

**CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 DECEMBER 2024**

## **CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

The directors submit their report together with the audited consolidated financial statements of Corporate Finance (D.T.C.) Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Principal activities and business review**

The principal activities of the Company are the provision of deposit-taking and property mortgage lending services in Hong Kong.

The activities of the subsidiaries are set out in note 12 to the consolidated financial statements.

For the year 2024, operating profit has increased by HK\$887,365 (34%) mainly due to the increase in interest income.

Loss before tax of the Group and total comprehensive loss in year of 2024 was HK\$ 1,590,558 (2023: Profit before tax of HK\$2,597,293). This was mainly due to credit impairment on loans and advances HK\$4,325,216 (2023: Nil).

As at 31 December 2024, the shareholders’ funds and total assets of the Group were HK\$ 105 million (2023: HK\$106 million) and HK\$ 305 million (2023: HK\$317 million) respectively. Asset quality remained healthy and no provision for impairment was necessary apart from the one loan that was classified as sub-standard under the HKMA 5-grade classification framework.

The Group’s lending business mainly relates to property mortgages which amounted to HK\$116 million (2023: HK\$141 million) (over 90%) of our loan portfolio as at the year end. Competition in this market segment has been very keen and the interest rates charged to borrowers were similar to those offered by major banks in the market: between Prime-1% and Prime-2.9% p.a. Other facilities, such as revolving loans were also provided to customers but the income from such services was not material.

Loans lent to the three largest borrowers totaled HK\$28 million (2023: HK\$37 million) at year end and the interest income earned from these borrowers accounted for 7% of total interest income arising from the mortgage loan portfolio. Regarding deposits from customers, HK\$190 million (96% of total deposits) (2023: HK\$197 million (95% of total deposits)) were made by related parties and who have indicated their intention to maintain their deposits with us for long term.

It is the Group’s policy to implement effective controls to manage the risks of our operations so as to conduct our business in a prudent manner. Detailed discussions are provided under note 3 to the financial statements. The Group also established compliance and internal audit functions so as to ensure that our operations comply with relevant rules and regulations, particularly the requirements of the Banking Ordinance. No material breach was reported for the year.

It is considered that our operations will not be significantly affected by our relationship with our major service providers as there are substitutes in the market. No formal environmental policies have been devised. Up to the date of this report, no significant event that could have a material effect on the Group’s business has occurred after the year end.

#### **Results and appropriations**

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2024 are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on page 7.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2023: nil).

#### **Share capital**

Details of the share capital of the Company are set out in note 16 of the financial statements.

**CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)**

**Directors**

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

Hew Yew Wah  
Yu Lam Man  
Tan Harry Chua  
Michael Gonzales Tan  
Lau Jenny Yee Kwan

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

**Directors of subsidiaries**

The directors serving on the boards of the Company's subsidiaries during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Pascual Sheila Tan  
Tan Lucio Chua  
Ngo Mary Chin  
Co-Finance Nominees Ltd  
Corporate Finance (D.T.C.) Ltd

**Directors' material interests in transactions, arrangement and contracts that are significant in relation to the Company's business**

No transactions, arrangement and contracts of significance in relation to the Company's business to which the Company's subsidiaries, fellow subsidiaries or its holding 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.

**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 subsidiaries, its fellow subsidiaries or its holding company a party to any arrangement to enable the directors of the Company (including their spouse and children under 18 years of age) to hold any interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares in, or debentures of, the Company or its specified undertakings or other associated corporation.

**Permitted indemnity provisions**

At no time during the year and up to the date of this Directors' Report, there was or is, any permitted indemnity provision being in force for the benefit of any of the directors of the Company (whether made by the Company or otherwise) or an associated company (if made by the Company).

**CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)**

**Management contracts**

No contracts concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Group were entered into or existed during the year.

**Disclosure requirements**

As the Group has total assets less provisions of less than HK\$1 billion and total deposits from customers of less than HK\$300 million, the Company is exempted from the application of the Banking (Disclosure) Rules under the Banking Ordinance.

**Auditors**

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

On behalf of the Board



Hew Yew Wah

Hong Kong, 29 April 2025



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## ***Independent Auditor's Report***

To the Members of Corporate Finance (D.T.C.) Limited  
(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

### **Opinion**

#### *What we have audited*

The consolidated financial statements of Corporate Finance (D.T.C.) Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), which are set out on pages 7 to 39, comprise:

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

#### *Our opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2024, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the 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 Consolidated 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 Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

## Other Information

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Report of The Directors and the Unaudited Supplementary Information to the Financial Statements, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of Directors for the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 consolidated financial statements.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for purposes of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the 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.

  
**PricewaterhouseCoopers**  
Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 30 April 2025

**CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

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

	Note	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Interest income	5	13,319,475	13,561,919
Interest expense	6	<u>(3,664,590)</u>	<u>(4,522,543)</u>
Net interest income		9,654,885	9,039,376
Other revenues		<u>594,349</u>	<u>167,679</u>
		<u>10,249,234</u>	<u>9,207,055</u>
Staff costs	7	(4,676,969)	(4,575,372)
Depreciation	14	(333,032)	(128,471)
Other operating expenses	8	<u>(1,754,575)</u>	<u>(1,905,919)</u>
Operating income before impairment		<u>3,484,658</u>	<u>2,597,293</u>
Changes in expected credit losses	11	(4,325,216)	-
Other impairment	14	<u>(750,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>(Loss)/profit before taxation</b>		<u><u>(1,590,558)</u></u>	<u><u>2,597,293</u></u>
Income tax credit/(expense)	10	<u>274,200</u>	<u>(428,503)</u>
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year</b>		<u><u>(1,316,358)</u></u>	<u><u>2,168,790</u></u>

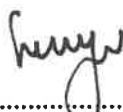
The notes on pages 11 to 44 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

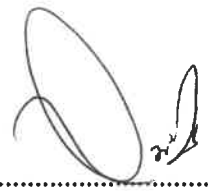


**CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Plant and equipment	14	364,839	1,447,871
Loans and advances	11	106,350,849	119,051,389
Deferred tax assets	15	26,047	-
		<u>106,741,735</u>	<u>120,499,260</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and short term funds	18	56,398,171	69,154,739
Deposits with authorised institutions	19	127,603,130	104,862,653
Loans and advances	11	12,793,708	21,568,288
Other assets		663,600	201,160
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company	13	1,079,585	1,079,585
		<u>198,538,194</u>	<u>196,866,425</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u><u>305,279,929</u></u>	<u><u>317,365,685</u></u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	16	25,000,000	25,000,000
Retained earnings		78,415,862	79,732,220
Regulatory reserve		1,655,600	1,655,600
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>105,071,462</u>	<u>106,387,820</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Deferred tax liabilities	15	-	237,495
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Deposits from customers		198,658,835	208,931,142
Other liabilities		1,549,488	1,579,203
Current tax payable		144	230,025
		<u>200,208,467</u>	<u>210,740,370</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u><u>200,208,467</u></u>	<u><u>210,977,865</u></u>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<u><u>305,279,929</u></u>	<u><u>317,365,685</u></u>

  
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**CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2024**

	Share Capital HK\$	Retained earnings HK\$	Regulatory reserve <sup>1</sup> HK\$	Total HK\$
Balance at January 2023	25,000,000	77,563,430	1,655,600	104,219,030
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	2,168,790	-	2,168,790
Balance at 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	<u>25,000,000</u>	<u>79,732,220</u>	<u>1,655,600</u>	<u>106,387,820</u>
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	(1,316,358)	-	(1,316,358)
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>25,000,000</u>	<u>78,415,862</u>	<u>1,655,600</u>	<u>105,071,462</u>

- <sup>1</sup> As at 31 December 2024, HK\$1,655,600 (2023: HK\$1,655,600) was earmarked as the regulatory reserve from the retained earnings. The regulatory reserve is maintained to satisfy the provisions of the Hong Kong Banking Ordinance for prudential supervision purpose. Movements in the reserve are made directly through retained earnings and in consultation with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

The notes on pages 11 to 44 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

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

	Note	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	17	8,124,367	75,802,050
Interest received		13,543,041	13,424,777
Interest paid		(3,817,498)	(4,484,537)
Hong Kong profits tax paid		(219,223)	(364,361)
		<u>17,630,686</u>	<u>84,377,929</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activity</b>			
Purchase of plant and equipment	14	-	(1,430,175)
		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,430,175)</u>
Net cash used in investing activity			
		<u>17,630,686</u>	<u>82,947,754</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	18	145,958,173	63,010,419
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	18	<u>163,588,860</u>	<u>145,958,173</u>
Analysis of the balance of cash and cash equivalents	18	<u>163,588,860</u>	<u>145,958,173</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 44 are an integral part of these financial statements.

## **CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **1 General information**

Corporate Finance (D.T.C.) Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) are principally engaged in the provision of deposit-taking and property mortgage lending services in Hong Kong.

The Company is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong and is an authorised institution under the Banking Ordinance (Cap.155). The address of its registered office is Unit 404A, 4/F, Fortress Tower, 250 King’s Road, Fortress Hill, Hong Kong.

The ultimate holding company is Dragon Holdings International Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda.

#### **2 Summary of material accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance Cap. 622. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are material to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

##### **(i) New and amended standards adopted by the Group:**

The Company has applied the following new and amended standards for its annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2024:

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

##### **(ii) New standards and interpretation not yet adopted:**

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

## **CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **2 Summary of material accounting policies (Continued)**

##### **(b) Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and all its subsidiaries made up to 31 December 2024.

Subsidiaries are entities over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries by the Group. The cost of an acquisition is measured at the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated.

Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

In the Company's balance sheet, as set out in note 22, the investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less provision for impairment allowances, as set out in note 2(g). The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable.

##### **(c) Interest income and expense**

Interest income and expense are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for all instruments using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised 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 Group 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 points 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 has been written down as a result of an impairment loss, interest income is recognised using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

## **CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **2 Summary of material accounting policies (Continued)**

##### **(d) Loans and advances**

Loans and advances, including cash and short term funds, placements with and advances to banks and other financial institutions and loans and advances to customers, are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Group provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable.

Loans and advances are recognised when cash is advanced to the borrowers; they are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **(e) Foreign currency translation**

###### **(i) Functional and presentation currency**

Items included in the consolidated financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$" or "HKD"), which is both the functional and presentation currency of the Company and the subsidiaries.

###### **(ii) Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

##### **(f) Plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment comprising furniture, fixtures and equipment and motor vehicle are stated at historical cost less depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are expensed in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation of plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives at 20% to 33 1/3% per annum.

Gains or losses on disposal are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount, and are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if applicable, at each balance sheet date. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, as set out in note 2(g).

## **CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **2 Summary of material accounting policies (Continued)**

##### **(g) Impairment of investment in subsidiaries and non-financial assets**

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation, which are at least tested annually for impairment and are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Assets that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Impairment testing of the investment in the subsidiaries is required upon receiving dividends from this investment if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the subsidiary in the period the dividend is declared.

##### **(h) Employee benefits**

###### **(i) Pension obligations**

The Group operates a mandatory provident fund and a defined contribution scheme in Hong Kong, the assets of which are held in separate trustee-administered funds. These pension schemes are generally funded by payments from employees and by the Group according to the provisions in the trust deeds.

The Group's contributions to both retirement schemes are expensed as incurred. The Group's contributions to the defined contribution scheme and the top up mandatory provident fund are reduced by contributions forfeited by those employees who leave the scheme prior to vesting fully in the contributions. The Group's mandatory contributions to the mandatory provident fund are vested immediately.

###### **(ii) Bonus plans**

The expected bonus payments are recognised as a liability when the Group 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.

Liabilities for bonus plans are expected to be settled within twelve months and the estimation is based on the amounts expected to be paid when they are settled.

##### **(i) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call or short term with banks with original maturities of three months or less from the date of placing the deposits.

## **CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **2 Summary of material accounting policies (Continued)**

##### **(j) Financial instruments**

###### **(ii) Classification**

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss, and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the Group's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

###### **(iii) Recognition and derecognition**

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

###### **(iv) Measurement**

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL"), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVPL are expensed in profit or loss.

For debt instruments, subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. The measurement category into which the Group classifies its debt instruments is FVPL which do not meet the criteria for amortised cost. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at FVPL is recognised in profit or loss and presented net within other gains/(losses) in the period in which it arises.



## **CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **2 Summary of material accounting policies (Continued)**

##### **(j) Financial instruments (Continued)**

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVPL are recognised in other gains/(losses) in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as applicable.

The other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

##### **(v) Impairment**

The Group considers the probability of default upon initial recognition of an asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an ongoing basis throughout each reporting period. To assess whether there is a significant increase in credit risk the Company compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset as at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition. It considers available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition (stage 1), the loss allowance shall be measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. If the credit risk on the financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition (stage 2) the loss allowance shall be measured at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL. Unless justified otherwise, it is presumed that the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payment are more than 30 days past due. It is normally considered that a financial instrument is credit-impaired (stage 3) when contractual payments are more than 90 days past due.

##### **(k) Current and deferred tax**

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognised in equity.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the Hong Kong where the Company's subsidiaries operate and generate 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 taxation is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred taxation is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

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

##### **(l) Comparative Year Disclosures**

Certain comparative year disclosures have been amended to conform to the current year presentation.

#### **3 Financial risk management**

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, currency risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's performance.

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#### **3 Financial risk management (Continued)**

##### **3.1 Credit risk**

The Group takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. Impairment allowances are made for losses that have been incurred at the balance sheet date. Significant changes in the economy, or in the health of a particular industry segment, could result in losses that are different from those provided for at the balance sheet date. Management therefore carefully manages its exposure to credit risk.

##### **3.1.1 Credit risk limit control and mitigation policies**

Exposure to credit risk is managed through regular analysis of the ability of borrowers and potential borrowers to meet interest and capital repayment obligations and by changing these lending limits where appropriate. The Group implements guidelines on the acceptability of specific classes of collateral or credit risk mitigation. The principal collateral types for loans and advances are:

- Mortgages over residential, commercial and industrial properties;
- Charges over business assets such as premises, cash deposits from the borrower or a third party; and
- Charges over financial instruments such as listed securities.

The ECL is measured on either a 12-month (12M) or Lifetime basis depending on whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred since initial recognition or whether an asset is considered to be credit-impaired. Expected credit losses are the discounted product of the Probability of Default (PD), Exposure at Default (EAD), and Loss Given Default (LGD). PD, EAD and LGD are defined as follows:

- The PD represents the likelihood of a borrower defaulting on its financial obligation, either over the next 12 months (12M PD), or over the remaining lifetime (Lifetime PD) of the obligation.
- EAD is based on the amounts the Group expects to be owed at the time of default, over the next 12 months (12M EAD) or over the remaining lifetime (Lifetime EAD).
- Loss Given Default (LGD) represents the Group's expectation of the extent of loss on a defaulted exposure. LGD varies by type of counterparty, type and seniority of claim and availability of collateral or other credit support. LGD is expressed as a percentage loss per unit of exposure at the time of default (EAD).

The ECL is determined by projecting the PD, LGD and EAD for 12-month or lifetime and for each individual exposure or collective segment. These three components are multiplied together. This effectively calculates the ECL for 12-month or lifetime, which is then discounted back to the reporting date and summed. The discount rate used in the ECL calculation is the effective interest rate or an approximation thereof. PD is driven by observed historical data and macroeconomic variables.

The 12-month and lifetime EADs are determined based on the expected payment profile and portfolios, which varies by product type.

Exposure to credit risk is also managed in part by obtaining corporate and personal guarantees. Most of the loans granted are fully secured.

The Group adopts Hong Kong Monetary Authority's 5-grade loan classification framework for monitoring the performance of its loans and advances.

The Group uses both internal data and market information (e.g. probability of default provided by credit agencies) for internal credit risk assessment.

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**3 Financial risk management (Continued)**

**3.1 Credit risk (Continued)**

**3.1.1 Credit risk limit control and mitigation policies (Continued)**

Loans and advances are further analysed as follows:

	Revolving loans HK\$	Mortgages HK\$	Total loans and advances HK\$
As at 31 December 2024			
<b>Grades</b>			
Neither past due nor impaired	-	108,289,719	108,289,719
Past due but not impaired (within 30 days)	-	5,164,451	5,164,451
Past due but not impaired (30 to 89 days)		2,440,388	2,440,388
Past due and impaired	7,575,216	-	7,575,216
<b>Total</b>	<u>7,575,216</u>	<u>115,894,558</u>	<u>123,469,774</u>
Impairment recognized	<u>(4,325,216)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,325,216)</u>
Net Loans and advances	<u>3,250,000</u>	<u>115,894,558</u>	<u>119,144,558</u>
As at 31 December 2023			
<b>Grades</b>			
Neither past due nor impaired	3,004,007	120,909,523	123,913,530
Past due but not impaired (within 30 days)	-	-	-
Past due but not impaired (30 to 89 days)	8,757,620	7,948,527	16,706,147
<b>Total</b>	<u>11,761,627</u>	<u>128,858,050</u>	<u>140,619,677</u>

The fair value of the collateral held against the past due loans is HK\$37,950,000 as at 31 December 2024 (2023: HK\$20,000,000).

**3.1.2 Geographical concentration**

All of the operations, assets, liabilities and credit commitment of the Group are based in Hong Kong.

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**3 Financial risk management (Continued)**

**3.1 Credit risk (Continued)**

**3.1.3 Concentration of risks of assets with credit risk exposure**

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
<b>Credit risk exposures relating to on-balance sheet assets are as follows:</b>		
Placement and deposits with other authorised institutions	184,001,301	174,017,392
Loans and advances to customers:		
Mortgage loans to:		
- Individuals	113,739,372	118,588,891
- Small and medium size enterprises (SMEs)	2,155,186	10,269,159
Revolving loans	3,250,000	11,761,627
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company	1,079,585	1,079,585
Other assets	663,600	201,160
	<u>304,889,044</u>	<u>315,917,814</u>
<b>Credit risk exposures relating to off-balance sheet items are as follows:</b>		
Loan commitments	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The above tables represent a worst case scenario of credit risk exposure to the Group at 31 December 2024 and 2023, without taking account of any collateral held, master netting agreements or other credit enhancements attached. For on-balance sheet assets, the exposures set out above are based on net carrying amounts. For loan commitments that are irrevocable over the life of the respective facilities or revocable in the event of a significant adverse change, the maximum exposure to credit risk is disclosed as the full amount of the committed facilities.

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**3 Financial risk management (Continued)**

**3.1 Credit risk (Continued)**

**3.1.4 Credit quality of financial assets**

Distribution of financial instruments to which the impairment requirements in HKFRS 9 as at 31 December 2024 and 2023 are applied, by credit quality and stage distribution:

	Gross carrying amount HK\$	ECL allowances HK\$	Net carrying amount HK\$
As at 31 December 2024			
Cash and cash equivalents – Stage 1	56,398,171	-	56,398,171
Deposits with authorised institutions – Stage 1	127,603,130	-	127,603,130
Loans and advances – Stage 1	108,289,719	-	108,289,719
Loans and advances – Stage 2	7,604,839	-	7,604,839
Loans and advances – Stage 3	7,575,216	(4,325,216)	3,250,000
Other assets – Stage 1	663,600	-	663,600
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company – Stage 1	1,079,585	-	1,079,585
	<u>309,214,260</u>	<u>(4,325,216)</u>	<u>304,889,044</u>
As at 31 December 2023			
Cash and cash equivalents – Stage 1	69,154,739	-	69,154,739
Deposits with authorised institutions – Stage 1	104,862,653	-	104,862,653
Loans and advances – Stage 1	123,913,530	-	123,913,530
Loan and advances – Stage 2	16,706,147	-	16,706,147
Other assets – Stage 1	201,160	-	201,160
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company – Stage 1	1,079,585	-	1,079,585
	<u>315,917,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>315,917,814</u>

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#### **3 Financial risk management (Continued)**

##### **3.1 Credit risk (Continued)**

##### **3.1.5 Credit risk mitigation, collateral and other credit enhancements**

The Group uses a variety of techniques to reduce the credit risk arising from its lending activities. Enforceable legal documentation establishes the Group's direct, irrevocable and unconditional recourse to any collateral, security or other credit enhancements provided. The table below describes the nature of collateral held and their financial effect of financial asset:

Placement and deposits with other authorised institutions	These exposures are generally considered to be low risk due to the nature of the counterparties. Collateral is generally not held on these balances.
Loans and advances to customers – Mortgage loan	These exposures are secured by a combination of residential, commercial and industrial properties. As at 31 December 2024, the collateral coverage of advances to customers is 100 % (2023: 100%).
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company	These exposures are generally considered to be low risk due to the nature of the counterparty. Collateral is generally not held on these balances.
Commitments	The components and nature of commitments are disclosed in note 20. All commitments are unconditionally cancellable by the Group, the Group assesses the necessity to withdraw the credit line in cases where the credit quality of a borrower deteriorates. Accordingly, these commitments do not expose the Group to significant credit risk.

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#### 3 Financial risk management (Continued)

##### 3.2 Currency risk

The Group takes on exposure to manage the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. The Board sets limits on the level of exposure by currency and in total for both overnight and intra-day positions, which are monitored daily. The table below summarises the Group's exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk at 31 December. Included in the table are the Group's assets and liabilities at carrying amounts, categorised by operational currencies, Hong Kong dollars ("HKD"), United States dollars ("USD") and Canadian dollars ("CAD").

Concentration of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items

At 31 December 2024

	HKD HK\$	USD HK\$	CAD HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	16,820,945	39,574,166	3,059	56,398,170
Deposits with authorised institutions	53,268,528	54,165,295	20,169,308	127,603,131
Loans and advances	119,144,557	-	-	119,144,557
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company	1,079,585	-	-	1,079,585
Plant and equipment	364,839	-	-	364,839
Other assets	663,600	-	-	663,600
Deferred tax assets	26,047	-	-	26,047
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>191,368,101</b>	<b>93,739,461</b>	<b>20,172,367</b>	<b>305,279,929</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Deposits from customers	85,383,415	93,239,896	20,035,524	198,658,835
Other liabilities	1,549,488	-	-	1,549,488
Current tax payable	144	-	-	144
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>86,933,047</b>	<b>93,239,896</b>	<b>20,035,524</b>	<b>200,208,467</b>
<b>Net on-balance sheet position</b>	<b>104,435,054</b>	<b>499,565</b>	<b>136,843</b>	<b>105,071,462</b>
<b>Credit commitments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**3 Financial risk management (Continued)**

**3.2 Currency risk (Continued)**

At 31 December 2023

	HKD HK\$	USD HK\$	CAD HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	32,751,312	36,400,088	3,339	69,154,739
Deposits with authorised institutions	26,290,963	56,686,784	21,884,906	104,862,653
Loans and advances	140,619,677	-	-	140,619,677
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company	1,079,585	-	-	1,079,585
Plant and equipment	1,447,871	-	-	1,447,871
Other assets	201,160	-	-	201,160
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>202,390,568</b>	<b>93,086,872</b>	<b>21,888,245</b>	<b>317,365,685</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Deposits from customers	94,544,794	92,725,503	21,660,845	208,931,142
Other liabilities	1,579,203	-	-	1,579,203
Current tax payable	237,495	-	-	237,495
Deferred tax liabilities	230,025	-	-	230,025
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>96,591,517</b>	<b>92,725,503</b>	<b>21,660,845</b>	<b>210,977,865</b>
<b>Net on-balance sheet position</b>	<b>105,799,051</b>	<b>361,369</b>	<b>227,400</b>	<b>106,387,820</b>
<b>Credit commitments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**3.3 Interest rate risk**

*Interest rate sensitivity of assets and liabilities - repricing analysis*

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on both its fair value and cash flow risks. Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may reduce or create losses in the event that unexpected movements arise. The Board sets limits on the level of mismatch of interest rate repricing and value at risk that may be undertaken, which is monitored daily.

At 31 December 2024, if HKD market interest rates had been 1% p.a. higher/lower with other variables held constant, the increase/decrease in profit for the year would amount to HK\$ 2,090,088 (2023: HK\$2,079,299), mainly due to higher/lower net interest income earned on short term bank deposits, money market placement and loans and advances to customers.



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**3 Financial risk management (Continued)**

**3.3 Interest rate risk (Continued)**

The tables below summarise the Group's exposure to interest rate risks. Included in the tables are the Group's assets and liabilities at carrying amounts, categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates.

Expected repricing and maturity dates do not differ significantly from the contract dates.

At 31 December 2024

	Up to 1 month HK\$	1-3 months HK\$	3-12 months HK\$	Non- interest bearing HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	55,228,093	-	-	1,170,078	56,398,171
Deposits with authorised institutions	-	107,433,822	20,169,308	-	127,603,130
Loans and advances	119,144,557	-	-	-	119,144,557
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company	1,079,585	-	-	-	1,079,585
Plant and equipment	-	-	-	364,839	364,839
Other assets	-	-	-	663,600	663,600
Deferred tax assets	-	-	-	26,047	26,047
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>175,452,235</b>	<b>107,433,822</b>	<b>20,169,308</b>	<b>2,224,564</b>	<b>305,279,929</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Deposits from customers	27,989,285	150,633,356	20,035,524	670	198,658,835
Other liabilities	-	-	-	1,549,488	1,549,488
Current tax payable	-	-	-	144	144
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>27,989,285</b>	<b>150,633,356</b>	<b>20,035,524</b>	<b>1,550,302</b>	<b>200,208,467</b>
<b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b>	<b>147,462,950</b>	<b>(43,199,534)</b>	<b>133,784</b>	<b>674,262</b>	<b>105,071,462</b>

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**3 Financial risk management (Continued)**

**3.3 Interest rate risk (Continued)**

At 31 December 2023

	Up to 1 month HK\$	1-3 months HK\$	3-12 months HK\$	Non- interest bearing HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	68,023,577	-	-	1,131,162	69,154,739
Deposits with authorised institutions	-	76,803,434	28,059,219	-	104,862,653
Loans and advances	140,619,677	-	-	-	140,619,677
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company	1,079,585	-	-	-	1,079,585
Plant and equipment	-	-	-	1,447,871	1,447,871
Other assets	-	-	-	201,160	201,160
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>209,722,839</b>	<b>76,803,434</b>	<b>28,059,219</b>	<b>2,780,193</b>	<b>317,365,685</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Deposits from customers	62,554,069	123,912,814	22,463,589	670	208,931,142
Other liabilities	-	-	-	1,579,203	1,579,203
Current tax payable	-	-	-	237,495	237,495
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-	-	230,025	230,025
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>62,554,069</b>	<b>123,912,814</b>	<b>22,463,589</b>	<b>2,047,393</b>	<b>210,977,865</b>
<b>Total interest sensitivity gap</b>	<b>147,168,770</b>	<b>(47,109,380)</b>	<b>5,595,630</b>	<b>732,800</b>	<b>106,387,820</b>

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#### **3 Financial risk management (Continued)**

##### **3.4 Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due or to replace funds when they are withdrawn. The consequence may be the failure to meet obligations to repay depositors and fulfil commitments to lend.

The Group is exposed to daily calls on its available cash resources from maturity deposits, loan draw-downs and from margin clients on surplus money in their margin accounts. The Group does not maintain cash resources to meet all of these needs, as experience shows that a minimum level of reinvestment of maturing funds can be predicted with a high level of certainty. The Board sets limits on the minimum proportion of maturing funds available to meet such calls and on the minimum level of inter-bank and other borrowing facilities that should be in place to cover withdrawals at unexpected levels of demand.

The Group's liquidity management process, as carried out and monitored by designated staff, includes:

- Day-to-day funding, managed by monitoring future cash flows to ensure that requirements can be met. This includes replenishment of funds as they mature or are borrowed by customers;
- Monitoring balance sheet liquidity ratios against internal and regulatory requirements.

Monitoring and reporting take the form of cash flow measurement and projections for the next day, week and month respectively, as these are key periods for liquidity management. The starting point for those projections is an analysis of the contractual maturity of the financial liabilities and the expected collection date of the financial assets.

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#### 3 Financial risk management (Continued)

##### 3.4 Liquidity risk (Continued)

The table below analyses the Group's assets and liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date.

At 31 December 2024

	Up to 1 month HK\$	1-3 months HK\$	3-12 months HK\$	1-5 years HK\$	Over 5 years HK\$	No stated maturity HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	56,398,171	-	-	-	-	-	56,398,171
Deposits with authorised institutions	-	107,433,822	20,169,308	-	-	-	127,603,130
Loans and advances	4,315,710	1,544,970	6,933,028	33,623,379	72,727,470	-	119,144,557
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company	1,079,585	-	-	-	-	-	1,079,585
Plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	364,839	364,839
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	663,600	663,600
Deferred tax assets	-	-	-	-	-	26,047	26,047
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>61,793,466</b>	<b>108,978,792</b>	<b>27,102,336</b>	<b>33,623,379</b>	<b>72,727,470</b>	<b>1,054,486</b>	<b>305,279,929</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Deposits from customers	27,989,285	150,633,356	20,035,524	-	-	670	198,658,835
Other liabilities	664,724	400,000	484,764	-	-	-	1,549,488
Current tax payable	-	-	144	-	-	-	144
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>28,654,009</b>	<b>151,033,356</b>	<b>20,520,432</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>200,208,467</b>
<b>Net liquidity surplus/ (gap)</b>	<b>33,139,457</b>	<b>(42,054,564)</b>	<b>6,581,904</b>	<b>33,623,379</b>	<b>72,727,470</b>	<b>1,053,816</b>	<b>105,091,462</b>

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### 3 Financial risk management (Continued)

#### 3.4 Liquidity risk (Continued)

At 31 December 2023

	Up to 1 month HK\$	1-3 months HK\$	3-12 months HK\$	1-5 years HK\$	Over 5 years HK\$	No stated maturity HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	69,154,739	-	-	-	-	-	69,154,739
Deposits with authorised institutions	-	76,803,434	28,059,219	-	-	-	104,862,653
Loans and advances	10,165,519	4,509,824	6,892,945	35,600,065	83,451,324	-	140,619,677
Amounts due from the ultimate holding company	1,079,585	-	-	-	-	-	1,079,585
Plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	1,447,871	1,447,871
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	201,160	201,160
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>80,399,843</b>	<b>81,313,258</b>	<b>34,952,164</b>	<b>35,600,065</b>	<b>83,451,324</b>	<b>1,649,031</b>	<b>317,365,685</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Deposits from customers	62,554,069	123,912,814	22,463,589	-	-	670	208,931,142
Other liabilities	702,703	400,000	476,500	-	-	-	1,579,203
Deferred income tax liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	237,495	237,495
Current tax payable	-	-	230,025	-	-	-	230,025
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>63,256,772</b>	<b>124,312,814</b>	<b>23,170,114</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>238,165</b>	<b>210,977,865</b>
<b>Net liquidity surplus/ (gap)</b>	<b>17,143,071</b>	<b>(42,999,556)</b>	<b>11,782,050</b>	<b>35,600,065</b>	<b>83,451,324</b>	<b>1,410,866</b>	<b>106,387,820</b>

#### 3.4.1 Undiscounted cash flows by contractual maturities

The table below presents the cash flows payable by the Group that will be settled on a gross basis by remaining contractual maturities at the balance sheet date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows, whereas the Group manages the inherent liquidity risk based on expected undiscounted cashflows.

At 31 December 2024

	Up to 1 month HK\$	1-3 months HK\$	3-12 months HK\$	Total HK\$
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Deposits from customers	27,354,719	148,691,999	22,284,136	198,330,854
Other liabilities	1,549,488	-	-	1,549,488
Current tax payable	-	-	144	144
	<b>28,904,207</b>	<b>148,691,999</b>	<b>22,284,280</b>	<b>199,880,486</b>

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At 31 December 2023

	Up to 1 month HK\$	1-3 months HK\$	3-12 months HK\$	Total HK\$
Liabilities				
Deposits from customers	62,059,872	104,883,982	42,108,253	209,052,107
Other liabilities	702,703	400,000	476,500	1,579,203
Current tax payable	-	-	230,025	230,025
	<u>62,762,575</u>	<u>105,283,982</u>	<u>42,814,778</u>	<u>210,861,335</u>

**3.5 Fair values of financial assets and liabilities**

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities are estimated as follows:

**(a) Balances and deposits with authorised institutions**

The fair value of floating rate placements and overnight deposits is their carrying amount. The estimated fair value of fixed-rate deposits, which are normally less than one year, is based on discounted cash flows using prevailing money-market interest rates for debts with similar credit risk and remaining maturity. Therefore, the fair value of the deposits is approximately equal to its carrying value.

**(b) Loans and advances**

Loans and advances are held to collect the contractual cash flows and that contain contractual terms that give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest, and are measured at amortised cost. The carrying value of the loans and advances at initial recognition includes the directly attributed transaction costs.

**(c) Deposits from customers**

The estimated fair value of fixed interest-bearing deposits from customers without quoted market price is based on discounted cash flows using interest rates for new debts with similar remaining maturity. As they are normally less than one year, their fair values are approximately equal to their carrying values.

**(d) Other assets and other liabilities**

The estimated fair value of other assets and other liabilities, which are normally non-interest bearing balances, is their carrying value.

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#### **3 Financial risk management (Continued)**

##### **3.6 Capital management**

The Company's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders.

The Hong Kong Banking Ordinance requires each authorised institution to maintain a ratio of total regulatory capital to the risk-weighted assets (the capital adequacy ratio) at or above the minimum of 8%.

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Company complied with all externally imposed capital requirements by the HKMA.

#### **4 Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

The Group makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **(a) Impairment allowances on loans and advances**

The Group reviews its loan portfolios to assess impairment at least on a semi-annual basis. In determining whether an allowance for ECL should be recorded in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the Group makes judgments as to whether there is any observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a portfolio of loans before the decrease can be identified with an individual loan in that portfolio. This evidence may include observable data indicating that there has been an adverse change in the payment status of borrowers in a group or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on assets in the group. Management uses estimates based on historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics and objective evidence of impairment similar to those in the portfolio when scheduling its future cash flows. In estimating the future cash flows, management uses professional valuer's valuation to assess the market value of properties mortgaged to the Company. The methodology and assumptions used for estimating both the amount and timing of future cash flows are reviewed regularly to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience. Changes in the assumptions used would affect the reported allowances on loans and advances.

##### **(b) Income taxes**

The Group is subject to income taxes in Hong Kong. There may be many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The Company recognises liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the period in which such determination is made.

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**5 Interest income**

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Interest income from		
- Cash and short term funds and deposits with authorised institutions	8,010,571	7,644,351
- Loans and receivables	5,308,904	5,917,568
	<u>13,319,475</u>	<u>13,561,919</u>

**6 Interest expense**

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Interest expense on deposits	<u>3,664,590</u>	<u>4,522,543</u>

**7 Staff costs**

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Salaries and allowances	4,284,721	4,219,501
Pension costs – defined contribution schemes	392,249	355,871
	<u>4,676,969</u>	<u>4,575,372</u>

Staff costs include directors' emoluments (note 9).

**8 Other operating expenses**

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Service fee on office premises	187,446	162,000
Registration fee	125,550	128,883
Auditor's remuneration	418,400	572,580
Postage, printing and subscription fees	290,359	187,471
Professional fees	51,505	2,800
Credit information fees	69,277	143,506
Sundry expenses	612,038	708,679
	<u>1,754,575</u>	<u>1,905,919</u>



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#### 9 Directors' emoluments

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

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Directors' fees	400,000	400,000
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	2,241,593	2,048,273
Retirement benefits	-	-
Share-based compensation	-	-
	<u>2,641,593</u>	<u>2,448,273</u>

All remuneration received by the director from the Group are for their services in connection with the management of the affairs of the group.

No consideration was provided to or receivable by third parties for making available directors' services. There are no loans, quasi-loans or other dealings in favour of the directors, their controlled bodies corporate and connected entities.

#### 10 Income tax expense

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit for both years. The amount of taxation charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income represents:

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Hong Kong profits tax		
Current tax on profits for the year	10,658	(213,239)
Deferred taxation (note 15)	263,542	(215,264)
	<u>274,200</u>	<u>(428,503)</u>

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### 10 Income tax expense (Continued)

Reconciliation between tax charge and accounting profit at Hong Kong tax rates is as follows:

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(1,590,558)	2,597,293
Calculated at a taxation rate of 16.5% (2023: 16.5%)	(262,442)	428,553
Others	(11,758)	(50)
Tax (credit)/expense	(274,200)	428,503

### 11 Loans and advances

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Gross advances to customers	123,469,774	140,619,677
Less: Credit impairment, analysed by:	-	-
- Stage 3	(4,325,216)	-
	119,144,558	140,619,677

Impairment loss on loans advances has been made for the year totaled HK\$4,325,216 (2023: Nil). Loans and advances are assessed individually for credit risk assessment.

### 12 Particulars of subsidiaries

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Unlisted shares, at cost	2,002	2,002

The details of the subsidiaries at 31 December 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

<u>Name of subsidiary</u>	<u>Place of incorporation</u>	<u>Issued and paid up share capital</u>	<u>Principal activities</u>	<u>Particulars of issued share capital</u>
Co-Finance Nominees Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10 per share	Provision of nominee services	100 ordinary shares
Splendid Nominees Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10 per share	Provision of nominee services	100 ordinary shares
Corporate Services Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1 per share	Provision of corporate services	2 ordinary shares

All subsidiaries are wholly-owned by the Company directly (2023: no change).

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**13 Amounts due from the ultimate holding company**

The amounts due are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand (2023: no change).

**14 Plant and equipment**

	Furniture, fixtures and equipment HK\$	Motor Vehicle HK\$	Total HK\$
Cost as at 1 January 2023	2,781,713	285,560	3,067,273
Addition	1,430,175	-	1,430,175
Disposal	-	-	-
Cost as at 31 December 2023	<u>4,211,888</u>	<u>285,560</u>	<u>4,497,448</u>
Accumulated depreciation as at 1 January 2023	(2,635,546)	(285,560)	(2,921,106)
Depreciation charge	(128,471)	-	(128,471)
Disposal	-	-	-
Accumulated depreciation as at 31 December 2023	<u>(2,764,017)</u>	<u>(285,560)</u>	<u>(3,049,577)</u>
Net book amount as at 31 December 2023	<u>1,447,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,447,871</u>
	Furniture, fixtures and equipment HK\$	Motor Vehicle HK\$	Total HK\$
Cost as at 1 January 2024	4,211,888	285,560	4,497,448
Addition	-	-	-
Disposal	-	-	-
Cost as at 31 December 2024	<u>4,211,888</u>	<u>285,560</u>	<u>4,497,448</u>
Accumulated depreciation as at 1 January 2024	(2,764,017)	(285,560)	(3,049,577)
Depreciation charge	(333,032)	-	(1,083,032)
Impairment charge	(750,000)	-	-
Accumulated depreciation as at 31 December 2024	<u>(3,847,049)</u>	<u>(285,560)</u>	<u>(4,132,609)</u>
Net book amount as at 31 December 2024	<u>364,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>364,839</u>

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**15 Deferred taxation**

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 deferred income tax is as follows:

	Tax loss recognized as deferred tax HK\$	Temporary difference for depreciation HK\$	Total HK\$
At 1 January 2023	-	(22,231)	(22,231)
Debited to the profit or loss and other comprehensive income	-	(215,264)	(215,264)
At 31 December 2023	-	(237,495)	(237,495)
Credited to the profit or loss and other comprehensive income	85,279	178,263	263,542
At 31 December 2024	85,279	(59,232)	26,047

**16 Share capital**

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Issued and fully paid: 2,500,000 ordinary shares	25,000,000	25,000,000

There has been no movement in share capital for the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2023.

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**17 Cash used in operations**

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(1,590,558)	2,597,293
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation	333,032	128,471
Interest income	(13,319,475)	(13,561,919)
Interest expense	3,664,590	4,522,543
Credit Impairment on loans and advance	4,325,216	-
Impairment of PPE	750,000	-
	<u>(5,837,195)</u>	<u>(6,313,612)</u>
Changes in working capital:		
Changes in deposits with authorised institutions with original maturity over three months	7,646,780	57,504,970
Changes in loans and advances	16,926,336	36,745,148
Changes in other assets	(462,440)	338,841
Changes in deposits from customers	(10,119,399)	(12,014,758)
Changes in other liabilities	(29,715)	(458,539)
	<u>8,124,367</u>	<u>75,802,050</u>

**18 Cash and short term funds**

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Cash and short term funds	9,269,343	11,754,832
Deposits with authorised institutions		
Maturing in less than one month	47,128,828	57,399,907
	<u>56,398,171</u>	<u>69,154,739</u>

For the purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprises of the following balances with less than three months maturity from the date of acquisition.

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Cash and short term funds	9,269,343	11,754,832
Deposits with authorised institutions		
maturing with original maturity within three months	154,448,790	134,101,592
	<u>163,718,133</u>	<u>145,856,424</u>

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**19 Deposits with authorised institutions**

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Deposits with authorised institutions maturing between one and twelve months	127,603,130	104,862,653

**20 Off balance sheet exposure**

As at 31 December 2024

	Under 1 year	Total
Loan commitments	-	-

As at 31 December 2023

	Under 1 year	Total
Loan commitments	-	-

**21 Related party transactions**

For the purposes of these consolidated financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Group if the Group has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the party or exercise significant influence over the party in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the Group and the party are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or entities.

The following is a summary of significant related party transactions, in addition to those disclosed in notes 12 and 13, which were carried out in the normal course of business:

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$ (Restated)
Service fee paid to subsidiaries (Note i)	162,000	162,000
Interest expenses to related parties (Note ii)		
- fellow subsidiaries	1,973,752	2,918,825
- key management personnel of the entity or its parent	1,051,826	969,696
Deposits received from related parties (Note ii)		
- fellow subsidiaries	123,430,303	131,312,024
- key management personnel of the entity or its parent	67,007,528	66,333,253
Deposits placed to a related party (Note iii)	7,973,641	10,447,366

Note:

- (i) The Group has entered into a service agreement with a related company to obtain the license to use the office premises at market rates commencing on 14 April 2020.
- (ii) Interest expenses represented interest paid on deposits received from a shareholder of the ultimate holding company and close relatives of that shareholder, and other related parties at normal commercial terms.
- (iii) Deposits were placed to a related party at normal commercial terms. The comparative amounts have been restated to reflect the amounts excluded in the prior year.

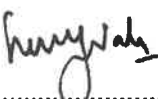
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**22 Balance sheet and reserve movement of the Company**

**Balance sheet of the Company**

	As at 31 December	
	2024	2023
	HK\$	HK\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Plant and equipment	364,839	1,447,871
Loans and advances	106,350,849	119,051,389
Investments in subsidiaries	2,002	2,002
Deferred tax assets	26,047	-
	<u>106,743,737</u>	<u>120,501,262</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and short term funds	56,284,311	69,052,990
Deposits with authorised institutions	127,603,130	104,862,653
Loans and advances	12,793,708	21,568,288
Amounts due to subsidiaries	29,509	23,449
Other assets	637,848	175,408
	<u>197,348,506</u>	<u>195,682,788</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>304,092,243</u>	<u>316,184,050</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Share capital	25,000,000	25,000,000
Retained earnings (Note (a))	77,248,078	78,571,031
Regulatory reserve (Note (a))	1,655,600	1,655,600
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>103,903,678</u>	<u>105,226,631</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Deferred tax liabilities	-	237,495
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Deposits from customers	198,658,835	208,931,142
Other liabilities	1,527,973	1,555,888
Amounts due to subsidiaries	1,757	1,757
Current tax payable	-	231,137
	<u>200,108,565</u>	<u>210,719,924</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>200,108,565</u>	<u>210,957,419</u>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<u>304,092,243</u>	<u>316,184,050</u>

  
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**22 Balance sheet and reserve movement of the Company (Continued)**

**Note (a) Reserve movement of the Company**

	Retained earnings HK\$	Regulatory reserve HK\$
At 1 January 2023	76,387,215	1,655,600
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,183,816	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>78,571,031</u>	<u>1,655,600</u>
At 1 January 2024	78,571,031	1,655,600
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(1,322,953)	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>77,248,078</u>	<u>1,655,600</u>

**23 Subsequent events**

There were no material events after the statements of financial position that have a bearing on the understanding of these financial statements.

**24 Approval of financial statements**

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 29 April 2025.



## **CORPORATE FINANCE (D.T.C.) LIMITED**

### **UNAUDITED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DISCLOSURE ON REMUNERATION POLICY AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE POLICY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

#### **I) Remuneration policy**

##### **The Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee is comprised of the following three members:

Mr Tan Harry Chua	Chairman of the Committee and Board of Directors
Mr Hew Yew Wah	Chief Executive and Director
Mr Michael Gonzales Tan	Non-executive Director

The Remuneration Committee reports to the Board of Directors and its functions include:

- (1) formulation of the Company's Remuneration Policy for the Board's approval and to ensure that the policy is consistent with the Guideline issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and any other regulatory requirements;
- (2) the formulation and implementation of staff incentive scheme for promotion of the Company's business;
- (3) to review the Company's remuneration system annually so as to ensure that it functions to encourage employee behaviour that supports the Company's risk tolerance, risk management framework and long-term financial soundness and to report any material issues to the Board and to make recommendations on such issues;
- (4) making recommendations to the Board on determination of the remuneration packages for staff (excluding senior management and key personnel whose salaries are not charged to the Company). Senior Management (total 5 members) means any directors, the Chief Executive and the Alternate Chief Executives while key personnel (total 2 members) means staff member with Manager Grade or above but excluding the senior management. Employees responsible for risk control functions are members of the senior management and key personnel and their remunerations are not linked to the performance of the businesses they oversee. Committee members and directors are not involved in making decisions in respect of their own remuneration.

The Remuneration Policy was reviewed once during the year and no material change has been made. Implementation of the remuneration system was also reviewed at the meeting. No external consultants' advice has been sought in relation to the governance structure of the remuneration system.

##### **Design and Implementation of Remuneration System**

It is our Company's objective to compensate our staff fairly but not excessively for their contributions to the Company's operations having regard to individual staff member's qualification, experience, performance and other relevant factors such as the salaries of similar personnel available in the job market and inflation rate in Hong Kong. The remuneration package (and any subsequent adjustment) offered to individual staff member, except for the senior management and key personnel as mentioned in (4) above, is approved by the Remuneration Committee. The performance of staff is evaluated by their immediate supervisors or the Department Head while Department Heads' performance is assessed by the Chief Executive.

All staff members other than the senior management and key personnel are remunerated with fixed monthly salary with double pay and may be offered discretionary annual bonus. No variable remuneration is offered to our staff. The aggregate amount of the bonus offered, if any, mainly depends on the Company's results for the financial year. However, no discretionary annual bonus was paid by the Company to any such staff members during 2024 (2023: Nil). Risk factors are not a major consideration in determination of staff's remuneration due to the low risk of our business.

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#### **Aggregate Quantitative Information on Remuneration for the Senior Management and Key Personnel**

Salaries and other remunerations for the Company's senior management and key personnel, excluding those borne by a fellow subsidiary, charged to the Company's account during 2024:

1. Amounts of remuneration for the senior management / key personnel

Fixed remuneration	HK\$ 2,241,593 (2023: HK\$2,048,273)
Variable remuneration	HK\$ NIL (2023: HK\$Nil)
2. Amounts of deferred remuneration for the senior management / key personnel

Vested	HK\$ Nil (2023: HK\$Nil)
Unvested	HK\$ Nil (2023: HK\$Nil)
3. Amounts of deferred remuneration awarded for the senior management / key personnel during the year

Paid out	HK\$ Nil (2023: HK\$Nil)
Reduced through performance adjustments	HK\$ Nil (2023: HK\$Nil)
4. Amounts of guaranteed bonuses to senior management / key personnel

Awarded	HK\$ Nil (2023: HK\$Nil)
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#### **II) Corporate Governance Policy**

Corporate Finance (D.T.C.) Limited ("the Company") is committed to implementing effective corporate governance in managing its business in a controlled and prudent manner with a view to safeguarding the interests of its shareholders, customers, employees and other stakeholders. Corporate governance is concerned with the manner in which the Company's business and affairs are directed and managed. It also provides the structure through which the Company's corporate objectives are set, the strategy for attaining those objectives is determined and the performance of the Company is monitored.

#### **Board of Directors**

##### **(a) Terms of Reference**

The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for the operations and the management of the Company and thus plays a vital role in implementing and maintaining effective corporate governance of the Company. In discharging its responsibilities the Board should take into account the legitimate interest of the shareholders, customers, employees and other relevant stakeholders.

The key responsibilities of the Board include:

- (i) setting and overseeing the objectives of the Company and the strategies for achieving those objectives;
- (ii) risk governance;
- (iii) appointments and oversight of senior management;
- (iv) setting corporate values and standards;
- (v) setting a suitable and transparent corporate structure;
- (vi) ensuring effective audit functions;
- (vii) ensuring an appropriate degree of transparency in respect of the structure, operation and risk management of the Company.

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### **UNAUDITED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DISCLOSURE ON REMUNERATION POLICY AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE POLICY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

#### **Chairperson and Chief Executive**

The role of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive of the Company are separate, with a clear division of responsibilities. The Chairperson of the Board is a non-executive Director who is responsible for the leadership and effective running of the Board. He/She should possess the requisite experience, competencies and personal qualities to fulfill these responsibilities.

The Chief Executive is an Executive Director who ensures implementation of the strategy and policy as established by the Board. The Chief Executive is responsible for the management and day-to-day running of the Company's business and operations.

#### **Composition of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors currently comprises five members (2023: five members) of whom two are Executive Directors, two are Non-executive Directors and one Independent Non-Executive Director.

The composition of the Board ensures the objectivity of its decision-making process and the impartiality of its oversight of the Management.

Members of the Board possess appropriate experience, competencies and personal qualities, including professionalism and integrity, to discharge their responsibilities effectively. In addition, the Board collectively has adequate knowledge and expertise relevant to the Company's business activities and the associated risks so that effective governance and oversight can be ensured.

Board meetings are normally held quarterly to monitor the financial condition and performance of the Company. Regular matters to be discussed / reviewed at Board Meetings include the Company's financial position and performance, review of loan portfolio, reports on large credit exposures and connected lendings, review and approve the Company's policies and procedures for managing its business activities. Members may also include other matters concerning the Company's operation in the meeting agenda.

#### **Delegation by the Board**

##### **Specialised Committees**

The Board has set up the following Committees to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities:

##### **(a) Credit Committee**

The Credit Committee is responsible for approval of loan applications in accordance with the criteria set out in the Lending Policy approved by the Board. The framework for managing credit risk, including the risk appetite and lending limits are incorporated in the Lending Policy.

The Credit Committee is also responsible for credit risk management; loan performance is also reviewed at Credit Committee meetings. Meetings of the Credit Committee are held twice every month.

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#### **(b) Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee is chaired by the INED and it is mainly responsible for the oversight of matters relating to financial reporting and internal controls, in particular, reviewing:

- (1) the effectiveness of the financial reporting process, and
- (2) the effectiveness of internal audit and the external audit process,

and to report and make recommendations in connection with the above matters to the Company's Board's of Directors.

Meetings of the Audit Committee are normally held at least three times a year.

#### **(c) Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee reports to the Board of Directors and its major functions include:

- (1) formulation of the Company's Remuneration Policy for the Board's approval;
- (2) the formulation and implementation of staff incentive scheme for promotion of the Company's business;
- (3) to review the Company's remuneration system annually; and
- (4) making recommendations to the Board on determination of the remuneration packages for senior management.

#### **(d) Management Committee**

The Management Committee is composed of major managerial and senior staff including the heads of various departments. The main functions include discussing and reviewing matters concerning our business operations so as to facilitate co-ordination of the work of different departments, preparation of financial budget for the Board's approval and to carry out operational plans to meet the targets, to facilitate the generation and exchange of information within the Company so that a transparent corporate culture can be enhanced. Other matters such as positions of the Company's assets and liabilities, compliance test results on our internal controls are also reviewed and discussed at the meeting.

Meeting of the Management Committee is normally held every week.

#### **Setting Corporate Values and Standards with regard to the Company's Strategy**

It is the Company's strategy that its business should be expanded through organic growth rather than promoting business aggressively. Therefore, we always take a prudent attitude towards managing our operation risk, and aim at providing high quality financial services to our customers. Our business activities should be conducted with integrity, prudence and in a professional manner. The Board recognises the importance of building up and maintaining a business environment that promotes ethical and responsible behaviour in order to achieve our objective.

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#### **Code of Conduct**

Guiding principles are provided to all staff so that they are aware of and can follow the Company's Code of Conduct ("Code") in performing their duties. Topics covered by the code include:

- (i) prevention of bribery;
- (ii) protection of customers' personal information;
- (iii) use of business information;
- (iv) handling of gifts/advantages offered to staff by customers, business partners and other persons;
- (v) responsibilities to the shareholders and customers;
- (vi) compliance with relevant rules and regulatory requirements and also the Company's internal regulations;
- (vii) avoidance of conflict of interest; and
- (viii) requirements for lending to connected parties.

#### **Internal Audit**

The internal audit function provides assurance to the Management regarding the soundness of our internal control systems. Members of the internal audit function are employed by the Company's ultimate holding company and they have direct reporting lines to the Board and our shareholders so that its independence and prompt and direct reporting of its findings can be enhanced.

#### **External Auditor**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the appointment, re-appointment and fixing the remuneration of the external auditor. Our external auditor plays an important role in our corporate governance structure by providing the Board with an independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of our financial reporting, including the reasonableness of the judgments, estimates and presentation used in the financial statements. The external auditor also draws the attention of the Board to other significant matters identified during the course of the audit work and provides recommendations for improvement as appropriate.