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## **Successfully Achieved Full-year Contracted Sales Target for 2016**

1H 2016 Financial Highlights		1H 2016 (HK\$ million)	Change (%) (vs. 1H 2015)
Turnover	- recurrent (rental and hotel business)	2,768	+12%
	- non-recurrent (property sales)	2,769	+59%
	- total	5,537	+32%
Gross Profit	- recurrent (rental and hotel business)	1,663	+8%
	- non-recurrent (property sales)	949	+54%
	- total	2,612	+21%
Share of Results of Associates		548	-54%
Profit Attributable to	- underlying profit	1,434	-34%
Shareholders	- reported profit	2,041	-27%
Earnings per Share	- based on underlying profit	HK\$0.99	
	- based on reported profit	HK\$1.41	
Interim Dividend per Share		HK\$0.30	
Net Asset Value per Share		HK\$56.81	

## **Business Highlights**

- As at mid-August 2016, the Group has successfully achieved its full year contracted sales target of HK\$13 billion.
- ➤ In 1H 2016, in terms of contracted sales, the Group achieved HK\$2.9bn from projects in HK, and HK\$7.2bn from projects in the PRC, totalling HK\$10.1bn, achieved 78% the full year sales target of HK\$13bn.
  - In HK, key projects sold include the inventory units of The Bloomsway, One and Three Ede Road, 8 LaSalle, Dragons Range and Mantin Heights, which was successfully launched during the period.
  - In the PRC, the Group was able to achieve contracted sales growth of 177% YoY, as a result of a series of mildly relaxed government control policies and the satisfactory market responses to the pre-sale of Castalia Court in Hangzhou, Nanjing Jinling Arcadia Court, Phase II of The Metropolis-Arcadia Court in Chengdu. Other key projects sold include the inventory units of Putian, Nanchang, Shenyang, Tianjin, and Enterprise Centre in Shanghai.
  - In May & July 2016, the Group signed Shares Transfer Agreements with independent third parties to sell all its investments in Yingkou and Phase III of The Metropolis-Arcadia Court in Chengdu, respectively. Completion of the shares transfer is expected to be in the second half of 2016.
- In pursuance of the Group's focus on developing large-scale mixed-use properties in core locations of first-tier cities and certain provincial capitals, the resulting rental property portfolio is now posting rental and occupancy rates that meet expectations.
  - PRC property rental and hotel revenue increased 11% YoY to HK\$2.3bn in 1H 2016.
  - Overall PRC occupancy for office, commercial and serviced apartments maintained at 95% as of June 30, 2016.
  - Hotel revenue increased by 13% YoY, mainly due to increasing and new contributions from Nanchang Shangri-La hotel and Midtown Shangri-La, Hangzhou, which was soft-opened in March 2016, respectively.
- ➤ Share of results of associates decreased 54% to HK\$548 million in 1H 2016 from HK\$1,197 million in 1H2015 mainly due to the drop in sales recognition of Dragons Range in 1H 2016. As a result, the Group's underlying profit decreased 34% YoY to HK\$1.4bn in 1H 2016.
- An increase in fair value of investment properties (net of deferred taxation) of HK\$607 million were recorded in 1H 2016 (1H 2015: HK\$607 million). After taking into account the net increase in fair value, profit attributable to shareholders decreased 27% YoY to HK\$2,041 million (1H 2015: HK\$2,789 million).
- Net asset value increased slightly by 1% from beginning of the year to HK\$56.81 per share as of June 30, 2016.
- ➤ Balance sheet position is solid, with HK\$15.7bn in cash and bank balances and HK\$17.8bn in available undrawn bank loan facilities, making up a total of HK\$33.5bn in available funds as of June 30, 2016. Net debt to total equity decreased to 24.4% as of June 30, 2016 from 27.8% as of December 31, 2015.
- ➤ Interim dividend per share at HK\$0.30 has been declared, resulting in an increase of 10% points in dividend payout ratio to 30%.
- ➤ During the period, the Group completed the acquisition of the entire building at Nos. 168—168C Boundary Street in Ho Man Tin and will jointly redevelop the site together with a site at Nos. 10—12A LaSalle Road, which it acquired in 2013. This redevelopment project lies adjacent to 8 LaSalle, and will deliver an aggregate developable GFA of 45,000 square feet, scheduled for completion in 2019.