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# CL GROUP (HOLDINGS) LIMITED 昌利 (控股)有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 8098)

## INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GEM ("GEM") OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED (THE "STOCK EXCHANGE")

GEM has been positioned as a market designed to accommodate companies to which a high investment risk may be attached than other companies listed on the Stock Exchange. Prospective investors should be aware of the potential risks of investing in such companies and should make the decision to invest only after due and careful consideration. The greater risk profile and other characteristics of GEM mean that it is a market more suited to professional and other sophisticated investors.

Given the emerging nature of companies listed on GEM, there is a risk that securities traded on GEM may be more susceptible to high market volatility than securities traded on the Main Board and no assurance is given that there will be a liquid market in the securities traded on GEM.

This announcement, for which the directors (the "Directors") of CL Group (Holdings) Limited (the "Company") collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange (the "GEM Listing Rules") for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT

- Recorded an unaudited revenue of approximately HK\$23.7 million for the six months ended 30 September 2018, representing a decrease of approximately 0.3% over the same period of the previous year.
- Recorded an unaudited profit attributable to the owners of the Company of approximately HK\$15.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2018. The increase in profit and total comprehensive income attributable to the owners of the Company as compared with the corresponding period in 2017, which was mainly attributed to the increase in net changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.
- Basic and diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 September 2018 were HK0.69 cents (2017: basic earnings per share of HK0.53 cents) and HK0.69 cents (2017: diluted earnings per share of HK0.53 cents) respectively.
- The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2018 (six months ended 30 September 2017: Nil).

The board of directors (the "Board") of the Company is pleased to present the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2018 together with comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2017, as follows:

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three months and six months ended 30 September 2018

		Three months ended		Six months ended	
		30 Sept	ember	30 Sept	ember
		2018	2017	2018	2017
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	Notes	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Revenue	3	12,222,821	12,439,675	23,662,188	23,736,155
Net gain on trading of financial assets					
at fair value through profit or loss		25,754	1,055,995	2,361,952	1,360,435
Net changes in fair value of financial assets at					
fair value through profit or loss		(2,006,566)	(194,092)	3,051,784	(628,932)
Net other income, gains and losses	4	395,066	365,326	817,595	714,159
Administrative expenses		(6,087,500)	(5,462,793)	(11,619,888)	(11,012,656)
Finance costs		(68)	(53,241)	(68)	(124,638)
Profit before tax		4,549,507	8,150,870	18,273,563	14,044,523
Income tax expenses	6	(1,120,893)	(1,380,155)	(3,080,542)	(2,417,734)
Profit and total comprehensive income					
for the period		3,428,614	6,770,715	15,193,021	11,626,789
Earnings per share					
— Basic	8	0.16 cents	0.31 cents	0.69 cents	0.53 cents
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— Diluted	8	0.16 cents	0.31 cents	0.69 cents	0.53 cents

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2018

	Notes	30 September 2018 (Unaudited) HK\$	31 March 2018 (Audited) HK\$
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	9	1,078,060	1,515,830
Intangible assets		19,244,874	19,843,160
Other assets		1,730,000	1,763,453
Loans receivables	11	3,653,889	372,660
		25,706,823	23,495,103
Current assets			
Trade receivables	10	79,208,355	83,906,082
Loan receivables	11	80,736,007	76,428,583
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments		1,198,607	1,396,156
Financial assets at fair value through			
profit or loss		48,024,960	38,622,985
Tax refundable		1,508,722	1,227,850
Pledged bank deposit	12	10,000,000	5,000,000
Bank balances and cash — trust accounts	12	44,044,392	83,009,627
Bank balances and cash — general accounts	12	9,219,835	25,074,154
		273,940,878	314,665,437
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	13	53,538,225	86,388,818
Other payables and accruals		2,032,711	2,677,817
Income tax payables		1,534,662	658,798
		57,105,598	89,725,433
Net current assets		216,835,280	224,940,004
Total assets less current liabilities		242,542,103	248,435,107

		30 September 2018 (Unaudited)	31 March 2018 (Audited)
	Notes	(Chaudited) HK\$	HK\$
Non-current liability			
Deferred tax liabilities		2,605,664	1,691,689
Net assets		239,936,439	246,743,418
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	14	22,000,000	22,000,000
Reserves		217,936,439	224,743,418
Total equity		239,936,439	246,743,418

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 September 2018

	Share	Share	Merger	Share	Capital	Retained	
	capital	premium	reserve	options reserve	reserve	profits	Total
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
At 1 April 2018  Profit and total  comprehensive income	22,000,000	130,931,993	32,500,000	8,275,000	(112,519)	53,148,944	246,743,418
for the period	_	_	_	_	_	15,193,021	15,193,021
Dividend						(22,000,000)	(22,000,000)
At 30 September 2018	22,000,000	130,931,993	32,500,000	8,275,000	(112,519)	46,341,965	239,936,439
At 1 April 2017 Profit and total	22,000,000	130,931,993	32,500,000	8,275,000	(112,519)	58,679,735	252,274,209
comprehensive income for the period	_	_	_	_	_	11,626,789	11,626,789
Dividend						(22,000,000)	(22,000,000)
At 30 September 2017	22,000,000	130,931,993	32,500,000	8,275,000	(112,519)	48,306,524	241,900,998

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 September 2018

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2018	2017	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$	HK\$	
Net cash generated from operating activities	9,965,360	11,598,475	
Net cash generated from investing activities	(3,819,679)	8,370,378	
Net cash used in from financing activities	(22,000,000)	(28,200,000)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(15,854,319)	(8,231,147)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	25,074,154	11,918,299	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	9,219,835	3,687,152	
Analysis of the balance of cash and cash equivalents			
Bank balances and cash — general accounts	9,219,835	3,687,152	
Bank overdraft		<u> </u>	
	9,219,835	3,687,152	

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1 Corporate information

The Company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability. The Company's shares have been listed on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), which is same as the functional currency of the Company.

The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") are engaged in the provision of securities, futures and options broking and trading, margin and loan financing services, placing and underwriting services, securities advisory services and investment holding.

### 2 Basis of preparation and principal accounting policies

The unaudited condensed consolidated results have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Accounting Standards and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") and the disclosure requirements of the GEM Listing Rules. They have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair value. It was authorised for issue on 7 November 2018.

The accounting policies and method of computation used in preparing the unaudited condensed consolidated results are consistent with those used in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 except in relation to the new and revised standards, amendments and interpretations ("new and revised HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA that are adopted for the first time for the current period's financial statements. The adoption of these new and revised HKFRSs has had no material impact on the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim results have not been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

The Group has not early adopted any new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective.

This interim financial report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since 31 March 2018. The condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with the HKFRSs.

The interim financial report is unaudited. The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 March 2018 that is included in the interim financial report as being previously reported information does not constitute the Company's statutory financial statements for the financial year but is derived from those financial statements. The statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 are available from the Company's registered office. The auditor has expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated 21 June 2018.

## 3 Revenue

An analysis of the Group's revenue for the period from continuing operations is as follows:

	Three mon	nths ended	Six months ended		
	30 Sept	tember	30 Sept	tember	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	
Commission and brokerage fees from securities					
dealings on the Stock Exchange	2,423,404	2,438,657	4,594,458	4,202,520	
Placing and underwriting commission	_	210,000	_	280,000	
Commission and brokerage fees from dealing in					
futures contracts	170,893	66,769	322,699	69,819	
Commission from securities advisory services	60,000	1,000,000	60,000	1,000,000	
Other services income	495	19,838	980	20,575	
Clearing and settlement fees	898,039	714,179	1,551,405	998,771	
Handling service and dividend collection fees	26,711	55,879	65,486	114,106	
Interest income from					
<ul><li>— clients (including margin clients)</li></ul>	7,738,782	6,164,937	15,483,243	13,118,620	
— authorised financial institutions	63,450	54,636	117,300	94,279	
— others	262,847	1,036,068	279,049	2,398,362	
Income derived from income right and					
film right	578,200	587,042	1,187,568	1,154,241	
Market data subscription income		91,670		284,862	
	12,222,821	12,439,675	23,662,188	23,736,155	

## 4 Net other income, gains and losses

	Three mon	Six months ended			
	30 Sept	ember	30 September		
	2018	2017	2018	2017	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	
Net exchange gain/(loss)	(6,996)	12,822	(39,832)	13,081	
Recovery of other receivables	347,255	320,642	687,657	634,956	
Dividend income	51,260	_	51,260	_	
Sundry income	3,547	31,862	118,510	66,122	
	395,066	365,326	817,595	714,159	

#### 5 Business and geographical segments

Information reported to the Board, being the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of services provided. In addition, for "Securities, futures and options brokering and trading" and "Placing and underwriting", "Loan financing", "Securities advisory service" and "investment holding" the information reported to the Board of Directors is further analysed based on the different classes of customers.

Specifically, the Group's reportable segments under HKFRS 8 are as follow:

Securities, futures and options	Provision of securities and futures brokering services and
brokering and trading	margin financing
Placing and underwriting	Provision of placing and underwriting services
Loan financing	Provision of money lending services
Securities advisory services	Provision of securities advisory services
Investment holdings	Investment income and capital appreciation

The reportable segments have been identified on the basis of internal management reports prepared in accordance with accounting policies conforming to HKFRSs that are regularly reviewed by CODM.

Segments profit represents profit earned by each segment without allocation of other revenue, central administration costs and finance costs. This is the basis of measurement reported to the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

## **Business segments**

Segment revenues and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenues and results by reportable segments:

	Six months ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)						
	Securities, futures and options brokering and trading HK\$	Placing and underwriting HK\$	Loan financing HK\$	Securities advisory services HK\$	Investment holdings HK\$	Consolidated HK\$	
Segment revenue	12,142,032		9,985,296	60,000	1,474,860	23,662,188	
Segment results	5,763,068	(225,584)	8,799,040	(24,211)	5,992,658	20,304,971	
Net other income, gains and losses Unallocated other operating expenses Finance costs						766,335 (2,797,675) (68)	
Profit before tax Income tax expenses						18,273,563 (3,080,542)	
Profit for the period						15,193,021	
		Six	x months ended 30 (Unaudit				
	Securities, futures and options brokering and trading HK\$	Placing and underwriting HK\$	Loan financing HK\$	Securities advisory services HK\$	Investment holdings HK\$	Consolidated HK\$	
Segment revenue	11,317,207	280,000	7,352,698	1,000,000	3,786,250	23,736,155	
Segment results	4,949,915	36,120	6,088,195	908,251	3,643,918	15,626,399	
Net other income, gains and losses Unallocated other operating expenses Finance costs						714,159 (2,171,397) (124,638)	
Profit before tax Income tax expenses						14,044,523 (2,417,734)	
Profit for the period						11,626,789	

Revenue reported above represents revenue generated from external customers. There was no intersegment sale during the period (six months ended 30 September 2017: Nil).

## At 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)

			(Unaudit	ted)		
	Securities,					
	futures and					
	options			Securities		
	brokering and	Placing and	Loan	advisory	Investment	
	trading	underwriting	financing	services	holdings	Consolidated
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
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Assets						
Segment assets	127,187,230	_	84,472,680	_	68,733,021	280,392,931
Unallocated assets	127,107,200		01,112,000		00,700,021	19,254,770
Chanocated assets						
Total assets						299,647,701
Liabilities						
Segment liabilities	55,520,345	_	1,502,626	_	2,360,081	59,383,052
Unallocated liabilities						328,210
Total liabilities						59,711,262
Total naomics						57,711,202
			At 31 March			
			(Audite	d)		
	Securities,					
	futures and					
	options			Securities		
	brokering and	Placing and	Loan	advisory	Investment	
	trading	underwriting	financing	services	holdings	Consolidated
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Assets						
Segment assets	171,268,177	_	79,047,632	_	67,290,224	317,606,033
Unallocated assets						20,554,507
Total assets						229 160 540
Total assets						338,160,540
Liabilities						
Segment liabilities	88,705,480	_	627,420	_	1,756,722	91,089,622
Unallocated liabilities						327,500
Total liabilities						91,417,122
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For the purposes of monitoring segment performance and allocating resources between segments:

- all assets are allocated to reportable segments other than other receivables, deposits and prepayments, tax refundable, pledged bank deposit, bank balances and cash general accounts. Assets used jointly by segments are allocated on the basis of the revenues earned by individual segment; and
- all liabilities are allocated to reportable segments other than part of other payables, accruals, bank borrowings, income tax payables and deferred tax liabilities. Liabilities for which segments are jointly liable are allocated in proportion to segment assets.

#### **Other information**

	Securities,	Six	months ended 30 (Unaudit	_		
	futures and options brokering and trading HK\$	Placing and underwriting HK\$	Loan and financing HK\$	Securities advisory services HK\$	Investment holdings HK\$	Consolidated HK\$
Additions to plant and						
equipment	_	_	_	_	_	_
Depreciation of plant and						
equipment	433,129	_	4,641	_	_	437,770
Amortisation of intangible assets					598,286	598,286
		Siz	x months ended 30 S	September 2017		
			(Unaudite	ed)		
	Securities,					
	futures and					
	options			Securities		
	brokering and	Placing and	Loan and	advisory	Investment	
	trading	underwriting	financing	services	holdings	Consolidated
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Additions to plant and						
equipment	119,991	_	_	_	_	119,991
Depreciation of plant and						
equipment	413,564	_	4,641	_	_	418,205
Amortisation of intangible assets					598,286	598,286

## **Geographical information**

The Group operates in the two principal geographical areas — Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

The Group's revenue from external customers by location of operations and information about its non-current assets by location of assets are detailed as below:

	Revenue external ci		Non-curre	nt assets*
	Six months		At	At
	30 Septe	mber	30 September	31 March
	2018	2017	2018	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Hong Kong	22,480,560	22,581,914	2,808,060	3,279,283
The PRC	1,181,628	1,154,241	19,244,874	19,843,160
	23,662,188	23,736,155	22,052,934	23,122,443

<sup>\*</sup> Non-current assets exclude financial instrument.

## Information on major customers

A major customer of the Group accounted for approximately 12% (2017: 9%) of the total revenue during the six months ended 30 September 2018.

## 6 Income tax expenses

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	30 Sept	30 September		ember
	2018	<b>2018</b> 2017		2017
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Hong Kong Profits Tax				
— current period	1,089,823	1,028,325	2,166,567	2,235,917
Deferred tax				
— current period	31,070	351,830	913,975	181,817
	1,120,893	1,380,155	3,080,542	2,417,734

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimate assessable profit arising in Hong Kong for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2018 and 2017.

#### 7 Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2018 (six months ended 30 September 2017: Nil).

## 8 Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company and the weighted average number of the Company's ordinary shares in issue during the period.

		Three months ended		Six months ended		
		30 Sept	tember	30 September		
		2018	2017	2018	2017	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	
Profit for the period attributable to						
owners of the Company		3,428,614	6,770,715	15,193,021	11,626,789	
		Three mor		Six mont		
		30 Sept		30 Sept		
		2018	2017	2018	2017	
	Note	No. of shares	No. of shares	No. of shares	No. of shares	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period	(a)	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares and dilutive potential ordinary shares in issue during the period	(a)	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000	
shares in issue during the period	(a)	<u> </u>	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000	2,200,000,000	

#### Notes:

No adjustment had been made to the basic earnings per share amounts presented for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2018 as the conversion of the outstanding share options during the period had an anti-dilutive effect on the basic earnings per share because the exercise price per share option was higher than the average share price of the Company for the period.

## 9 Plant and equipment

During the six months ended 30 September 2018, the Group acquired items of plant and equipment with a cost of HK\$Nil (six months ended 30 September 2017: HK\$119,991). During the six months ended 30 September 2018, the Group has not disposed items and write-off of plant and equipment (six months ended 30 September 2017: Nil).

#### 10 Trade receivables

	30 September 2018 (Unaudited) HK\$	31 March 2018 (Audited) HK\$
Trade receivables from the business of dealing		
in securities:		
— Cash clients	62,423	896,480
— Margin clients	71,088,208	77,575,448
— Clearing houses and brokers	5,313,725	3,398,276
Trade receivables from the business of dealing		
in futures contracts:		
— Clearing houses	2,555,506	1,828,733
Income receivables from the income right	188,493	207,145
	79,208,355	83,906,082

The settlement terms of trade receivables arising from the business of dealing in securities are two days after the trade date, and trade receivables arising from the business of dealing in futures contracts are one day after the trade date.

Accounts receivable from cash clients relate to a wide range of customers for whom there was no recent history of default. These receivables are secured by their portfolios of securities. Cash clients are required to place cash deposits as prescribed in the Group's credit policy before execution of any purchase transactions. Based on past experience and current assessment, management believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of these balances as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balances are considered fully recoverable.

Margin clients are required to pledge securities as collateral to the Group in order to obtain credit facilities for securities trading. The amount of credit facilities granted to them is determined by the discounted value of securities accepted by the Group. At 30 September 2018, margin loans due from margin clients were current and repayable on demand except for HK\$12,340,682 (31 March 2018: HK\$12,344,680) where the margin loans were past due. At 30 September 2018, the total market value of securities pledged as collateral in respect of the loans to borrowing margin clients and all margin clients were HK\$116,659,565 and HK\$211,652,183 respectively (31 March 2018: HK\$160,030,982 and HK\$253,035,978 respectively). Margin loans that were past due but not impaired relate to a number of independent customers that have a good track record with the Group. Based on past experience, management believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of these balances as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balances are considered fully recoverable.

The aging analysis of the trade receivables are as follows:

	30 September 2018 (Unaudited) HK\$	31 March 2018 (Audited) HK\$
Margin clients balances: No due date Past due but not impaired	58,747,526 12,340,682	65,230,768 12,344,680
	71,088,208	77,575,448
Cash clients balances: No due date Past due but not impaired	62,423	896,480 —
	62,423	896,480
Other balances: Not yet due (within 30 days) Past due but not impaired	8,057,724	5,434,154
	8,057,724	5,434,154
	79,208,355	83,906,082

Provision of impairment loss on trade receivables:

	30 September	31 March
	2018	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$	HK\$
Balance at beginning of the period/year	2,861,193	2,886,251
Impairment loss for the period/year		(25,058)
Balance at end of the period/year	2,861,193	2,861,193
The aging analysis of trade receivables that are past due b	out not impaired:	
	30 September	31 March
	2018	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$	HK\$
Margin clients balances:		
Past due	12,340,682	12,344,680

To minimise the Group's exposure to credit risk, the management is responsible for the evaluation of the customers' credit ratings, financial background and repayment abilities. Management has set up credit limit for each individual customer, which is subjected to regular review. Any extension of credit beyond the approved limit has to be approved by relevant level of management on an individual basis according to the amount exceeded. The Group has a policy for reviewing impairment of trade receivables which do not have sufficient collateral and those with default or delinquency in interest or principal payment. The assessment is based on an evaluation of the collectability and aging analysis of the accounts and on management's judgement, including current credit-worthiness, collateral's value and past collection history of each customer.

In determining the recoverability of the trade receivables, the Group considers any change in the credit quality of the trade receivables from the date when credit was initially granted up to the reporting date. The credit risk is considered limited due to the customer base being large and unrelated. The Directors believe that a HK\$2,861,193 (31 March 2018: HK\$2,861,193) allowance for impairment was necessary as at 30 September 2018.

#### 11 Loan receivables

	30 September	31 March
	2018	2018
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$	HK\$
Loan advanced and interest receivables	84,389,896	76,801,243
Analysed as:		
Current	80,736,007	76,428,583
Non-current	3,653,889	372,660
	84,389,896	76,801,243

The fair values of the Group's loan receivables at the end of reporting period are determined based on the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted using the prevailing market rates at the end of each reporting period. The fair values of the Group's loan receivables approximate to the corresponding carrying amounts of the loan receivables.

The loan receivables have been reviewed by the Directors to assess impairment which are based on the evaluation of collectability, aging analysis of accounts and on their judgment, including the current creditworthiness and the past collection statistics. The Directors considered that no impairment is required to be provided for the period/year.

## 12 Bank balances and cash/pledged bank deposit

The Group maintains segregated trust accounts with licensed banks to hold clients' monies arising from its normal course of business. The Group has classified the clients' monies as cash held on behalf of customers under the current assets section of the consolidated statement of financial position and recognised the corresponding accounts payable to respective clients on the grounds that one is liable for any loss or misappropriation of clients' monies. The Group is not allowed to use the clients' monies to settle its own obligations.

The general accounts and cash comprise cash held by the Group and bank deposits are bearing interest at commercial rates with original maturity of three months or less. The fair values of these assets at the end of the reporting period approximate their carrying amounts.

Pledge bank deposit represents deposit pledged to bank to secure bank facilities granted to the Group. Deposits amounting to HK\$10,000,000 (31 March 2018: HK\$5,000,000) have been pledged to secure bank overdrafts and bank loans is therefore classified as current assets.

## 13 Trade payables

The settlement terms of trade payables arising from the business of dealing in securities are two days after trade date, and trade payables arising from the business of dealing in futures contracts are one day after trade date. No aging analysis is disclosed as in the opinion of the Directors, the aged analysis does not give additional value in view of the short period for payment.

Included in trade payables to cash clients and margin clients attributable to dealing in securities and futures contracts transaction which described in Note 12 to the interim financial statement representing these clients' undrawn monies/excess deposits placed with the Company. The balances are repayable on demand.

The Directors consider that the carrying amounts of trade payables approximate their fair values.

## 14 Share capital

## The Company

	Number of shares	HK\$
Authorised:		
At 1 April 2017, 31 March 2018, 1 April 2018 and 30 September 2018, ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	5,000,000,000	50,000,000
	Number of shares	HK\$
Issued and fully paid:		
At 1 April 2017, 31 March 2018, and 30 September 2018 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	2,200,000,000	22,000,000

## 15 Contingent liabilities

At 30 September 2018, neither the Group nor the Company had any significant contingent liabilities (31 March 2018: Nil).

## 16 Capital commitment

At 30 September 2018, the Company did not have any significant commitments (31 March 2018: Nil).

## 17 Related party transactions

Balances and transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties of the Company, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. Details of transactions between the Group and other related parties are disclosed below.

(a) During the period, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties. The transactions were carried out at estimated market prices determined by the Directors of the Company.

		Three months ended		Six months ended		
		30 Sep	tember	30 September		
		2018	2017	2018	2017	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	
Commission and brokerage income from securities trading:						
— Au Suet Ming Clarea	Substantial shareholder					
("Ms. Au") and her associate		3,055	100	5,099	3,216	
— CAAL Capital Limited	Owned by Ms. Au	240,700	234,787	481,592	467,768	
— Au Yik Fei	Associate of Ms. Au	_	100	_	100	
— Au Yuk Kit	Associate of Ms. Au	200	1,150	200	1,255	
— Yu Linda	Director		144	225	394	

(b) Included in trade receivables and payables arising from the business of dealing in securities and futures contracts are amounts due from/(to) certain related parties, the net balance of which are as follows:

		At 30 September	At 31 March
		2018	2018
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
		HK\$	HK\$
Amount due from/(to) related parties			
— Ms. Au	Substantial shareholder	(717,794)	615,833
— CAAL Capital Company Limited	Wholly-owned by Ms. Au	(319,326)	(406,417)
— China Merit International Holdings	Wholly-owned by Ms. Au		
Limited		(31,854)	_
— Au Yik Fei	Associate of Ms. Au	(5,716)	64,517
— Au Yuk Kit	Associate of Ms. Au	(156,908)	(141,563)
— Au Nim Bing	Associate of Ms. Au	(203)	(2,671,306)

The fair values of the balances included in the accounts at the end of the reporting period approximate the corresponding carrying amounts.

The settlement terms of trade receivables/payables including transactions with related parties arising from the business of dealing in securities are T+2; and trade receivables/ payables arising from the business of dealing in futures are T+1. The settlement terms are same as those with third parties. The related parties custodians' cash placed with the Group in its trust account were included in trade payables and would be settled upon request or the related party ceased to trade with the Group.

(c) The remuneration of Directors of the Company and other members of key management during the period was as follows:

	Six months ended		
	30 September	30 September	
	2018	2017	
	( <b>Unaudited</b> ) (Un		
	HK\$	HK\$	
Short-term benefits	1,248,506	1,240,635	
Post-employment benefits	_	_	
Share based payment			
	1,248,506	1,240,635	

## 18 Event after the reporting period

On 8 October 2018, the Group entered into the Agreement with a purchaser pursuant to which the Group has agreed to sell to the purchaser the Income Rights of PV Power Plant at the consideration of RMB21,000,000 in cash. The consideration of RMB21,000,000 shall be paid to the Group in cash on or before 31 December 2018. To the best of the Director's knowledge, information and belief, and after making all reasonable enquiries, the purchaser and its ultimate beneficial owner are independent third parties who is not connected with the Group and its connected persons (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules).

## 19 Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified or restated to conform with current period presentation.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **Market Review**

During the six month period under review, global equities made gains, it mainly due to the US market's strength. But political uncertainty and China-US trade war concerns weighed on other regions. Hong Kong stock market was adversely affected due to the escalation in China-US trade war. At 30 September 2018, the Hang Seng Index recorded as 27,788 representing approximately 7.7% decrease as compared with 30,093 at 31 March 2018.

#### **Business Review**

#### **Turnover**

The Group's total turnover and investment income for the six months ended 30 September 2018 was approximately HK\$29.1 million, as compared with the corresponding period in 2017 of approximately HK\$24.5 million, increased by approximately 18.8% or approximately HK\$4.6 million.

#### **Securities and Futures Brokerage**

Revenue from securities and futures brokerage represent commission and brokerage fee and other fees including interest derived from cash and margin securities or futures accounts and interest from IPO financing.

The commission and brokerage fees from securities dealing on the Stock Exchange increased by approximately 9.3% from approximately HK\$4.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2017 to approximately HK\$4.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2018. The total value of transactions for securities dealing increased by approximately 67.7% from approximately HK\$41,489.3 million for the six months ended 30 September 2017 to approximately HK\$69,581.4 million for the six months ended 30 September 2018. As a result, income relating to clearing and settlement fee and handling service also increased by approximately 45.3% from approximately HK\$1.1 million for the six months ended 30 September 2017 to approximately HK\$1.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2018.

The commission and brokerage fees on dealing in futures contracts increased by approximately 362.2% from HK\$69,819 for the six months ended 30 September 2017 to HK\$322,699 for the six months ended 30 September 2018.

The interest income derived from cash and margin securities accounts for the six months ended 30 September 2018 was approximately HK\$5.5 million represents a decrease of approximately 4.7% from approximately HK\$5.8 million of the corresponding period in 2017.

## **Loan Financing**

The Group holds Money Lenders Licence to engage in money lending business for providing loan and financing to customers. During the reporting period, CLC Finance Limited, the Company's wholly subsidiary, provides loan and financing service to customers. The interest income derived from providing loan and finance to customers for the six months ended 30 September 2018 was approximately HK\$10.0 million (For the six months ended 30 September 2017: approximately HK\$7.3 million).

## **Securities Advisory Services**

The Group holds licence under the Securities and Futures Ordinance to engage in Type 4 regulated activities — Advising on Securities. Revenue generated from this segment derived from services provided under these regulated activities.

Commission income from securities advisory services for the six months ended 30 September 2018 was approximately HK\$60,000 (For the six months ended 30 September 2017: approximately HK\$1.0 million).

## **Placing and Underwriting Business**

Under normal circumstances, the Group acts as an underwriter or a sub-underwriter or a placing agent or a sub-placing agent on best effort basis for fund-raising activities. It would take the role on underwritten basis only if it received special requests from the issuers and/or their respective placing and underwriting agents.

The Group did not have any placing and underwriting commission for the six months ended 30 September 2018 (For the six months ended 30 September 2017: approximately HK\$0.3 million).

## **Investment Holdings**

The Group maintained a portfolio investment included the holding of listed equity securities, bonds and income right and film right. The Group traded equity securities listed in Hong Kong, USA and Canada. The Group holds an income right of the photovoltaic power plant at the rooftop of a factory located at Hunan Province, the PRC to generate cash inflow. As at 30 September 2018, the total value of the Group investment portfolio was approximately HK\$68.7 million (31 March 2018: approximately HK\$67.3 million), including the value of portfolio of listed securities of approximately HK\$48.0 million (31 March 2018: approximately HK\$38.6 million).

During the period under review, the net gain on trading of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$2.4 million and net gain in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately HK\$3.1 million (2017: approximately HK\$1.4 million and net loss in fair value of approximately HK\$0.6 million respectively).

#### Financial review

The Group's revenue for the six months ended 30 September 2018 was approximately HK\$23.7 million, representing a decrease of approximately 0.3% from approximately HK\$23.7 million of the corresponding period in 2017.

Administrative expenses for the six months ended 30 September 2018 were approximately HK\$11.6 million (approximately HK\$11.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2017) representing an increase of approximately 5.5%, mainly attributed to the increase in CCASS charges of approximately HK\$0.6 million.

Profit attributable to the owners of the Company amounted to HK\$15.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2018 (HK\$11.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2017). The increase in profit attributable to the owners of the Company was mainly attributed to the increase in net changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company was HK0.69 cents for the six months ended 30 September 2018 (HK0.53 cents for the six months ended 30 September 2017). Diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 September 2018 were HK0.69 cents (2017: diluted earnings per share of HK0.53 cents).

#### Liquidity and financial resources and capital structure

The Group financed its operations by shareholders' equity and cash generated from operations.

The Group maintained a financial position, with pledged bank deposit and bank balance and cash in general accounts amounting to approximately HK\$19.2 million at 30 September 2018 (approximately HK\$30.1 million at 31 March 2018). Most of the Group's cash and bank balances in general accounts were denominated in Hong Kong dollars. At 30 September 2018, the Group had net current assets of approximately HK\$216.8 million (approximately HK\$224.9 million as at 31 March 2018). Current ratio of the Group as at 30 September 2017 was approximately 4.8 times (approximately 3.5 times at 31 March 2018).

At 30 September 2018, the Group had not utilised the secured loans (31 March 2017: Nil).

The gearing ratio is calculated as total indebtedness divided by total capital. Total indebtedness is total bank borrowings (including current and non-current bank borrowings). Total capital is calculated as "equity", as shown in the statement of financial position. At 30 September 2018, the Group has not bank borrowing (HK\$ Nil at 30 September 2017).

Taking into consideration the existing financial resources available to the Group, it is anticipated that the Group should have adequate financial resources to meet its ongoing operating and development requirements.

## **Capital Commitments**

As at 30 September 2018, the Group did not have any significant capital commitments (Nil at 31 March 2018).

#### Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2018 (Nil for the six months ended 30 September 2017).

#### **Staff and remuneration policies**

The Group believes that staff is our most valuable asset, they are encouraged to pursue excellence at work and career development. We encourage staff to maintain healthy balance between work and life, and communicate with staff to enhance staff morale and their sense of belonging.

Remuneration is determined based on the individual's qualification, experience, position, job responsibility and market conditions. Salary adjustments and staff promotion are based on evaluation of staff performance by way of annual review, and discretionary bonuses would be paid to staff with reference to the financial performance of the Group of the preceding financial year. Other benefits include contributions to statutory mandatory provident fund scheme to its employees in Hong Kong and options that may be granted under the share option scheme.

#### **Charge on group assets and Guarantee**

As at 30 September 2018, certain bank deposits of the Group's subsidiaries in the aggregate amount of HK\$10.0 million (HK\$5.0 million at 31 March 2018) were pledged and corporate guarantee from the Company for securing overdraft and revolving loan facilities amounted to HK\$49.5 million (31 March 2018: HK\$29.5 million) issued by the banks to the Group. At 30 September 2018, the banking facilities granted by the banks were not utilised (31 March 2018: Nil).

## **Contingent liabilities**

At 30 September 2018, the Group had no material contingent liabilities (31 March 2018: Nil).

#### Foreign exchange exposure

The Group's business is principally conducted in Hong Kong dollars, the Directors consider that potential foreign exchange exposure of the Group is limited.

#### Future plans for material investments or capital assets

At 30 September 2018, the Group had no plans for material investments or acquisition of capital assets, but will actively pursue opportunities for investments to enhance the profitability of the Group in its ordinary course of business.

#### **Outlook**

Hong Kong stock market was negatively impacted by escalation in China-US trade war. It is expected that China and US both would like to leave some room to negotiate but the Hong Kong stock market might still be volatile. The Group will leverage the knowledge and experience of our management team to seize opportunities as they arise. The Group will continue to put efforts on expanding the margin and loan financing business and securities advisory service and on satisfying the need of our customers.

The Group aims to become a leading financial service group in Hong Kong. The Group will actively review future business opportunities to develop into various financial services in Hong Kong in anticipating to bring in new sources of income and to further increase the profitability of the Group.

## RISK MANAGEMENT CREDIT RISK Credit Risk

Credit risk exposure represents loans to customer, account receivables from brokers, clients and clearing houses which principally arise from our business activities. The Group has a credit policy in place and the credit risk is monitored on on-going basis.

For account receivables from clients, normally clients are required to settle the amount within 2 days (T+2). Responsible officers will regularly review the overdue balance. The credit risk arising from the account receivables from clients is considered as small.

For trade receivables from margin clients, normally the Group obtains securities and/ or cash deposits as collateral for providing margin financing to clients. Receivables from margin clients are repayable on demand. Market conditions and the adequacy of collateral of each margin clients are monitored by responsible officers on a daily basis. Margin calls and forced liquidation are required when necessary.

For trade receivables from brokers and clearing houses, the Group considered that credit risk is low as those brokers and clearing houses are registered with regulatory bodies.

In order to minimise the credit risk of loan receivables, the management of the Group has delegated a team responsible for determination of credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue loan receivables, if any. In addition, the Group reviews the recoverable amount of each individual loan receivable at the end of the reporting period to ensure that adequate impairment losses are made for irrecoverable amounts. In this regard, the Directors of the Company consider that the Group's loan receivables credit risk is significantly reduced.

The Group does not provide any guarantees which would expose the Group to credit risk.

## **Liquidity Risk**

The Group is subject to the statutory liquidity requirements as prescribed by the regulators. The Group has a monitoring system to ensure that it maintains adequate liquid capital to fund its business commitments and to comply with the Securities and Futures (Financial Resources) Rules (Cap.571N).

The Group has maintained stand-by banking facilities to meet any contingency in its operations. The Board believes that the Group's working capital is adequate to meet its long and short term financial obligations.

## Foreign Exchange Risk

Certain assets of the Group's business are denominated in foreign currencies which expose the Group to foreign currency risk. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

#### SHARE OPTION SCHEMES

The Company has a share option scheme namely, share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") which were adopted on 22 February 2011.

## **Share Option Scheme**

The Company adopted the Share Option Scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") on 22 February 2011, which was approved by the shareholders' written resolutions, is valid and effective for a period of 10 years, the remaining life of the Share Option Scheme is 3 years. It is established to attract and retain the best available personnel, to provide additional incentive to employees (full-time and part-time), directors, consultants, advisers, distributors, contractors, suppliers, agents, customers, business partners and service providers of the Group and to promote the success of the business of the Group. Pursuant to the Share Option Scheme, the Board may, at its discretion and on such terms as it may think fit, offer to grant an option to any employee (full-time or part-time), director, consultant or adviser of the Group, or any substantial shareholder of the Group, or any distributor, contractor, supplier, agent, customer, business partner or service provider of the Group. An offer for the grant of share options must be accepted within 7 days inclusive of the day on which such offer was made. The amount payable by the grantee of an option to the Company on acceptance of the offer for the grant of an option is HK\$1.

At 30 September 2018, the total number of shares in respect of which share options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme is not permitted to exceed 110,000,000 shares, representing 5% of the total number of shares of the Company as at 30 September 2018.

Under the share option scheme, the Company may grant to the Directors and employees of the Group and any other persons who, in the sole discretion of the Board, have contributed or will contribute to the Group which options granted shall be immediately vested. The maximum number of shares to be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the share option scheme and any other share option scheme of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 30% of the total number of shares in issue from time to time.

The total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the share option scheme and any other share option scheme of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the shares in issue at the date of the passing of the relevant ordinary resolution. If any option is to be granted to connected person(s), it must be approved by independent non-executive directors or independent shareholders as the case may be.

The total number of shares issued and which may fall to be issued upon exercise of the options granted under the Share Option Scheme to eligible participants in any 12 months period up to the date of grant shall not exceed 1% of the Shares in issue as the date of grant. Any further grant of options in excess of this 1% limit shall be subject to the approval of shareholders in a general meeting.

The subscription price of a Share in respect of any particular option granted under the Share Option Scheme shall not be less than the highest of: (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets on the date of grant; (ii) the average of the closing prices of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant; or (iii) the nominal value of a Share.

The total number of shares in respect of which share options granted under the Share Option Scheme as at 30 September 2018 and not yet exercised was 100,000,000 which represented approximately 4.55% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 September 2018.

At 30 September 2018, details of the share options granted under the Share Option Scheme are as follows:

					Chang	ges during the pe	riod	
Grantees	Date of Grant (dd/mm/yyyy)	Exercise price# per share HK\$	Exercisable period (dd/mm/yyyy)	Balance at 1 April 2018	Granted	Exercised	Cancelled/ lapsed	Balance at 30 September 2018
Kwok Kin Chung, Executive Director	09/04/2014	0.2275	09/04/2014-08/04/2023	20,000,000	_	_	_	20,000,000
Yu Linda, Executive Director	09/04/2014	0.2275	09/04/2014-08/04/2023	20,000,000	_	_	_	20,000,000
Lau Kin Hon, Executive Director	09/04/2014	0.2275	09/04/2014-08/04/2023	20,000,000	_			20,000,000
			Sub-total	60,000,000				60,000,000
Employees and Other Participants	09/04/2014	0.2275	09/04/2014-08/04/2023	40,000,000	_	_	_	40,000,000
			Total	100,000,000				100,000,000
Weighted average exercise	price			0.2275				0.2275

#### Fair value of share options and assumptions

The fair value of share option granted at the grant date was HK\$8,275,000, which are calculated using the Black-Scholes model with the following inputs:

Date of grant : 9 April 2014
Share price at the grant date : HK\$0.410
Exercise price\* : HK\$0.2275
Expected volatility : 55.019%
Expected life of option : 9 years
Expected dividend yield : 5.860%
Risk free rate : 2.106%

The fair values of share options granted by the Company were determined by using Black-Scholes option pricing model (the "Model"). The Model is one of the commonly used models to estimate the fair value of an option. The variables and assumptions used in computing the fair value of the share options are based on the management's best estimate. The value of an option varies with different variables of a number of subjective assumptions. Any change in the variables so adopted may materially affect the estimation of the fair value of an option.

## DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITION IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

At 30 September 2018, save for the interest of the Directors in share options as below, neither of the Directors nor the Chief Executive of the Company had interests and or short positions in the shares of the Company, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571, Laws of Hong Kong) ("SFO") which (i) are required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (ii) were recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or (iii) have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standards of dealing by directors as referred to in Rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules.

## Long Position in the Shares and underlying shares of the Company

## **Share Option**

At 30 September 2018, there were a total of 60,000,000 outstanding share options of the Company granted to the Directors, details of which are summarised in the following table:

			Options to Su	bscribe for Shares o	of the Company				
Director	Date of grant (dd/mm/yyyy)	Outstanding at 1 April 2018	Granted during the period	Exercised during the period	Lapsed during the period	Outstanding at 30 September 2018	Option exercise Period (dd/mm/yyyy)	Exercise price <sup>#</sup> per share	Approximate percentage of shareholding
Kwok Kin Chung	09/04/2014	20,000,000	_	_	_	20,000,000	09/04/2014 to 08/04/2023	HK\$0.2275	0.91%
Yu Linda	09/04/2014	20,000,000	_	_	_	20,000,000	09/04/2014 to 08/04/2023	HK\$0.2275	0.91%
Lau Kin Hon	09/04/2014	20,000,000				20,000,000	09/04/2014 to 08/04/2023	HK\$0.2275	0.91%
Total		60,000,000	_	_	_	60,000,000			2.73%

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors or the Chief Executives of the Company had any interest or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations at 30 September 2018.

The exercise price of share options is subject to adjustment in the case of bonus issues, or other similar Company's capital reorganisation.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 30 September 2018, according to the register of interests kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO, the following parties (in addition to those disclosed above in respect of the Directors and Chief Executives of the Company) had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which were required to be recorded in the register and/or were directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the issued share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other members of the Group:

#### Long position in shares of the Company

Name of shareholder	Number of shares	Approximate percentage holding
Zillion Profit Limited	1,500,000,000	68.18%
Ms. Au Suet Ming Clarea (Note i)	1,500,000,000	68.18%

Note:

(i) Ms. Au Suet Ming Clarea is deemed to be interested in 1,500,000,000 shares through her controlling interest (100%) in Zillion Profit Limited.

Save as disclosed above, at 30 September 2018, the Directors are not aware of any other persons who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which were interested in 5% or more of the issued share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other members of the Group.

## PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September 2018.

#### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN A COMPETING BUSINESS

For the six months ended 30 September 2018, the Directors are not aware of any business or interest of the Directors, the controlling shareholder(s) of the Company and their respective close associates (as defined under the GEM Listing Rules) that compete or may compete with the business of the Group and any other conflict of interest which any such person has or may have with the Group.

#### SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the code of conduct for securities transactions by the Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Company had made specific enquiry to all the Directors and the Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standard of dealings and its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors during the six months ended 30 September 2018.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Group is committed to promoting high standards of corporate governance. The Directors believe that sound and reasonable corporate governance practices are essential for the growth of the Group and for safeguarding the shareholders' interests and the Group's assets.

Throughout the period of six months ended 30 September 2018, the Company has complied with all the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules, except for the following deviation:

Under CG Code Provision A.2.1, the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and chief executive should be clearly established and set out in writing.

The Group currently has no chairman. The daily operation and management of the Group is monitored by CEO, executive Directors and the senior management.

The Board is of the view that although there is no chairman, the balance of power and authority is ensured by the operation of the Board, which comprises experienced individuals who would meet from time to time to discuss issues affecting operation of the Group. This arrangement can still enable the Group to make and implement decisions promptly, and thus achieve the Group's objectives efficiently and effectively in response to the changing environment.

The Group will, at the appropriate time, arrange for the election of the new chairman of the Board.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal financial controls, operational and compliance controls, and risk management policies and systems established by the management of the Company (collectively "risk management and internal controls").

The Board is responsible for the overall internal control framework and is fully aware of the need to put in place a system of risk management and internal controls within the Group to safeguard the interests of the Company's shareholders and the Group's assets, and to manage risks. The Board also acknowledges that no cost effective internal control system will preclude all errors and irregularities. A system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Company set up an audit committee (the "Committee") with written terms of reference in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules, for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision over the financial reporting process and internal control of the Group. The Committee comprises three independent non-executive directors of the Company, namely Mr. Poon Wing Chuen, Mr. Chiu Wai Keung and Mr. Wang Rongqian. The unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2018 have been reviewed by the Committee, which was of the opinion that the preparation of such results complied with the applicable accounting standards, the Stock Exchange and legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures have been made.

By Order of the Board
CL Group (Holdings) Limited
Kwok Kin Chung
Executive Director

Hong Kong, 7 November 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the Company's executive Directors are Mr. Kwok Kin Chung (Chief Executive Officer), Mr. Lau Kin Hon and Ms. Yu Linda, and the Company's independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Chiu Wai Keung, Mr. Poon Wing Chuen and Mr. Wang Rongqian.

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