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# MAGNIFICENT HOTEL INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 201)

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

### RESULTS

The board (the “Board”) of directors (the “Directors”) of Magnificent Hotel Investments Limited (the “Company”) announces that the net profit after tax attributable to owners of the Company before revaluation, depreciation and impairment of land, property and equipment for the year ended 31st December, 2024 was HK\$104 million (2023: HK\$41 million), increased by HK\$63 million (+151%). The consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) for the year, together with comparative figures for the previous year, are as follows:

|  | 2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | <i>Change</i> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Loss after taxation and non-controlling interests  | (44,775)                | (32,911)                |               |
| Add: Revaluation loss  | 11,000                  | 5,000                   |               |
| Add: Properties depreciation and impairment and release of prepaid lease payments for land   | <u>137,466</u>          | <u>69,258</u>           |               |
| Net profit after tax attributable to owners of the Company before revaluation and depreciation and impairment and release of prepaid lease payments for land | <b>103,691</b>          | 41,347                  | +151%         |

### DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of final dividend in respect of the year ended 31st December, 2024 (2023: Nil).

**Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss**  
For the year ended 31st December, 2024

|   | <i>NOTES</i> | <b>2024</b><br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Revenue   | 3            |                                |                         |
| Contracts with customers                            |              | <b>481,215</b>                 | 414,420                 |
| Leases  |              | <b>44,511</b>                  | 37,346                  |
| Dividend income                                     |              | <u>-</u>                       | <u>45</u>               |
| Total revenue                                       |              | <b>525,726</b>                 | 451,811                 |
| Cost of sales                                       |              | <b>(3,573)</b>                 | (1,532)                 |
| Other service costs                                 |              | <b>(318,685)</b>               | (242,822)               |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment       |              | <b>(135,810)</b>               | (94,590)                |
| Depreciation of right-of-use asset                  |              | <u><b>(755)</b></u>            | <u>(785)</u>            |
| Gross profit  |              | <b>66,903</b>                  | 112,082                 |
| Net decrease in fair value of investment properties |              | <b>(11,000)</b>                | (5,000)                 |
| Other income and gains and losses                   |              | <b>3,025</b>                   | 36,597                  |
| Administrative expenses                             |              | <b>(49,517)</b>                | (70,945)                |
| - Depreciation                                      |              | <b>(1,792)</b>                 | (1,798)                 |
| - Others  |              | <b>(47,725)</b>                | (69,147)                |
| Finance costs                                       | 5            | <u><b>(45,003)</b></u>         | <u>(43,780)</u>         |
| (Loss) profit before taxation                       | 6            | <b>(35,592)</b>                | 28,954                  |
| Income tax expense                                  | 7            | <u><b>(9,810)</b></u>          | <u>(62,005)</u>         |
| Loss for the year                                   |              | <u><b>(45,402)</b></u>         | <u>(33,051)</u>         |
| Loss for the year attributable to:                  |              |                                |                         |
| Owners of the Company                               |              | <b>(44,775)</b>                | (32,911)                |
| Non-controlling interests                           |              | <u><b>(627)</b></u>            | <u>(140)</u>            |
|   |              | <u><b>(45,402)</b></u>         | <u>(33,051)</u>         |
|   |              | <i>HK cents</i>                | <i>HK cents</i>         |
| Loss per share                                      | 9            |                                |                         |
| Basic   |              | <u><b>(0.50)</b></u>           | <u>(0.37)</u>           |

**Consolidated Statement of Total Comprehensive Income**  
*For the year ended 31st December, 2024*

|   | <b>2024</b><br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Loss for the year   | <u>(45,402)</u>                | <u>(33,051)</u>         |
| <b>Other comprehensive (expense) income</b>   |                                |                         |
| <b>Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</b>   |                                |                         |
| Fair value loss on investments in equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income | (8,535)                        | (43,664)                |
| <b>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</b>                                   |                                |                         |
| Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations                                     | <u>(29,113)</u>                | <u>63,963</u>           |
| Other comprehensive (expense) income for the year   | <u>(37,648)</u>                | <u>20,299</u>           |
| Total comprehensive expense for the year  | <u>(83,050)</u>                | <u>(12,752)</u>         |
| Total comprehensive expense attributable to:  |                                |                         |
| Owners of the Company   | (82,423)                       | (12,612)                |
| Non-controlling interests   | <u>(627)</u>                   | <u>(140)</u>            |
|   | <u>(83,050)</u>                | <u>(12,752)</u>         |

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

At 31st December, 2024

|   | <i>NOTES</i> | <b>2024</b><br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Non-Current Assets</b>   |              |                                |                         |
| Property, plant and equipment                                       |              | 3,633,234                      | 3,764,137               |
| Right-of-use asset  |              | 21,454                         | 23,131                  |
| Investment properties   |              | 1,030,990                      | 1,061,460               |
| Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income |              | <u>92,204</u>                  | <u>100,739</u>          |
|   |              | <u><b>4,777,882</b></u>        | <u>4,949,467</u>        |
| <b>Current Assets</b>   |              |                                |                         |
| Inventories   |              | 1,166                          | 1,418                   |
| Trade and other receivables   | <i>10</i>    | 11,137                         | 18,460                  |
| Other deposits and prepayments                                      |              | 9,004                          | 7,782                   |
| Bank balances and cash  |              | <u>203,139</u>                 | <u>309,245</u>          |
|   |              | <u><b>224,446</b></u>          | <u>336,905</u>          |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>  |              |                                |                         |
| Trade and other payables and accruals                               | <i>11</i>    | 47,416                         | 41,111                  |
| Rental and other deposits received                                  |              | 1,785                          | 2,389                   |
| Refund liabilities  |              | -                              | 1,754                   |
| Contract liabilities  |              | 8,037                          | 6,786                   |
| Amount due to immediate holding company                             |              | 347,390                        | 540,022                 |
| Amount due to a shareholder   |              | 7,487                          | 5,088                   |
| Tax liabilities   |              | 4,587                          | 34,306                  |
| Bank loans  |              | <u>345,152</u>                 | <u>98,248</u>           |
|   |              | <u><b>761,854</b></u>          | <u>729,704</u>          |
| <b>Net Current Liabilities</b>                                      |              | <u><b>(537,408)</b></u>        | <u>(392,799)</u>        |
| <b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>                        |              | <u><b>4,240,474</b></u>        | <u>4,556,668</u>        |
| <b>Capital and Reserves</b>   |              |                                |                         |
| Share capital   |              | 841,926                        | 841,926                 |
| Reserves  |              | <u>3,288,400</u>               | <u>3,370,823</u>        |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company                        |              | 4,130,326                      | 4,212,749               |
| Non-controlling interests   |              | <u>6,636</u>                   | <u>7,263</u>            |
| <b>Total Equity</b>   |              | <u><b>4,136,962</b></u>        | <u>4,220,012</u>        |
| <b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>                                      |              |                                |                         |
| Bank loans  |              | -                              | 232,050                 |
| Rental deposits received  |              | 1,006                          | 1,006                   |
| Deferred tax liabilities  |              | <u>102,506</u>                 | <u>103,600</u>          |
|   |              | <u><b>103,512</b></u>          | <u>336,656</u>          |
|   |              | <u><b>4,240,474</b></u>        | <u>4,556,668</u>        |

NOTES:

**1. GENERAL**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”) and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The financial information relating to the years ended 31st December, 2024 and 2023 included in this preliminary announcement of annual results 2024 do not constitute the Company’s statutory annual consolidated financial statements for those years but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements required to be disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance is as follows:

The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2023 to the Register of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and will deliver the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2024 in due course.

The Company’s auditor has reported on the financial statements of the Group for both years. The auditor’s reports were unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its reports; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

**2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSs**

*Amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year*

In the current year, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group’s annual periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2024 for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements:

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Amendments to HKFRS 16              | Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback  |
| Amendments to HKAS 1                | Classification of Liabilities as Current or Noncurrent<br>and related amendments to Hong Kong<br>Interpretation 5 (2020) |
| Amendments to HKAS 1                | Non-current Liabilities with Covenants   |
| Amendments to HKAS 7<br>and HKFRS 7 | Supplier Finance Arrangements  |

The application of the amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group’s financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

### 3. REVENUE

Revenue represents the aggregate of income from operation of hotels, property rental and dividend income, and are analysed as follows:

|                                 | <b>2024</b><br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Income from operation of hotels | <b>481,215</b>                 | 414,420                 |
| Income from property rental     | <b>44,511</b>                  | 37,346                  |
| Dividend income                 | <u>-</u>                       | <u>45</u>               |
|                                 | <u><b>525,726</b></u>          | <u>451,811</u>          |

### 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

HKFRS 8 “Operating Segments” requires operating and reportable segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker (the “CODM”), being the Chairman of the Company, for the purposes of allocating resources to segments and assessing their performance. No operating segments identified by the CODM have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable segments of the Group.

The Group’s operating and reportable segments under HKFRS 8 are therefore as follows:

1. Hospitality services - Best Western Plus Hotel Kowloon
2. Hospitality services - Best Western Plus Hotel Hong Kong
3. Hospitality services - Magnificent International Hotel, Shanghai
4. Hospitality services - Best Western Hotel Causeway Bay
5. Hospitality services - Ramada Hong Kong Harbour View
6. Hospitality services - Ramada Hong Kong Grand
7. Hospitality services - Wood Street Hotel
8. Hospitality services - Grand Bay View Hotel
9. Property investment - Shops, hotel and residential properties
10. Securities investment

Information regarding the above segments is reported below.

#### 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

##### Segment revenue and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by operating and reportable segments for both years:

|   | <u>Segment revenue</u>    |                       | <u>Segment results</u>    |                       |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | Year ended 31st December, |                       | Year ended 31st December, |                       |
|   | 2024                      | 2023                  | 2024                      | 2023                  |
|   | HK\$'000                  | HK\$'000              | HK\$'000                  | HK\$'000              |
| Hospitality services                        | <b>481,215</b>            | 414,420               | <b>22,392</b>             | 74,691                |
| - Best Western Plus Hotel Kowloon           | <b>53,177</b>             | 57,624                | <b>(799)</b>              | 10,181                |
| - Best Western Plus Hotel Hong Kong         | <b>86,729</b>             | 83,829                | <b>28,344</b>             | 31,148                |
| - Magnificent International Hotel, Shanghai | <b>24,036</b>             | 5,394                 | <b>5,342</b>              | (3,129)               |
| - Best Western Hotel Causeway Bay           | <b>51,706</b>             | 53,182                | <b>1,756</b>              | 8,265                 |
| - Ramada Hong Kong Harbour View             | <b>87,540</b>             | 92,391                | <b>26,642</b>             | 38,712                |
| - Ramada Hong Kong Grand                    | <b>86,074</b>             | 86,770                | <b>7,255</b>              | 13,170                |
| - Grand Bay View Hotel                      | <b>91,953</b>             | 35,230                | <b>(46,148)</b>           | (23,656)              |
| Property investment                         | <b>44,511</b>             | 37,346                | <b>33,511</b>             | 32,346                |
| Securities investment                       | <b>-</b>                  | 45                    | <b>-</b>                  | 45                    |
|   | <b><u>525,726</u></b>     | <b><u>451,811</u></b> | <b><u>55,903</u></b>      | <b><u>107,082</u></b> |
| Other income and gains and losses           |                           |                       | <b>3,025</b>              | 36,597                |
| Administrative expenses                     |                           |                       | <b>(49,517)</b>           | (70,945)              |
| Finance costs                               |                           |                       | <b>(45,003)</b>           | (43,780)              |
| (Loss) profit before taxation               |                           |                       | <b><u>(35,592)</u></b>    | <b><u>28,954</u></b>  |

##### Geographical information

The Group's operations are located in Hong Kong, the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and the United Kingdom ("UK").

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue primarily by geographical markets based on location of assets:

|           | 2024                  | 2023                  |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|           | HK\$'000              | HK\$'000              |
| Hong Kong | <b>460,179</b>        | 411,853               |
| The PRC   | <b>24,036</b>         | 5,394                 |
| The UK    | <b>41,511</b>         | 34,564                |
|           | <b><u>525,726</u></b> | <b><u>451,811</u></b> |

## 5. FINANCE COSTS

|   | 2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Interests on:                           |                         |                         |
| Bank loans                              | 21,111                  | 14,462                  |
| Amount due to immediate holding company | <u>23,892</u>           | <u>29,318</u>           |
|   | <u>45,003</u>           | <u>43,780</u>           |

## 6. (LOSS) PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

|   | 2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| (Loss) profit before taxation has been arrived at after charging: |                         |                         |
| Auditor's remuneration  | 1,800                   | 1,830                   |
| Staff costs including directors' emoluments                       | 183,740                 | 145,761                 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment                     | 137,602                 | 96,388                  |
| Depreciation of right-of-use asset                                | <u>755</u>              | <u>785</u>              |

## 7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

|                                 | 2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| The taxation expense comprises: |                         |                         |
| Current tax                     |                         |                         |
| Hong Kong                       | 5,925                   | 38,081                  |
| PRC Enterprise Income Tax       | -                       | 14                      |
| The UK                          | <u>6,583</u>            | <u>5,191</u>            |
|                                 | 12,508                  | 43,286                  |
| Overprovision in prior years    |                         |                         |
| Hong Kong                       | (1,527)                 | (337)                   |
| The UK                          | <u>(77)</u>             | <u>(505)</u>            |
|                                 | 10,904                  | 42,444                  |
| Deferred tax                    | <u>(1,094)</u>          | <u>19,561</u>           |
|                                 | <u>9,810</u>            | <u>62,005</u>           |

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% on the estimated assessable profit for both years. Taxation arising in other jurisdictions are calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.



## 8. DIVIDEND

No dividend was paid or proposed by the directors for ordinary shareholders of the Company during 2024 and 2023, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the reporting period.

## 9. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic loss per share is based on the loss for the year attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$44,775,000 (2023: HK\$32,911,000) and on 8,947,051,000 shares (2023: 8,947,051,000 shares) in issue during the year.

Diluted loss per share for both years are not presented as there are no potential ordinary shares exist during both years.

## 10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

|   | 2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Trade receivables from contracts with customers | 8,361                   | 15,569                  |
| Other receivables                               | <u>2,776</u>            | <u>2,891</u>            |
|   | <u><u>11,137</u></u>    | <u><u>18,460</u></u>    |

Except for a credit period of 30 to 60 days granted to travel agencies and certain customers of the hotels, the Group does not allow any credit period to customers. The following is an aged analysis of the Group's trade receivables from contracts with customers presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

|              | 2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Not yet due  | 8,162                   | 14,947                  |
| Overdue:     |                         |                         |
| 0 – 30 days  | 104                     | 137                     |
| 31 – 60 days | 94                      | 25                      |
| 61 – 90 days | <u>1</u>                | <u>460</u>              |
|              | <u><u>8,361</u></u>     | <u><u>15,569</u></u>    |

## 11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

|                             | <b>2024</b><br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Trade payables              | <b>5,031</b>                   | 3,875                   |
| Other payables and accruals | <b><u>42,385</u></b>           | <u>37,236</u>           |
|                             | <b><u><u>47,416</u></u></b>    | <u><u>41,111</u></u>    |

The following is an aged analysis of the Group's trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

|              | <b>2024</b><br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0 – 30 days  | <b>5,024</b>                   | 3,864                   |
| 31 – 60 days | <b>6</b>                       | 9                       |
| 61 – 90 days | <b><u>1</u></b>                | <u>2</u>                |
|              | <b><u><u>5,031</u></u></b>     | <u><u>3,875</u></u>     |

## **DIVIDEND**

In deciding whether to distribute the final dividend and its amount, the Board has reviewed the Company's adopted dividend policy and considered that preserving capital would secure the Group with more cashflow under the current challenging economy and unstable hotel market condition with high operating costs and interest costs, which may continue to affect the short- and mid-term business risks of the Group. Therefore, the Board does not recommend the payment of final dividend for the year ended 31st December, 2024 (2023: Nil).

## **BOOK CLOSURE**

To ascertain shareholders' eligibility to attend and vote at the annual general meeting to be held on Friday, 23rd May, 2025 ("AGM"), the register of members will be closed from Tuesday, 20th May, 2025 to Friday, 23rd May, 2025, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the AGM, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Share Registrars, Tricor Investor Services Limited, 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30p.m. on Monday, 19th May, 2025.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

During the year, the Group continued with its hotel investments, hotel management, property leasing and property development.

The net profit after tax attributable to owners of the Company before revaluation, depreciation and impairment of land, property and equipment for the year ended 31st December, 2024 was HK\$104 million (2023: HK\$41 million), increased by HK\$63 million (+151%).

|  | <b>2024</b><br><i>HK\$ '000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$ '000</i> | Change |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Net profit from operation of hotels  | <b>22,392</b>                   | 74,691                   | -70%   |
| - Profit   | <b>158,957</b>                  | 170,066                  |        |
| - Depreciation   | <b>(136,565)</b>                | (95,375)                 |        |
| Net profit from property investment  | <b>33,511</b>                   | 32,346                   | +4%    |
| - Profit   | <b>44,511</b>                   | 37,346                   |        |
| - Revaluation loss   | <b>(11,000)</b>                 | (5,000)                  |        |
| Income from securities investments   | -                               | 45                       | -100%  |
| Other income and gain and losses   | <b>3,025</b>                    | 36,597                   | -92%   |
|  | <b>58,928</b>                   | 143,679                  | -59%   |
| Administrative expenses  | <b>(49,517)</b>                 | (70,945)                 | -30%   |
| Finance costs  | <b>(45,003)</b>                 | (43,780)                 | +3%    |
| Income tax expense   | <b>(9,810)</b>                  | (62,005)                 | -84%   |
| Loss after taxation  | <b>(45,402)</b>                 | (33,051)                 | +37%   |
| Non-controlling interests  | <b>627</b>                      | 140                      | +348%  |
| Loss after taxation and non-controlling interests  | <b>(44,775)</b>                 | (32,911)                 | +36%   |
| Add: Revaluation loss  | <b>11,000</b>                   | 5,000                    | +120%  |
| Add: Properties depreciation and impairment and release of prepaid lease payments for land   | <b>137,466</b>                  | 69,258                   | +98%   |
| Net profit after tax attributable to owners of the Company before revaluation and depreciation and impairment and release of prepaid lease payments for land | <b>103,691</b>                  | 41,347                   | +151%  |

The overall increase in profit for the year ended 31st December, 2024 was mainly due to increase in hotel revenue by 16%, no more pre-operating expenses and repair and refurbishment cost of Grand Bay View Hotel, and no more extra-ordinary tax expenses.

## PERFORMANCE

For the year ended 31st December, 2024, the **GROUP'S INCOME** was mostly derived from the aggregate of income from operation of hotels and investment properties, which was analysed as follows:

| <b>Income</b>                     | <b>2024</b>           | 2023                  | Change | Reason  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|---|
|                                   | <i>HK\$'000</i>       | <i>HK\$'000</i>       |        |   |
| Income from operation of hotels   | <b>481,215</b>        | 414,420               | +16%   | Increase in room rates and operation cost of Grand Bay View Hotel |
| Income from investment properties | <b>44,511</b>         | 37,346                | +19%   | Increase in rental income received from Royal Scot Hotel, London  |
| Dividend income                   | <u>-</u>              | <u>45</u>             | -100%  | Dividend received from stock investment                           |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b><u>525,726</u></b> | <b><u>451,811</u></b> | +16%   |   |

During the year, the total income for the Group increased by 16% from approximately HK\$452 million to approximately HK\$526 million compared with last year.

## HOTELS PERFORMANCES

The Group presently owns eight hotels, operates seven hotels and leases out one hotel in London. The income from operation of hotels increased by 16% to HK\$481 million (2023: HK\$414 million). Royal Scot Hotel in London was leased to a hotel management company, Travelodge.

|                            | Ramada<br>Hong Kong<br>Harbour View | Ramada<br>Hong Kong<br>Grand | Best Western<br>Plus Hotel<br>Hong Kong | Best Western<br>Hotel<br>Causeway Bay | Best Western<br>Plus Hotel<br>Kowloon | Grand Bay<br>View Hotel | Magnificent<br>International<br>Hotel, Shanghai |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 2024                       |                                     |                              |   |                                       |                                       |                         |   |
| Average room occupancy (%) | 98                                  | 98                           | 98                                      | 97                                    | 91                                    | 95                      | 87  |

As at 31st December, 2024, an independent third-party valuation of Royal Scot Hotel, London was GBP88,500,000 (2023: GBP88,500,000). The rental income of Royal Scot Hotel, London for the year was GBP4,172,000 (2023: GBP3,546,000). During the year, the management succeeded in increasing the annual rental by 34% from GBP3,546,000 to GBP4,737,000. The new rental income was reflected in the 2nd half of 2024.

## COST

The **HOTELS' SERVICE COST** for the year was HK\$318.7 million (2023: HK\$242.8 million), representing hotel operation cost. The increase in hotel operating cost is much attributable to normalization of quarantine hotels, full year operation of Grand Bay View Hotel and Magnificent International Hotel, Shanghai, and increase in staffs and cost of salary, cleaning and laundry, etc.

| Name of Hotel                             | 2024<br><i>HK\$ million</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$ million</i> | Change |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Ramada Hong Kong Harbour View             | 54.5                        | 47.2                        |        |
| Ramada Hong Kong Grand                    | 49.0                        | 43.8                        |        |
| Best Western Plus Hotel Kowloon           | 37.0                        | 31.8                        |        |
| Best Western Plus Hotel Hong Kong         | 54.2                        | 48.3                        |        |
| Best Western Hotel Causeway Bay           | 38.3                        | 33.1                        |        |
| Grand Bay View Hotel                      | 70.1                        | 32.8 (5 months)             |        |
| Magnificent International Hotel, Shanghai | <u>15.6</u>                 | <u>5.8</u> (5 months)       |        |
| <b>Total amount for the year</b>          | <u><b>318.7</b></u>         | <u><b>242.8</b></u>         | (+31%) |

Cost of sale of HK\$3.6 million (2023: HK\$1.5 million) was from cost of food and beverage. The increase was due to the full year operation of Grand Bay View Hotel and Magnificent International Hotel, Shanghai.

During the year, the **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES** excluding depreciation was HK\$48 million (2023: HK\$69 million).

The accounting standards require hotel properties of the Group to provide **DEPRECIATION** which amounted to HK\$137 million (2023: HK\$95 million) for the year.

## DEPRECIATION OF HOTEL PROPERTIES

| Name of Hotel                             | 2024<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | 2023<br><i>HK\$'000</i> | Change<br><i>HK\$'000</i> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ramada Hong Kong Harbour View             | 5,932                   | 6,187                   | -255                      |
| Ramada Hong Kong Grand                    | 29,468                  | 29,556                  | -88                       |
| Best Western Plus Hotel Kowloon           | 16,788                  | 15,509                  | +1,279                    |
| Best Western Plus Hotel Hong Kong         | 4,004                   | 4,212                   | -208                      |
| Best Western Hotel Causeway Bay           | 11,461                  | 11,737                  | -276                      |
| Grand Bay View Hotel                      | 66,215                  | 25,572                  | +40,643                   |
| Magnificent International Hotel, Shanghai | <u>2,697</u>            | <u>2,602</u>            | +95                       |
| <b>Total amount for the year</b>          | <u><b>136,565</b></u>   | <u><b>95,375</b></u>    | +41,190                   |

## FUNDING

As at 31st December, 2024, the **OVERALL DEBTS** of the Group was HK\$700 million (2023: HK\$875 million) (reduced by HK\$175 million), of which HK\$345 million (2023: HK\$330 million) was assets secured bank borrowings and HK\$355 million was advances from shareholders (mainly Shun Ho Property Investments Limited) (2023: HK\$545 million).

As at 31st December, 2024, the gearing ratio was 17% (2023: 21%) in terms of overall debts of HK\$700 million (2023: HK\$875 million) (HK\$355 million shareholder's loan and HK\$345 million bank loan) against funds employed of HK\$4,137 million before revaluation of all hotel properties (2023: HK\$4,220 million).

The overall debts were analysed as follows:

|                    | 2023<br><i>HK\$ million</i> | <b>2024</b><br><b><i>HK\$ million</i></b> | Change<br><i>HK\$ million</i> | <b>Interest Paid</b><br><b>2024</b><br><b><i>HK\$ million</i></b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Bank loans         | 330                         | <b>345</b>                                | +15                           | <b>21.1</b>   |
| Shareholder's loan | 545                         | <b>355</b>                                | -190                          | <b>23.9</b>   |
| Overall debts      | 875                         | <b>700</b>                                | -175                          | <b>45.0</b>   |

**FINANCE COST:** Of these loans, the total interest expenses amounted to HK\$45.0 million (2023: HK\$43.7 million), the bank loans interest expenses amounted to HK\$21.1 million (2023: HK\$14.4 million) and the shareholders' loan interest expenses amounted to HK\$23.9 million (2023: HK\$29.3 million). The increase in finance cost was due to increase in interest rate.

The Group's bank borrowings carry interest at floating rates and are mainly denominated in Hong Kong Dollar and Pound Sterling. Accordingly, the Group exposes to exchange risk and the management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

As at 31st December, 2024, the Group had a total number of 568 employees (2023: 536 employees). Remuneration and benefit were set with reference to the market.

## **BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS**

During the year ended 31st December, 2024, the number of overnight visitors in Hong Kong amounted to around 21.9 million against 23.8 million in 2019 pre-pandemic year, among which 68% were mainland visitors and 32% were non-mainland visitors. Per-capita spending of mainland visitors continued to drop to HK\$5,100. The pace of recovery of the tourism industry continues to be affected by the more expensive HKD vs RMB and declining per-capita spending of mainland visitors.

The large increase in hotel operating costs was most significant (31%) due to increase in necessary staffs, cost of salary, cleaning and laundry, etc. and the additional months of operations of the new Grand Bay View Hotel and the newly renovated Magnificent International Hotel, Shanghai.

Throughout the year, the Group achieved an average hotel occupancy rate of over 90%. Compared with last year, the hotel income of the Group increased by 16% to HK\$481 million and the total income of the Group increased by 16% to HK\$526 million.

During the year, the management succeeded in increasing the annual rental of Royal Scot Hotel, London by 34% from GBP3,546,000 to GBP4,737,000. The new rental income was reflected in the 2nd half of 2024.

The Group acquired Wood Street Police Headquarter building in the centre of City of London for GBP40 million on 29th January, 2020 which has a gross internal area of 117,472 s.f. on a 20,000 s.f. island site and obtained planning consents approval to refurbish a deluxe hotel of about 216 guest rooms, restaurant, bar and facilities.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The Group has eight income producing hotels, six in Hong Kong, one in Shanghai, one in London, and the Wood Street Hotel refurbishment project in London.

With the weak economy of the PRC and the expensive HKD vs RMB, the recovery of the PRC visitors may continue to be challenging. More PRC tourists choose to stay in the Greater Bay area and visit Hong Kong on day trips. However, the future prospect of further Multiple-entry Endorsement of other major PRC cities such as Beijing and Shanghai would be most encouraging.

Future prospects of the hotel business and rental incomes may continue to be challenging. The management will keep its effort to increase incomes and control costs.

## PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the year ended 31st December, 2024.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### (a) Compliance with the Corporate Governance Code

During the year ended 31st December, 2024, the Company has complied with all the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix C1 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited with the exception of the following deviation:

*Code Provision C.2.1: chairman and chief executive should not be performed by the same individual*

The Company does not have separate appointments for the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer. Mr. William Cheng Kai Man holds both positions. The Board believes that vesting the roles of both the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer in the same person enables the Company to have a stable and consistent leadership. It also facilitates planning and execution of the Company's strategy and is hence, for the interests of the Company and its shareholders. It is also significantly cost-saving for Mr. Cheng, the Chairman to also serve as the Chief Executive Officer, which would have otherwise been recruited from the market at a heavy cost.

### (b) Compliance with the Model Code

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in Appendix C3 of the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors. All Directors have confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, their compliance with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the year.



## **REVIEW BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The audit committee has reviewed the audited financial results of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2024.

## **SCOPE OF WORK OF MESSRS. DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU**

The figures in respect of the Group's consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of total comprehensive income and the related notes thereto for the year ended 31st December, 2024 as set out in the preliminary announcement have been agreed by the Group's auditor, Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, to the amounts set out in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year as approved by the Board on 14th March, 2025. The work performed by Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement and consequently no opinion or assurance conclusion has been expressed by Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu on the preliminary announcement.

By Order of the Board

**William CHENG Kai Man**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 14th March, 2025

*As at the date hereof, the Board of the Company comprises four Executive Directors, namely Mr. William Cheng Kai Man (Chairman), Mr. Albert Hui Wing Ho, Madam Kimmy Lau Kam May and Madam Ng Yuet Ying; one Non-executive Director, namely, Madam Mabel Lui Fung Mei Yee; and three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Chan Kim Fai, Mr. Lam Kwai Cheung and Mr. Warren Liu Yuk Cho.*