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# 英皇鐘錶珠寶有限公司 EMPEROR WATCH & JEWELLERY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 887)

# 2021 INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The board of directors (the "Board" or "Directors") of Emperor Watch & Jewellery Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2021 (the "Period").

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS				
HK\$ million (unaudited)		For the six months ended 30 June 2020 2021		
Revenue	931	2,071	+122.4%	
Gross profit	305	638	+109.2%	
Adjusted EBITD (LBITD)*	(44)	218	N/A	
Net profit (loss)	(114)	132	N/A	
Basic earnings (loss) per share	HK(1.68) cents	HK1.95 cents	N/A	
Interim dividend per share		HK0.55 cent	N/A	

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted EBITD (LBITD) represents earnings (loss) before interest, tax and depreciation charge on the self-owned flagship store, which reflects the Group's core operating performance. The Group has fully adopted the HKFRS 16, which amortisation of right-of-use assets associated with rental lease agreements were included.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### RESULTS

As pandemic containment has become broadly stable in Greater China, and various governments made progress with vaccination programs during the Period, the Group generally continued noting signs of improvement, and the Group's total revenue surged by 122.4% to HK\$2,071.0 million (2020: HK\$930.6 million). Among the geographical segments covered by the Group, revenue from mainland China registered remarkable growth of 189.5% to HK\$704.7 million (2020: HK\$243.4 million), accounting for 34.0% (2020: 26.2%) of the total revenue. With a concrete rebound of domestic consumptions, the Group's mainland China business during the Period exceeded the pre-covid-19 level, while its segment profit recorded a fivefold increase to HK\$119.6 million (2020: HK\$22.8 million). Despite the decrease in visitor arrivals to Hong Kong, the local consumption market regained momentum, revenue from the Hong Kong market therefore increased by 70.3% to HK\$857.9 million (2020: HK\$503.7 million), accounting for 41.4% (2020: 54.1%) of the total revenue. In terms of revenue by product segment, the sales revenue from watch and jewellery segments increased to HK\$1,746.6 million (2020: HK\$701.9 million) and HK\$324.4 million (2020: HK\$228.7 million) respectively, accounting for 84.3% (2020: 75.4%) and 15.7% (2020: 24.6%) of the total revenue.

Gross profit increased to HK\$637.5 million (2020: HK\$305.2 million), while the gross profit margin was 30.8% (2020: 32.8%). As a result of the revenue growth and better operating leverage, the Group achieved a net profit of HK\$132.2 million (2020: net loss of HK\$113.7 million) during the Period. Basic earnings per share was HK1.95 cents (2020: basic loss per share of HK1.68 cents). The Group has declared an interim dividend of HK0.55 cent (2020: Nil) per share.

# **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Group is a leading retailer of European-made internationally renowned watches, together with self-designed fine jewellery products under its own brand, "*Emperor Jewellery*". The Company has been listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited since July 2008.

The Group has established a retail network of approximately 100 stores across Hong Kong, Macau, mainland China, Singapore and Malaysia, as well as several online shopping platforms. With a history of over 75 years, the Company carries a balanced and comprehensive watch dealership list. The target customers range from middle to high income groups worldwide. The Group's core strategy focuses on maintaining its position as the leading watch and jewellery retailing group in Greater China, coupled with an eye on expansion beyond the region.

### Presence in Prime Retail Locations

As at 30 June 2021, the Group had 98 (31 December 2020: 101) stores in Hong Kong, Macau, mainland China, Singapore and Malaysia. The distribution was as follows:

1
8
54
5
30

These stores include self-branded "*Emperor Jewellery*" stores, dedicated watch boutiques and multi-brand watch stores (with or without jewellery counters).

Over the years, the Group has built a strategic sales network in prime shopping areas as well as popular residential districts, particularly in Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China. Within mainland China, more than 70% of its stores are located in first tier and new first tier cities, which fits the Group's customer targeting and market positioning. The Group also successfully expanded its presence in Singapore and Malaysia, to enhance its footprint and brand exposure beyond Greater China.

During the Period, the Group opened one jewellery store in Hong Kong and one dedicated watch boutique in mainland China, to further expand market coverage.

# **Solidifying Leading Position**

With its long-standing history, the Group is a trusted partner of and maintains solid relationships with major high end luxury Swiss watch brand suppliers, thereby continuing to hold a comprehensive portfolio of watch dealerships and maintaining its leading position, especially in Hong Kong. The Group actively participates in co-marketing campaigns and events with brands, highlighting new products and connecting the customers in a personalised way.

# **Enhancing the Jewellery Business**

The Group offers premium quality "Emperor Jewellery" products with a dedication to design excellence and craftsmanship. The spectacular "Emperor Jewellery" range features a variety of precious gem stones with a key focus on diamonds and jadeites. "Emperor Jewellery" unveils unique collections of exquisite designs that embrace and nurture different clusters of customers.

**Number of stores** 

During the Period, the Group highlighted the "One Vow, Two Love" Bridal Collection – a unique collection featuring a romantic love story as its design motif. Created with exquisite settings and impeccable craftsmanship, the selection of diamond engagement rings and wedding bands embodies the brilliance of an ever-lasting promise. In order to enhance engagements with local consumers, the Group launched many promotional and VIP events. Given the importance of social media in product promotions, the Group will continue to showcase and promote its products on mobile apps and social media platforms.

# **PROSPECTS**

Though there are still a few sporadic outbreaks in the mainland China, China's overall economy has been recovering rapidly, providing a solid back-up to the Greater China economy and luxury consumption demand. In tandem with the expansion of the middle-income group and the release of the strong pent-up demand, the Group believes that the mainland China market will be an important driver of the Group's business growth. The Group will reinforce the retail network and business operations through cautious expansion, aiming to enhance the footprint in mainland China. It is expected that a travel bubble or health code will soon be launched by the government, and the Group will benefit from the rebound of visitation and recovery of the retail market in Hong Kong.

As consumer behaviour has been reshaped amid the pandemic, the Group will keep a watchful eye on the market changes and continue enhancing its online sales platforms, while showcasing and promoting its products on mobile apps or by social media engagements. In parallel, the Group will closely monitor inventory levels, adjust the product mix and exercise stringent control of cost expenses, aiming to achieve sustainable business development in future.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

# Capital Structure, Liquidity and Financial Resources

Bank balances and cash on hand of the Group as at 30 June 2021 increased to HK\$872.8 million (31 December 2020: HK\$405.1 million), which were mainly denominated in Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi. As at 30 June 2021, the Group had total bank borrowings of approximately HK\$715.9 million (31 December 2020: HK\$638.7 million) and was in a net cash position, hence its net gearing ratio (calculated on the basis of bank borrowings less cash and cash equivalents over net asset value) was zero (31 December 2020: 5.1%). The Group also had available unutilised banking facilities of approximately HK\$843.7 million.

As at 30 June 2021, the Group's current assets and current liabilities were approximately HK\$3,877.6 million (31 December 2020: HK\$3,585.3 million) and HK\$1,129.9 million (31 December 2020: HK\$1,027.3 million) respectively. Current ratio and quick ratio of the Group were 3.4 (31 December 2020: 3.5) and 0.9 (31 December 2020: 0.5) respectively.

In view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2021, the Directors considered that the Group had sufficient working capital for its operations and future development plans.

#### EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30 June 2021, the Group had 712 salespersons (30 June 2020: 713) and 155 office staff (30 June 2020: 159). Total staff costs (including Directors' remuneration) were approximately HK\$137.3 million (1H2020: HK\$95.6 million) for the Period. Each employee's remuneration was determined in accordance with individual's responsibilities, competence and skills, experience and performance as well as market pay levels. Staff benefits include medical and life insurance, retirement benefits and other competitive fringe benefits.

To provide incentives or rewards to the staff, the Company has adopted a share option scheme, particulars of which will be set out in the section headed "Share Options" of the Company's interim report.

# INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board is pleased to declare a dividend of HK0.55 cent per share ("Interim Dividend") (2020: Nil) for the Period, amounting to approximately HK\$37,287,000 (2020: Nil). The Interim Dividend will be payable on 21 September 2021 (Tuesday) to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 10 September 2021 (Friday).

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed, for the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to the Interim Dividend, from 9 September 2021 (Thursday) to 10 September 2021 (Friday) (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

In order to qualify for the Interim Dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Share Registrar, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on 8 September 2021 (Wednesday).

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

For the six months ended 30 June 2021

		Six months end	ded 30 June
		2021	2020
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	3	2,070,957	930,586
Cost of sales		(1,433,453)	(625,402)
Gross profit		637,504	305,184
Other income		3,260	4,729
Selling and distribution expenses		(416,579)	(331,218)
Administrative expenses		(52,801)	(50,048)
Other gains or losses		1,409	(18,538)
Finance costs		(10,013)	(20,783)
Profit (loss) before taxation	4	162,780	(110,674)
Taxation	5	(30,581)	(3,046)
Profit (loss) for the period		132,199	(113,720)
Other comprehensive income (expense) for the period			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising from translation			
of foreign operations		27,429	(15,398)
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the			
period attributable to owners of the Company		159,628	(129,118)
Earnings (loss) per share – Basic	7	HK1.95 cents	HK(1.68) cents

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION** *At 30 June 2021*

	As at			
		30 June	31 December	
		2021	2020	
		(unaudited)	(audited)	
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment		1,675,571	1,717,896	
Right-of-use assets		313,554	365,022	
Rental deposits		84,658	93,910	
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and				
equipment		1,788	364	
Deferred tax assets		10,896	10,896	
		2,086,467	2,188,088	
Current assets				
Inventories		2,877,121	3,029,949	
Right to returned goods asset		794	794	
Receivables, deposits and prepayments	8	126,682	148,928	
Amounts due from related companies		215	561	
Bank balances and cash		872,772	405,111	
		3,877,584	3,585,343	
Current liabilities				
Payables and accrued charges	9	119,842	123,697	
Lease liabilities		234,319	227,155	
Contract liabilities		10,188	9,877	
Refund liabilities		1,035	1,035	
Amounts due to related companies		3,656	4,622	
Taxation payable		45,021	22,184	
Bank borrowings	10	715,878	638,693	
		1,129,939	1,027,263	
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Net current assets		2,747,645	2,558,080	

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION** (Continued) At 30 June 2021

		As at		
		30 June	31 December	
		2021	2020	
		(unaudited)	(audited)	
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Non-current liabilities				
Deferred tax liabilities		3,387	3,359	
Lease liabilities		132,148	193,691	
		135,535	197,050	
Net assets		4,698,577	4,549,118	
Capital and reserves				
Share capital		3,484,152	3,484,152	
Reserves		1,214,425	1,064,966	
<b>Total equity</b>		4,698,577	4,549,118	

Notes:

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") and Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") as well as with the applicable disclosures required under Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance ("CO").

The financial information relating to the year ended 31 December 2020 that is included in this preliminary announcement of interim results 2021 does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for the year but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements required is as follows:

The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to the CO.

The Company's auditor has reported on those financial statements. The auditor's report was unqualified, did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its reports and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the CO.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis at the end of each reporting period.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2021 are the same as those presented in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

#### Application of amendments to HKFRSs

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRS 16 Covid-19-Related Concessions
Amendments to HKFRS 9, Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2
HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4
and HKFRS 16

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

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Group has not early applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

HKFRS 17 Insurance Contracts and the related Amendments<sup>1</sup>

Amendments to HKFRS 3 Reference to the Conceptual Framework<sup>2</sup>

Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and

its Associate or Joint Venture<sup>3</sup>

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

related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5(2020)1

Amendments to HKAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended

Use<sup>2</sup>

Amendments to HKAS 37 Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract<sup>2</sup>
Amendments to HKFRSs Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018–2020<sup>2</sup>

- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022.
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.

The Directors are in process of assessing the potential impact of the new and amendments to HKFRSs, and at this stage have not yet anticipated or determined the effect of the application of these new and amendments to HKFRSs on the financial performance and financial position of the Group.

#### 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue represents sales of products to retail customers and commission income from services provided.

For sales of products to retail customers, revenue is recognised when control of the goods has transferred, being at the point the customer purchases the goods at the retail shop. Payment of the transaction price is due immediately at the point the customer purchases the goods.

For commission income, revenue is recognised when it expects to be entitled in exchange for arranging for the specified goods provided by the other party to the customers at the retail shop.

All revenue are recognised at a point in time.

Information reported to the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), the Executive Director and Chief Executive of the Group, for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on the locations of the operations. This is also the basis upon which the Group is arranged and organised. The Group's operating segments under HKFRS 8 "Operating Segments" are operations located in Hong Kong, Macau, the Peoples' Republic of China excluding Hong Kong and Macau ("PRC") and other regions in Asia Pacific (representing Singapore and Malaysia). The revenue generated by each of the operating segments is mainly derived from sales of watch and jewellery. No operating segments identified by the CODM have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable segments of the Group.

All the sales of products and commission income are completed within one year. As permitted under HKFRS 15, the transaction price allocated to these unsatisfied contracts is not disclosed.

# 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable and operating segment:

# For the six months ended 30 June 2021

	Hong Kong (unaudited) HK\$'000	Macau (unaudited) <i>HK\$</i> '000	PRC (unaudited) HK\$'000	Other regions in Asia Pacific (unaudited) HK\$'000	Elimination (unaudited) HK\$'000	Consolidated (unaudited) HK\$'000
Revenue						
External sales	857,864	224,324	704,701	283,992	-	2,070,881
Inter-segment sales*	69,755	12,347	-	-	(82,102)	_
Commission income	52	24				76
	927,671	236,695	704,701	283,992	(82,102)	2,070,957
* Inter-segment sales are	charged at cost					
Segment profit	67,742	35,032	119,593	44,220		266,587
Unallocated other income Unallocated corporate						3,260
expenses						(98,463)
Unallocated other gains or						. , ,
losses						1,409
Unallocated finance costs						(10,013)
Profit before taxation						162,780

# 3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2020

	Hong Kong (unaudited)  HK\$'000	Macau (unaudited) <i>HK</i> \$'000	PRC (unaudited) HK\$'000	Other regions in Asia Pacific (unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Elimination (unaudited) HK\$'000	Consolidated (unaudited) HK\$'000
Revenue						
External sales	503,711	40,354	243,427	143,051	_	930,543
Inter-segment sales*	7,942	3,333	-	_	(11,275)	_
Commission income	6	37				43
	511,659	43,724	243,427	143,051	(11,275)	930,586
* Inter-segment sales are c	charged at cost					
Segment (loss)profit	(13,566)	(5,108)	22,779	15,776		19,881
Unallocated other income Unallocated corporate						4,729
expenses						(95,963)
Unallocated other gains or losses						(18,538)
Unallocated finance costs						(20,783)
Loss before taxation						(110,674)

The accounting policies of the reportable and operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies stated in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. Segment profit (loss) represents the profit earned from each segment without allocation of other income, corporate expenses including depreciation charged on the self-owned flagship shop, other gains or losses and finance costs. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

# 4. PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2021	2020	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Profit (loss) before taxation has been arrived at after charging (crediting):			
Cost of inventories included in cost of sales (included allowance for inventories of HK\$7,074,000) (2020 interim: allowance for			
inventories of HK\$2,022,000)	1,431,514	622,177	
Allowance for credit losses	_	528	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment			
- retail shops	61,006	68,697	
- offices	2,976	2,854	
	63,982	71,551	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets			
- retail shops	121,259	122,231	
- offices	5,824	5,915	
	127,083	128,146	
Staff costs including Directors' remuneration			
- salaries and other benefits costs	125,588	87,527	
- retirement benefits scheme contributions	11,690	8,054	
	137,278	95,581	
Included in other gains or losses:			
Impairment loss recognised in respect of property, plant and			
equipment	-	6,503	
Impairment loss recognised in respect of right-of-use assets	-	7,738	
Loss on disposal/write-off of property, plant and equipment	659	242	
Gain arising from leases modification	(2.0.0)	(313)	
Net exchange (gains) losses	(2,068)	4,368	
	(1,409)	18,538	

#### 5. TAXATION

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2021	2020	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
The tax charge comprises:			
Profits tax:			
Hong Kong	_	398	
Macau	3,825	_	
PRC	19,302	_	
Singapore	7,454	2,648	
Deferred taxation	30,581	3,046	
	30,581	3,046	

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

The Directors considered the amount involved upon implementation of the two-tiered profits tax rates regime as insignificant to the condensed consolidated financial statements. Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods.

The Macau Complementary Income Tax is calculated at 12% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods.

Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the Company's subsidiaries in the PRC is 25% for both periods.

Singapore Income Tax is calculated at 17% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods.

Malaysia Income Tax is calculated at 24% of the estimated assessable profits for both periods. No provision for Malaysia Income Tax has been made as the Company's subsidiary did not have any assessable profit arising from Malaysia for both periods.

# 6. DIVIDENDS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021	2020
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interim dividend declared: HK0.55 cent (2020: Nil) per share	37,287	
2020 final dividend paid: HK0.15 cent (2019: Nil) per share	10,169	

The Board has declared an interim dividend of HK0.55 cent per share for the financial year ending 31 December 2021 (2020: Nil), amounting to HK\$37,287,000 (2020: Nil).

# 7. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE - BASIC

The calculation of the basic earnings (loss) per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021	2020
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Earnings (loss)		
Earnings (loss) for the period attributable to owners of the Company		
for the purpose of basic earnings (loss) per share	132,199	(113,720)
	Six months en	ded 30 June
	2021	2020
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Number of shares		
Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings (loss)		
per share	6,779,458,129	6,779,458,129

No diluted earnings (loss) per share in both periods was presented as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

#### 8. RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

	As at		
	30 June	31 December	
	2021	2020	
	(unaudited)	(audited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Trade receivables from contracts with customers	53,573	63,830	
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(586)	(1,223)	
	52,987	62,607	
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	66,724	78,140	
PRC Value-Added Tax ("VAT") recoverable	6,971	8,181	
	126,682	148,928	

As at 1 January 2020, trade receivable from contracts with customers amounted to HK\$50,716,000.

Retail sales are normally settled in cash or by credit cards with the settlement from the corresponding banks or other financial institutions within seven days. The credit term of receivables from retail sales in department stores are normally ranged between 15 to 45 days.

Included in other receivables, deposits and prepayments as at 30 June 2021 were advance payments to suppliers of HK\$21,185,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$15,506,000) and rebate receivables of HK\$24,914,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$30,624,000). The remaining items are individually insignificant.

The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables before impairment presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period, which approximated the respective revenue recognition dates:

	As at	
	30 June	31 December
	2021	2020
	(unaudited)	(audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 30 days	52,376	60,956
31 - 60 days	534	409
61 – 90 days	20	48
over 90 days	643	2,417
	53,573	63,830

Included in the trade receivables balance were receivables from department stores with aggregate carrying amount of HK\$78,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$1,301,000) which are past due at the reporting date for which the Group has not provided for impairment loss.

# 9. PAYABLES AND ACCRUED CHARGES

	As at	
	30 June	31 December
	2021	2020
	(unaudited)	(audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Trade payables	44,017	45,235
Other payables and accrued charges	72,539	75,484
Singapore Goods and Services Tax payables	2,359	1,892
PRC VAT payables	927	1,086
	119,842	123,697

Included in other payables and accrued charges as at 30 June 2021 were accrued bonus and incentive of HK\$8,732,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$6,621,000) and accrued renovation costs of HK\$11,604,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$12,005,000).

The ageing analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	As at	
	30 June	31 December
	2021	2020
	(unaudited)	(audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 30 days	43,510	39,964
31 - 60 days	446	2,131
61 – 90 days	48	866
Over 90 days	13	2,274
	44,017	45,235

The Group normally receives credit terms granted by creditors of 30 to 60 days.

# 10. BANK BORROWINGS

	As at	
	30 June	31 December
	2021	2020
	(unaudited)	(audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The carrying amounts of bank loans that contain a repayment on demand clause but repayable:		
Within one year	145,630	45,630
Within a period of more than one year but not exceeding	•	
two years	45,630	45,630
Within a period of more than two years but not exceeding		
five years	421,158	430,179
Within a period of more than five years	103,460	117,254
	715,878	638,693
Less: Amounts due within one year shown under current liabilities	(715,878)	(638,693)
Amounts shown under non-current liabilities		

The bank borrowings carry floating interest rate ranged from 1.11% to 1.14% over Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate (31 December 2020: from 1.10% to 1.14%) per annum.

The Group had pledged a property with carrying amount of HK\$1,565,130,000 (31 December 2020: HK\$1,610,792,000) to secure banking facilities granted to the Group. In addition, corporate guarantee was also issued in favour of the banks by the Company and its subsidiary to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

After the period ended 30 June 2021, the Group settled bank borrowings by HK\$203,803,000.

#### REVIEW OF INTERIM RESULTS

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the Period have not been reviewed nor audited by the Company's auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (Registered Public Interest Entity Auditor), but have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company, which comprises the three Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

# **Corporate Governance Code**

The Company had complied throughout the Period with all code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code under Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, except with the deviation from code provision A.2.1 which requires that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and not be performed by the same individual. Ms. Cindy Yeung ("Ms. Yeung"), being the Chief Executive Officer of the Group during the Period, had also been appointed as the Chairperson of the Board who provides the Board with strong and consistent leadership while at the same time leading the management on effective planning, formulation, implementation and execution of long-term business strategies of the Group. The Directors have considered the issue of balance of power and authority on the Board and believes the current structure (having strong independent elements in the Board, delegation of authorities to the management, supervision by the Board and Board committees) can properly address the potential issue on power concentration. All Directors, who bring different experience and expertise to the Company, are properly briefed on issues arising at Board meetings and that adequate, complete and reliable information is received by the Directors.

Subsequent to the Period, Mr. Ng Koon Keung, Ricky ("Mr. Ng") has been engaged as Chief Executive Officer of the Group and appointed as Executive Director of the Company (also a member of the Executive Committee) with effect from 1 July 2021 while Ms. Yeung continues her role as Chairperson of the Board. Such engagement of Mr. Ng further enhances the corporate governance standard of the Group and conforms to code provision A.2.1.

# **Model Code for Securities Transactions**

The Company has adopted its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors ("EWJ Securities Code") on no less exacting terms than the required standards for securities dealings as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules regarding Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("Model Code"). Having made specific enquiry to the Directors, all of them confirmed that they had complied with the required standard of dealings as set out in the Model Code and EWJ Securities Code throughout the Period.

Relevant employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information of the Group are also subject to compliance with written guidelines in line with the Model Code. No incident of non-compliance by relevant employees was noted throughout the Period.

# PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the Period.

# PUBLICATION OF THE UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This interim results announcement is published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (https://www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (https://www.emperorwatchjewellery.com). The interim report of the Company for the Period will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company and will be available on the aforesaid websites in due course.

By order of the Board

Emperor Watch & Jewellery Limited

Cindy Yeung

Chairperson

Hong Kong, 24 August 2021

As at the date hereof, the Board comprises:-

Executive Directors: Ms. Cindy Yeung

Mr. Ng Koon Keung, Ricky

Mr. Wong Chi Fai

Ms. Fan Man Seung, Vanessa

Independent Non-Executive Directors: Ms. Chan Sim Ling, Irene

Mr. Liu Hing Hung

Ms. Chan Wiling, Yvonne