

Report of the Directors and Audited Financial Statements

BOCI ASIA LIMITED
中銀國際亞洲有限公司

31 December 2020

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors of BOCI Asia Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") have pleasure in submitting their report together with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Principal activities

The Company is licensed for dealing in securities and advising on corporate finance under the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance. Its principal activities are the provision of corporate finance services, sales and trading of securities and other financial instruments.

The principal activities of the subsidiaries are set out in note 1 to the consolidated financial statements.

Results and appropriations

The results of the Group for the year are set out in the consolidated income statement on page 7.

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2020 (2019: Nil).

Share issued

There were no movements in the Company's share capital during the year.

Directors

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

Wang Jun
Ma Shu Ting Gary
Chen Xiaolu
Lee Kin Man
Qian Feng
Leung Yiu Kei

Other than the directors set out above, the directors of the Company's subsidiaries during the year and up to the date of this report are:

Kung Chun Hung Ronnie	Wang Zhongze	Ng Oliver Tse Kuen	Chan Man*
Wong Wai Kwan Anna	Cheng Manjiang	Cao Yuanzheng	
Mak Shiu Ki	Lie Kong Sang	Lam Kwong Siu	
Chua Alvin Cheng-Hock	Ip Sio Kai	Tang Fong Chai Francis	

* resigned/retired during the year and up to the date of this report

In accordance with the Company's and its subsidiaries' articles of association, all directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)

Donations

The Group did not make any donation for charitable or other purpose during the year (2019: Nil).

Permitted indemnity provision

Every director of the Company shall be indemnified against all liabilities incurred by him/her to the extent permitted by the Companies Ordinance. The immediate holding company, BOC International Holdings Limited, has maintained insurance for the benefit of directors against liability.

Directors' interests

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

At no time during the year was the Company, its subsidiaries, its fellow subsidiaries or its holding companies a party to any arrangement to enable the directors or a connected entity of directors and chief executives of the Company (including their spouse and children under 18 years of age) to hold any interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares in, or debentures of, the Company or its associated corporation.

Management contracts

The Company has an agreement with its immediate holding company, BOC International Holdings Limited, under which the immediate holding company provides administration and support services to the Company in return for a fee which is agreed and reviewed on an annual basis. This agreement can be terminated by either party giving not less than one month's written notice.

In addition, the Company entered into an agreement with its fellow subsidiary, BOCI Leveraged & Structured Finance Limited, under which the Company provides administration and support services to the fellow subsidiary in return for a fee which is agreed and reviewed on an annual basis.

The Company has agreements with its subsidiaries, BOCI Research Limited and BOCI Securities Limited, and its fellow subsidiary (BOC International (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.) respectively, under which they provide administration and support services to the Company in return for a fee, which is agreed and reviewed on an annual basis. These agreements can be terminated by either party giving not less than one month's written notice.

The Company has agreements with its subsidiary, BOCI Securities Limited, under which the subsidiary provides settlement services in return for a fixed fee on transaction basis and provides part of the office premises rented by it for the use of the Company in return for a fee which is agreed and reviewed periodically. These agreements can be terminated by either party giving not less than one month's written notice.

The Company has an intra-group arrangement agreement with its immediate holding company, BOC International Holdings Limited, under which the Company transfers its payment obligations or indebtedness liabilities to the immediate holding company. The immediate holding company is entitled to set off payments, sums and/or liabilities owed by it to any subsidiaries against any payments, sums and/or liabilities owed to it by any subsidiaries.

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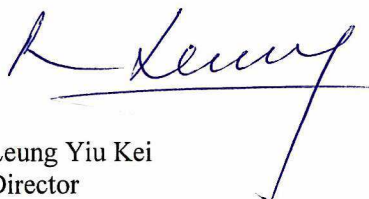
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)

Auditors

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 have been audited by Messrs Ernst & Young ("EY") who will retire as the auditor of the Company upon expiration of its current term of office at the close of the forthcoming annual general meeting of the shareholders.

The directors propose the appointment of Messrs PricewaterhouseCoopers as the new auditor of the Company to fill the vacancy immediately following the retirement of EY and to hold office until the conclusion of the next forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company, subject to the approval by the shareholders.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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Leung Yiu Kei
Director
Hong Kong
26 April 2021



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of BOCI Asia Limited

中銀國際亞洲有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of BOCI Asia Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") set out on pages 7 to 107 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, and the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2020, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSA") and with reference to Practice Note 820 (Revised), *The Audit of Licensed Corporations and Associated Entities of Intermediaries* issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the "Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information other than the financial statements and auditor's report thereon

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the report of the directors.

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

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

To the members of BOCI Asia Limited

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Responsibilities of the directors for the consolidated financial statements

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

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

In addition, the directors of the Company are required to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are in accordance with the records kept under the Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Keeping of Records) Rules and satisfy the requirements of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Accounts and Audit) Rules.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 405 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements. In addition, we are required to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the records kept under the Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Keeping of Records) Rules and satisfy the requirements of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Accounts and Audit) Rules.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors of the Company.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

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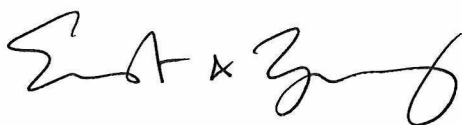
Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements (continued)

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Company's directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the board of directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on matters under the Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Keeping of Records) Rules and Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Accounts and Audit) Rules of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements are in accordance with the records kept under the Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Keeping of Records) Rules and satisfy the requirements of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Accounts and Audit) Rules.

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Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong

26 April 2021

BOCI ASIA LIMITED
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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Revenue	5a	3,320,612,836	2,812,745,874
Trading gain, net	5b	513,438,165	346,037,185
Other income	6	244,192,801	235,339,476
Total income		<u>4,078,243,802</u>	<u>3,394,122,535</u>
Commission and clearing expenses		(940,170,385)	(592,620,831)
Staff costs	7	(668,491,619)	(607,702,168)
Other operating expenses		(1,084,508,345)	(1,046,257,132)
		<u>(2,693,170,349)</u>	<u>(2,246,580,131)</u>
Finance costs	11	(186,126,756)	(216,228,920)
Operating profit before impairment on financial assets		1,198,946,697	931,313,484
Net charge for impairment on financial assets	9	(8,746,535)	(304,357)
Profit before taxation	10	1,190,200,162	931,009,127
Income tax expense	12	(112,562,717)	(23,556,673)
Profit for the year		<u>1,077,637,445</u>	<u>907,452,454</u>
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		<u>1,077,637,445</u>	<u>907,452,454</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Profit for the year	1,077,637,445	907,452,454
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>1,077,637,445</u>	<u>907,452,454</u>
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company	<u>1,077,637,445</u>	<u>907,452,454</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	13	-	-
Right-of-use assets	16	41,395,913	75,453,787
Intangible assets	14	54,899,881	56,628,102
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	17	354,921	354,982
Statutory deposits and other assets		208,504,119	78,502,943
Deferred income tax assets	15	846,570	4,358,458
Total non-current assets		<u>306,001,404</u>	<u>215,298,272</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	18	871,110,199	284,378,671
Debt instruments at amortised cost	19	349,976,519	149,610,910
Derivative financial instruments	21	389,548,704	150,815,271
Loans and receivables	22	40,248,452,738	23,329,240,281
Amounts due from the immediate holding company	25	3,317,498,684	2,765,836,830
Amounts due from fellow subsidiaries	24	-	8,402
Amounts due from a related company	25	8,152,301	8,972,071
Cash and balances with banks	23	6,312,972,538	5,856,492,852
Taxation recoverable		-	90,074,895
Total current assets		<u>51,497,711,683</u>	<u>32,635,430,183</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Subordinated loans from the immediate holding company	25	2,500,000,000	2,500,000,000
Bank loans	20	400,929,091	200,135,626
Amounts due to the immediate holding company	25	8,043,854,809	4,290,105,676
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries	24	2,470,435	7,180,198
Accounts and other payables	26	20,867,449,736	8,015,247,574
Deposits from customers	27	7,466,067,447	7,033,830,423
Derivative financial instruments	21	539,484,247	209,536,730
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	28	416,565,742	152,699,232
Lease liabilities	16	34,912,125	33,750,465
Taxation payable		157,848,365	84,795,300
Total current liabilities		<u>40,429,581,997</u>	<u>22,527,281,224</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>11,068,129,686</u>	<u>10,108,148,959</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>11,374,131,090</u>	<u>10,323,447,231</u>

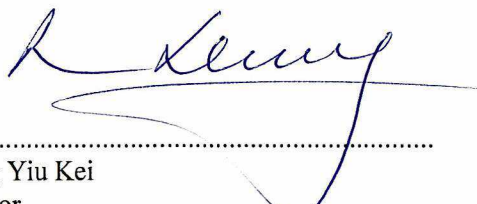
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (continued)

As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		11,374,131,090	10,323,447,231
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts and other payables	26	29,974,747	22,016,208
Lease liabilities	16	7,777,690	42,689,815
Total non-current liabilities		<u>37,752,437</u>	<u>64,706,023</u>
Net assets		<u><u>11,336,378,653</u></u>	<u><u>10,258,741,208</u></u>
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders			
Share capital	29	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000
Reserve for fair value change of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		15,000	15,000
Retained earnings		<u>9,336,363,653</u>	<u>8,258,726,208</u>
Total equity		<u><u>11,336,378,653</u></u>	<u><u>10,258,741,208</u></u>



 Leung Yiu Kei
 Director



 Lee Kin Man
 Director

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company			Total HK\$
	Share capital HK\$	Reserve for fair value change of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income HK\$	Retained earnings HK\$	
Balance at 1 January 2019	2,000,000,000	15,000	7,351,273,754	9,351,288,754
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	907,452,454	907,452,454
Balance at 31 December 2019	<u>2,000,000,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>8,258,726,208</u>	<u>10,258,741,208</u>
Balance at 1 January 2020	2,000,000,000	15,000	8,258,726,208	10,258,741,208
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	1,077,637,445	1,077,637,445
Balance at 31 December 2020	<u>2,000,000,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>9,336,363,653</u>	<u>11,336,378,653</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	30(a)	1,645,493,188	(2,449,842,400)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Additions to intangible assets	14	-	(8,641,105)
Purchase of debt instruments at amortised cost	19	(1,098,970,062)	(894,880,104)
Proceeds from redemption of debt instruments at amortised cost	19	900,000,000	999,160,811
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities		(198,970,062)	95,639,602
Cash flows from financing activities			
New bank loans	30(b)	400,000,000	200,000,000
Repayment of bank loans	30(b)	(200,000,000)	-
Principal portion of lease payments	30(b)	(33,750,465)	(25,545,108)
Net cash generated from financing activities		166,249,535	174,454,892
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,612,772,661	(2,179,747,906)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		3,523,790,851	5,703,538,757
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		5,136,563,512	3,523,790,851
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at banks and in hand	23	2,767,732,188	1,164,523,183
Placements with banks with original maturity within three months	23	2,368,831,324	2,359,267,668
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		5,136,563,512	3,523,790,851

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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1. CORPORATE AND GROUP INFORMATION

BOCI Asia Limited (the "Company") is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong. The address of its registered office is 26/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong.

The Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") provide a broad range of investment banking services for a diverse group of domestic and international companies, financial institutions, government agencies and individuals through its subsidiaries and affiliates in Hong Kong. The Group engages in the provision of banking services, underwriting and financial advisory, sales and trading of securities and other financial instruments.

The immediate holding company is BOC International Holdings Limited, which is incorporated in Hong Kong. The Company is subject to the control of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Government through China Investment Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Central Huijin Investment Ltd.

The consolidated financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 April 2021.

Information about subsidiaries

Particulars of the Company's subsidiaries as at 31 December 2020 are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of incorporation</u>	<u>Principal activities</u>	<u>Particulars of issued share capital</u>	<u>Interest held</u>
Bank of China International Limited 中銀國際有限公司	Hong Kong	Banking and related financing services	HK\$1,000,000,000	100%#
BOCI Research Limited 中銀國際研究有限公司	Hong Kong	Research	US\$130,000	100%#
BOCI Securities Limited 中銀國際證券有限公司	Hong Kong	Securities dealing and brokerage	HK\$406,000,000	100%#

Shares held directly by the Company

During the year, the Company's subsidiary, Bank of China International Limited dissolved its subsidiary, Modenia Limited by the way of deregistration on 27 March 2020.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, except for the change in accounting policies and disclosures as disclosed in note 2.1(a) below.

2.1 Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (which include all Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through profit or loss, which are carried at fair value.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in note 32 to the consolidated financial statements.

(a) Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

The Group has adopted the *Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018* and the following revised HKFRSs for the first time for the current year's consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 3	<i>Definition of a Business</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7	<i>Interest Rate Benchmark Reform</i>
Amendment to HKFRS 16	<i>Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions (early adopted)</i>
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8	<i>Definition of Material</i>

The nature and the impact of the *Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018* and the revised HKFRSs are described below:

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(a) Changes in accounting policies and disclosures (continued)

- *Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018* (the "Conceptual Framework") sets out a comprehensive set of concepts for financial reporting and standard setting, and provides guidance for preparers of financial statements in developing consistent accounting policies and assistance to all parties to understand and interpret the standards. The Conceptual Framework includes new chapters on measurement and reporting financial performance, new guidance on the derecognition of assets and liabilities, and updated definitions and recognition criteria for assets and liabilities. It also clarifies the roles of stewardship, prudence and measurement uncertainty in financial reporting. The Conceptual Framework is not a standard, and none of the concepts contained therein override the concepts or requirements in any standard. The Conceptual Framework did not have any significant impact on the financial position and performance of the Group.
- Amendments to HKFRS 3 clarify and provide additional guidance on the definition of a business. The amendments clarify that for an integrated set of activities and assets to be considered a business, it must include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create output. A business can exist without including all of the inputs and processes needed to create outputs. The amendments remove the assessment of whether market participants are capable of acquiring the business and continue to produce outputs. Instead, the focus is on whether acquired inputs and acquired substantive processes together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. The amendments have also narrowed the definition of outputs to focus on goods or services provided to customers, investment income or other income from ordinary activities. Furthermore, the amendments provide guidance to assess whether an acquired process is substantive and introduce an optional fair value concentration test to permit a simplified assessment of whether an acquired set of activities and assets is not a business. The Group has applied the amendments prospectively to transactions or other events that occurred on or after 1 January 2020. The amendments did not have any impact on the financial position and performance of the Group.
- Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7 address issue affecting financial reporting, in the period before the replacement of an existing interest rate benchmark with an alternative risk-free rate ("RFR"). The amendments provide temporary reliefs which enable hedge accounting to continue during the period of uncertainty before the introduction of the alternative RFR. In addition, the amendments require companies to provide additional information to investors about their hedging relationships which are directly affected by these uncertainties. The amendments did not have any impact on the financial position and performance of the Group as the Group does not have any interest rate hedging relationships.

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31 December 2020

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(a) Changes in accounting policies and disclosures (continued)

- Amendment to HKFRS 16 provides a practical expedient for lessees to elect not to apply lease modification accounting for rent concessions arising as a direct consequence of the covid-19 pandemic. The practical expedient applies only to rent concessions occurring as a direct consequence of the pandemic and only if (i) the change in lease payments results in revised consideration for the lease that is substantially the same as, or less than, the consideration for the lease immediately preceding the change; (ii) any reduction in lease payments affects only payments originally due on or before 30 June 2021; and (iii) there is no substantive change to other terms and conditions of the lease. The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020 with earlier application permitted and shall be applied retrospectively. The amendments did not have any significant impact on the financial position and performance of the Group.
- Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 provide a new definition of material. The new definition states that information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements. The amendments clarify that materiality will depend on the nature or magnitude of information, or both. The amendments did not have any significant impact on the financial position and performance of the Group.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(b) Issued but not yet effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

The Group has not applied the following new and revised HKFRSs, that have been issued but are not yet effective, in these consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 3	<i>Reference to the Conceptual Framework²</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7	<i>Interest Rate Benchmark Reform - Phase 2¹</i>
HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16	
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (2011)	<i>Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture⁴</i>
HKFRS 17	<i>Insurance Contract³</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 17	<i>Insurance Contracts^{3, 6}</i>
Amendments to HKAS 1	<i>Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current^{3, 5}</i>
Amendments to HKAS 16	<i>Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use²</i>
Amendments to HKAS 37	<i>Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract²</i>
Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018-2020	<i>Amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 9, Illustrative Examples accompanying HKFRS 16, and HKAS 41²</i>

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022

³ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

⁴ No mandatory effective date yet determined but available for adoption

⁵ As a consequence of the amendments to HKAS 1, Hong Kong Interpretation 5 *Presentation of Financial Statements - Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause* was revised in October 2020 to align the corresponding wording with no change in conclusion

⁶ As a consequence of the amendments to HKFRS 17 issued in October 2020, HKFRS 4 was amended to extend the temporary exemption that permits insurers to apply HKAS 39 rather than HKFRS 9 for annual periods beginning before 1 January 2023

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(b) Issued but not yet effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (continued)

Further information about those HKFRSs that are expected to be applicable to the Group is described below.

- Amendments to HKFRS 3 are intended to replace a reference to the previous Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements with a reference to the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting issued in June 2018 without significantly changing its requirements. The amendments also add to HKFRS 3 an exception to its recognition principle for an entity to refer to the Conceptual Framework to determine what constitutes an asset or a liability. The exception specifies that, for liabilities and contingent liabilities that would be within the scope of HKAS 37 or HK(IFRIC)-Int 21 if they were incurred separately rather than assumed in a business combination, an entity applying HKFRS 3 should refer to HKAS 37 or HK(IFRIC)-Int 21 respectively instead of the Conceptual Framework. Furthermore, the amendments clarify that contingent assets do not qualify for recognition at the acquisition date. The Group expects to adopt the amendments prospectively from 1 January 2022. Since the amendments apply prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the date of first application, the Group will not be affected by these amendments on the date of transition.
- Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16 address issues not dealt with in the previous amendments which affect financial reporting when an existing interest rate benchmark is replaced with an alternative RFR. The Phase 2 amendments provide a practical expedient to allow the effective interest rate to be updated without adjusting the carrying amount when accounting for changes in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of financial assets and liabilities, if the change is a direct consequence of the interest rate benchmark reform and the new basis for determining the contractual cash flows is economically equivalent to the previous basis immediately preceding the change. In addition, the amendments permit changes required by the interest rate benchmark reform to be made to hedge designations and hedge documentation without the hedging relationship being discontinued. Any gains or losses that could arise on transition are dealt with through the normal requirements of HKFRS 9 to measure and recognise hedge ineffectiveness. The amendments also provide a temporary relief to entities from having to meet the separately identifiable requirement when an RFR is designated as a risk component. The relief allows an entity, upon designation of the hedge, to assume that the separately identifiable requirement is met, provided the entity reasonably expects the RFR risk component to become separately identifiable within the next 24 months. Furthermore, the amendments require an entity to disclose additional information to enable users of financial statements to understand the effect of interest rate benchmark reform on an entity's financial instruments and risk management strategy. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021 and shall be applied retrospectively, but entities are not required to restate the comparative information.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(b) Issued but not yet effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (continued)

The Group had certain interest-bearing bank borrowings and subordinated loans from the immediate holding company denominated in Hong Kong dollars and foreign currencies based on the Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate as at 31 December 2020. If the interest rates of these borrowings are replaced by RFRs in a future period, the Group will apply this practical expedient upon the modification of these borrowings when the “economically equivalent” criterion is met and expects that no significant modification gain or loss will arise as a result of applying the amendments to these changes.

- Amendments to HKAS 1 clarify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments specify that if an entity’s right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to the entity complying with specified conditions, the entity has a right to defer settlement of the liability at the end of the reporting period if it complies with those conditions at that date. Classification of a liability is unaffected by the likelihood that the entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of the liability. The amendments also clarify the situations that are considered a settlement of a liability. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 and shall be applied retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements.
- Amendments to HKAS 37 clarify that for the purpose of assessing whether a contract is onerous under HKAS 37, the cost of fulfilling the contract comprises the costs that relate directly to the contract. Costs that relate directly to a contract include both the incremental costs of fulfilling that contract (e.g., direct labour and materials) and an allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling that contract (e.g., an allocation of the depreciation charge for an item of property, plant and equipment used in fulfilling the contract as well as contract management and supervision costs). General and administrative costs do not relate directly to a contract and are excluded unless they are explicitly chargeable to the counterparty under the contract. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022 and shall be applied to contracts for which an entity has not yet fulfilled all its obligations at the beginning of the annual reporting period in which it first applies the amendments. Earlier application is permitted. Any cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments shall be recognised as an adjustment to the opening equity at the date of initial application without restating the comparative information. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(b) Issued but not yet effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (continued)

- *Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018-2020* sets out amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 9, Illustrative Examples accompanying HKFRS 16, and HKAS 41. Details of the amendments that are expected to be applicable to the Group are as follows:

HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments: clarifies the fees that an entity includes when assessing whether the terms of a new or modified financial liability are substantially different from the terms of the original financial liability. These fees include only those paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the borrower or lender on the other's behalf. An entity applies the amendment to financial liabilities that are modified or exchanged on or after the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendment. The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022. Earlier application is permitted. The amendment is not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

HKFRS 16 Leases: removes the illustration of payments from the lessor relating to leasehold improvements in Illustrative Example 13 accompanying HKFRS 16. This removes potential confusion regarding the treatment of lease incentives when applying HKFRS 16.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2020. A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity), directly or indirectly, controlled by the Company. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee (i.e., existing rights that give the Group the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee).

When the Company has, directly or indirectly, less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- (i) the contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee;
- (ii) rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and
- (iii) the Group's voting rights and potential voting rights.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Company, using consistent accounting policies. The results of the subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which the Group obtains control, and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases.

Profit or loss are attributed to the owners of the parent of the Group. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control described in the accounting policy for the subsidiaries. A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises (i) the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary, (ii) the carrying amount of any non-controlling interest and (iii) the cumulative translation differences recorded in equity; and recognises (i) the fair value of the consideration received, (ii) the fair value of any investment retained and (iii) any resulting surplus or deficit in profit or loss. The Group's share of components previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss or retained profits, as appropriate, on the same basis as would be required if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.3 Foreign currency translation

(a) Functional and presentation currency

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

(b) Transactions and balances

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

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was measured. The gain or loss arising on translation of a non-monetary item measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on change in fair value of the item (i.e. translation difference on the item whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income or consolidated income statement is also recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income or consolidated income statement, respectively).

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.4 Plant and equipment

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

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

Depreciation of plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, principally as follows:

Leasehold improvements	5 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3 - 5 years
Electronic equipment	3 - 5 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount and are recognised within other operating expenses in the consolidated income statement.

2.5 Intangible assets – goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary at the date of acquisition. Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill is carried at cost less accumulated impairment loss and is tested annually for impairment. Impairment losses on goodwill are not reversed. Gains or losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. The allocation is made to those cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the business combination in which the goodwill arose. The Group allocates goodwill to each business segment in each country in which it operates.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.6 Impairment of investment in subsidiaries and other non-financial assets

Assets other than financial assets and non-current assets/a disposal group classified as held for sale are at least tested annually for impairment and are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Impairment testing of the investments in subsidiaries is required upon receiving a dividend from these investments if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the investee concerned in the period the dividend is declared, or if the carrying amount of the relevant investment in the Company's statement of financial position exceeds the carrying amount in the consolidated statement of financial position of the investee's net assets including goodwill.

2.7 Financial assets and liabilities

2.7.1 Financial assets and liabilities

2.7.1.1 Amortised cost and effective interest rate

The amortised cost is the amount at which the financial asset or liability is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets, adjusted for any loss allowance.

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset (i.e. its amortised cost before any impairment allowance) or to the amortised cost a financial liability. The calculation does not consider expected credit losses ("ECL") and includes transaction costs, premiums or discounts and fees and points paid or received that are integral to the effective interest rate, such as origination fees. For purchased or originated credit-impaired ("POCI") financial assets – assets that are credit-impaired (see definition in note 33) at initial recognition – the Group calculates the credit-adjusted effective interest rate, which is calculated based on the amortised cost of the financial asset instead of its gross carrying amount and incorporates the impact of expected credit losses in estimated future cash flows.

When the Group revises the estimates of future cash flows, the carrying amount of the respective financial assets or financial liabilities is adjusted to reflect the new estimate discounted using the original effective interest rate. Any changes are recognised in profit or loss.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.7 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.1 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.1.2 Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade date – the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset.

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset or financial liability at its fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are incremental and directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability, such as fees and commissions. Transaction costs of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL") are expensed in profit or loss. Immediately after initial recognition, an ECL is recognised for financial assets measured at amortised cost and investments in debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI"), as described in note 33 to these consolidated financial statements, which results in an accounting loss being recognised in profit or loss when an asset is newly originated.

2.7.1.3 Classification and subsequent measurement

The Group has adopted HKFRS 9 and classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories: FVPL; FVOCI; or amortised cost.

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets depend on:

- (i) the Group's business model for managing the asset; and
- (ii) the cash flow characteristics of the asset.

Based on these factors, the Group classified its financial assets into one of the following measurement categories:

- **Amortised cost (debt instruments)**

Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"), and that are not designated at FVPL, are measured at amortised cost. The carrying amount of these assets is adjusted by any ECL allowance recognised and measured as described in note 19 to these consolidated financial statements. Interest income from these financial assets is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest rate method.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.7 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.1 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.1.3 Classification and subsequent measurement (continued)

• **FVOCI (debt instruments)**

Financial assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, and that are not designated at FVPL, are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses on the instrument's amortised cost which are recognised in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss. Interest income from these financial assets is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest rate method.

Gains and losses on these financial assets are never recycled to the consolidated income statement. Dividends are recognised as other income in the consolidated income statement when the right of payment has been established, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the dividend will flow to the Group and the amount of the dividend can be measured reliably, except when the Group benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in other comprehensive income.

• **FVPL**

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets held for trading, financial assets designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss, or financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value. Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives, are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments. Financial assets with cash flows that are not solely payments of principal and interest are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, irrespective of the business model.

Notwithstanding the criteria for debt instruments to be classified at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income, as described above, debt instruments may be designated at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition if doing so eliminates, or significantly reduces, an accounting mismatch.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.7 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.1 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.1.3 Classification and subsequent measurement (continued)

• **FVPL (continued)**

A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognised in profit or loss and presented in the consolidated income statement within "net trading gain" in the period in which it arises, unless it arises from debt instruments that were designated at fair value or which are not held for trading, in which case they are presented separately in "net investment income". Interest income from these financial assets is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest rate method.

This category includes derivative instruments and equity investments which the Group had not irrevocably elected to classify at fair value through other comprehensive income. Dividends on equity investments classified as financial assets at fair value profit or loss are also recognised as other income in the consolidated income statement when the right of payment has been established, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the dividend will flow to the Group and the amount of the dividend can be measured reliably.

A derivative embedded in a hybrid contract, with a financial liability or non-financial host, is separated from the host and accounted for as a separate derivative if the economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to the host; a separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would meet the definition of a derivative; and the hybrid contract is not measured at fair value through profit or loss. Embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the consolidated income statement.

Reassessment only occurs if there is either a change in the terms of the contract that significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required or a reclassification of a financial asset out of the fair value through profit or loss category.

A derivative embedded within a hybrid contract containing a financial asset host is not accounted for separately. The financial asset host together with the embedded derivative is required to be classified in its entirety as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.7 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.1 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.1.3 Classification and subsequent measurement (continued)

Business model assessment: the Group determines its business model at the level that best reflects how it manages groups of financial assets to achieve its business objective. The Group's business model is not assessed on an instrument-by-instrument basis, but at a higher level of aggregated portfolios and is based on observable factors such as past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the asset's performance is evaluated and reported to key management personnel, how risks are assessed and managed and how managers are compensated.

The SPPI test: Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Group assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest (the "SPPI test"). "Principal" for the purpose of this test is defined as the fair value of the financial asset at initial recognition and may change over the life of the financial asset. In making SPPI assessment, the Group considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

The Group reclassified debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. The reclassification takes place from the start of the first reporting period following the change. Such changes should be infrequent.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.7 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.2 Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e., removed from the Group's consolidated statement of financial position) when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if and to what extent it has retained the risk and rewards of ownership of the asset.

When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the Group continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement. In that case, the Group also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

2.7.3 Impairment of financial assets

The Group records the allowance for impairment on financial assets for debt instruments recorded at amortised cost or at FVOCI, lease receivables, loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts that are not accounted for at fair value through profit or loss, in this section all referred to as "financial instruments". Equity instruments are not subject to impairment under HKFRS 9.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.7 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.3 Impairment of financial assets (continued)

The ECL allowance is based on the credit losses expected to arise over the life of the asset (the lifetime basis), unless there has been no significant increase in credit risk since origination, in which case, the allowance is based on the twelve months' expected credit loss (the twelve-month basis).

The twelve-month basis is the portion of the lifetime basis that represents the ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the twelve months after the reporting date.

Both lifetime basis and twelve-month basis are calculated on either an individual basis or a collective basis, depending on the nature of the underlying portfolio of financial instruments. The Group's policy for grouping financial assets measured on a collective basis is explained in note 33 to these consolidated financial statements.

The Group has established a policy to perform an assessment, at the end of each reporting period, of whether a financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, by considering the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument. This is further explained in note 33 to these consolidated financial statements.

Based on the above process, the Group classifies financial assets into three stages, each of which is associated with an ECL requirement that is reflective of the assessed credit risk profile in each instance:

- A financial asset is classified under Stage 1 if it was not credit-impaired upon origination and there has not been a significant increase in its credit risk since inception. A provision for twelve-month ECL is required.
- A financial asset is classified under Stage 2 if it was not credit-impaired upon origination but has since suffered a significant increase in credit risk. A provision for life-time ECL is required.
- A financial asset which has been credit-impaired with objective evidence of default is classified under Stage 3. The assessed ECL is expected to be unchanged from the existing individual allowances taken for such assets.

For financial assets for which the Group has no reasonable expectations of recovering either the entire outstanding amount, or a proportion thereof, the gross carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced. This is considered a (partial) derecognition of the financial asset.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.7 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.4 Financial liabilities

2.7.4.1 Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial liabilities are classified into two categories: financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and other financial liabilities. All financial liabilities are classified at inception and recognised initially at fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs. Fair value represents quoted prices if active market exists. When no active market exists, fair value is estimated by valuation techniques that are commonly used by market participants or dealer quotes.

(a) Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

This category has two sub-categories: financial liabilities held for trading, and those designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception.

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if it is incurred principally for the purpose of repurchasing in the short term. It is carried at fair value and any gains and losses from changes in fair value are recognised in the consolidated income statement.

A financial liability is typically classified as fair value through profit or loss at inception if it meets the following criteria:

- (i) The designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency (sometimes referred to as "an accounting mismatch") that would otherwise arise from measuring the financial assets or financial liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases;
- (ii) A group of financial assets and/or financial liabilities is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy, and this is the basis on which information about the financial assets and/or financial liabilities is provided internally to the management; or
- (iii) The designation relates to financial instruments containing one or more embedded derivative that significantly modifies the cash flow resulting from those financial instruments.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, including structured notes issued embedded with certain derivatives, are designated as such at inception. Financial liabilities held for trading and those designated at fair value through profit or loss are carried at fair value and any gains and losses from changes in fair value are recognised in the consolidated income statement.

(b) Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities are carried at amortised cost. Any difference between proceeds net of transaction costs and the redemption value is recognised in the consolidated income statement over the period of the other financial liabilities using the effective interest method.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.7 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.7.4 Financial liabilities (continued)

2.7.4.2 Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and a recognition of a new liability, and the difference between the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the profit or loss.

2.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

2.9 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as finance costs.

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2.10 Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Fair values are obtained from quoted market prices in active markets, including recent market transactions, and valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow models and options pricing models, as appropriate. All derivatives are carried as assets when fair value is positive and as liabilities when fair value is negative. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments are recognised immediately in the consolidated income statement.

2.11 Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2.12 Employee benefits

(a) Employee leave entitlements

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the end of reporting period.

Employee entitlements to sick leave and maternity leave or paternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave.

(b) Bonus plans

Provisions for bonus plans are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of services rendered by employees and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made.

The Group recognises a liability and an expense for bonuses, with reference to the performance of the Group. The Group recognises a provision where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation. Liabilities for bonus plans that are expected to be settled within 12 months are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when they are settled.

Bonus payments that are not due wholly within 12 months after the end of the year in which the employees render the related services are included as other long-term employee benefits. The long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected payments which also reflects the possibility that some employees may leave without receiving the bonus.

Any adjustments that reflect the estimation of bonus forfeited by the employees are recognised to the consolidated income statement during the year.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.12 Employee benefits (continued)

(c) **Pension obligations**

The Group offers a mandatory provident fund scheme and a defined contribution plan, the assets of which are generally held in separate trustee-administered funds. These pension plans are generally funded by payments from employees and by the Group.

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

2.13 Income tax

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the end of reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

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

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not be reversed in the foreseeable future.

Income tax payable on profits, based on the applicable tax law in each jurisdiction, is recognised as an expense in the period in which profits arise. The tax effects of income tax losses available for carry forward are recognised as an asset when it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which these losses can be utilised.

Deferred tax related to fair value re-measurement of financial assets at FVOCI, which are charged or credited directly to equity, is credited or charged directly to equity and is subsequently recognised in the consolidated income statement together with the deferred gain or loss.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.14 Leases

The Group assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Group as a lessee

The Group applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Group recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

(a) Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets are recognised at the commencement date of the lease (that is the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease terms and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

If ownership of the right-of-use asset transfers to the Group by the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

(b) Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities are recognised at the commencement date of the lease at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payments of penalties for termination of a lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate the lease. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.14 Leases (continued)

(b) Lease liabilities (continued)

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in lease payments or a change in assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

(c) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (that is those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the recognition exemption for leases of low-value assets to leases of office equipment and laptop computers that are considered to be of low value.

Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.15 Dividends

Dividends recognised in the consolidated financial statements represent interim dividend paid and final dividend for the year declared and approved by the members.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.16 Revenue

Revenue recognition

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of goods or services is transferred to the customers at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

When the consideration in a contract includes a variable amount, the amount of consideration is estimated to which the Group will be entitled in exchange for transferring the goods or services to the customer. The variable consideration is estimated at contract inception and constrained until it is highly probable that a significant revenue reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur when the associated uncertainty with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

When the contract contains a financing component which provides the customer a significant benefit of financing the transfer of goods or services to the customer for more than one year, revenue is measured at the present value of the amount receivable, discounted using the discount rate that would be reflected in a separate financing transaction between the Group and the customer at contract inception. When the contract contains a financing component which provides the Group with a significant financial benefit for more than one year, revenue recognised under the contract includes the interest expense accreted on the contract liability under the effective interest method. For a contract where the period between the payment by the customer and the transfer of the promised goods or services is one year or less, the transaction price is not adjusted for the effects of a significant financing component, using the practical expedient in HKFRS 15.

Brokerage commission is recognised on a point-in-time basis when the relevant services are rendered.

Underwriting and placement commission is recognised on a point-in-time basis when the underwriting and placement arrangement has been completed.

Corporate finance income is recognised over time based on work-in-progress method. Advances received are included in deferred revenue.

Revenue from other sources

Interest income from bank deposits and loans to customers is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method. When a receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounting at original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income.

Dividend income from listed investments is recognised on a point-in-time basis when the right to receive payment is established, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the dividend will flow to the Group and the amount of the dividend can be measured reliably.

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2.17 Contract assets

A contract asset is the right to consideration in exchange for services transferred to the customer. If the Group performs by transferring services to a customer before the customer pays consideration or before payment is due, a contract asset is recognised for the earned consideration that is conditional. Contract assets are subject to impairment assessment.

2.18 Contract liabilities

A contract liability is recognised when a payment is received or a payment is due (whichever is earlier) from a customer before the Group transfers the related goods or services. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the Company performs under the contract (i.e., transfers control of the related goods or services to the customer).

2.19 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group. It can also be a present obligation arising from past events that is not recognised because it is not probable that outflow of economic resources will be required or the amount of obligation cannot be measured reliably.

A contingent liability is not recognised but is disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. When a change in the probability of an outflow occurs so that outflow is probable, they will then be recognised as a provision.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain events not wholly within the control of the Group.

A contingent asset is not recognised but is disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable. When inflow is virtually certain, an asset is recognised.

2.20 Fiduciary activities

Trust accounts maintained by the Group to hold clients' monies are treated as the off-balance sheet items and disclosed in notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.21 Securities borrowing and lending

Securities may be lent under an agreement to return them by the borrower. Such securities are retained on the consolidated statement of financial position when substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the Group, and the counterparty liability is included separately on the consolidated statement of financial position when cash collateral is received.

Similarly, where the Group borrows securities under an agreement to return them to the lender but does not acquire the risks and rewards of ownership, the cash consideration paid is treated as a collateral placed to the lender, as an account receivables in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Securities borrowed are not recognised in the consolidated financial statements, unless these are sold to third parties, at which point the obligation to repurchase the securities is recorded as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and any subsequent gain or loss included in trading gain/(loss), net.

2.22 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Executive Committee ("EC") of BOC International Holdings Limited that makes key and strategic decision.

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2.23 Related parties

A party is considered to be related to the Group if:

- (a) the party is a person or a close member of that person's family and that person
 - (i) has control or joint control over the Group;
 - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
 - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or of a parent of the Group;

or

- (b) the party is an entity where any of the following conditions applies:
 - (i) the entity and the Group are members of the same group;
 - (ii) one entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or of a parent, subsidiary or fellow subsidiary of the other entity);
 - (iii) the entity and the Group are joint ventures of the same third party;
 - (iv) one entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity;
 - (v) the entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group;
 - (vi) the entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a);
 - (vii) a person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity); and
 - (viii) the entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group or to the parent of the Group.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of risks: market risk, credit risk, operational risk, liquidity risk, legal risk, compliance risk, reputational risk and strategic risk.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of BOC International Holdings Limited (collectively refer as "BOCI Group" in this section). BOCI Group's risk management organisation and policies extend to cover the Group as there is no separate risk management organisation and policies for the Group. The risk management policy in BOCI Group applies to the Group as well.

Risk governance structure

BOCI Group establishes a comprehensive organisation structure with both decision-making and control functions. The structure comprises three basic tiers: (1) the Shareholder; (2) the Board of Directors ("Board"); and (3) the Senior Management as led by the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO").

Shareholder level

BOCI Group is a wholly-owned subsidiary and also an investment banking arm of Bank of China Limited ("BOC"). BOC, as the shareholder, authorises the Board to lead the Company.

Board level

The Board is responsible for setting the fundamental strategic goals and risk vision of the Group. The Board appoints the Risk Management Committee ("RMC"), Strategy Development Committee ("SDC") and the Audit Committee ("AC"), which assist the Board in overseeing the Group's risk management functions.

RMC is responsible for assisting the Board in fulfilling their oversight responsibilities by providing guidance regarding the risk governance and the development of acceptable risk profile. RMC approves new business proposal and conducts regular review of major risk exposures and the approval of risk limits to ensure that BOCI Group's risk-taking activities are consistent with its business strategy, capital structure, and risk tolerance.

SDC is responsible for providing a high level strategic decision-making and co-ordination forum for BOCI Group and advising the Board on BOCI Group's long-term development needs and goals. Also, it is responsible for ensuring that BOCI Group's resources are well-used and overseeing the implementation status of the BOCI Group's strategic plans.

AC is responsible for assisting the Board in fulfilling their oversight responsibilities by monitoring the entire risk management process. Additionally, it is responsible for ensuring the independence of the internal and external auditors.

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Management level

The EC is composed of the CEO, Deputy CEO, Chief Financial Officer, and heads of the major divisions. It operates on a partnership model to provide integrated executive leadership. Moreover, it is responsible for the appointment and operation of the Risk Control Committee ("RCC"), the Operating Committee ("OC"), the Commitment Committee ("CC") and the Investment Committee ("IC").

RCC, CC, OC and IC derive their decision-making authority from RMC and the EC. They consist of the Group's senior management, business heads and heads of the control and support units.

The RCC is responsible for overseeing the risk management process of the Group as follows:

- Managing exposures to market risk, credit risk, operational risk, financial and liquidity risk, legal risk, reputation and compliance risks;
- Evaluating and approving all risk management policies, and monitoring their implementation in accordance to the principles and policies established by the Board and the RMC, and under the guidance of the EC;
- Evaluating and approving internal risk limits and delegations;
- Supervising and coordinating risk management activities, reviewing the completeness and effectiveness of risk management infrastructures, and facilitating the building of risk culture;
- Monitoring overall risk exposure and organising investigations to any risk event that considers material;
- Evaluating and approving new product and new business proposals in accordance to the policies and authorities delegated by the Board;
- Evaluating and approving significant transactions; and
- Undertaking any other duties assigned by the RMC of the Board or the EC.

The RCC is chaired by the Deputy CEO and is composed of senior management of the major functional areas.

The CC is composed of senior management representing the business, compliance and support units. It is responsible for overseeing the Group's underwriting, distribution and financial advisory business activities.

The OC is responsible for assisting the EC:

- To analysis, coordinate, review cross department operational process and issues, improving the operational efficiency and effectiveness;
- To advise middle offices and back offices on operational collaboration and resources allocations;
- To oversight the middle and back offices operations, strengthening the cost control and improve the cost effectiveness;

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Management level (continued)

- To oversight the implementation of Business Continuity Plan;
- To review major process re-engineering and automation projects, and monitor their implementation; and
- To oversight operational risk management issues; and to resolve cross department disputes on operational matters.

The IC is composed of senior management, related business heads and head of risk management. It is responsible for overseeing BOCI Group's principal investment business.

Risk control functions

The segregation of duties and the integrity of operating systems within BOCI Group are two basic features of BOCI Group's practice. Control and support units such as risk management, finance and treasury, legal and compliance, human resources, operations and information technology are independent of the business reporting lines. These units contribute to BOCI Group's risk management system through their complementary reporting and control functions. The Risk Management Division ("RMD") evaluates and monitors the market and credit risk exposure on a regular basis. The RMD reports any risk issues and risk analysis on business proposals to RCC, RMC and the Board. The Finance & Treasury Division ("FTD") evaluates and monitors the liquidity and market risks (i.e. interest rate and currency risk) of non-trading book.

3.1 Market risk

The Group takes on exposure to market risks, which is the risk that the market value or fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market parameters. Market risks arise from open positions in interest rate, currency and equity products.

The Group's market risk mainly arises from its proprietary trading business, which comprises equity derivatives and fixed income trading units, and is regularly monitored by RMD (hereafter collectively refer to as "trading book" and refer to 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 for details on risk monitoring). The trading book in the Group mainly represents the financial positions classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the consolidated statement of financial position.

The remaining market risk of the Group arises from non-trading activities (hereafter collectively refer to as "non-trading book") and is managed by FTD. Non-trading book market risk generally arises from investment in debt securities classified as fair value through other comprehensive income held for liquidity purposes as well as investments in debt securities classified as fair value through other comprehensive income are restricted to high quality securities and subject to daily mark-to-market and monitoring. As of the end of the reporting periods, the Group's exposure to the non-trading book is insignificant to its operations.

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3.1 Market risk (continued)

3.1.1 Value at risk and stress test

BOCI Group adopts the Value at Risk ("VaR") approach to derive quantitative measures for trading book market risks under normal market conditions. The Board sets VaR limits on both equity derivatives and fixed income units that may be undertaken. BOCI Group monitors VaR separately for equity derivatives unit and fixed income unit and each on a group basis, therefore no separate VaR is prepared. BOCI Group's exposure to non-trading book is not considered to be significant and no VaR limit is set. Further, the VaR is prepared in BOCI Group as a whole and no separate VaR is prepared for the consolidated financial position in the Group.

VaR is an estimate of the maximum potential loss in a defined period under defined confidence level in normal market conditions. Diversification effects within and across portfolios are taken into account either explicitly through the use of analytical formulae with pre-determined correlations or implicitly through the use of historical simulations. BOCI Group calculates VaR using a 99% confidence level and a holding period of 1 day. However, the use of this approach does not prevent losses outside these limits in the event of more significant market movement.

BOCI Group performs back testing on a regular basis to assess the predictive power of the VaR calculations. Back testing involves comparing actual daily profit or loss with VaR estimates. BOCI Group will review the VaR model if the back testing does not show a satisfactory result.

Stress testing is used as a supplement to BOCI Group's VaR analysis. The Board sets stress limits on both equity derivatives and fixed income desks that may be undertaken. Potential future stress loss is assessed using a number of hypothetical extreme market scenarios include the stress scenarios of different risk parameters such as equity level, volatilities, interest rate and credit spread. Stress scenarios are regularly reviewed to reflect a more updated and relevant market conditions and company business operations.

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3.1 Market risk (continued)

3.1.2 Equity price risk

The value of the equity and derivative portfolio held by the Group is mainly subject to change in market volatility and share price of the underlying equity securities.

The table below shows the impact on the consolidated profit before taxation of the Group for hypothetical changes in underlying prices and volatilities. No correlation is taken into consideration in presenting the below analysis.

31 December 2020	Change in volatility		
HK\$'000			
Change in equity price	10%	0%	-10%
10%	10,883	48,131	85,379
-10%	(142,681)	(105,433)	(68,184)
31 December 2019	Change in volatility		
HK\$'000			
Change in equity price	10%	0%	-10%
10%	(76,431)	(59,953)	(43,475)
-10%	2,340	18,818	35,296

The Group does not have non-trading book exposure to equity price risk as at the end of the reporting periods.

3.1.3 Interest rate risk

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates. The Group takes on exposure on both fair value and cash flow interest rate risks.

Interest rate risk from trading book is monitored by RMD by using VaR tools on a daily basis. For non-trading book, both RMD and FTD are responsible for monitoring and managing the interest rate risk with the aim to preserve capital and to ensure the steadiness and continuation of operations. The Group sets limits on the level of mismatch in interest rate and duration gap to control the risks associated with both parallel and non-parallel shifts of yield curves. Limit on stress loss is also imposed by the Board to control the adverse impact on capital in case of uncontrollable market conditions.

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3.1 Market risk (continued)

3.1.3 Interest rate risk (continued)

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

At 31 December 2020	Less than 1 month HK\$'000	Between 1 to 3 months HK\$'000	Between 3 to 12 months HK\$'000	Over 1 year HK\$'000	Non-interest bearing HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Statutory deposits and other assets	198,198				10,306	208,504
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	355	355
Debt instruments at amortised cost	299,987	49,990	-	-	-	349,977
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	871,110	871,110
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-	389,549	389,549
Amounts due from the immediate holding company	2,421,768	891,638	304	-	3,789	3,317,499
Amount due from a related company	-	-	-	-	8,152	8,152
Financial assets included in account and other receivables	692,952	-	-	-	21,946,871	22,639,823
Loans to customers	17,270,382	293,508	5,706	-	-	17,569,596
Cash and balances with banks	3,292,363	1,404,072	730	-	1,615,808	6,312,973
Total assets	24,175,650	2,639,208	6,740	-	24,845,940	51,667,538
Lease liabilities	(2,861)	(5,747)	(26,304)	(7,778)	-	(42,690)
Subordinated loans from the immediate holding company	(2,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(2,500,000)
Bank loans	(200,530)	(200,399)	-	-	-	(400,929)
Amounts due to the immediate holding company	(6,660,972)	(393,776)	(12,521)	-	(976,586)	(8,043,855)
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	(2,470)	(2,470)
Financial liabilities included in accounts and other payables	(461,772)	-	-	-	(20,435,652)	(20,897,424)
Deposits from customers	(4,979,729)	(2,304,634)	(181,704)	-	-	(7,466,067)
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-	(539,484)	(539,484)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	(416,566)	(416,566)
Total liabilities	(14,805,864)	(2,904,556)	(220,529)	(7,778)	(22,370,758)	(40,309,485)
Total interest repricing gap	9,369,786	(265,348)	(213,789)	(7,778)		

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3.1 Market risk (continued)

3.1.3 Interest rate risk (continued)

At 31 December 2019	Less than 1 month HK\$'000	Between 1 to 3 months HK\$'000	Between 3 to 12 months HK\$'000	Over 1 year HK\$'000	Non-interest bearing HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Statutory deposits and other assets	66,579	-	-	-	11,924	78,503
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	355	355
Debt instruments at amortised cost	-	149,611	-	-	-	149,611
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	284,379	284,379
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-	150,815	150,815
Amounts due from the immediate holding company	1,881,179	881,438	-	-	3,220	2,765,837
Amounts due from fellow subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	8	8
Amount due from a related company	-	-	-	-	8,972	8,972
Financial assets included in account and other receivables	453,464	-	-	-	8,323,049	8,776,513
Loans to customers	14,316,866	206,328	5,208	-	-	14,528,402
Cash and balances with banks	3,791,880	1,693,459	5,056	-	366,098	5,856,493
Total assets	20,509,968	2,930,836	10,264	-	9,148,820	32,599,888
Lease liabilities	(2,765)	(5,556)	(25,429)	(42,690)	-	(76,440)
Subordinated loans from the immediate holding company	(2,500,000)	-	-	-	-	(2,500,000)
Bank loans	(200,136)	-	-	-	-	(200,136)
Amounts due to the immediate holding company	(2,901,073)	(403,144)	(7,185)	-	(978,704)	(4,290,106)
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	(7,180)	(7,180)
Financial liabilities included in accounts and other payables	(426,688)	-	-	-	(7,610,576)	(8,037,264)
Deposits from customers	(3,471,659)	(3,160,107)	(402,064)	-	-	(7,033,830)
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-	(209,537)	(209,537)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	(152,699)	(152,699)
Total liabilities	(9,502,321)	(3,568,807)	(434,678)	(42,690)	(8,958,696)	(22,507,192)
Total interest repricing gap	11,007,647	(637,971)	(424,414)	(42,690)		

As at 31 December 2020, if market interest rates had been 100 basis point higher or lower with other variables held constant, profit before taxation for the year would have been approximately HK\$87 million (2019: HK\$99 million) higher/lower, mainly as a result of higher/lower net interest income earned on floating rate bank balances, loans to customers, balances with the immediate holding company, subordinated loan from the immediate holding company and deposits from customers.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.1 Market risk (continued)

3.1.4 Foreign exchange risk

The Group operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency rates fluctuations.

The foreign exchange risk of the trading book is managed in the Group either by using foreign exchange spots or other derivative transactions. It is controlled under the risk management framework, including VaR and stress limits. For non-trading book, the Group sets limits on individual and aggregate open positions of various currencies. Stress loss limits of non-trading book are also set. The foreign exchange risk of non-trading book is monitored by both RMD and FTD on a daily basis.

As at 31 December 2020, the Group did not have significant open foreign currency positions, except for USD and CNY. The USD net long open position amounted to approximately HK\$74 million (2019: HK\$555 million). The CNY net short open position amounted to approximately HK\$795 million (2019: HK\$624 million).

USD and CNY denominated assets mainly consist of short-term deposits, loans and receivables and amounts due from the immediate holding company, while USD and CNY denominated liabilities include accounts and other payables, deposits from customers and amounts due to the immediate holding company and fellow subsidiaries.

As HKD is pegged to USD, the Group is not exposed to significant foreign exchange risk on USD. Should CNY appreciate/depreciate against HKD by 5% (2019: 5%), the profit before taxation would decrease/increase by HK\$40 million (2019: HK\$31 million).

3.2 Credit risk

Credit risk represents the loss that the Group would suffer if a client or counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations. Credit exposures arise principally in loans and receivables, debt securities and derivative financial instruments. There is also credit risk in off-balance sheet financial arrangements such as loan commitments. The credit risk management and control are centralised in RMD.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.2 Credit risk (continued)

3.2.1 Loans and receivables

The Group assesses credit risk of loans to corporate and individual clients and to financial institutions by performing credit assessment.

The credit risk management system of the Group comprises of pre-trade and post-trade credit control functions.

Regarding the pre-trade credit control functions, the Group has policies and procedures in place to ensure that credits are granted to clients with appropriate creditworthiness. The Group has its own in-house assessment methodologies for evaluating the creditworthiness of its counterparties. The Group credit approval process involves a detailed assessment of the counterparty's creditworthiness and also the risks related to the specific type of credit facility applied for.

Credit limits are set up to cap the maximum credit exposures that the Group intends to assume over specified periods. The Group's credit policy and procedure also sets out the procedures for the approval of exceptional cases when the Group may assume exposures beyond the set limits. Exposure to credit risk is managed in part by obtaining collateral from the clients. The Group has maintained relationships with various financial institutions and other counterparties, and has credit limits in place for these counterparties.

Post-trade credit control encompasses exposure and collateral monitoring and reporting. Collaterals covering the credit risk exposure in case of default are subject to mark-to-market and monitoring on a daily basis (refer to 3.2.4 for details).

In particular, credit risk from customer securities dealing receivables under securities brokerage business is normally controlled through delivery-against-payment settlement and custody arrangement.

3.2.2 Debt securities and derivatives

Credit risk is inherent in debt securities and derivatives.

The Group assesses credit risk of derivative counterparties using external credit ratings and internal credit assessment. The Group controls the credit exposures by imposing potential market exposure limits. At any one time, the amount subject to credit risk includes (i) the current fair values of instruments that are favourable to the Group (i.e., assets where their fair values are positive) and (ii) the potential exposures of each counterparty from market movements. The credit risk exposure is monitored on a daily basis and collateral is obtained to mitigate the credit risk depending on credit assessment of the counterparty.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.2 Credit risk (continued)

3.2.2 Debt securities and derivatives (continued)

Settlement risk arises in any situation where a payment in cash, securities or equities is made in the expectation of a corresponding receipt in cash, securities or equities. Daily settlement limits are established for each counterparty to cover the aggregate settlement risk arising from the Group's market transactions on any single day.

Credit risk management of trading book debt securities is mainly on portfolio basis. Issuer concentration limit and country concentration limit are set. Debt securities in the trading book are monitored under the market risk management framework, including VaR and stress limits.

As at the end of the reporting periods, all financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income are unrated and all debt instruments at amortised cost are AA+ to AA- rating.

3.2.3 Offsetting financial instruments

The following financial tables present details of the Group's financial instruments subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements.

At 31 December 2020	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets HK\$'000	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities set off in the consolidated statement of financial position HK\$'000	Net amounts of financial assets presented in the consolidated statement of financial position HK\$'000	Related amounts not set off in the consolidated statement of financial position		
				Financial instruments HK\$'000	Cash collateral received HK\$'000	Net amount HK\$'000
Financial assets						
Loans and receivables	26,174,607	(12,284,086)	13,890,521	(4,827,385)	-	9,063,136
Derivative financial instruments	202,305	-	202,305	(1,368)	-	200,937
Amounts due from the immediate holding company	3,317,499	-	3,317,499	(3,317,499)	-	-
Total	29,694,411	(12,284,086)	17,410,325	(8,146,252)	-	9,264,073

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.2 Credit risk (continued)

3.2.3 Offsetting financial instruments (continued)

At 31 December 2020	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities HK\$'000	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets set off in the consolidated statement of financial position HK\$'000	Net amounts of financial liabilities presented in the consolidated statement of financial position HK\$'000	Related amounts not set off in the consolidated statement of financial position		Net amount HK\$'000
				Financial instruments HK\$'000	Cash collateral pledged HK\$'000	
Financial liabilities						
Accounts and other payables	(28,291,609)	12,284,086	(16,007,523)	4,827,385	-	(11,180,138)
Derivative financial instruments	(205,791)	-	(205,791)	1,368	40	(204,383)
Amounts due to the immediate holding company	(8,043,855)	-	(8,043,855)	3,317,499	-	(4,726,356)
Total	(36,541,255)	12,284,086	(24,257,169)	8,146,252	40	(16,110,877)

At 31 December 2019	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets HK\$'000	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities set off in the consolidated statement of financial position HK\$'000	Net amounts of financial assets presented in the consolidated statement of financial position HK\$'000	Related amounts not set off in the consolidated statement of financial position		Net amount HK\$'000
				Financial instruments HK\$'000	Cash collateral received HK\$'000	
Financial assets						
Loans and receivables	14,358,056	(6,895,926)	7,462,130	(1,731,872)	-	5,730,258
Derivative financial instruments	100,299	-	100,299	(10,463)	-	89,836
Amounts due from the immediate holding company	2,765,837	-	2,765,837	(2,765,837)	-	-
Total	17,224,192	(6,895,926)	10,328,266	(4,508,172)	-	5,820,094

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.2 Credit risk (continued)

3.2.3 Offsetting financial instruments (continued)

At 31 December 2019	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities HK\$'000	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets set off in the consolidated statement of financial position HK\$'000	Net amounts of financial liabilities presented in the consolidated statement of financial position HK\$'000	Related amounts not set off in the consolidated statement of financial position		Net amount HK\$'000
				Financial instruments HK\$'000	Cash collateral pledged HK\$'000	
Financial liabilities						
Accounts and other payables	(13,477,861)	6,895,926	(6,581,935)	1,731,872	-	(4,850,063)
Derivative financial instruments	(103,254)	-	(103,254)	10,463	-	(92,791)
Amounts due to the immediate holding company	(4,290,106)	-	(4,290,106)	2,765,837	-	(1,524,269)
Total	(17,871,221)	6,895,926	(10,975,295)	4,508,172	-	(6,467,123)

The Group manages its credit exposure by entering into master netting arrangements with counterparties where it is appropriate and feasible to do so. Master netting arrangements do not generally result in an offset of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements as transactions are usually accounted for individually on a gross basis. However, the credit risk associated with favourable contracts is reduced by a master netting arrangement to the extent that if an event of default occurs.

For the financial assets and liabilities subject to enforceable master netting arrangements or similar arrangements above, each agreement between the Group and the counterparty allows for net settlement of the relevant financial assets and liabilities when both elect to settle on a net basis. In the absence of such an election, financial assets and liabilities will be settled on a gross basis, however, each party to the master netting agreement or similar arrangement will have the option to settle all such amounts on a net basis in the event of default of the other party. The Group and its counterparties do not intend to settle on a net basis or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously; the financial assets and liabilities are therefore not set off in the consolidated statement of financial position.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.2 Credit risk (continued)

3.2.4 Collateral

The Group employs a range of policies and practices to mitigate credit risk. The most traditional of these is the taking of collateral.

As part of the credit approval process, RMD is responsible for defining and assessing the acceptability of collateral that is offered. The recovery rates of its credit exposures are determined based on the debt structure of a debtor and its assessment of the collateral based upon such factors as the liquidity of the collateral (which reflects the ability to unwind a position), the price volatility of the collateral, the suitability of the collateral as a hedge to the Group's exposure and the legal ability to apply such collateral.

Collateral held as security for financial assets is determined by the nature of the instrument. Generally, loans are secured by various forms of collateral including listed stocks, properties, debt securities, and other credit enhancements. Debt securities, treasury and other eligible bills are generally unsecured.

For derivative transactions, generally the Group will require non-investment grade financial institutions and non-financial institutions to collateralise potential market exposure. Among other factors, the approval will be based upon the liquidity of the collateral (which reflects the ability to unwind a position as necessary), the price volatility of the collateral, the suitability of the collateral as a hedge to the exposure and the legal ability to apply such collateral.

Collateral monitoring is a crucial part of the credit risk measurement process. For margin financing, the collateral for covering the credit risk exposure are subject to mark-to-market and monitoring on a daily basis. A margin call to margin client would be made if there is an excess in margin loan limit or insufficient margin value to cover his/her credit risk exposure.

For loans to customers (margin loans), the collateral for covering the credit risk exposure in case of default are subject to mark-to-market and monitoring on a daily basis. A margin call to margin client would be made if there is an excess in margin loan limit or insufficient margin value to cover his/her risk credit exposure.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.2 Credit risk (continued)

3.2.5 Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancement

The following table summarises maximum exposure to credit risk of the Group at 31 December 2020 and 2019 before collateral held or other credit enhancement attached. For on-balance-sheet assets, the exposures set out below are based on net carrying amounts as reported in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Maximum exposure to credit risk	Notes	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Loans to customers			
To individuals			
- Margin loans	1	9,962,000	7,590,660
- Demand loans	2	4,140,522	4,220,527
- Term loans	3	967,933	34,577
To corporate entities			
- Margin loans	1	1,683,868	1,851,150
- Demand loans	2	750,942	827,782
- Term loans	3	64,331	3,706
Statutory deposits and other assets	4	208,504	78,503
Financial assets included in accounts and other receivables	5	22,639,823	8,776,513
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	6	355	355
Debt instruments at amortised cost	7	349,977	149,611
Derivative financial instruments	8	389,549	150,815
Cash and balances with banks	9	6,312,973	5,856,493
At 31 December		47,470,777	29,540,692

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.2 Credit risk (continued)

3.2.5 Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancement (continued)

Management is confident in its ability to continue to control and sustain minimal exposure of credit risk to the Group based on the following:

- (1) Margin loans are fully backed by collaterals including listed stocks, bonds and deposits, with fair value greater than the outstanding loan amounts. No margin loans were considered to be impaired at the end of the reporting periods.
- (2) Majority of demand loans were fully backed by collateral in the form of listed shares, plant and equipment, debt securities, insurance policies, structured with credit enhancement and deposits, with fair value of collaterals generally greater than the outstanding loan amounts. Approximately HK\$1.3 million provision was made as at 31 December 2020 for those classified as stage 3 credit-impaired loans (2019: HK\$1.3 million provision).
- (3) Secured term loans to individuals and corporates are fully backed by various types of collaterals, such as listed stocks, bonds, properties, insurance policies and deposits, with fair value of collaterals greater than the outstanding loan amounts.
- (4) Statutory deposits are placed with regulators and considered to have minimal risk.
- (5) There was no significant impairment on account receivables for trading in securities, options and futures contracts as at the end of the reporting periods. Among those unimpaired accounts and other receivables, approximately HK\$22,495 million (2019: HK\$8,654 million) is receivables from dealing in securities, which normally has a settlement term of two days. Except for the account receivables arising from dealing in securities from other subsidiaries of Bank of China Limited as disclosed in note 31, there is no concentration of credit risk with respect to account receivables, as the Group has a large number of customers who are internationally dispersed. All the account receivables arising from other subsidiaries of Bank of China Limited were fully settled within two business days after the end of the reporting periods.

A provision of approximately HK\$49 million (2019: HK\$42 million) was made as at 31 December 2020 for those classified as stage 3 credit-impaired fees and receivables. There was no reversal of impairment provision for fees and receivables in 2020 (2019: Nil).

- (6) Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income are mainly unlisted club debentures with insignificant credit risk exposure.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.2 Credit risk (continued)

3.2.5 Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancement (continued)

- (7) Debt instruments at amortised costs represent Hong Kong Exchange Fund Bills. Exchange Fund Bills are Hong Kong dollar debt securities issued by the HKMA. They constitute direct, unsecured, unconditional and general obligations of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government. No debt instruments at amortised cost were considered to be impaired.
- (8) Derivative financial instruments are considered to have minimal risk as offsetting enforceable netting agreements are signed with counterparties with collateral placed. Daily exposure monitoring was performed to ensure the credit risk exposure is within limit.
- (9) Cash and balances with banks were deposited in reputable banks including a fellow subsidiary and other subsidiaries of Bank of China Limited. The Group has policies in place to ensure that cash and balances with banks are either placed with high credit quality financial institutions or related companies (note 31) with minimum credit risk.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.2 Credit risk (continued)

3.2.6 Loans and receivables - Overdue and provision

Significant loans and receivables as at 31 December are summarised as follows:

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Loans to customers		
Neither past due nor impaired	17,552,424	14,526,497
Past due but not impaired	17,172	1,905
Impaired	1,273	1,280
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Gross	17,570,869	14,529,682
Impairment allowance	(1,273)	(1,280)
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	17,569,596	14,528,402
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Financial assets included in accounts and other receivables		
Neither past due nor impaired	22,639,673	8,771,989
Past due but not impaired	150	4,524
Impaired	50,647	42,019
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Gross	22,690,470	8,818,532
Impairment allowance	(50,647)	(42,019)
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	22,639,823	8,776,513
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Total	<u>40,209,419</u>	<u>23,304,915</u>

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.2 Credit risk (continued)

3.2.6 Loans and receivables - Overdue and provision (continued)

Gross amount of loans and receivables by class to customers that were past due but not impaired were as follows:

	2020 HK\$'000		2019 HK\$'000	
	Margin loans	Account receivables from dealing in securities	Margin loans	Account receivables from dealing in securities
Individual				
Past due 1 day	662	109	1,643	-
Past due 2 to 5 days	16,115	-	249	-
Past due 6 to 30 days	395	-	-	1
Past due over 30 days	-	41	-	-
Total	17,172	150	1,892	1
Fair value of collateral	51,715	506	6,908	-
Corporate				
Past due 1 day	-	-	-	4,523
Past due 2 to 5 days	-	-	-	-
Past due 6 to 30 days	-	-	-	-
Past due over 30 days	-	-	13	-
Total	-	-	13	4,523
Fair value of collateral	-	-	-	1,432,664

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with financial liabilities when they fall due and to replace funds when they are withdrawn. The consequence may be the failure to meet the obligations of financial contracts that require funding for settlement and to maintain margin and collateral positions. It is crucial for the Group to maintain an appropriate level of liquidity, especially during periods of adverse conditions in particular for systematic risks associated with the financial markets, such as the financial tsunami happened in 2008. FTD is responsible for managing liquidity risk with the aim to:

- Ensure the availability of adequate funding to meet obligations as and when they fall due; and
- To cater for a liquidity crisis.

The nature of businesses of the Group is financial intermediaries and a major part of its consolidated statement of financial position assets arise from securities turnover and collateralised margin lending for securities clients. The maturity profile of the Group's asset portfolio is therefore short-term skewed with high turnover ratio in assets. Appropriate credit control is in place to ensure that brokerage transactions are settled on time. This reduces liquidity concern on the Group when acting in the capacity of an agent.

The Group measures and monitors its net funding requirements by constructing maturity profile that projects future cash flows arising from assets, liabilities and off balance sheet transactions. The Board sets liquidity ratios and limits on the mismatch, which are taken to control liquidity risks due to asset-liabilities mismatch.

3.3.1 Undiscounted cash flows by contractual maturities

The table below presents the cash flows payable by the Group under non-derivative financial liabilities, derivative financial assets/liabilities that will be settled on a net basis and derivative financial assets/liabilities that will be settled on gross basis by remaining contractual maturities at the end of reporting period.

The Group's derivatives that will be settled on a gross basis include:

- Equity derivatives: listed and over-the-counter stock options, listed index options, equity swaps, exchange-traded futures;
- Foreign exchange rate derivatives: non-deliverable forwards, options;
- Interest rate derivatives: cross currency interest rate swaps; and
- Foreign exchange rate derivatives: currency forward.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.3 Liquidity risk (continued)

3.3.1 Undiscounted cash flows by contractual maturities (continued)

The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows, whereas the Group manages the inherent liquidity risk based on the expected undiscounted cash flows.

At 31 December 2020	On demand and up to 1 month HK\$'000	1 to 3 months HK\$'000	3 to 12 months HK\$'000	1 to 5 years HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Non-derivative cash outflow liabilities					
Subordinated loans from the immediate holding company	2,501,432	-	-	-	2,501,432
Bank loans	200,770	200,701	-	-	401,471
Amounts due to the immediate holding company	7,638,542	394,649	12,601	-	8,045,792
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries	2,470	-	-	-	2,470
Financial liabilities included in accounts and other payables	20,635,162	11,746	220,541	29,975	20,897,424
Lease liabilities	2,991	5,982	26,919	7,848	43,740
Deposits from customers	4,979,763	2,304,731	181,819	-	7,466,313
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	416,566	-	-	-	416,566
	<u>36,377,696</u>	<u>2,917,809</u>	<u>441,880</u>	<u>37,823</u>	<u>39,775,208</u>
Cash flow from derivative financial assets and liabilities					
Settled on net basis	-	-	-	-	-
Settled on gross basis					
Total inflow	1,811,720	347,594	191,208	-	2,350,522
Total (outflow)	(1,775,438)	(427,664)	(204,850)	(9,807)	(2,417,759)
	<u>36,282</u>	<u>(80,070)</u>	<u>(13,642)</u>	<u>(9,807)</u>	<u>(67,237)</u>

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.3 Liquidity risk (continued)

3.3.1 Undiscounted cash flows by contractual maturities (continued)

At 31 December 2019	On demand and up to 1 month HK\$'000	1 to 3 months HK\$'000	3 to 12 months HK\$'000	1 to 5 years HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Non-derivative cash outflow liabilities					
Subordinated loans from the immediate holding company	2,505,086	-	-	-	2,505,086
Bank loans	200,190	-	-	-	200,190
Amounts due to the immediate holding company	3,883,450	408,714	7,222	-	4,299,386
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries	7,180	-	-	-	7,180
Financial liabilities included in accounts and other payables	7,789,478	133,374	92,396	22,016	8,037,264
Lease liabilities	3,000	5,999	26,996	43,740	79,735
Deposits from customers	3,472,102	3,161,257	403,230	-	7,036,589
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	152,699	-	-	-	152,699
	<u>18,013,185</u>	<u>3,709,344</u>	<u>529,844</u>	<u>65,756</u>	<u>22,318,129</u>
Cash flow from derivative financial assets and liabilities					
Settled on net basis	-	-	-	-	-
Settled on gross basis					
Total inflow	1,831,202	401,739	272,093	-	2,505,034
Total (outflow)	(1,781,715)	(410,123)	(298,682)	(54,552)	(2,545,072)
	<u>49,487</u>	<u>(8,384)</u>	<u>(26,589)</u>	<u>(54,552)</u>	<u>(40,038)</u>

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3.4 Financial instruments by category

The carrying amount of each of the categories of financial instruments as at the end of the reporting period are as below:

At 31 December 2020	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss HK\$'000	Financial assets through other comprehensive income HK\$'000	Financial assets at amortised cost HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Statutory deposits and other assets	-	-	208,504	208,504
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	355	-	355
Debt instruments at amortised cost	-	-	349,977	349,977
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	871,110	-	-	871,110
Derivatives financial instruments	389,549	-	-	389,549
Amounts due from the immediate holding company	-	-	3,317,499	3,317,499
Amount due from a related company	-	-	8,152	8,152
Financial assets included in account and other receivables	-	-	22,639,823	22,639,823
Loans to customers	-	-	17,569,596	17,569,596
Cash and balances with banks	-	-	6,312,973	6,312,973
Total	<u>1,260,659</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>50,406,524</u>	<u>51,667,538</u>

At 31 December 2020	Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss HK\$'000	Financial liabilities at amortised cost HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<u>Financial liabilities</u>			
Lease Liabilities	-	42,690	42,690
Subordinated loans from the immediate holding company	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
Bank loans	-	400,929	400,929
Amounts due to the immediate holding company	-	8,043,855	8,043,855
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries	-	2,470	2,470
Financial liabilities included in accounts and other payables	-	20,897,424	20,897,424
Deposits from customers	-	7,466,067	7,466,067
Derivative financial instruments	539,484	-	539,484
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	<u>416,566</u>	-	<u>416,566</u>
Total	<u>956,050</u>	<u>39,353,435</u>	<u>40,309,485</u>

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.4 Financial instruments by category

At 31 December 2019	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Financial assets through other comprehensive income	Financial assets at amortised cost	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Statutory deposits and other assets	-	-	78,503	78,503
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	355	-	355
Debt instruments at amortised cost	-	-	149,611	149,611
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	284,379	-	-	284,379
Derivatives financial instruments	150,815	-	-	150,815
Amount due from the immediate holding company	-	-	2,765,837	2,765,837
Amounts due from fellow subsidiaries	-	-	8	8
Amount due from a related company	-	-	8,972	8,972
Financial assets included in account and other receivables	-	-	8,776,513	8,776,513
Loans to customers	-	-	14,528,402	14,528,402
Cash and balances with banks	-	-	5,856,493	5,856,493
Total	435,194	355	32,164,339	32,599,888
At 31 December 2019		Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	Total
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Lease Liabilities		-	76,440	76,440
Subordinated loans from the immediate holding company		-	2,500,000	2,500,000
Bank loans		-	200,136	200,136
Amounts due to the immediate holding company		-	4,290,106	4,290,106
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries		-	7,180	7,180
Financial liabilities included in accounts and other payables		-	8,037,264	8,037,264
Deposits from customers		-	7,033,830	7,033,830
Derivative financial instruments		209,537	-	209,537
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		152,699	-	152,699
Total		362,236	22,144,956	22,507,192

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.5 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

(a) Financial instruments measured at fair value using valuation technique

If a financial instrument has an active market, the quoted market price in the active market is used to determine its fair value.

If the market for a financial instrument is not active, valuation techniques are used to establish its fair value. These valuation techniques are commonly used by market participants and demonstrated to provide reliable estimates of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

Inputs to these valuation techniques are generally market observable, of which:

- The fair value of debt securities is obtained from market quotes.
- The fair value of foreign exchange spots, forwards and swaps is measured using spot or forward exchange rates.
- The fair value of equity options is established using option valuation models (e.g. the Black-Scholes model).

For financial instruments measured at fair value using a valuation technique, the total amount of the change in fair value estimated using a valuation technique that was recognised in the consolidated income statement during the year is approximately a gain of HK\$43,689,000 (2019: loss of HK\$28,004,000).

(b) Financial instruments not measured at fair value

For financial instruments that are not measured in fair value, including debt instruments at amortised cost, loans and receivables, cash and balances with banks, amounts due from/to the immediate holding company, subordinated loan from the immediate holding company, amounts due from/to fellow subsidiaries, accounts and other payables, and deposits from customers, their carrying amounts approximate the fair values.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.5 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(c) Fair value hierarchy

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

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. This level includes listed equity securities and debt instruments on exchanges and exchanges traded derivatives like bond futures.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices). This level includes the majority of debt securities without active secondary markets, the OTC derivative contracts and issued structured notes.

Level 3 – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). This level includes debt or equity instruments with significant unobservable components and investment return guarantee contracts related to provident fund and retirement fund schemes managed by the Group.

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

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.5 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities (continued)

3.5.1 Assets and liabilities measured at fair value

At 31 December 2020	Level 1 HK\$'000	Level 2 HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
- Equity securities	871,110	-	871,110
Derivatives financial instruments	-	389,549	389,549
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income			
- Club debentures	-	355	355
Total	871,110	389,904	1,261,014
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	416,566	-	416,566
- Equity securities	-	539,484	539,484
Derivatives financial instruments	-	539,484	539,484
Total	416,566	539,484	956,050
At 31 December 2019	Level 1 HK\$'000	Level 2 HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
- Equity securities	284,379	-	284,379
Derivatives financial instruments	-	150,815	150,815
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income			
- Club debentures	-	355	355
Total	284,379	151,170	435,549
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			
- Equity securities	152,699	-	152,699
Derivatives financial instruments	-	209,537	209,537
Total	152,699	209,537	362,236

During the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2, or transfers into or out of Level 3.

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3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

3.6 Capital management

The Group's objectives when managing capital, which is a broader concept than the "equity" which include all the Group's consolidated equity of HK\$11,336,378,653 (2019: HK\$10,258,741,208) on the face of consolidated statement of financial position and the subordinated loans from the immediate holding company of HK\$2,500,000,000 (2019: HK\$2,500,000,000), are:

- To comply with the capital requirements under the Banking (Capital) Rules of the Hong Kong Banking Ordinance for the subsidiary carrying out banking business;
- To comply with the requirements of Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance for the Company and its subsidiaries in carrying various types of activities;
- To support the Group's stability and growth;
- To optimise risk adjusted return to the shareholder; and
- To maintain a strong capital base to support the development of its business.

Capital adequacy of the banking subsidiary of the Group is monitored daily by the management of the banking subsidiary, employing techniques based on the Hong Kong Banking (Capital) Rules. The required information is filed with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA") on a quarterly basis.

The HKMA requires each bank to maintain a ratio of total regulatory capital to the risk-weighted asset (the capital adequacy ratio) at or above the minimum of 11.25%.

In addition, the Company and certain subsidiaries are also subject to statutory capital requirement issued by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") ranging from HK\$100,000 to HK\$10,000,000.

During the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, the banking subsidiary complied with all externally imposed capital requirements by the HKMA. The subsidiaries regulated by the SFC complied with the statutory capital requirement.

The subsidiaries regulated by the SFC are also required to maintain adequate financial resources to support their businesses. The Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Financial Resources) Rules require a licensed corporation to maintain liquid capital which is not less than its required liquid capital. During the year, the subsidiaries regulated by the SFC have maintained adequate financial capital to meet the requirement.

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4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The operating business of BOC International Holdings Limited ("BOCI Group"), the Group's immediate holding company, are organised and managed separately according to the nature of the products and services provided, with each segment representing a strategic business unit that offers different products. The Group's operating business segment and structure follows that of BOCI Group.

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker is the person or group that allocates resources to and assesses the performance of the operating segments of an entity. The Group has determined the EC as its chief operating decision maker.

All transactions between business segments are conducted on an arm's length basis, with intra-segment income and costs being eliminated. Income and expenses directly associated with each segment are included in determining business segment performance.

The main business segments of the Group are as follows:

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|-------------------------------|---|
| Investment banking | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides a wide range of securities origination services for issuer clients, including underwriting and placement of public and private equity, debt and related securities.• Advises clients on mergers, acquisitions and restructurings. |
| Brokerage & wealth management | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides brokerage, margin financing service, and private banking to individual and institutional clients. |
| Private banking | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides a range of services for high net-worth individual clients and corporate clients. |
| Fixed income & equity market | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitates client transactions and makes markets in securities, derivatives, currencies, commodities and other financial instruments to satisfy client demands.• Engages in principal and in proprietary trading activities. |
| Leverage & structured finance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides structured financing and financial advisory services. |
| Treasury and others | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides central treasury services on behalf of Group companies. |

No segment assets and segment liabilities are disclosed as no such information are presented to the EC of BOCI Group, which is the chief operating decision maker.

Over 90% of the Group's revenue and profit are derived from its business activities in Hong Kong.

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4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

No individual customer, except for Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries, contributed more than 10% of each individual segment income above. Please refer to note 31 for details of the related party transactions.

The Group's segment results for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

	Investment banking HK\$'000	Brokerage & wealth management HK\$'000	Private banking HK\$'000	Fixed income & equity market HK\$'000	Leveraged & structured finance HK\$'000	Treasury and others HK\$'000	Elimination HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
31 December 2020								
Total income – external	122,954	3,121,269	465,137	302,344	29,951	36,589	-	4,078,244
Total income – inter-segment	-	-	7,269	-	-	52,898	(60,167)	-
Commission and clearing expense	(104)	(890,846)	(15,589)	(33,007)	-	(624)	-	(940,170)
Depreciation and amortisation	-	(23,618)	(170)	(8,079)	-	(3,919)	-	(35,786)
Other operating expenses	(171,550)	(491,800)	(196,408)	(184,449)	(11,844)	81,901	-	(974,150)
Finance costs – external	-	(7,980)	(47,210)	(814)	(39)	(130,084)	-	(186,127)
Finance costs – inter-segment	-	-	(52,898)	-	-	(7,269)	60,167	-
Segment results	(48,700)	1,707,025	160,131	75,995	18,068	29,492	-	1,942,011
Unallocated cost								(751,811)
Operating profits								1,190,200
31 December 2019								
Total income – external	159,644	2,384,220	389,726	378,970	21,363	60,200	-	3,394,123
Total income – inter-segment	-	-	34,835	-	-	100,510	(135,345)	-
Commission and clearing expense	(779)	(541,498)	(20,725)	(27,908)	(8)	(1,703)	-	(592,621)
Depreciation and amortisation	-	(20,213)	-	(4,736)	-	(3,401)	-	(28,350)
Other operating expenses	(187,910)	(442,034)	(178,967)	(182,043)	(11,503)	98,558	-	(903,899)
Finance costs – external	-	(7,184)	(36,599)	(1,331)	(137)	(170,978)	-	(216,229)
Finance costs – inter-segment	-	-	(100,510)	-	-	(34,835)	135,345	-
Segment results	(29,045)	1,373,291	87,760	162,952	9,715	48,351	-	1,653,024
Unallocated cost								(722,015)
Operating profits								931,009

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5. REVENUE AND TRADING GAIN, NET

(a) Revenue

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
<i>Revenue from contracts with customers</i>		
Brokerage commission	1,972,853,291	1,074,907,106
Underwriting and placement commission	312,318,957	342,565,564
Corporate finance and loan syndication fees	70,765,305	129,236,683
<i>Revenue from other sources</i>		
Interest income from bank deposits and loans to customers	950,105,365	1,236,176,580
Dividend income from listed equity securities held for trading	14,569,918	29,859,941
	<u>3,320,612,836</u>	<u>2,812,745,874</u>

During the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, all interest income was calculated using the effective interest rate method.

(b) Trading gain, net

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Net realised/unrealised gain on financial assets and financial liabilities (note)		
- Equity securities	135,100,533	1,216,774
- Debt securities	65,242,990	94,092,176
- Derivative financial instruments	313,094,642	250,728,235
	<u>513,438,165</u>	<u>346,037,185</u>

Note:

Net realised/unrealised gain on financial assets and financial liabilities includes interest income and interest expenses arising from financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The net realised/unrealised gain on financial assets and financial liabilities included:

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Trading gain from listed investments	405,799,711	230,295,026
Trading gain from unlisted investments	107,638,454	115,742,159
	<u>513,438,165</u>	<u>346,037,185</u>

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6. OTHER INCOME

	Notes	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Management fee income from related companies	31	70,327,252	63,242,395
Handling and custodian fees		105,113,360	100,389,414
Foreign exchange gain, net		20,030,974	11,648,322
Interest income from			
- Lending to BOCI Group companies	31	32,081,812	37,834,078
- Debt instruments at amortised cost		1,398,477	4,991,194
- Others		5,829,905	12,742,476
Others		9,411,021	4,491,597
		<u>244,192,801</u>	<u>235,339,476</u>

During the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019, all interest income was calculated using the effective interest rate method.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Wages, salaries, other allowances and unutilised annual leave	393,131,291	373,143,367
Discretionary bonus and other long-term employee benefits	231,871,635	191,523,219
Pension costs - defined contribution plans	29,984,415	27,414,810
Staff medical, recruitment, training, welfare expenses and termination benefits	13,504,278	15,620,772
	<u>668,491,619</u>	<u>607,702,168</u>

Note:
Staff costs include directors' remuneration (note 8).

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8. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

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

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Basic salaries, housing allowances, other allowances and benefits in kind	7,235,604	9,217,510
Contributions to pension schemes	710,000	806,820
Discretionary bonus		
- Short term employee benefits	6,379,670	6,066,667
- Other long-term employee benefits	1,846,400	1,733,333
	<u>16,171,674</u>	<u>17,824,330</u>

In addition to the directors' remuneration disclosed above, certain directors of the Company received remuneration from the immediate holding company and a fellow subsidiary, which totals HK\$17,560,982 (2019: HK\$16,502,036), part of which is in respect of their services to the Group. No apportionment has been made as the directors consider that it is impracticable to apportion this amount between their services to the Group and their services to the Company's immediate holding company and the fellow subsidiary.

During the year, there were no loans to directors which are required to be disclosed pursuant to section 383(1)(d) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and Part 3 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation (2019: Nil).

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9. NET (CHARGE)/CREDIT FOR IMPAIRMENT ON FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Cash and balances with banks (note 23):		
- Stage 1	(86,192)	77,605
- Stage 2	-	-
- Stage 3	-	-
	<u>(86,192)</u>	<u>77,605</u>
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Loans and receivables (note 22):		
- Stage 1	(905,552)	135,367
- Stage 2	-	-
- Stage 3	(7,751,800)	(519,963)
	<u>(8,657,352)</u>	<u>(384,596)</u>
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Debt instruments at amortised cost (note 19):		
- Stage 1	(2,930)	2,521
- Stage 2	-	-
- Stage 3	-	-
	<u>(2,930)</u>	<u>2,521</u>
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Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (note 17):		
- Stage 1	(61)	113
- Stage 2	-	-
- Stage 3	-	-
	<u>(61)</u>	<u>113</u>
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	<u><u>(8,746,535)</u></u>	<u><u>(304,357)</u></u>

Under HKFRS 9, ECL is assessed using an approach which classifies financial assets into three stages, each of which is associated with an ECL estimation that is reflective of the assessed credit risk profile in each instance.

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10. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:

	Notes	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Operating lease related expenses			
- Rental expenses		-	3,438,121
- Building management fee and rates		3,490,407	3,528,390
- Recharged by the immediate holding company	31	6,731,996	21,648,817
Amortisation of intangible assets	14	1,728,221	1,728,221
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	16	34,057,874	26,621,594
Management fee to related companies	31	751,810,744	722,014,801
Auditor's remuneration		1,160,000	966,738
		<u>1,160,000</u>	<u>966,738</u>

11. FINANCE COSTS

	Note	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Interest expenses:			
- Deposits from customers and securities brokerage clients		16,580,181	41,965,834
- Bank loans and other borrowings		167,303,040	171,661,734
- Lease liabilities	16	2,243,535	2,601,352
		<u>186,126,756</u>	<u>216,228,920</u>

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12. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2019: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the year. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the year at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

The amount of taxation charged to the consolidated income statement represents:

	Note	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Current income tax:			
Hong Kong profits tax			
- Current year		115,223,137	24,993,409
- (Over)/under-provision in prior years		(6,234,700)	859,625
Overseas tax			
- Current year		505,690	913,748
- Over-provision in prior years		(443,298)	-
Deferred income tax	15	3,511,888	(3,210,109)
		<u>112,562,717</u>	<u>23,556,673</u>

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

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Profit before taxation	<u>1,190,200,162</u>	<u>931,009,127</u>
Tax calculated at statutory tax rate of 16.5% (2019: 16.5%)	196,383,027	153,616,506
Effect of different taxation rates in other countries	505,690	913,748
Income not subject to tax	(70,038,809)	(116,040,931)
Expenses not deductible for tax	240,646	2,683,047
(Over)/under-provision in prior years	(6,677,998)	859,625
Unused tax losses not recognised	-	720
Utilisation of previously unrecognised tax losses	(11,709,077)	(15,292,186)
Temporary difference not recognised	264,236	(3,183,856)
Reversal of temporary difference recognised	3,595,002	-
Income tax expense at effective tax rate of 9.5% (2019: 2.5%)	<u>112,562,717</u>	<u>23,556,673</u>

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13. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Leasehold improvements HK\$	Furniture, fixtures and equipment HK\$	Electronic equipment HK\$	Total HK\$
Year ended 31 December 2020				
Opening net book amount	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
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Net book amount	-	-	-	-
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At 31 December 2020				
Cost	6,563,455	1,455,460	54,966,793	62,985,708
Accumulated depreciation	(6,563,455)	(1,455,460)	(54,966,793)	(62,985,708)
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Net book amount	-	-	-	-
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Year ended 31 December 2019				
Opening net book amount	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
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Net book amount	-	-	-	-
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At 31 December 2019				
Cost	6,563,455	1,462,460	60,197,826	68,223,741
Accumulated depreciation	(6,563,455)	(1,462,460)	(60,197,826)	(68,223,741)
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Net book amount	-	-	-	-
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14. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Goodwill HK\$	Computer software HK\$	Membership HK\$	Total HK\$
At 1 January 2019				
Cost	64,629,784	85,319,513	-	149,949,297
Accumulated amortisation	(14,914,566)	(85,319,513)	-	(100,234,079)
Net book amount	<u>49,715,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,715,218</u>
Year ended 31 December 2019				
Opening net book amount	49,715,218	-	-	49,715,218
Addition	-	-	8,641,105	8,641,105
Amortisation	-	-	(1,728,221)	(1,728,221)
Closing net book amount	<u>49,715,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,912,884</u>	<u>56,628,102</u>
At 31 December 2019 and 1 January 2020				
Cost	64,629,784	85,290,303	8,641,105	158,561,192
Accumulated amortisation	(14,914,566)	(85,290,303)	(1,728,221)	(101,933,090)
Net book amount	<u>49,715,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,912,884</u>	<u>56,628,102</u>
Year ended 31 December 2020				
Opening net book amount	49,715,218	-	6,912,884	56,628,102
Amortisation	-	-	(1,728,221)	(1,728,221)
Closing net book amount	<u>49,715,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,184,663</u>	<u>54,899,881</u>
At 31 December 2020				
Cost	64,629,784	85,290,303	8,641,105	158,561,192
Accumulated amortisation	(14,914,566)	(85,290,303)	(3,456,442)	(103,661,311)
Net book amount	<u>49,715,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,184,663</u>	<u>54,899,881</u>

The goodwill in the Group is mostly attributable to securities brokerage business, the cash-generating units ("CGU"). No impairment loss was noted in 2020 and 2019, as the CGU involved was highly profitable. In 2020, net profit of HK\$923,748,019 (2019: HK\$738,819,817) was generated by the securities brokerage business.

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15. DEFERRED INCOME TAX ASSETS

	Notes	Accelerated tax depreciation HK\$	Impairment allowances HK\$	Total HK\$
At 1 January 2019		1,053,610	94,739	1,148,349
Recognised in the consolidated income statement	12	(352,094)	3,562,203	3,210,109
At 31 December 2019 and 1 January 2020		701,516	3,656,942	4,358,458
Recognised in the consolidated income statement	12	(82,110)	(3,429,778)	(3,511,888)
At 31 December 2020		619,406	227,164	846,570

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for tax loss carry-forward to the extent that the realisation of the related tax benefit through the future taxable profits is probable. The Group did not recognise deferred income tax assets of approximately HK\$25,418,186 (2019: HK\$37,127,263) in respect of losses amounting to approximately HK\$154,049,611 (2019: HK\$225,013,715) that can be carried forward against future taxable income. These tax losses have no expiry date.

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16. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS AND LEASE LIABILITIES

(a) Right-of-use assets

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
At 1 January	75,453,787	48,534,166
Additions	-	53,541,215
Depreciation	(34,057,874)	(26,621,594)
At 31 December	<u>41,395,913</u>	<u>75,453,787</u>

(b) Lease liabilities

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
At 1 January	76,440,280	48,491,261
Additions	-	53,494,127
Accretion of interest	2,243,535	2,601,352
Payments	(35,994,000)	(28,146,460)
At 31 December	<u>42,689,815</u>	<u>76,440,280</u>

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16. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS AND LEASE LIABILITIES (continued)

(c) Maturity profile of lease liabilities

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
-Within one year	35,892,000	35,994,000
-After one year but within five years:	7,847,540	43,739,540
	<u>43,739,540</u>	<u>79,733,540</u>
Lease liabilities (undiscounted)	43,739,540	79,733,540
Discount amount	(1,049,725)	(3,293,260)
	<u>42,689,815</u>	<u>76,440,280</u>
Lease liabilities (discounted)	42,689,815	76,440,280
	<u>34,912,125</u>	<u>33,750,465</u>
Current	34,912,125	33,750,465
	<u>7,777,690</u>	<u>42,689,815</u>
Non-current	7,777,690	42,689,815

The weighted average incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities recognised at 31 December 2020 was 3.67% (2019: 3.68%).

(d) Amounts recognised in the consolidated income statement for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	34,057,874	26,621,594
Interest expenses on lease liabilities	2,243,535	2,601,352
Expense relating to short-term lease and other leases with remaining lease terms on or before 31 December	-	3,438,121
	<u>36,301,409</u>	<u>32,661,067</u>
Total amount recognised in profit or loss	36,301,409	32,661,067

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17. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Club debentures, unlisted	355,000	355,000
Less: Allowance for impairment losses – Stage 1	(79)	(18)
	<u>354,921</u>	<u>354,982</u>

The movement in allowance for impairment of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income is as follows:

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Beginning of year – Stage 1	18	131
Net charge/(credit) during the year – Stage 1 (note 9)	61	(113)
At 31 December	<u>79</u>	<u>18</u>

As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, club debentures were classified under Stage 1.

18. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Trading securities - at fair value - Equity securities, listed in Hong Kong	<u>871,110,199</u>	<u>284,378,671</u>
Market value of listed equity securities	<u>871,110,199</u>	<u>284,378,671</u>

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19. DEBT INSTRUMENTS AT AMORTISED COST

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Hong Kong Exchange Fund Bills, unlisted	349,992,303	149,623,764
Less: Allowance for impairment losses – Stage 1	(15,784)	(12,854)
	<u>349,976,519</u>	<u>149,610,910</u>
Analysed by type of issuers as follows:		
Sovereigns	<u>349,976,519</u>	<u>149,610,910</u>
Analysed by issue specific credit rating as follows:		
Fitch, AA+ to AA-	<u>349,976,519</u>	<u>149,610,910</u>

The movement in debt instruments at amortised cost is summarised as follow:

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
At 1 January	149,610,910	249,289,837
Additions	1,098,970,062	894,880,104
Redemptions	(900,000,000)	(999,160,811)
Others	1,395,547	4,601,780
At 31 December	<u>349,976,519</u>	<u>149,610,910</u>

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19. DEBT INSTRUMENTS AT AMORITISED COST (continued)

The movement in allowance for impairment of debt instruments at amortised cost is as follows:

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Beginning of year – Stage 1	12,854	15,375
Net charge/(credit) during the year – Stage 1 (note 9)	2,930	(2,521)
At 31 December	<u>15,784</u>	<u>12,854</u>

There were no overdue of debt instruments at amortised cost of the Group as at 31 December 2020 and 2019.

As at 31 December 2020, debt instruments at amortised cost were classified under Stage 1.

20. BANK LOANS

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Bank loans – unsecured	<u>400,929,091</u>	<u>200,135,626</u>

At 31 December 2020 and 2019, the bank loans of the Group were unsecured, borne prevailing market interest rate and repayable within 3 months.

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21. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Group enters into equity, foreign exchange and interest rate derivative financial instruments for trading and risk management purposes. The types of derivatives utilised by the Group are shown in the following table:

Derivatives	Description
Forwards and futures	These instruments are contractual obligations to buy or sell financial instruments or commodities on a future date at a specified price. Forward contracts are tailor-made agreements that are transacted between counterparties in the over-the-counter (OTC) market, whereas futures are standardised contracts transacted on regulated exchanges. The major types of forward and futures transactions undertaken by the Group are index futures.
Options	Options are contractual agreements under which, typically, the seller (writer) grants the purchaser the right, but not the obligation, either to buy (call option) or to sell (put option) by or at a set date, a specified quantity of a financial instrument or commodity at a predetermined price. The purchaser pays a premium to the seller for this right. Options involving more complex payment structures are also transacted. Options may be traded OTC or on a regulated exchange, and may be traded in the form of securities (warrants).
Swaps	<p>These are transactions in which two parties exchange cash flows on a specified notional amount for a predetermined period. Most swaps are traded OTC. The major types of swap transactions undertaken by the Group are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest rate swaps are commitments to exchange one set of cash flows for another. Swaps result in an exchange of currencies or interest rates (for example, fixed rate for floating rate);• Credit default swaps are the most common form of credit derivative, under which the party buying protection makes one or more payments to the party selling protection in exchange for an undertaking by the seller to make a payment to the buyer following a credit event (as defined in the contract) with respect to a third party. Settlement following a credit event may be a net cash amount, or cash in return for physical delivery of one or more obligations of the credit entity (as defined in the contract) and is made regardless of whether the protection buyer has actually suffered a loss. After a credit event and settlement, the contract is terminated; and• Equity swaps give the receiver exposure to the cash flows and economic benefits and risks of an underlying asset, without having to own the asset, in exchange for a series of payments, often based on a reference interest rate, e.g. LIBOR.

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21. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Most of the Group's derivative transactions relate to sales and trading activities. Sales activities include the structuring and marketing of derivative products to customers to enable them to take, transfer, modify or reduce current or expected risks. Activities in derivatives are entered into principally for the purpose of generating profits from short-term fluctuations in price or margin. Positions may be traded actively or be held over a period of time to benefit from expected changes in currency rates, interest rates, equity prices or other market parameters.

The contract/notional amounts and fair values of derivative financial instruments held by the Group are set out in the following tables. The contract/notional amounts of these instruments indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at the end of reporting periods and certain of them provide a basis for comparison with fair value instruments recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position. However, they do not necessarily indicate the amounts of future cash flows involved or the current fair values of the instruments and, therefore, do not indicate the Group's exposure to credit or market risks. The derivative financial instruments become favourable (assets) or unfavourable (liabilities) as a result of fluctuations in market interest rates or foreign exchange rates relative to their terms. The aggregate fair values of derivative financial instruments assets and liabilities can fluctuate significantly from time to time.

	Notional amount HK\$'000	Assets HK\$	Liabilities HK\$
Derivatives – held for trading			
At 31 December 2020			
Exchange rate contracts	1,997,586	7,188,051	3,806,895
Equity contracts	14,093,109	382,360,653	535,677,352
		<u>389,548,704</u>	<u>539,484,247</u>
At 31 December 2019			
Exchange rate contracts	2,392,905	9,276,622	5,044,302
Equity contracts	5,762,225	141,538,649	204,492,428
		<u>150,815,271</u>	<u>209,536,730</u>

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22. LOANS AND RECEIVABLES

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Account receivables from dealing in securities	22,495,328,295	8,653,683,376
Fees and commission receivable	146,034,540	119,982,114
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	88,140,869	69,191,542
Loans to customers	17,570,868,965	14,529,682,658
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Gross	40,300,372,669	23,372,539,690
Impairment allowance (stage 1 under HKFRS 9)		
- loans to customers	(7,094)	(8,143)
- fees and commission receivable	(1,151,616)	(245,015)
Impairment allowance (stage 3 under HKFRS 9)		
- loans to customers	(1,266,184)	(1,271,868)
- fees and commission receivable	(49,495,037)	(41,774,383)
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Total	<u>40,248,452,738</u>	<u>23,329,240,281</u>

The carrying amounts of loans and receivables approximate their fair value.

As at 31 December 2020, the loans to customers, which included approximately HK\$12,678 million (2019: HK\$9,480 million) of receivables from margin clients, were secured by listed securities held as collateral of fair value of HK\$180,338 million (2019: HK\$151,074 million) and cash deposits of HK\$435 million (2019: HK\$169 million). The Group is permitted to sell or re-pledge such collateral. As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, there were no collateral re-pledged.

The receivables exclude the brokerage client monies maintained in the trust accounts with a clearing participant and other brokers, HKFE Clearing Corporation Limited and the Stock Exchange Options Clearing House of approximately HK\$260 million, HK\$111 million and HK\$691 million respectively as at 31 December 2020 (2019: HK\$258 million, HK\$125 million and HK\$338 million respectively).

During the year, there were no loans to employees which are required to be disclosed pursuant to sections 280 and 281 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

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22. LOANS AND RECEIVABLES (continued)

The movement in the allowance for impairment allowances of loans and receivables is as follows:

	Stage 1 HK\$	Stage 3 HK\$	Total HK\$
At 1 January 2019	388,525	42,752,580	43,141,105
Net (credit)/charge for the year (note 9)	(135,367)	519,963	384,596
Exchange difference	-	(226,292)	(226,292)
	<u>253,158</u>	<u>43,046,251</u>	<u>43,299,409</u>
At 31 December 2019 and 1 January 2020	253,158	43,046,251	43,299,409
Net charge for the year (note 9)	905,552	7,751,800	8,657,352
Exchange difference	-	(36,830)	(36,830)
	<u>905,552</u>	<u>7,714,970</u>	<u>8,618,522</u>
As at 31 December 2020	<u><u>1,158,710</u></u>	<u><u>50,761,221</u></u>	<u><u>51,919,931</u></u>

As at 31 December 2020, loans and receivables amounted to HK\$40,249,611,448 (2019: 23,329,493,439) and HK\$50,761,221 (2019: HK\$43,046,251) were classified under stage 1 and stage 3 respectively.

23. CASH AND BALANCES WITH BANKS

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Cash at banks and in hand	2,767,732,188	1,164,523,183
Placements with banks		
- with original maturity within three months	2,368,831,324	2,359,267,668
- with original maturity over three months	1,176,586,573	2,332,793,356
	<u>6,313,150,085</u>	<u>5,856,584,207</u>
Gross	6,313,150,085	5,856,584,207
Less: Allowance for impairment losses – Stage 1	(177,547)	(91,355)
	<u><u>6,312,972,538</u></u>	<u><u>5,856,492,852</u></u>

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23. CASH AND BALANCES WITH BANKS (continued)

The movement in allowance for impairment of cash and balances with banks is as follows:

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Beginning of year - Stage 1	91,355	168,960
Net charge/(credit) during the year - Stage 1 (note 9)	86,192	(77,605)
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At 31 December	<u>177,547</u>	<u>91,355</u>

The Group maintains trust accounts with authorised institutions as part of its normal business transactions. At 31 December 2020, trust accounts with authorised institutions not otherwise dealt with in the consolidated financial statements amounted to approximately HK\$45,466 million (2019: HK\$40,775 million).

24. AMOUNTS DUE FROM/TO FELLOW SUBSIDIARIES

Amounts due from/to fellow subsidiaries are all non-interest bearing with carrying balances approximated their fair value.

During the year, the Group has entered into securities borrowing and lending arrangements with a fellow subsidiary in the normal course of business on a principal basis, in which it transfers and receives equity securities to and from the fellow subsidiary. The Group has determined that it continues to retain substantially all the risks and rewards of the securities lent and therefore has not derecognised such in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Under securities borrowing and lending agreements, cash collateral was required and collected for securities borrowed and lent respectively. No interest was charged on the collateral deposits received and placed.

As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, the Group did not have any equity securities lending or borrowing to and from the fellow subsidiary.

Furthermore, a subsidiary of the Group also engages in securities borrowing and lending arrangements but in an agency capacity for its customers. The relevant securities are not recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Except for the cash collateral received and deposited under stock borrowing and lending transactions, all the amounts due to fellow subsidiaries of the Group are repayable upon demand and unsecured.

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25. AMOUNTS DUE FROM/TO THE IMMEDIATE HOLDING COMPANY/A RELATED COMPANY/SUBORDINATED LOANS FROM THE IMMEDIATE HOLDING COMPANY

The Group entered several transactions with the immediate holding company with amounts and terms of the transactions as follows:

- As at 31 December 2020, an amount of HK\$3,313,709,448 (2019: HK\$2,762,616,406) was lent to the immediate holding company for cash management and general funding purpose, which is unsecured, bears prevailing market interest rate and repayable within a year.
- An amount of HK\$3,789,236 (2019: HK\$3,220,424) was lent to the immediate holding company for the same purpose, which is unsecured, interest free and repayable upon demand.
- As at 31 December 2020, an amount of HK\$6,292,089,155 (2019: HK\$3,155,517,276) was borrowed from the immediate holding company by a subsidiary of the Company for cash management and general funding purpose, which is unsecured, bears prevailing market interest rate and repayable within one year. An amount of HK\$775,180,000 (2019: HK\$156,009,830) was borrowed from the immediate holding company by the Company for the same purpose, which is unsecured, bears prevailing market interest rate and repayable within one year. An amount of HK\$498,682,423 (2019: HK\$498,682,422) was borrowed from the immediate holding company by the Company for the same purpose, which is unsecured, interest free and repayable upon demand.
- An amount of HK\$477,903,231 (2019: HK\$479,896,148) was paid by the immediate holding company on behalf of the Group for daily administrative activities, which is unsecured, interest free and repayable upon demand.

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25. AMOUNTS DUE FROM/TO THE IMMEDIATE HOLDING COMPANY/A RELATED COMPANY/SUBORDINATED LOANS FROM THE IMMEDIATE HOLDING COMPANY
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The Group also entered the following transaction with a related company with amounts and terms of the transaction as follows:

- As of December 31 2020, an amount of HK\$8,152,301 (2019: HK\$8,972,071) due from an associate of the immediate holding company is unsecured, interest-free and repayable upon demand with carrying balances approximating their fair value.

The subordinated loans from the immediate holding company were borrowed by a subsidiary of the Company:

- (i) HK\$1,400 million (2019: HK\$1,400 million) drawn under a loan facility maturing on 28 October 2021. The amount shall be repayable with one month notice.
- (ii) HK\$500 million (2019: HK\$500 million), drawn under a loan facility maturing on 14 August 2021. The amount shall be repayable with one month notice.

Both subordinated loans are unsecured, bear interest at 1-month HIBOR plus 50 basis points (2019: 1-month HIBOR plus 50 basis points).

The Company has:

- (i) HK\$600 million (2019: HK\$600 million) drawn under a loan facility. Pursuant to the written consent from the SFC dated 31 December 2013, the maturity date of such loan facility is extended from 2 January 2020 to 3 January 2022 with the remaining terms unchanged. The amount shall be repayable with one month notice. The loan is unsecured, bear interest at 1-month HIBOR plus 200 basis points (2019: 1-month HIBOR plus 200 basis points).

The loans were approved and allowed by the SFC as subordinated loans for exclusion from ranking liabilities in accordance with section 53(2) of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures (Financial Resources) Rules in the computation of regulatory liquid capital.

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26. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Account payables from dealing in securities	20,509,190,806	7,588,397,426
Account payables from securities trading	53,175	12,005
Discretionary bonus payable	250,110,439	230,801,573
Others payables and accrued expenses	138,070,063	218,052,778
	<u>20,897,424,483</u>	<u>8,037,263,782</u>

The carrying amounts of account payables approximate their fair values.

Account payables represent amounts due to brokerage clients, brokers and clearing houses, and are due within one month. Account payables to clients exclude those payables placed in trust accounts with authorised institutions, HKFE Clearing Corporation Limited and Stock Exchange Options Clearing House and other financial institutions, which amounted to approximately HK\$46,528 million as at 31 December 2020 (2019: HK\$41,496 million).

Discretionary bonus payable represents bonus to be paid to staff. An amount of approximately HK\$30 million (2019: HK\$22 million) is due more than one year as at 31 December 2020.

27. DEPOSITS FROM CUSTOMERS

All the deposits from customers are time, call and notice deposits and maturing within 1 year. Deposits from related parties are set out in note 31 (a)(viii).

28. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Trading securities – at fair value		
- Equity securities, listed in Hong Kong	416,565,742	152,699,232
	<u>416,565,742</u>	<u>152,699,232</u>

29. SHARE CAPITAL

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Issued and fully paid:		
200,000 (2019: 200,000) ordinary shares	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000
	<u>2,000,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000,000</u>

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30. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Cash flow from operating activities

Reconciliation of profit before taxation to net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities:

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Profit before taxation	1,190,200,162	931,009,127
Interest income	(989,415,559)	(1,291,744,328)
Interest expense	186,126,756	216,228,920
Dividend income	(14,569,918)	(29,859,941)
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,728,221	1,728,221
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	34,057,874	26,621,594
Net charge for impairment on financial assets	8,746,535	304,357
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	416,874,071	(145,712,050)
Increase in statutory deposits and other assets	(130,001,176)	(822,494)
Increase in loans and receivables	(16,928,695,544)	(2,722,101,629)
(Increase)/decrease in derivative financial instruments – assets	(238,733,433)	6,025,691
(Increase)/decrease in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(586,731,528)	249,858,561
Decrease/(increase) in cash and balances with banks with original maturity over three months	1,156,206,783	(931,976,286)
Movement in balances with the immediate holding company	3,202,087,279	(1,750,241,851)
Movement in balances with fellow subsidiaries	(4,701,361)	(7,861,203)
Movement in balances with a related company	819,770	(14,664,936)
Increase in derivative financial instruments – liabilities	329,947,517	15,792,859
Increase in accounts and other payables	12,860,160,701	2,177,983,550
Increase/(decrease) in deposits from customers	434,264,359	(452,129,728)
Increase in financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	263,866,510	27,498,145
Dividend received	14,569,918	29,859,941
Interest received	988,842,817	1,284,786,233
Interest paid	(185,117,091)	(213,535,851)
Interest element on lease liabilities	(2,243,535)	(2,601,352)
Hong Kong and overseas profits tax paid	(50,248,274)	-
Hong Kong profits tax refund	104,325,405	-
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Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<u>1,645,493,188</u>	<u>(2,449,842,400)</u>

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30. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

(b) Net cash generated from financing activities

Reconciliation of liabilities to net cash generated from financing activities:

	Bank loans HK\$	Lease liabilities HK\$
At 1 January 2019	-	48,491,261
Changes from financing cash flows		
New bank loan	200,000,000	-
Capital element of lease liabilities	-	(25,545,108)
Other changes		
New lease liabilities arising from additional lease during the year	-	53,494,127
Finance charges on bank loans	135,626	-
Finance charges on lease liabilities	-	2,601,352
Interest element of lease liabilities	-	(2,601,352)
At 31 December 2019	<u>200,135,626</u>	<u>76,440,280</u>
At 1 January 2020	200,135,626	76,440,280
Changes from financing cash flows		
New bank loans	400,000,000	-
Repayment of bank loans	(200,000,000)	-
Capital element of lease liabilities	-	(33,750,465)
Other changes		
Finance charges on bank loans	983,342	-
Interest element on bank loans	(189,877)	-
Finance charges on lease liabilities	-	2,243,535
Interest element of lease liabilities	-	(2,243,535)
At 31 December 2020	<u>400,929,091</u>	<u>42,689,815</u>

(c) Total cash outflow for leases

The total cash outflow for leases included in the statement of cash flows is as follows:

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
Within operating activities	2,243,535	2,601,352
Within investing activities	-	-
Within financing activities	33,750,465	25,545,108
	<u>35,994,000</u>	<u>28,146,460</u>

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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Other than related party transactions disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements, the major transactions with related parties which the Group entered into during the year are summarised as follows:

(a) **Summary of transactions entered into during the ordinary course of business with BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries, and associates of BOC International Holdings Limited**

<u>2020</u>	Notes	BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries HK\$'000	Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries HK\$'000	Associates of BOC International Holdings Limited HK\$'000
<u>Consolidated income statement</u>				
Interest income from bank deposits	i	-	100,537	-
Brokerage commission	ii	25,085	841,135	41
Underwriting and placement commission	iii	-	23,955	7,657
Management fee income	iv	70,327	-	-
Other income – interest income	i	32,082	-	-
Net realised/unrealised loss on financial assets and financial liabilities	vi	(14)	-	-
Interest expense on loans and other borrowings	vii	(144,485)	(12,873)	-
Interest expense on customer deposits	viii	-	(15)	-
Commission expenses arising from brokerage activities	ii	(613)	(371,403)	(504)
Commission expenses arising from corporate finance activities and underwriting activities	iii	-	-	(1,031)
Management fee expense	v	(751,811)	-	-
Operating lease related expenses	ix	(6,732)	(3,490)	-
Staff medical, recruitment, training & welfare expenses	x	-	(7,978)	-
Bank charges	xi	(12)	(15,687)	-
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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(a) **Summary of transactions entered into during the ordinary course of business with BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries, and associates of BOC International Holdings Limited (continued)**

<u>2019</u>	Notes	BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries HK\$'000	Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries HK\$'000	Associates of BOC International Holdings Limited HK\$'000
<u>Consolidated income statement</u>				
Interest income from bank deposits	i	-	195,147	-
Brokerage commission	ii	16,051	416,267	35
Underwriting and placement commission	iii	-	29,166	8,972
Corporate finance and other fees	iii	-	29,963	-
Management fee income	iv	63,242	-	-
Other income – interest income	i	37,834	-	-
Net realised/unrealised loss on financial assets and financial liabilities	vi	(108)	-	-
Interest expense on loans and other borrowings	vii	(157,501)	(11,338)	-
Interest expense on customer deposits	viii	-	(52)	-
Commission expenses arising from brokerage activities	ii	(2,411)	(172,637)	(498)
Commission expenses arising from corporate finance activities	iii	(3,444)	(182)	-
Management fee expense	v	(722,015)	-	-
Operating lease related expenses	ix	(21,649)	(6,966)	-
Staff medical, recruitment, training & welfare expenses	x	-	(8,390)	-
Bank charges	xi	(7)	(12,732)	-
		<u>(7)</u>	<u>(12,732)</u>	<u>-</u>

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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(a) **Summary of transactions entered into during the ordinary course of business with BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries, and associates of BOC International Holdings Limited (continued)**

<u>2020</u>	Notes	BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries HK\$'000	Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries HK\$'000	Associates of BOC International Holdings Limited HK\$'000
<u>Consolidated statement of financial position</u>				
Bank balances and cash	i	-	4,185,650	-
Account receivables from dealing in securities	ii	689,185	6,932,265	177,962
Amount due from a related company	iii	-	-	8,152
Fee and commission receivable	iii	-	18,577	-
Right-of-use assets	xii	-	41,396	-
Derivative and other financial instruments (assets)	vi	7,796	16	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deposits from customers	viii	47,486	2,138	-
Account payables arising from dealing in securities	ii	688,404	8,059,476	2,296
Lease liabilities	xii	-	42,690	-
Derivative and other financial instruments (liabilities)	vi	201,915	3,463	-
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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(a) **Summary of transactions entered into during the ordinary course of business with BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries, and associates of BOC International Holdings Limited (continued)**

<u>2019</u>	Notes	BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries HK\$'000	Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries HK\$'000	Associates of BOC International Holdings Limited HK\$'000
<u>Consolidated statement of financial position</u>				
Bank balances and cash	i	-	5,845,324	-
Account receivables from dealing in securities	ii	79,381	2,889,055	181,641
Amount due from a related company	iii	-	-	8,972
Fee and commission receivable	iii	-	28,690	-
Right-of-use assets	xii	-	75,356	-
Derivative and other financial instruments (assets)	vi	11,732	1,682	-
Deposits from customers	viii	65,666	2,124	-
Account payables arising from dealing in securities	ii	184,642	3,510,729	2,296
Lease liabilities	xii	-	76,340	-
Derivative and other financial instruments (liabilities)	vi	94,407	4,402	-

- (i) Interest income from bank deposits and bank balances and interest income from the immediate holding company and fellow subsidiaries of BOCI Group

In the ordinary course of business, the Group placed its cash and short-term funds with Bank of China Limited and its related entities. These deposits were conducted at prices and terms that were no more favourable than those contracted with other third party customers.

The Group also received interest income from amounts lent to BOCI Group companies for cash management purpose as disclosed in note 6 and note 25 to the consolidated financial statements.

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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(a) **Summary of transactions entered into during the ordinary course of business with BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries, and associates of BOC International Holdings Limited (continued)**

(ii) Commission income and expense arising from brokerage activities

During the year, the Group earned brokerage commission from securities dealing of approximately HK\$25,085,000 and HK\$841,135,000 (2019: approximately HK\$16,051,000 and HK\$416,267,000) from fellow subsidiaries controlled by BOCI Group and Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries respectively as a result of securities transactions executed in Hong Kong. In return, the Group paid approximately HK\$613,000 and HK\$371,403,000 (2019: approximately HK\$2,411,000 and HK\$172,637,000) as commission expenses.

As at 31 December 2020, the Group had a net receivable of HK\$781,000 (2019: net payable of HK\$105,261,000) from fellow subsidiaries in BOC International Holdings Limited Group and net payable of HK\$1,127,211,000 to Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries (2019: net payable of HK\$621,674,000 to Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries) as a result of the above transactions executed.

(iii) Underwriting and placement commission income, corporate finance and other fees and commission expenses

In the ordinary course of business, the Group provided underwriting and placement, and corporate finance service to customers and received commission income. During the year, the Group earned a total income of HK\$23,955,000 from Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries (2019: HK\$59,129,000). These commissions earned were executed at the relevant market rates at the time of the transactions. As at 31 December 2020, the Group had an outstanding fee receivable of HK\$18,577,000 from Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries (2019: HK\$28,690,000).

During the year, the Group incurred underwriting commission expense and corporate finance commission expenses of HK\$1,031,000 (2019: Nil) to an associate of the immediate holding company. During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group incurred corporate finance commission expenses of HK\$182,000 to subsidiaries of Bank of China Limited.

An underwriting and placement activity was also jointly conducted by the Group and an associate of the immediate holding company. As at 31 December 2020, the Group has outstanding fee receivable amounted to HK\$8,152,000 (2019: HK\$8,972,000). Fee income of HK\$7,657,000 (2019: HK\$8,972,000) was earned from the associate during the year.

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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(a) **Summary of transactions entered into during the ordinary course of business with BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries, and associates of BOC International Holdings Limited (continued)**

(iv) Management fee income

The Group has agreements with fellow subsidiaries (BOCI Leveraged & Structured Finance Limited, BOCI Financial Products Limited and BOCI Private Wealth Management Limited), under which the Group provides management and administrative services in return for a fee which is agreed and reviewed on an annual basis. These agreements can be terminated by either party giving not less than one month's written notice.

(v) Management fee expense

The Group has agreements with the immediate holding company (BOC International Holdings Limited) and its fellow subsidiaries (BOC International (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., Bank of China International (UK) Limited, and BOC International (USA) Inc.), under which the immediate holding company and the fellow subsidiaries provide administration and support services to the Group in return for a fee which is agreed and reviewed on an annual basis. These agreements can be terminated by all parties giving not less than one month's written notice.

(vi) Derivative and other financial instruments (assets/liabilities) and net realised/unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets and financial liabilities

In the ordinary course of business, the Group entered into foreign exchange swap contracts with its immediate holding company (BOC International Holdings Limited) for funding purposes. These transactions were executed at the relevant market rates at the time of the transactions.

In the ordinary course of business, the Group entered into equity contracts and exchange rate contracts with fellow subsidiaries of BOCI Group and other subsidiaries of Bank of China Limited. These transactions were executed at the relevant market rates at the time of the transactions.

(vii) Loans and related interest expenses

In the ordinary course of business, the Group obtained loans from BOC International Holdings Limited and other subsidiaries of Bank of China Limited to finance its margin financing activities and daily operations. The above borrowings were entered at the relevant market rates at the time of the transactions. During the year, the Group paid an interest expense of HK\$144,485,000 and HK\$12,873,000 (2019: HK\$157,501,000 and HK\$11,338,000) for the loans obtained from BOC International Holdings Limited and other subsidiaries of Bank of China Limited respectively.

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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(a) **Summary of transactions entered into during the ordinary course of business with BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries, and associates of BOC International Holdings Limited (continued)**

(viii) Deposits from customers and interest expense on customer deposits

In the ordinary course of business, the Group accepted deposits from fellow subsidiaries in BOC International Holdings Limited and other subsidiaries of Bank of China Limited. As at 31 December 2020, the outstanding customer deposits amounted to HK\$47,486,000 and HK\$2,138,000 respectively (2019: HK\$65,666,000 and HK\$2,124,000) and interest expenses of HK\$15,000 (2019: HK\$52,000) were paid during the year. There were no outstanding deposits and balances from banks as at 31 December 2020 (2019: Nil).

(ix) Operating lease related expenses

In the ordinary course of business, the Group and its immediate holding company (BOC International Holdings Limited) have lease agreements with Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries. The Group was charged for rental, building management fee and rates at the relevant market rate at the time of the transactions.

Also, the Group's immediate holding company, BOC International Holdings Limited, has lease agreements with external parties and the Group was recharged for the operating lease rental by its immediate holding company at the relevant market rate at the time of the transaction.

(x) Staff medical, recruitment, training & welfare expenses

The Group paid fees to Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries for the insurance and training services provided to the Group.

(xi) Bank charges

In the ordinary course of business, the Group has incurred bank charges to Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries as a result of its daily operations.

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31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

(a) **Summary of transactions entered into during the ordinary course of business with BOC International Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries, Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries, and associates of BOC International Holdings Limited (continued)**

(xii) Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities

The Group has lease agreements with Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries, under which the Company pays lease payments for the use of underlying right-of-use assets. Under HKFRS 16, the Group recognised right-of-use assets and lease liabilities, representing the right to use the underlying assets and the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term respectively.

At 31 December 2020, the Group recognised right-of-use assets of HK\$101,878,899 (2019: HK\$101,878,899) with accumulated depreciation of right-of-use assets of HK\$ 60,482,986 (2019: HK\$26,523,353) and lease liabilities of HK\$ 42,689,815 (2019: HK\$76,340,327) in respect of the lease agreements signed with Bank of China Limited and its subsidiaries.

(xiii) Key management compensation

Key management are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group, directly or indirectly, considering directors are key management which compensation was disclosed in note 8 to the consolidated financial statements.

(b) **Transaction with BOC Poverty Relief and Education Charity Fund Limited**

BOCI Group has established a charitable fund, namely BOC Poverty Relief and Education Charity Fund Limited (the "Charity Fund"), in 2008 and registered with Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong SAR Government.

During the year, the Group accepted deposits and paid interest expenses of HK\$217,789 (2019: HK\$675,659) to the Charity Fund. As at 31 December 2020, there is no outstanding customer deposits (2019: HK\$42,988,596) placed by the Charity Fund.

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32. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES, AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Fair value of derivatives or other financial instruments

The fair value of financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets are determined by using valuation techniques. Where valuation techniques are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by qualified personnel independent of the area that created them. All models are calibrated to ensure that outputs reflect actual data and comparative market prices. To the extent practical, models use only observable data. Changes in methodologies about these valuation techniques could affect reported fair value of financial instruments.

Impairment allowance on loans and receivables

In determining ECL, the Group applies judgement in determining what is considered to be a significant increase in credit risk and in making assumptions and estimates to incorporate relevant information about past events, current conditions and assessment of future economic conditions. Judgement has been applied in determining the lifetime and point of initial recognition of revolving facilities. The probability of default ("PD") and loss given default ("LGD") models which support these determinations are reviewed regularly in light of differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 starting early 2020, the criteria for ECL assessments and the economic conditions have been regularly updated with the considerations of the likelihood of further economic downturn and the negative impacts on the credit risk of the customers.

Definition of default and credit-impaired assets

Default under the definition of HKFRS 9 is considered occurred when one of the following conditions is met:

- Loans or receivables which are considered uncollectible after exhausting all collection efforts, have no asset value and have already been classified as "loss";
- A debtor with difficulty in repayment applies for debt restructuring to cut the outstanding debt; and
- Loans or receivables require to be written off as specified by the local regulatory authorities.

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32. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES, AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES(continued)

Impairment allowance on loans and receivables (continued)

Staging criteria

Movement between Stages 1, 2 and 3 is based on a set of predefined criteria whereas the Group has adopted a guideline to identify significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition by comparing the risk of default occurring over the expected life between the reporting date and the date of initial recognition that is consistent with the internal credit risk management strategy. The criteria included, but not limited to, the following elements:

- External/internal credit rating;
- Days past due record;
- Loan classification for loan portfolio; and
- Other credit risk events, such as margin call, force liquidation, bankruptcy.

Multiple scenarios and forward-looking information

ECL is calculated as a probability-weighted product of the PD, LGD and present value of exposure at default discounted at effective interest rate across scenarios. Three scenarios are adopted in the probability-weighted ECL which included the Baseline, Upside, and Downside scenarios which presented different severity under the respective macroeconomic scenarios.

The Group considers both historical loss experience and current observable data, and uses reasonable and supportable information of future economic forecasts to estimate the amount of ECL. The Group adopted macroeconomic forecast data for countries/regions that have material impact to the Group's business, namely Hong Kong, China, United State, and EU28 (28 European countries include Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and United Kingdom). Besides, with reference to the macroeconomic factors ("MEF") normally adopted in International Monetary Fund ("IMF") stress testing, 6 macroeconomic factors are shortlisted in the forward-looking model, namely gross domestic product ("GDP"), consumer price index ("CPI"), unemployment rate, property price index, equity price index, and interest rate. The Group adopted MEF forecasts and probability data from external vendor to ensure independence for unbiased ECL measurement.

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32. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES, AND JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES(continued)

Taxes

Determining tax provisions involves significant judgement. There are many transactions and calculation for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The Group evaluates tax implications of transactions and tax provisions are set up accordingly. Deferred tax assets are recognised for tax losses not yet used and temporary deductible difference arising from provisions. As those deferred tax assets can only be recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the unused tax credits can be utilised, management's judgement is required to assess the probability of future taxable profits. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially estimated, such differences will impact the current income tax and deferred income tax in the period during which such a determination is made.

Revenue recognition of corporate finance income on sponsorship fees

The Group generates corporate finance income from sponsorship services. Revenue is recognised on a project basis over time based on work-in-progress method. The stage of completion assessment is made to determine the amount of revenue to recognise based on the estimated time and effort made on a particular project. Revenue is recognised to the extent of the stage of completion with respect to the performance obligations fulfilled. Any advances received are included in deferred revenue.

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33. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

Information about the statement of financial position of the Company at the end of the reporting periods is as follows:

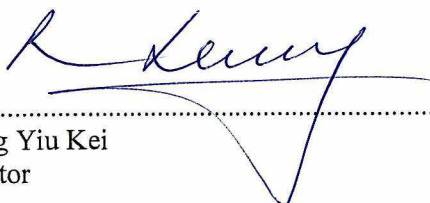
	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant and equipment	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	1,722,792,046	1,722,792,046
Deferred income tax assets	80,001	3,627,306
Statutory deposits and other assets	1,774	2,075
Total non-current assets	<u>1,722,873,821</u>	<u>1,726,421,427</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	870,320,661	283,797,527
Derivative financial instruments	180,073,498	42,896,175
Accounts and other receivables	1,514,759,894	220,413,426
Amounts due from the immediate holding company	3,200,755,264	2,229,777,033
Amounts due from a related company	8,152,301	8,972,071
Cash and balances with banks	194,985,882	1,882,040,984
Taxation recoverable	-	90,074,895
Total current assets	<u>5,969,047,500</u>	<u>4,757,972,111</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Subordinated loan from the immediate holding company	600,000,000	600,000,000
Amounts due to the immediate holding company	1,432,193,181	784,775,807
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries	106,178	3,462,133
Amounts due to a subsidiary	17,477,468	20,004,058
Accounts and other payables	192,193,415	209,179,292
Derivative financial instruments	333,390,197	105,849,954
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	416,565,742	152,699,232
Taxation payable	395,549	4,492,209
Total current liabilities	<u>2,992,321,730</u>	<u>1,880,462,685</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,976,725,770</u>	<u>2,877,509,426</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>4,699,599,591</u>	<u>4,603,930,853</u>


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33. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (continued)

	2020 HK\$	2019 HK\$
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,699,599,591	4,603,930,853
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts and other payables	14,156,695	11,482,929
Total non-current liabilities	<u>14,156,695</u>	<u>11,482,929</u>
Net assets	<u>4,685,442,896</u>	<u>4,592,447,924</u>
EQUITY		
Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders		
Share capital	2,000,000,000	2,000,000,000
Retained earnings	<u>2,685,442,896</u>	<u>2,592,447,924</u>
Total equity	<u>4,685,442,896</u>	<u>4,592,447,924</u>


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33. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (continued)

Note:

A summary of the Company's reserve is as follows:

	Share capital HK\$	Retained earnings HK\$	Total HK\$
As at 1 January 2019	2,000,000,000	2,464,196,532	4,464,196,532
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	128,251,392	128,251,392
Balance at 31 December 2019	<u>2,000,000,000</u>	<u>2,592,447,924</u>	<u>4,592,447,924</u>
Balance at 1 January 2020	2,000,000,000	2,592,447,924	4,592,447,924
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	92,994,972	92,994,972
Balance at 31 December 2020	<u>2,000,000,000</u>	<u>2,685,442,896</u>	<u>4,685,442,896</u>