("USD"), which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

(ii) Transactions and balances

Non-USD transactions are translated into USD using the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at year-end exchange rates are generally recognized in the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income.

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(h) Interest income and expense

Interest income and expense for all interest-bearing financial instruments are recognized in the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or a financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Company estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees and commissions paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Once a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been written down as a result of an impairment loss, interest income is recognized using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

(i) Fee and commission income and expense

Fees and commission income are recognized on an accrual basis in accordance with the terms of the underlying agreements and mandates.

For commission income, the Company acts as a broker, facilitating its clients' purchase and sales of securities and other financial instruments. It collects and recognizes brokerage commissions as revenue upon occurrence of the client transaction. The Company reports certain costs paid to Group companies and third-party clearing houses and exchanges net against commission revenue.

Investment banking revenue includes debt and equity underwriting and advisory fees. Underwriting fees are recognized as revenue typically upon execution of the client's transaction. Debt underwriting fees also include credit arrangement and syndication fees which are recorded as revenue after satisfying certain retention, timing and yield criteria. Advisory fees are recognized as revenue typically upon execution of the client's transaction.

(j) Current and deferred income tax

The income tax expense or credit for the period is the tax payable on the current period's taxable income based on the applicable income tax rate for each jurisdiction adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences and to unused tax losses.

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(j) Current and deferred income tax (continued)

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period in the countries where the Company operates and generates taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realized or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognized only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilize those temporary differences and losses.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and where the deferred tax balances relate to the same taxation authority.

(k) Employee benefits

(i) Employee leave entitlements

Employee entitlements to leave (including annual, marriage, sick, maternity, and paternity etc.) are recorded as incurred. In general, the employees are not allowed to carry forward any unutilized leave to the next year, except with the approval from the head of the respective departments. Any approved carried forward annual leave have to be taken by the end of the first quarter in the next year.

(ii) Profit sharing and bonus plans

There are no profit sharing plans in relation to the performance of the Company itself. The Company has a discretionary bonus plan which is based on the performance of the individual as well as the performance of the Group. Liabilities for payments under the discretionary bonus plan are recognized when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of services rendered by employees and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made.

(iii) Pension obligations

The Company offers a mandatory provident fund scheme and a defined contribution plan to the employees. The scheme and the plan are generally funded by payments from employees and/or by the Company.

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(k) Employee benefits (continued)

(iii) Pension obligations (continued)

Forfeitures arising from departures of employees with defined contribution plan whose benefits have not fully vested is recognized by the Company in the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income in the year they occur. The Company's mandatory contributions to the mandatory provident fund are vested immediately and thus there are no forfeitures.

(iv) Equity compensation benefits

The incentive compensation benefits are determined by JPMorgan Chase. The following scheme is applicable to the employees of the Company:

Restricted stock/unit awards

A restricted stock/unit award is the right to be vested in a specific number of shares of JPMorgan Chase common stock on a specific date(s), provided that the employee meets the grant's restriction requirements. The shares will vest based on the schedule on the Award Agreement and are subject to the related Terms and Conditions of the award, including continued employment. Employees granted restricted stock are shareholders and having voting rights; however, employees granted restricted stock units do not have voting rights until after the shares become vested and delivered to the employee. Currently JPMorgan Chase grants restricted stock/units.

The costs of the above equity compensation benefits are incurred for the benefit of the Company's employees and are part of the total staff costs of the Company. These employee benefit expenses which are measured at their fair value at grant date are amortized and recognized in the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income over the relevant vesting periods.

The Company has recognized all equity compensation benefits as equity-settled, whereby all these employee benefit expenses are credited to "Employee benefit reserve" under equity. For employee benefit expenses where the Company has an obligation to settle with JPMorgan Chase the corresponding amounts are transferred from "Employee benefit reserve" to "Other accounts payable" in "Other liabilities".

(l) Comparatives

The presentation or classification of certain items in the financial statements. There is no impact on the total assets, total liabilities and total equity in the statement of financial position as at 31st December 2023, total comprehensive income of the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flow for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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3 Net interest income

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Interest income		
Balances with banks (note 23)	89,298	104,767
Financial assets		
- Listed investments	424	677
Securities purchased under agreements to resell (note 23)	25,370	—
	<u>115,092</u>	<u>105,444</u>
Interest expense		
Balances from banks (note 23)	(7,940)	(8,036)
Interest element of lease payments (note 17)	(3)	(4)
	<u>(7,943)</u>	<u>(8,040)</u>

Interest income on financial assets that are measured at amortized cost are US\$114,668,000 (2023: US\$104,767,000), and interest expense on financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss are US\$7,943,000 (2023: US\$8,040,000).

During the year, there was no interest income accrued on impaired financial assets (2023: Nil).

4 Net fees and commission income

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Fees and commission income (note 23)	1,384,530	1,264,939
Less: fees and commission expense (note 23)	(489,089)	(365,753)
Net fees and commission income	<u>895,441</u>	<u>899,186</u>

During the year, there was no fee income and fee expense, other than amounts included in determining the effective interest rate, arising from financial assets or financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss (2023: Nil).

During the year, there was no fee income and fee expense on trust and other fiduciary activities where the Company holds or invests on behalf of its customers (2023: Nil).

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5 Other gain

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Other income	36	1
	<u>36</u>	<u>1</u>

6 Operating expenses

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Staff costs (note 7)	315,429	334,181
Fees paid to Group companies (note 23)	332,644	362,264
Premises and equipment expenses	24,773	32,701
Communication expenses	29,333	27,631
Legal and professional fees and expenses	12,676	14,331
Travelling expenses	12,567	13,568
Depreciation charge for right-of-use assets (note 17)	22	21
Depreciation charge for fixed assets (note 16)	40	55
Auditor's remuneration		
– Audit services	388	370
– Audit related services	1,941	686
Exchange related fees	15,702	15,845
Other operating expenses	19,227	57,273
	<u>764,742</u>	<u>858,926</u>

7 Staff costs

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Wages and salaries	264,996	269,073
Contributions to pension schemes	10,303	10,815
Housing expense in respect of staff quarters	624	916
Equity compensation benefits	39,506	53,377
	<u>315,429</u>	<u>334,181</u>

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8 Benefits and interests of directors

(a) Directors' emoluments

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Emoluments paid or receivable in respect of a directors' other services in connection with management of the affairs of the Company	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>

Include in the directors' emoluments disclosed above, US\$1,200,000 were paid by other group companies under JPMorgan Chase (2023: US\$1,200,000). Except for the independent non-executive director, none of the directors received or will receive any fees or emoluments in respect of their services as the directors to the Company during the year (2023: Nil). Emoluments above exclude fee for the independent non-executive director amounting to US\$100,000 (2023: US\$100,000).

(b) Directors' retirement benefits

Retirement benefits made to or receivable by the directors in relation to the services provided to the Company during the year were US\$11,532 (2023: Nil).

(c) Directors' termination benefits

None of the directors received or will receive any termination benefits made to or receivable by the directors from the Company for the loss of any other office in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company (2023: Nil).

(d) Consideration provided to third parties for making available directors' services

There was no consideration provided to third parties for making available directors' services. (2023: Nil)

(e) Information about loans, quasi-loans and other dealings in favor of directors, controlled body corporates by and connected entities with such directors

There were no loans, quasi-loans or other dealings in favor of the directors, their controlled body corporates and connected entities (2023: None).

(f) Directors' material interests in transactions, arrangements or contracts

No significant transactions, arrangements and contracts in relation to the Company's business to which the Company was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year (2023: None).

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9 Taxation

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2023: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profit for the years.

Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the year at tax rates prevailing in the countries in which the Company operates.

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Current income tax		
– Hong Kong profit tax for the year	34,129	17,511
– Overseas taxation for the year	21	45
– Adjustments for prior period	(2,132)	(2,646)
Total current income tax	32,018	14,910
Deferred income tax (note 12)	2,748	(715)
Taxation	<u>34,766</u>	<u>14,195</u>

The taxation on the Company's profit before taxation differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the standard Hong Kong profits tax rate as follows:

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Profit before taxation	<u>238,471</u>	<u>137,445</u>
Calculated at the taxation rate of 16.5%	39,348	22,678
Overprovision in prior period	(2,132)	(2,646)
Effect of different taxation rates in overseas countries	21	45
Taxable loss not recognized	(1,972)	(7,160)
(Under)/overprovision in current period	(499)	1,278
Taxation	<u>34,766</u>	<u>14,195</u>

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10 Financial instruments by category

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Financial assets		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (note 11)	12,791	17,409
Financial assets at amortized cost		
Balances with banks	1,495,978	2,223,937
Other assets (note 13)	222,331	219,459
Securities purchased under agreements to resell (note 19)	730,000	—
	<u>2,461,100</u>	<u>2,460,805</u>
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortized cost		
Balances from banks	163,422	177,478
Other liabilities (note 18)	406,492	421,887
Lease liabilities (note 17)	60	83
	<u>569,974</u>	<u>599,448</u>

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11 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Company classifies the following financial assets at FVTPL:

- Debt securities that are designated as held for trading and do not qualify for measurement at either amortized cost or fair value through other comprehensive income, and
- Equity securities that are not held for trading and do not meet the criteria to be measured at amortized cost or FVOCI (2023: Equity securities that are held for trading).

Financial assets mandatorily measured at FVTPL include the following:

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Debt securities, at fair value		
- Listed in Hong Kong	12,076	16,906
Equity securities, at fair value		
- Listed outside Hong Kong	715	503
Total financial assets	<u>12,791</u>	<u>17,409</u>
Market value of listed securities	<u>12,791</u>	<u>17,409</u>
Financial assets are analyzed by categories of issuer as follows:		
- Sovereigns	12,076	16,906
- Corporates	715	503
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>12,791</u>	<u>17,409</u>

12 Deferred tax assets

Deferred taxation is calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method using a principal taxation rate of 16.5% (2023: 16.5%).

The movement on the deferred tax assets is as follows:

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
At 1st January	23,270	22,555
Deferred taxation (credited)/ debited to statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income (note 9)	<u>(2,748)</u>	<u>715</u>
At 31st December	<u>20,522</u>	<u>23,270</u>

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12 Deferred tax assets (continued)

The movement in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year is as follows:

Deferred tax assets

	Employee benefits and Total	
	2024	2023
	US\$'000	US\$'000
As at 1st January	23,279	22,564
(Credited)/ debited to statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income	(2,748)	715
As at 31st December	<u>20,531</u>	<u>23,279</u>

Deferred tax liabilities

	Accelerated Tax Depreciation and Total	
	2024	2023
	US\$'000	US\$'000
As at 1st January and 31st December	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>

The following amounts, determined after appropriate offsetting, are shown in the statement of financial position:

	2024	2023
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Deferred tax assets	20,531	23,279
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>
Total	<u>20,522</u>	<u>23,270</u>

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12 Deferred tax assets (continued)

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Deferred tax assets		
– Deferred tax assets to be recovered after more than 12 months	11,570	15,188
– Deferred tax assets to be recovered within 12 months	<u>8,961</u>	<u>8,091</u>
	<u>20,531</u>	<u>23,279</u>
Deferred tax liabilities		
– Deferred tax liabilities to be settled after more than 12 months	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

13 Other assets

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Accounts receivable from clients/brokers arising from dealing in securities	6	179
Accounts receivable from group companies (Note 22)	215,558	211,228
Other account receivable	<u>19,655</u>	<u>10,405</u>
	235,219	221,812
Less: allowance for other accounts receivables (Note 24(a))	<u>(12,888)</u>	<u>(2,353)</u>
	<u>222,331</u>	<u>219,459</u>

Note 24(a) sets out information about the impairment of financial assets and the Company's exposure to credit risk. The carrying amounts of other assets approximate their fair value.

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14 Balances with banks

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	245,978	823,937
Placement with bank	<u>1,250,000</u>	<u>1,400,000</u>
	<u><u>1,495,978</u></u>	<u><u>2,223,937</u></u>

15 Balances from banks

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Bank overdrafts	28,905	9,529
Bank borrowings	<u>134,517</u>	<u>167,949</u>
	<u><u>163,422</u></u>	<u><u>177,478</u></u>

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16 Fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements US\$'000	Furniture and equipment US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Cost			
As at 1st January 2024	1,171	32,977	34,148
Additions	—	3	3
Disposals	—	(34)	(34)
As at 31st December 2024	<u>1,171</u>	<u>32,946</u>	<u>34,117</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
As at 1st January 2024	1,116	32,961	34,077
Charge for the year (note 6)	34	6	40
Disposals	—	(34)	(34)
As at 31st December 2024	<u>1,150</u>	<u>32,933</u>	<u>34,083</u>
Net book value	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>34</u>
Cost			
As at 1st January 2023	1,171	33,067	34,238
Additions	—	—	—
Disposals	—	(90)	(90)
As at 31st December 2023	<u>1,171</u>	<u>32,977</u>	<u>34,148</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
As at 1st January 2023	1,082	33,030	34,112
Charge for the year (note 6)	34	21	55
Disposals	—	(90)	(90)
As at 31st December 2023	<u>1,116</u>	<u>32,961</u>	<u>34,077</u>
Net book value	<u>55</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>71</u>

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17 Leases

At 31st December 2024, the Company was obligated under a non-cancellable lease for premises used primarily for the Company's operations. The lease of premises typically run for a period of 1-5 years. Certain leases contain renewal options and/or escalation clauses providing for increased rental payments based on maintenance, utility and tax increases, or they require the Company to perform restoration work on leased premises. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants.

Information about leases for which the Company is a lessee is presented below:

	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Right-of-use assets		
As at 1st January	79	100
Depreciation charge for right-of-use assets for the year	(22)	(21)
Additions to right-of-use assets for the year	—	—
As at 31st December	<u>57</u>	<u>79</u>
Lease liabilities - maturity analysis - contractual undiscounted cash flows		
Less than one year	24	24
One to five years	39	65
More than five years	—	—
Total undiscounted lease liabilities at 31st December	63	89
Imputed interest discount on leases	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(6)</u>
Lease liabilities included in the statement of financial position at 31st December	<u>60</u>	<u>83</u>
For the year ended 31st December		
Interest expense on lease liabilities	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Total cash outflow for the leases during the year	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>

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18 Other liabilities

	2024	2023
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Accrued expense for employee benefits	215,635	222,674
Accounts payable to group companies (note 22)	181,269	164,609
Other accounts payable	9,588	34,604
	<u>406,492</u>	<u>421,887</u>

Included in the accrued expense for employee benefits disclosed above, US\$124,426,000 is payable to group companies under JPMorgan Chase (2023: US\$141,086,000). Note 22 provides more detail on balances with Group companies. The carrying amounts of other liabilities approximate their fair value.

19 Securities purchased under agreements to resell

	2024	2023
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Securities purchased under agreements to resell from a group company	<u>730,000</u>	<u>—</u>

The Company entered into reverse repurchase agreement with a group company as part of its liquidity management strategy. The securities purchased under this agreement serve as collateral are government bonds.

20 Share capital

Ordinary shares, issued and fully paid:

	Number of shares	Share capital US\$'000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 31st December 2023		
and 31st December 2024	<u>36,614,699</u>	<u>527,000</u>

21 Equity compensation benefits

Compensation expense for RSUs is measured based upon the number of shares granted multiplied by the stock price at the grant date. The following table summarises additional information about RSUs for the Company as at 31st December:

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21 Equity compensation benefits (continued)

	2024		2023	
	No. of Shares	Weighted Average Fair Value US\$	No. of Shares	Weighted Average Fair Value US\$
Outstanding, 1st January	830,968	144.7	948,714	143.5
Granted	262,676	168.6	315,144	140.7
Vested	(347,139)	146.0	(308,827)	(137.7)
Cancelled	(13,601)	146.0	(55,742)	(143.3)
Transferred	21,000	152.4	(68,321)	144.7
Outstanding, 31st December	753,904	152.4	830,968	144.7

22 Balances with Group companies

	Parent entity		Other JPM group entities		Total	
	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Balances with banks (note 14)	1,482,210	2,203,992	2,999	1,461	1,485,209	2,205,453
Other assets (note 13)	98,126	80,157	117,432	131,071	215,558	211,228
Securities purchased under agreements to resell (note 19)	—	—	730,000	—	730,000	—
Assets with Group companies	1,580,336	2,284,149	850,431	132,532	2,430,767	2,416,681
Balances from banks (note 15)	163,422	177,376	—	—	163,422	177,376
Other liabilities (note 18)	23,740	26,525	264,037	279,170	287,777	305,695
Liabilities with Group companies	187,162	203,901	264,037	279,170	451,199	483,071

Other assets and other liabilities shown above are interest-free, unsecured and repayable according to contractual terms, as disclosed in note 24.

23 Related party transactions

Related parties are individuals and companies, where the individual or company has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. For the Company, the related party transactions were all entered into with Group companies.

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23 Related party transactions (continued)

In addition to those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the following significant transactions were carried out with related parties:

	Parent entity		Other JPM group entities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Interest income (note a)	88,770	104,361	25,381	2	114,151	104,363
Interest expense (note a)	(7,940)	(8,035)	—	—	(7,940)	(8,035)
Fees and commission income (note b)	29,685	58,742	966,240	918,658	995,925	977,400
Fees and commission expense (note b)	—	—	(460,773)	(365,461)	(460,773)	(365,461)
Fees paid to Group companies (notes b and 6)	(303,589)	(330,535)	(29,055)	(31,729)	(332,644)	(362,264)

Notes:

(a) The interest rates for the transactions between the Company and Group companies are priced at the prevailing market rates at the time of each transaction.

(b) Fees received from and paid to Group companies are determined in accordance with the level of services delivered which include the Company's share of revenues and reimbursement of costs incurred.

24 Financial risk management

Risk is an inherent part of business activities of the Firm, the ultimate holding company of the Company. When the Firm extends a consumer or wholesale loan, advises customers and clients on their investment decisions, makes markets in securities or offers other products or services, the Firm takes on some degree of risk. The Firm's overall objective is to manage its businesses, and the associated risks, in a manner that balances serving the interests of its clients, customers and investors and protects the safety and soundness of the Firm.

At the Company level, the Board of Directors ("BODs") acts as a central governing committee and is the primary oversight and escalation point for the Company's sub-committees, the responsibilities of the BODs include:

- Review of business performance, progress of key initiatives, growth and cross Line of Business ("LOB") initiatives;
- Review of country performance, strategies and opportunities across LOBs and platforms;
- Review of significant Risk and Control issues and monitoring progress resolution plans;
- Review of significant Business support and Infrastructure matters; and
- Oversight for any business conducted or booked into the Company to ensure compliance with existing global and legal entity governance frameworks.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

Hong Kong Risk Asset and Liability Committee ("HK RALCO") of the Company is delegated by the BODs to provide oversight of risks inherent in the Company's business in Hong Kong.

Risk Appetite is a high-level statement of the Firm's appetite for risk. The Firm's Risk Appetite framework is governed by a Quantitative Risk Appetite policy and a Qualitative Risk Appetite policy. Quantitative and qualitative risks are assessed to monitor and measure the Firm's capacity to take risk consistent with its stated risk appetite. The Risk Appetite framework integrates risk controls, earnings, capital management, liquidity management and return targets to set the Firm's risk appetite in the context of its objectives for key stakeholders, including but not limited to shareholders, depositors, regulators and clients.

The Firm's Quantitative Risk Appetite policy is applicable to the Company. The legal entity's governance and quantitative parameters reflect local regulations, operations and business strategy.

With respect to the qualitative risks, in accordance with the LE Qualitative Risk Appetite Standard, JPMSAPL relies on the firmwide Qualitative Risk Appetite ("QRA") approach and results or a separate QRA assessment is performed.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk associated with the default or change in credit profile of a client, counterparty or customer. In its wholesale businesses, the Firm is exposed to credit risk through its underwriting, lending, market-making, and hedging activities with and for clients and counterparties, as well as through its operating services activities (such as cash management and clearing activities) and securities trading activities. The Firm is also exposed to credit risk through its investment securities portfolio and cash placed with banks.

Credit risk organization and credit risk management framework

Credit Risk Management monitors and measures credit risk throughout the Firm and defines credit risk policies and procedures.

The Credit Risk function is overseen in Hong Kong by the Credit Risk Officer for Greater China, who reports to the Head of Greater China Credit Risk and ultimately to the APAC Head of Credit Risk. Credit Risk Officers are responsible for analyzing specific portfolios of clients, negotiating credit documentation and assisting in execution of credit transactions.

The Firm's credit risk management governance includes the following activities:

- Maintaining a credit risk policy framework;
- Monitoring and measuring credit risk across all portfolio segments, including transaction and exposure approval;

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

- Setting industry and geographic concentration limits, as appropriate, and establishing underwriting guidelines;
- Assigning and managing credit authorities in connection with the approval of credit exposure;
- Monitoring criticized exposures and delinquent loans; and
- Estimating credit losses and supporting appropriate credit risk-based capital management.

Risk monitoring

The Firm has developed policies and practices that are designed to preserve the independence and integrity of the approval and decision-making process of extending credit to ensure credit risks are assessed accurately, approved properly, monitored regularly and managed actively at both the transaction and portfolio levels. The policy framework establishes credit approval authorities, concentration limits, risk-rating methodologies, portfolio review parameters and guidelines for oversight of distressed exposures. In addition, certain models, assumptions and inputs used in evaluating and monitoring credit risk are independently validated by groups that are separate from the LOBs.

(i) Large Exposures and Risk Concentrations

The Company monitors large exposures on a stand-alone basis in accordance with the Banking (Exposure Limits) Rules ("BELR") and the HKMA Supervisory Policy Manual on Large Exposures and Risk Concentrations (CR-G-8) and Connected Lending (CR-G-9). The purpose of the large exposure regime is to ensure that the Company manages its exposure to connected and third-party counterparties within appropriate limits set in relation to its capital resources.

(ii) Settlement Risk and Delivery Risk

The Company engages in equity brokerage activities and is a client facing entity. It is a market-maker for Hong Kong Government Bills and Notes. The Company also places funds with, and borrows funds from, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMCB") and other banks.

The majority of securities trades are settled via recognized clearing houses and exchanges, within standard settlement periods, on a Delivery versus Payment ("DVP") basis.

Products not settled on Delivery After Payment ("DAP"), DVP or Payment versus Payment ("PvP") terms require settlement exposure to be quantified, monitored and controlled. Settlement risk is calculated using the Duration Based Settlement Risk ("DBSE") metric. It measures the amount of purchased contracts which may be delivered on a single day to a particular counterparty (or eligible borrowers). The measure takes into account the duration of settlement risk resulting from settling different currencies locally and is used for limits monitoring against Daily Settlement Limits ("DSL").

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Risk reporting

To enable monitoring of credit risk and effective decision-making, aggregate credit exposures, credit quality forecasts, concentration levels and risk profile changes are reported regularly to senior members of Credit Risk Management. Detailed portfolio reporting of industry, customer, product and geography are prepared and reviewed by senior management at least on a quarterly basis. Through the risk reporting and governance structure, credit risk trends and limit exceptions are provided regularly to, and discussed with risk committees, senior management and the BODs.

Expected credit loss measurement

Approach to measuring expected credit losses

The Company estimates credit impairment through an allowance for ECLs. ECLs are recognized for financial assets that are measured at amortized cost. The measurement of ECLs must reflect:

- a) An unbiased and probability weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- b) The time value of money; and
- c) Reasonable and supportable information about past events, current economic conditions, and forecasts of future economic conditions.

The measurement of ECL also reflects how the Company manages financial instruments for credit risk purposes such as Traditional Credit Products ("TCP") and non-Traditional Credit Products ("Non-TCP"). TCP are loans and lending-related commitments from extensions of credit to borrowers. The Company does not have TCP. Non-TCP include, but are not limited to, other debt instruments such as reverse repurchase agreements, margin loans, fee receivables, and intercompany receivables (such as cash and deposits).

For Non-TCPs, the Company utilizes a combination of an established provision matrix, as well as quantitative and qualitative considerations to estimate ECLs.

Impact of staging on measuring expected credit losses

ECLs are measured using a three-stage model based on changes in credit quality of the financial instrument since it was initially recognized ("initial recognition"):

- Stage 1 - performing financial instruments that have not had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition;
- Stage 2 - performing financial instruments that have experienced a significant increase in credit risk. The Company does not have stage 2 exposures; and
- Stage 3 - non-performing financial instruments that have been determined to be credit-impaired.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Expected credit loss measurement (continued)

Default and credit-impairment (Stage 3)

Financial instruments are included in Stage 3 when there is objective evidence of impairment at the reporting date. For Stage 3 instruments, ECL are calculated considering the probability of default over the remaining life of each instrument ("Lifetime ECL") on an individual asset basis and interest revenue is calculated on the net carrying amount (that is, net of the allowance for credit losses). All financial assets, regardless of their category as TCP, Non-TCP or debt security, are considered to be credit-impaired and are included in Stage 3 when one or more of the following events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset has occurred:

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- A default or past due event;
- The Company has granted a concession to the borrower for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty;
- It has become probable the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization;
- An active market for that financial asset no longer exists because of the borrower's financial difficulties; or
- A financial asset is purchased or originated at a deep discount that reflects a credit loss has been incurred.

Generally, a Stage 3 financial asset is considered to no longer be impaired when the borrower has made payments for a minimum of six months and there is other objective evidence of credit improvement. However, for assets that were considered to be Stage 3 as a result of a restructuring where the borrower experiencing difficulty was granted a financial concession, there is no cure period and the asset will remain in Stage 3.

Unimpaired and without significant increase in credit risk (Stage 1)

Financial instruments that have not had a significant increase in credit risk ("SICR") since initial recognition are included in Stage 1 unless they are purchased or originated credit impaired ("POCI"). For Stage 1 instruments, ECL is calculated by considering the probability of default within 12 months after the reporting date on a collective basis and interest revenue is calculated on the gross carrying amount of the asset (that is, without deduction for the credit loss allowance).

ECL measurement for Non-TCP Portfolios

The Company's approach to measuring ECLs for Non-TCP portfolios depends on the type of instrument.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Expected credit loss measurement (continued)

Fee receivables

For fee receivables arising from contracts with customers, the Company applies a provision matrix as a practical expedient for calculating expected credit losses. The matrix provides that in the case of institutional customers, a receivable is considered to have had a SICR (i.e. Stage 2) if it is 90 days past due at which the Company will review and recognize appropriate ECL case by case and credit-impaired (i.e. Stage 3) if it is 180 days past due at which point an ECL for 100% of the amount owed is recognized. In the case of non-institutional customers, a receivable is considered to have had a SICR (i.e. Stage 2) if it is 30 days past due at which the Company will review and recognize appropriate ECL case by case and credit-impaired (i.e. Stage 3) if it is 90 days past due at which point an ECL for 100% of the amount owed is recognized. As at 31st December 2024, receivables amounting to US\$12,888,000 (2023: US\$2,353,000) are classified as Stage 3 and allowance for credit losses has been fully recognised for these balances. All other receivable balances are classified as Stage 1.

Other non-TCP

The Company has determined that ECLs on non-TCP portfolios are immaterial due to: the existence of credit risk mitigants such as the credit quality of the borrower (e.g. investment grade); and/or the short-term nature of the instrument. Similarly the Company has determined that these non-TCP portfolios are without SICR (i.e. Stage 1) due to the credit quality of the borrower and/or the short-term nature of the instrument.

For inter-company receivables, the Company evaluates the counterparty based on the consolidated Firm's resolution and recovery plan, tenor of the receivable, and any collateral received. The Company has not experienced any losses on inter-company receivables.

The Company continues to monitor its Non-TCP portfolios to ensure the described framework is appropriate and its exposure to credit risk and ECLs on these portfolios are adequately reflected in the allowance for credit losses, if any.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Expected credit loss measurement (continued)

The loss allowances for other assets as at 31st December reconciles to the opening loss allowances as follows:

	Other assets	
	2024	2023
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Opening loss allowance as at 1st January	2,353	324
Increase in loss allowance recognised in profit or loss during the year	10,725	2,111
Receivable written off during the year	(200)	(84)
Gross recoveries collected	—	—
Exchange difference	10	2
Closing loss allowance as at 31st December	<u>12,888</u>	<u>2,353</u>

Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancements

	Maximum exposure	
	2024	2023
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Credit risk exposures relating to assets in the statement of financial position are as follows:		
Balances with banks	1,495,978	2,223,937
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Debt securities	12,076	16,906
Other assets	222,331	219,459
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	<u>730,000</u>	<u>—</u>
At 31st December	<u>2,460,385</u>	<u>2,460,302</u>

The above table represents the notional amount of credit risk exposure to the Company at 31st December 2024 and 2023, without taking into account of any collateral held or other credit enhancements attached. The exposures set out above are based on net carrying amounts as reported in the statement of financial position.

Included in note 13 other assets were credit exposures relating to account receivables from clients/brokers arising from failed securities dealing and transactions in securities (other than repo-style transactions) which are not yet due for settlement. The exposures were covered by securities collateral acquired through these transactions.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

(i) Debt securities

The table below presents an analysis of debt securities by rating agency designation at 31st December 2024 and 2023, based on Standard & Poor's ratings or their equivalent. As at 31st December 2024, debt securities of US\$3,416,000 (2023: US\$7,178,000) are reported based on ratings of the issuers in the absence of issue specific ratings.

	2024	2023
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
AA- to AA+	4,228	4,870
A- to A+	<u>7,848</u>	<u>12,036</u>
Total	<u><u>12,076</u></u>	<u><u>16,906</u></u>

There are no overdue debt securities or certificates of deposit as at 31st December 2024 (2023: Nil).

(ii) Balances with banks

The Company also has credit risk exposures as it has balances with banks and financial institutions. The credit risk is considered low as the Company banks with investment grade financial institutions.

(iii) Securities purchased under agreements to resell

The Company also has credit risk exposures as it has securities purchased under agreements to resell. The credit risk is considered low as the agreements are collateralised by government bonds.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

- (iv) Concentration of risks of financial assets with credit risk exposure - geographical sectors

The following table breaks down the Company's main credit exposure at their carrying amounts, as categorized by geographical region as of 31st December 2024 and 2023. For this table, the Company has allocated exposures to regions based on the country of domicile of its counterparties or of the issuers. Credit risk exposure by geographical sectors is classified according to the location of counterparties or of the issuers after taking into account the transfer of risk.

	Hong Kong US\$'000	Asia Pacific excluding Hong Kong US\$'000	North and South America US\$'000	Middle East and Africa US\$'000	Europe US\$'000	Total US\$'000
As at 31st December 2024						
Balances with banks	157,171	37,705	1,289,352	—	11,750	1,495,978
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss						
- debt securities	4,228	7,848	—	—	—	12,076
Other assets	16,572	31,541	122,425	—	51,793	222,331
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	—	—	730,000	—	—	730,000
	<u>177,971</u>	<u>77,094</u>	<u>2,141,777</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>63,543</u>	<u>2,460,385</u>
As at 31st December 2023						
Balances with banks	82,901	1,850	2,138,029	—	1,157	2,223,937
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss						
- debt securities	4,870	12,036	—	—	—	16,906
Other assets	20,480	38,831	94,316	5,788	60,044	219,459
	<u>108,251</u>	<u>52,717</u>	<u>2,232,345</u>	<u>5,788</u>	<u>61,201</u>	<u>2,460,302</u>

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Firm, including the Company, will be unable to meet its contractual and contingent obligations as they arise or that it does not have the appropriate amount, composition and tenor of funding and liquidity to support its assets and liabilities.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Liquidity risk (continued)

Liquidity Risk Management

The Firm has a Liquidity Risk Management (LRM) function whose primary objective is to provide independent oversight of liquidity risk across the Firm. The International Asset and Liability Management (IALM) Risk group within LRM is responsible for providing independent liquidity risk oversight to the Firm's legal entities in APAC. LRM and IALM Risk are responsible for the independent assessment, measurement, monitoring, and control of liquidity risk across the Firm and its legal entities respectively. LRM/ IALM Risk's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Defining, monitoring and reporting liquidity risk metrics;
- Independently establishing and monitoring limits and indicators, including liquidity risk appetite;
- Developing a process to classify, monitor and report limit breaches;
- Performing independent review of liquidity risk management processes to evaluate their adequacy and effectiveness based on LRM's Independent Review Framework;
- Monitoring and reporting internal Firmwide and legal entity liquidity stress tests, regulatory defined metrics, as well as liquidity positions, balance sheet variances, and funding activities; and
- Approving or escalating for review new or updated liquidity stress assumptions.

Risk Governance and Measurement

The HK RALCO, co-chaired by the Senior Financial Officer ("SFO") and Chief Risk Officer ("CRO"), is responsible for providing oversight of liquidity risk at legal entity level and ensuring appropriate governance, controls and limits are in place.

As governed by the HK RALCO Charter, where required, matters will be escalated from the HK RALCO to the JPMSAPL Risk Committee, BODs, Asia Pacific Risk Committee ("APRC"), or Asia Pacific Capital and Liquidity Committee ("APCALC").

Internal Stress Testing

Liquidity stress tests are intended to ensure sufficient liquidity for the Company under a variety of adverse scenarios. Standard stress tests are performed on a regular basis and ad hoc stress tests are performed, as needed, in response to specific market events or concerns.

Liquidity stress tests assume all of the Company's contractual obligations are met and take into consideration:

- Varying levels of access to unsecured and secured funding markets,
- Estimated non-contractual and contingent outflows, and
- Potential impediments to the availability and transferability of liquidity between jurisdictions and legal entities such as regulatory, legal, or other restrictions.

Liquidity outflow assumptions are modelled across a range of time horizons and currency dimensions and contemplate both market and idiosyncratic stress. Results of stress tests are considered in the formulation of the Company's funding plan and assessment of its liquidity position.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Liquidity risk (continued)

Contingency Funding Plan ("CFP")

The Firm's CFP sets out the strategies for addressing and managing liquidity resource needs during a liquidity stress event and incorporates liquidity risk limits, indicators and risk appetite tolerances that make up Liquidity Escalation Points. The CFP also identifies the alternative contingent funding and liquidity resources available to the Firm and its legal entities (including the Company) in a period of stress. The Company is an integral part of the firmwide CFP framework.

Treasury and Chief Investment Office ("TCIO") maintains a legal entity addendum to the firmwide CFP, which is reviewed and approved by the HK RALCO and the Company's BOD, at least annually.

Liquidity Management

The primary objectives of the Firm's liquidity management are to:

- Ensure that the Firm's core businesses and material legal entities are able to operate in support of client needs and meet contractual and contingent financial obligations through normal economic cycles as well as during stress events, and
- Manage an optimal funding mix and availability of liquidity sources.

As part of the Firm's overall liquidity management strategy, the Firm manages liquidity and funding using a centralized, global approach in order to:

- Optimize liquidity sources and uses;
- Monitor exposures;
- Identify constraints on the transfer of liquidity between the Firm's legal entities; and
- Maintain the appropriate amount of surplus liquidity at a Firmwide and legal entity level, where relevant.

In the context of the Firm's liquidity management, TCIO is responsible for:

- Analyzing and understanding the liquidity characteristics of the assets and liabilities of the Firm, LOBs and legal entities, taking into account legal, regulatory, and operational restrictions;
- Developing internal liquidity stress testing assumptions;
- Defining and monitoring Firmwide and legal entity-specific liquidity strategies, policies, reporting and contingency funding plans;
- Managing liquidity within the Firm's approved liquidity risk appetite tolerances and limits;
- Managing compliance with regulatory requirements related to funding and liquidity risk; and
- Setting transfer pricing in accordance with underlying liquidity characteristics of balance sheet assets and liabilities as well as certain off-balance sheet items.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Liquidity risk (continued)

Liquidity Management (continued)

(i) Undiscounted cash flows by contractual maturities

The table below presents the cash flows payable by the Company under non-derivative and derivative financial liabilities that will be settled on gross basis by remaining contractual maturities at the statement of financial position date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Up to 1 month and repayable on demand US\$'000	Over 1 months - 3 months US\$'000	Over 3 months - 12 months US\$'000	Over 1 year - 5 years US\$'000	Undated US\$'000	Total US\$'000
As at 31st December 2024						
Non-derivative cash flow liabilities						
Balances from banks	163,422	—	—	—	—	163,422
Other liabilities	199,505	82,416	54,307	70,119	145	406,492
Lease liabilities	1	3	20	39	—	63
Total non-derivatives cash flow liabilities	362,928	82,419	54,327	70,158	145	569,977
Derivative cash flow liabilities						
Trading derivatives	1,973	—	—	—	—	1,973
As at 31st December 2023						
Non-derivative cash flow liabilities						
Balances from banks	177,478	—	—	—	—	177,478
Other liabilities	199,776	78,469	60,404	81,232	2,002	421,883
Lease liabilities	1	3	20	65	—	89
Total non-derivatives cash flow liabilities	377,255	78,472	60,424	81,297	2,002	599,450
Derivative cash flow liabilities						
Trading derivatives	4,804	—	—	—	—	4,804

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk associated with the effect of changes in market factors, such as interest and foreign exchange rates, equity and commodity prices, credit spreads or implied volatilities, on the value of assets and liabilities held for both the short and long term.

Market risk management framework

Market Risk Management monitors market risks throughout the Firm and defines market risk policies, procedures and frameworks. The Market Risk Management function reports to the Firm's CRO, and seeks to manage risk, facilitate efficient risk/return decisions, reduce volatility in operating performance and provide transparency into the Firm's market risk profile.

HK RALCO is responsible for the application of this framework to the Company and delegates the responsibility to the Hong Kong Legal Entity Risk Manager (LERM) for establishing the market risk framework to measure, monitor and control market risk by leveraging information provided by the Firm's risk infrastructure and relying on the accuracy and completeness of the information provided. The LERM may delegate responsibility for authorizing and controlling market risk activities to the Company's Market Risk Officer ("MRO").

Market risk measurement

There is no single measure to capture market risk and therefore the Company uses various metrics both statistical and non-statistical to assess risk. The appropriate set of risk measures utilized for a given business activity is tailored based on business mandate, risk horizon, materiality, market volatility and other factors.

(i) Value-At-Risk ("VaR")

The Company utilizes VaR, a statistical risk measure, to estimate the potential loss from adverse market moves in the current market environment. The VaR framework is employed across the Company using historical simulation based on data for the previous 12 months. VaR is calculated assuming a one-day holding period and an expected tail-loss methodology which approximates a 95% confidence level. These VaR results are reported to senior management and regulators.

(ii) Stress Testing

Along with VaR, stress testing is an important tool to assess risk. While VaR reflects the risk of loss due to adverse changes in markets using recent historical market behavior, stress testing reflects the risk of loss from hypothetical changes in the value of market risk sensitive positions applied simultaneously. The Company runs weekly stress tests on market-related risks across the LOB using multiple scenarios that assume significant changes in risk factors such as credit spreads, equity prices, interest rates, currency rates or commodity prices.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

Market risk measurement (continued)

(ii) Stress Testing (continued)

The Company uses a number of standard scenarios that capture different risk factors across asset classes including geographical factors, specific idiosyncratic factors and extreme tail events. The stress testing framework calculates multiple magnitudes of potential stress for both market rallies and market sell-offs for each risk factor and combines them in multiple ways to capture different market scenarios. The flexibility of the stress testing framework allows risk managers to construct new, specific scenarios that can be used to form decisions about future possible stress events.

Stress testing complements VaR by allowing risk managers to shock current market prices to more extreme levels relative to those historically realized, and to stress test the relationships between market prices under extreme scenarios.

Stress-test results, trends and qualitative explanations based on current market risk positions are reported to the respective LOBs and Company's senior management to allow them to better understand the sensitivity of positions to certain defined events and to enable them to manage their risks with more transparency. In addition, results are reported to the senior management and regulators.

Stress scenarios are defined and reviewed by Market Risk, and significant changes are reviewed by the relevant LOB Risk Committees and may be redefined on a periodic basis to reflect current market conditions.

Market risk monitoring and control

LOBs and their business within LOB ("Business Areas") operating out of the Company are subject to two sets of limits, i.e. Firmwide market risk LOB/Business Area limits and legal entity specific market risk limits.

The structure and framework of Company-specific limits is based on the complexity of activities managed within the legal entity and the categories of related market risk exposures arising from these activities.

The Company's legal entity limits include VaR and Stress L1 Limits.

The Company's Chief Executive Officer, LERM and MRO are signatories to the limits on behalf of the HK RALCO. Aged and significant limit breaches are escalated to the HK RALCO as well as the APRC.

Market Risk reviews all market risk limits at least semi-annually. Limits are established in accordance with the minimum standards outlined in the Firmwide Legal Entity Market Risk Framework. The limit structure applied depends on the category of limit control being applied within the Company and the risk tier of the Company.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

Market risk reporting

The Company has its own set of regular market risk reports and where applicable, comprise of market risk metrics for management to review and action, as appropriate.

Models used to measure market risk are inherently imprecise and may be limited in their ability to measure certain risks or to predict losses. This imprecision may be heightened when sudden or severe shifts in market conditions occur.

Market Risk Management periodically reviews the Company's existing market risk measures to identify opportunities for enhancement, and to the extent appropriate, will calibrate those measures accordingly over time.

The Company's exposures to foreign exchange market risk and interest rate market risk are disclosed in Note 24(d) and Note 24(e), respectively. Sensitivity to changes in foreign exchange relevant to financial assets or financial liabilities is not significant. The Company's exposure to other market risk is not considered as material.

(d) Foreign exchange risk

The Company takes on exposure to foreign exchange risk arising from the changes in foreign exchange rate on all foreign currency items and transactions.

Foreign exchange risk management framework of the Firm

The Firm level policies, procedures and controls used for identifying, measuring, monitoring, controlling and managing the foreign exchange risk are covered in the risk disclosure section for market risk.

Foreign exchange risk management structure and practices of the Company

The Company is not active in foreign exchange transactions. Foreign currency exposures in the Company mainly arise from non-USD income and expenses in its ordinary course of business activities.

The Company follows the Firm's policy on foreign currency earnings management where all non-USD income and expenses are traded out at each month end into USD, the functional currency of the Company, to the extent it is practical for the Company to do so. Any residual foreign currency earnings not traded out at month end are insignificant and risk managed by the LOB.

The Company has set a Foreign Exchange Open Position Limit ("FX Limit") for monitoring its foreign exchange exposure and this is monitored by Hong Kong Finance on a daily basis. The FX limit for the Company has been approved by the BODs taking into consideration of the size and complexity of its business activities.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

Foreign exchange risk management structure and practices of the Company (continued)

The table below summarizes the Company's assets and liabilities at carrying amounts, categorized by currency.

	HKD	USD	Others	Total
As at 31st December 2024	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Assets				
Balances with banks	82,595	1,319,244	94,139	1,495,978
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
– Debt securities	4,228	—	7,848	12,076
– Equities	—	—	715	715
Other assets	12,047	190,849	19,435	222,331
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	—	730,000	—	730,000
Total assets	98,870	2,240,093	122,137	2,461,100
Liabilities				
Balances from banks	58,470	1,606	103,346	163,422
Other liabilities	20,005	369,848	16,639	406,492
Lease liabilities	—	—	60	60
Taxation payable	18,769	—	4	18,773
Total liabilities	97,244	371,454	120,049	588,747
Net balance of financial position	1,626	1,868,639	2,088	1,872,353

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

	HKD US\$'000	USD US\$'000	Others US\$'000	Total US\$'000
As at 31st December 2023				
Assets				
Balances with banks	82,807	2,081,009	60,121	2,223,937
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
– Debt securities	4,870	—	12,036	16,906
– Equities	—	—	503	503
Other assets	5,058	187,963	26,438	219,459
Total assets	92,735	2,268,972	99,098	2,460,805
Liabilities				
Balances from banks	86,529	132	90,817	177,478
Other liabilities	13,366	399,463	9,058	421,887
Lease liabilities	—	—	83	83
Total liabilities	99,895	399,595	99,958	599,448
Net balance of financial position	(7,160)	1,869,377	(860)	1,861,357

(e) Interest rate risk

Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book (IRRBB) is defined as interest rate risk resulting from the Firm's traditional banking activities (accrual accounted on and off-balance sheet positions) which include the extension of loans and credit facilities, taking deposits and issuing debt (collectively referred to as 'non-trading' activities); and also the impact from TCIO investment securities portfolio and other related TCIO activities. IRR from non-trading activities can occur due to a variety of factors including:

- Differences in timing among the maturity or re-pricing of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet instruments;
- Differences in the amounts of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet instruments that are maturing or re-pricing at the same time;
- Differences in the amounts by which short-term and long-term market interest rates change; and
- The impact of changes in the maturity of various assets, liabilities or off-balance sheet instruments as interest rates change.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Interest rate risk (continued)

Risk Governance

The HK RALCO, co-chaired by the SFO and CRO, is responsible for providing IRR oversight at legal entity level and ensuring appropriate governance, controls and limits (as applicable) are in place.

As governed by the HK RALCO Charter, where required, matters will be escalated from HK RALCO to the JPMSAPL Risk Committee, BODs, APRC, or APCALC. As governed by the JPMSAPL Risk Committee Terms of Reference, where required, matters will be escalated from JPMSAPL Risk Committee to the Hong Kong Location Management Committee or APRC.

Risk Measurement & Internal Stress Testing

TCIO manages IRRBB exposure on behalf of the Company by identifying, measuring, modeling and monitoring IRR across the Company's balance sheet. TCIO works with the LOBs in defining methodologies for measuring IRRBB. TCIO identifies and understands material balance sheet impacts of new initiatives and products and executes market transactions to manage IRRBB via placements/takings and through TCIO investment portfolio's positions wherever applicable.

Execution by TCIO will be based on parameters established by senior management, per the TCIO Investment Policy. LOBs are responsible for developing and monitoring the appropriateness of LOB specific IRR modeling assumptions.

IRRBB is evaluated using two primary metrics, impact to the Company's earnings through Earnings at Risk ("EaR") metric, and impact to the Company's equity through Economic Value Sensitivity ("EVS") metric:

- EaR measures the extent to which changes in interest rates will affect the Company's net interest income ("NII") over the following 12-month period under four parallel shift scenarios in interest rate curve.
- EVS determines changes in Economic Value of Equity ("EVE") due to changes in interest rates under two parallel and four non-parallel shift scenarios in interest rate curve.

In the Company, the business activities exposed to interest rate risk in the banking book are confined to the Company's non-trading portfolio. These activities are minimal and short-dated, and largely involve inter-group takings and placings with JPMCB Hong Kong Branch or other JPMCB bank entities. These activities are risk captured according to their contractual characteristics. The Company does not engage in deposit and loan activities.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Interest rate risk (continued)

The IRRBB metrics are regularly monitored, reported on a regular basis and presented in the HK RALCO meeting on monthly basis.

The table below summarizes the Company's exposure to interest rate risk. Included in the table are the Company's assets and liabilities at carrying amounts (including both trading and banking books), categorized by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

	Up to 1 month	Over 1 month - 3 months	Over 3 months - 12 months	Over 1 year - 5 years	Over 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
As at 31st December 2024	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Assets							
Balances with banks	1,495,978	—	—	—	—	—	1,495,978
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss							
- Debt securities	—	2,508	4,196	5,372	—	—	12,076
- Equities	—	—	—	—	—	715	715
Other assets	1	—	—	—	—	222,330	222,331
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	730,000	—	—	—	—	—	730,000
Total assets	2,225,979	2,508	4,196	5,372	—	223,045	2,461,100
Liabilities							
Balances from banks	163,422	—	—	—	—	—	163,422
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	406,492	406,492
Lease liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	60	60
Total liabilities	163,422	—	—	—	—	406,552	569,974
Total interest repricing gap	2,062,557	2,508	4,196	5,372	—	(183,507)	1,891,126

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Interest rate risk (continued)

	Up to 1 month	Over 1 month - 3 months	Over 3 months - 12 months	Over 1 year - 5 years	Over 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Total
As at 31st December 2023	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Assets							
Balances with banks	2,223,937	—	—	—	—	—	2,223,937
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss							
- Debt securities	—	—	4,487	11,059	1,360	—	16,906
- Equities	—	—	—	—	—	503	503
Other assets	—	—	—	—	—	219,459	219,459
Total assets	2,223,937	—	4,487	11,059	1,360	219,962	2,460,805
Liabilities							
Balances from banks	177,478	—	—	—	—	—	177,478
Other liabilities	4	—	—	—	—	421,883	421,887
Lease liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	83	83
Total liabilities	177,482	—	—	—	—	421,966	599,448
Total interest repricing gap	2,046,455	—	4,487	11,059	1,360	(202,004)	1,861,357

As at 31st December 2024, if market interest rates had been 100 basis points higher or lower with other variables held constant, profit before tax for the year would have been approximately US\$14,301,000 (2023: US\$17,614,000) higher/lower, mainly as a result of higher/lower net interest income earned on floating rate bank balances and bank borrowings.

(f) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of adverse outcome resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes or systems; human factors; or external events impacting the Firm's processes or systems; Operational Risk includes compliance, conduct, legal, estimations and model risk. Operational risk is inherent in the Firm's activities and can manifest itself in various ways, including fraudulent acts, business disruptions (including those caused by extraordinary events beyond the Firm's control), cyber attacks, inappropriate employee behavior, failure to comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations or failure of vendors or other third party providers to perform in accordance with their agreements. Operational Risk Management attempts to manage operational risk at appropriate levels in light of the Firm's financial position, the characteristics of its businesses, and the markets and regulatory environments in which it operates.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(f) Operational risk (continued)

Overview

The Firm's Compliance, Conduct, and Operational Risk ("CCOR") Management Framework is designed to enable the Firm to govern, identify, measure, monitor and test, manage and report on the Firm's operational risk.

Operational Risk Management Framework

Operational Risk Governance

The LOBs and Corporate are responsible for the management of operational risk. The Control Management Organization, which consists of control managers within each LOB and Corporate, is responsible for the day-to-day execution of the CCOR Framework.

The Firm's Global Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") and Firmwide Risk Executive ("FRE") for Operational Risk and Qualitative Risk Appetite is responsible for defining the CCOR Management Framework and establishing minimum standards for its execution. The LOB and Corporate aligned CCOR Lead Officers report to the Global CCO and FRE for Operational Risk and Qualitative Risk Appetite and are independent of the respective businesses or functions they oversee. The CCOR Management Framework is included in the Risk Governance and Oversight Policy that is reviewed and approved by the Board Risk Committee periodically.

Operational Risk identification

The Firm utilizes a structured risk and control self-assessment process that is executed by the LOBs and Corporate. As part of this process, the LOBs and Corporate evaluate the effectiveness of their control environment to assess where controls have failed, and to determine where remediation efforts may be required. The Firm's Operational Risk and Compliance organization ("Operational Risk and Compliance") provides oversight and challenge to these evaluations and may also perform independent assessments of significant operational risk events and areas of concentrated or emerging risk.

Operational Risk Measurement

Operational Risk and Compliance performs an independent assessment of the operational risks inherent within the LOBs and Corporate, which includes evaluating the effectiveness of the control environment and reporting the results to senior management.

In addition, Operational Risk and Compliance assesses operational risk through quantitative means including operational risk-based capital and estimation of operational risk loss projections under both baseline and stressed conditions.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(f) Operational risk (continued)

Operational Risk Management Framework (continued)

Operational Risk Measurement (continued)

At the Firm, the primary component of the operational risk capital estimate is the Loss Distribution Approach ("LDA") statistical model, which simulates the frequency and severity of future operational risk loss projections based on historical data. The LDA model is used to estimate an aggregate operational risk loss over a one-year time horizon, at a 99.9% confidence level. The LDA model incorporates actual internal operational risk losses in the quarter following the period in which those losses were realized, and the calculation generally continues to reflect such losses even after the issues or business activities giving rise to the losses have been remediated or reduced.

As required under the Basel III capital framework, the Firm's operational risk-based capital methodology, which uses the Advanced Measurement Approach ("AMA"), incorporates internal and external losses as well as management's view of tail risk captured through operational risk scenario analysis, and evaluation of key business environment and internal control metrics. The Firm does not reflect the impact of insurance in its AMA estimate of operational risk capital.

The Firm considers the impact of stressed economic conditions on operational risk losses and develops a forward looking view of material operational risk events that may occur in a stressed environment. The Firm's operational risk stress testing framework is utilized in calculating results for the Firm's Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review ("CCAR") and other stress testing processes.

Operational Risk Monitoring and Testing

The results of risk assessments performed by Operational Risk and Compliance are used in connection with their independent monitoring and testing compliance of the LOBs and Corporate with laws, rules and regulation. Through monitoring and testing, Operational Risk and Compliance independently identify areas of heightened operational risk and tests the effectiveness of controls within the LOBs and Corporate functions.

Management of Operational Risk

The operational risk areas or issues identified through monitoring and testing are escalated to the LOBs and Corporate to be remediated through action plans, as needed, to mitigate operational risk. Operational Risk and Compliance may advise the LOBs and Corporate in the development and implementation of action plans.

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(f) Operational risk (continued)

Operational Risk Reporting

All employees of the Firm are expected to escalate risks appropriately. Risks identified by Operational Risk and Compliance are escalated to the appropriate LOB and Corporate Control Committees, as needed. Operational Risk and Compliance has established standards designed to ensure that consistent operational risk reporting and operational risk reports are produced on a Firmwide basis as well as by LOBs and Corporate. Reporting includes the evaluation of key risk and performance indicators against established thresholds as well as the assessment of different types of operational risk against stated risk appetite. The standards reinforce escalation protocols to senior management and to the BODs.

The Company's Operational Risk Overview

The Company adheres to the CCOR Management Framework and manages operational risk in the same manner.

The Company has dedicated Location Control Managers ("LCM"). The LCMs form part of the business reporting into the Control Management organization, and support the business in the execution of the operational risk management framework at the location level in the region.

The Hong Kong Location Operating Committee ("LOC") is a governance committee in place where Senior Managers discuss operational risks and supervise the control environment of each LOB and corporate function operating in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong LOC ensures the operational risk framework is adhered to, appropriate controls to manage and mitigate operational risks are in place across the location, and timely and appropriate escalation of related issues to the respective Board of Directors. Committee members review metrics that indicate effectiveness of key controls and soundness of the operational risk processes. The Hong Kong LOC meets periodically to revise and discuss these metrics, in addition to emerging or existing risks and operational risk events or issues, with support from the LCM.

In addition, HK RALCO provides oversight of the risk governance frameworks for operational risk.

The Company's Operational Risk Capital Measurement

The Company calculates the Operational Risk Capital Requirement ("ORCR") for Pillar 1 using the Basic Indicator Approach ("BIA"). The Pillar 1 assessment of Operational risk is calculated in accordance with the BIA under Basel III. This approach calculates the operational risk capital using a single indicator as a proxy for a financial institution's overall operational risk exposure - referred to as the "relevant indicator".

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24 Financial risk management (continued)

(f) Operational risk (continued)

The Company's Operational Risk Capital Measurement (continued)

The relevant indicator is the sum of the Company's net interest income and its net non-interest income before the deduction of any provisions and operating expenses. The Operational Risk Capital Requirement under the BIA is equal to 15% of the average of the previous three years of the relevant indicator. If the relevant indicator is negative, it is excluded from both the numerator and the denominator when calculating the average.

Scenario analysis is also used to assist in quantifying material operational risks and used for Pillar 2 operational risk capital adequacy assessment. The objective of scenario analysis is to provide senior management with a forward-looking view of exceptional but plausible operational risk events and to assess their potential outcome. Scenario Analysis is also used to facilitate the assessment of operational risk capital adequacy. Scenarios reflect risks that could materialize within the foreseeable future and may or may not have previously impacted the Company.

(g) Capital management

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. In order to manage the capital, capital adequacy is monitored daily by Hong Kong Finance by employing techniques based on the Banking (Capital) Rules. The required information is filed with the HKMA on a quarterly basis. The HKMA requires each bank or banking group to maintain a ratio of total regulatory capital to the risk-weighted assets (the capital adequacy ratio) at or above the minimum statutory threshold of 8% or at a higher ratio determined by the HKMA. The Company was in compliance with its regulatory capital requirements during the years ended 31st December 2024 and 2023.

25 Fair values of financial assets and liabilities

(a) Financial instruments in level 1

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the statement of financial position date. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Company is the current bid price. These instruments are included in level 1. Instruments included in level 1 comprise listed equities and listed debt securities (note 11).

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25 Fair values of financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(b) Financial instruments in level 2

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximize the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2. Instruments included in level 2 comprise exchange rate forward contracts (note 27).

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

Specific valuation techniques used to value financial instruments include:

- Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments; and
- Other techniques, such as discounted cash flow analysis, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments.

(c) Financial instruments not measured at fair value

All financial instruments not measured at fair value are carried at amounts not materially different from their fair values as at 31st December 2024 and 2023.

(d) Fair value hierarchy

HKFRS 13 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the Company's market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 - financial instruments quoted in an active market;
- Level 2 - financial instruments whose fair value is evidenced by comparison with other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable markets; and
- Level 3 - financial instruments whose fair value is determined in whole or in part using a valuation technique based on assumptions that are not supported by prices from observable current market transactions in the same instrument and not based on available observable market data.

The hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. The Company considers relevant and observable market prices in its valuations where possible.

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25 Fair values of financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(d) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value:

31st December 2024	Level 1 US\$'000	Level 2 US\$'000	Level 3 US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	12,791	—	—	12,791
Other assets	—	1	—	1
31st December 2023	Level 1 US\$'000	Level 2 US\$'000	Level 3 US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	17,409	—	—	17,409
Other liabilities	—	4	—	4

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year.

There were no movements in level 3 instruments during the year.

26 Loans and advances

There were no loans and advances to customers and banks as at 31st December 2024 and 2023.

27 Derivative financial instruments

	Notional amounts US\$'000	Fair values	
		Assets US\$'000	Liabilities US\$'000
As at 31st December 2024			
Derivatives held for trading			
Exchange rate contracts - forwards	1,973	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>
As at 31st December 2023			
Derivatives held for trading			
Exchange rate contracts - forwards	4,804	<u>—</u>	<u>4</u>

The contract amounts of these instruments indicate the volume of transactions outstanding as at the statement of financial position date, they do not represent the amounts at risk. The above derivative assets and liabilities are computed at a transaction level and shown on a gross basis with no offsetting presentation due to no bilateral netting agreements and included in other assets (note 13) and other liabilities (note 18) respectively.

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28 Assets pledged as security

There were no assets pledged by the Company as security as at 31st December 2024 and 2023.

29 Notes to statement of cash flows

Reconciliation of profit before taxation to net cash inflow from operating activities

	Notes	2024 US\$'000	2023 US\$'000
Profit before taxation		238,471	137,445
Foreign exchange difference		(3,659)	(373)
Depreciation charge for fixed assets	6	40	55
Depreciation charge for right-of-use assets	6	22	21
Interest income	3	(115,092)	(105,444)
Interest expense	3	7,940	8,036
Interest element of lease payments	3	3	4
Net cash inflow before changes in operating assets and liabilities		127,725	39,744
Decrease/ (increase) in balances with banks with original maturity over three months		150,000	(100,000)
Decrease in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		4,618	5,382
(Increase)/ decrease in other assets		(2,872)	65,124
Increase in Securities purchased under agreements to resell		(730,000)	—
Decrease in balances from banks		(14,056)	(51,595)
Decrease in other liabilities		(15,395)	(41,095)
Net cash outflow from operations		(479,980)	(82,440)
Dividend paid		(200,000)	—
Interest received		115,092	105,444
Interest paid		(7,940)	(8,036)
Hong Kong tax paid		(8,864)	(22,781)
Overseas tax paid		(21)	(45)
Net cash outflow from operating activities		<u>(581,713)</u>	<u>(7,858)</u>

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30 Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Company's financial statements and its financial results are influenced by accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and management judgment which necessarily have to be made in the course of preparation of the financial statements.

The Company makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events.

(a) Equity compensation benefits

To determine the aggregate equity compensation benefits to be amortized over the requisite service period, JPMorgan Chase estimates the amount of forfeitures.

(b) Recognition of deferred tax assets

The recognition of deferred tax assets is based upon whether it is more likely than not that sufficient and suitable taxable profits will be available in the future, against which the reversal of temporary differences can be deducted. Recognition, therefore, involves judgement regarding the future financial performance of the Company in which the deferred tax assets have been recognized.

(c) Measurement of the expected credit loss allowance

An ECL allowance is required for financial assets measured at amortized cost. The measurement of ECL requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviors. Explanation of the inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL is detailed in note 24(a).

A number of significant judgements are also required in measuring ECL, such as:

- Determining the criteria for identifying when financial instruments have experienced a significant increase in credit risk;
- Choosing appropriate forecasts and assumptions for the measurement of ECL;
- Establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios for each type financial instrument/market and the associated ECL; and
- Establishing groups of similar financial assets for the purposes of measuring ECL.

31 Dividend

The dividend of US\$200,000,000 was paid on 30th September 2024 (2023: Nil).