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Link to Sustainability

Interim Results Presentation 2013/2014

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For the period ended 30 September 2013





Business Review



Steady growth in household income and domestic consumption with low unemployment rate

Continuous growth in tourist arrival boosts retail sales with rising demand for daily necessities

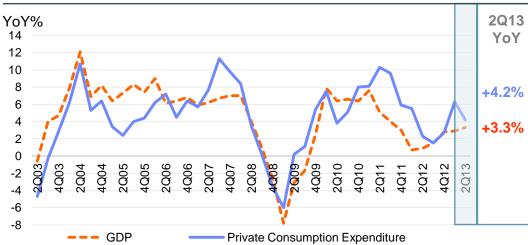
Retail sales growth continues amid moderation of high-end segments

Overall market sentiment remains positive supported by robust local economy

Hong Kong Economy – Continuing Growth

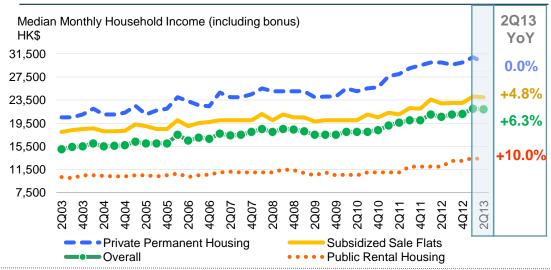


GDP & PCE Growth



Source: Census and Statistics Department, CEIC

Household Income Growth

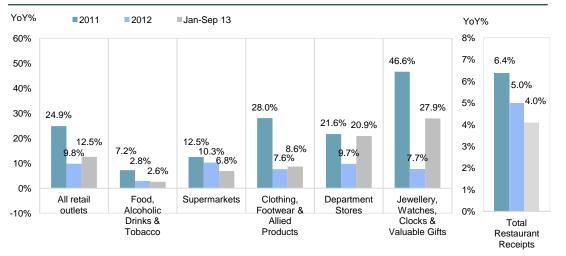


- Strong GDP growth supported by expanding domestic demand
- Increasing private consumption amid stable income and favourable employment conditions
- 2013 inflation expectation of 4.3%

- Rising public rental household income supported by increasing pay above minimum wage
- Steady improvement in household income continued to drive domestic expenditure
- Historical low unemployment rate of 3.3% for 3Q13



YoY of Retail Sales Value



Tourist Arrival Growth



Note: ⁽¹⁾ Contribution is estimated based on the Mainland tourists' spending on shopping from Hong Kong Tourism Board as a fraction of HK Retail Sales from Census and Statistic Department

- Retail sales growth in most sectors supported by tourists and domestic consumption
- Daily necessities segments exhibited resilient growth
- Growth in high-end retail moderating

- Tourist arrival showed consistent growth with Mainland tourists accounted for 76% in Jan – Sep 2013
- Mainland shoppers' contribution to HK retail sales⁽¹⁾ accounted for 31.6% in 1H13

Source: Census and Statistics Department, CEIC, Hong Kong Tourism Board ("HKTB")

Expanded Business Model



Our Vision	To Be a World Class Real Estate Investor and Manager Serving and Improving the Lives of Those Around Us				
Our Growth	Asset	Asset	Asset		
Drivers	Management	Enhancement	Investment		
Our Strengths	Real Estate	Financial	Strong Corporate		
	Expertise	Strength	Governance		

Multiple growth drivers to capture market opportunities



Link Together Initiatives



Note: (1) Map showing the districts served by the 10 projects and the project organisers

The Programme This Year

Received overwhelming response with nearly 150 eligible applications

Selected 10 community projects in 13 districts across Hong Kong with total donations of HK\$10.4M

Estimated total number of beneficiaries to be approximately 100,000 people

Our Involvement

Whilst providing monetary donations, we will also be

- Providing free promotion venues
- Inviting supports from tenants
- Making our staff available to serve as staff sponsors of each project

Towards Being a World Class Investor and Manager



G R E S B Green Star 2013

Dow Jones Sustainability Indices

FTSE4Good

2012 Performance	2013 Performance	2013 Achievement
Score: 46/100 Rank: 9/14 in Asia 157/463 globally	Score: 63/100 Rank: 9/78 in Asia 85/543 globally	Achieved Green Star 2013 status Top 50% ranking in Asi peer group
Score: 54/100 Lowest Score for DJSI Asia Pacific: 56/100	Score: 61/100 Lowest Score for DJSI Asia Pacific: 53/100	Listing in DJSI Asia Pacific Index since Se 2013
No Scoring	Score: 3.5/5 overall 82/100 supersector	Listing in FTSE4Good Index since Mar 2013







Yau Oi and On Ting







New brands joining after asset enhancement

Tai Wo Plaza



Adding popular tenants well-received by both local shoppers and PRC visitors during second cycle after asset enhancement

Lok Fu Plaza

Ping Tin Shopping Centre



New supermarket successfully attracting shoppers from local catchment

Fu Tung Plaza



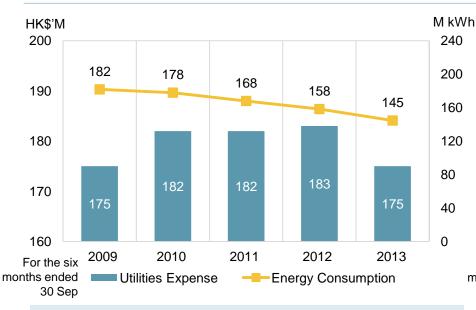
Long queue outside a renowned local specialty restaurant



Newly introduced restaurants, successfully attract diners and boost patronage significantly

Execute asset management strategy to drive organic growth

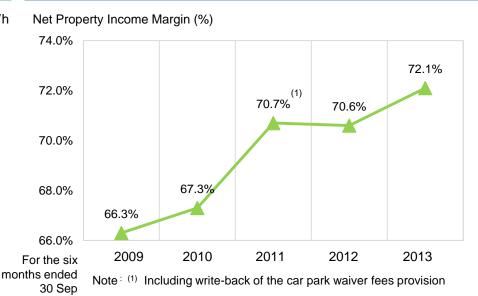




Well-controlled Utilities Expense

- Effective energy management measures to improve operation efficiency
- Ongoing Chiller Replacement and Lighting Improvement Programmes
- Promoting green culture within our malls

Continuous Margin Improvement



- Improved asset management quality supports net property income growth
- Successful cost management amidst inflationary pressure
- Maintaining sustainable improvement in margin

Disciplined cost control continues to drive margin improvement

Asset Enhancement – Continuous Pipeline





Notes:

- ⁽¹⁾ Projects include a market upgrade
- ⁽²⁾ Properties ranked outside of top 50 by valuation
- ⁽³⁾ Property ranked amongst top 10 by valuation
- (4) Estimated return on investment ("ROI") is calculated based on projected net property income post project minus net property income pre project divided by estimated project capital expenditures and loss of rental

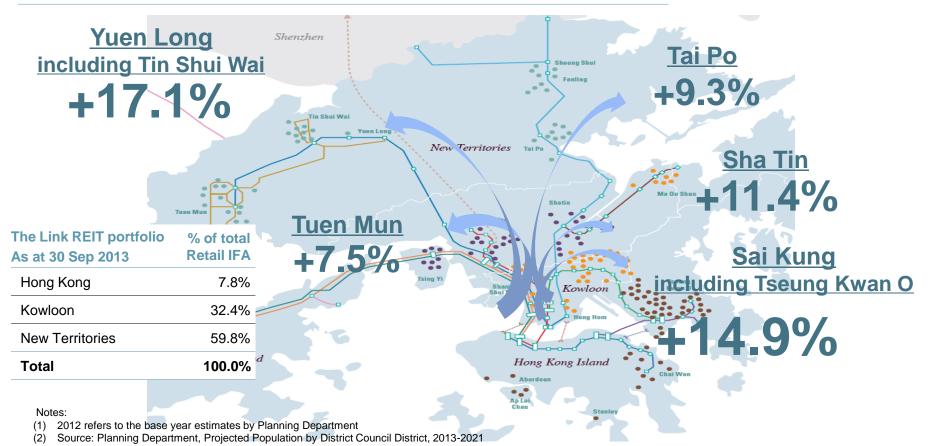


Investment Thesis	Status of Asset Enhance	ement Projec	cts
District strategy to identify potential growth areas		Number of Projects	Estimated Costs HK\$'M
Further upgrade of previously renovated properties	Completed since IPO	32	2,935
	Underway	8	1,399
Continuous execution of fresh market strategy	Pending Statutory Approval	6	1,128
	Others Under Planning	>13	>1,500
Enhancement expands beyond top 50 properties	Total	>59	>6,962

Continuous asset enhancement pipeline provides better quality properties to support asset management



Projected Population Growth, 2012⁽¹⁾ – 2021E



Decentralisation stimulates growth of suburban shopping centres

Strategic Investment in New Territories West







Tin Shui Wai /Yuen Long

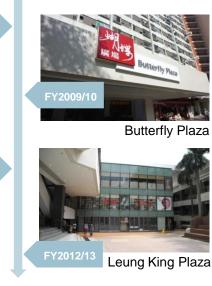
Tin Yiu Plaza



Tin Shui Plaza



Chung Fu Plaza



Tuen Mun



Completed asset enhancement projects Undergoing asset enhancement projects



Yau Oi and On Ting – Asset Enhancement Objectives

Integrating two properties to create one large comprehensive shopping complex

Reposition to target younger shoppers and change from community centre to flagship centre

Largest number of car park spaces in Tuen Mun to capture shoppers from expanding catchment



Identify districts with growth potential and assets with value-add opportunities

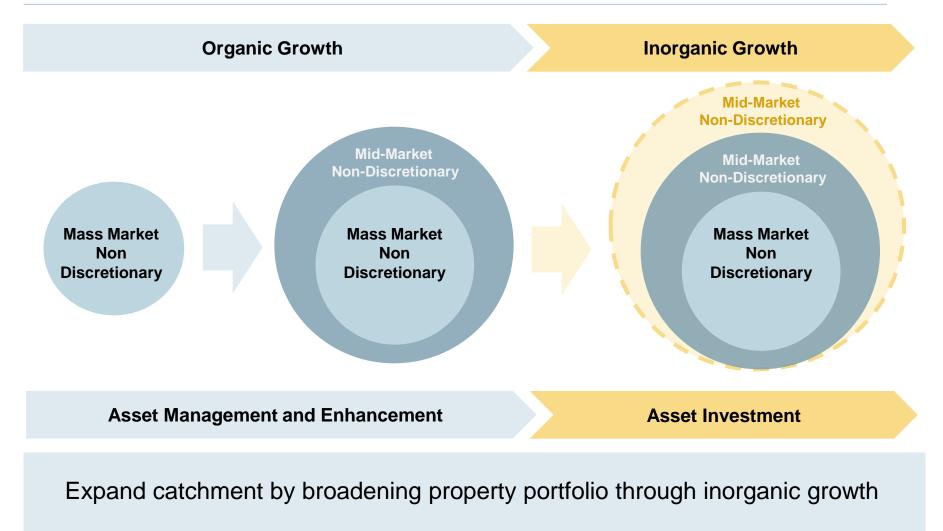
Districts	Positioning		
 Good infrastructure connectivity, sizeable catchment, favourable demographics and future pipeline developments 	 Assets which complement and enhance our market positioning and predominantly focus on mid-market non-discretionary retail 		
Value-add	Competitiveness		
 Opportunities to enhance occupancy, trade mix, tenant profile or asset layout 	 Assets which increase competitiveness through expansion of tenant network, increase in economies of scale or enhancement of operational synergies 		

Active portfolio management strategy to expand and/or streamline portfolio to optimise overall yield and strengthen competitive position

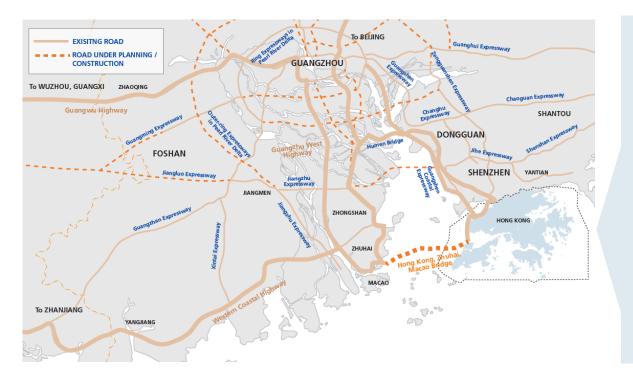
Maintaining Successful Growth Momentum











- Infrastructure development facilitates reach of cross border shoppers
- Increasing integration with other parts of Pearl River Delta
- Fast growing middle class Mainland shoppers

Source: Highways Department

Evaluate long term strategic plans to capture opportunities



Financial Review



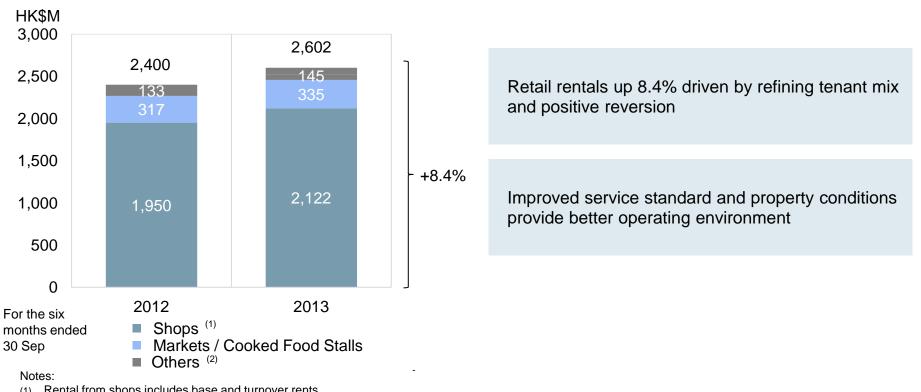
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Retail Rentals Performance



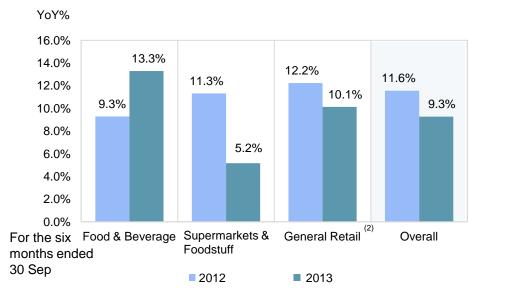
(1) Rental from shops includes base and turnover rents

Others including education / welfare / office / ancillary & mall merchandising

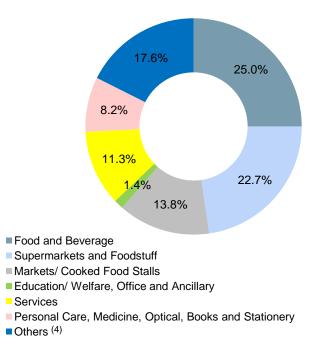
Sustainable tenant sales growth and favourable retail market supporting retail growth







Retail Trade Mix by Monthly Rent⁽³⁾



Notes:

(1) Percentage figures represent year-on-year change in tenants average monthly sales per square foot for the 6 months ended 30 September 2013

(2) Including services, personal care, medicine, optical, books and stationery, and items classified under "others" below. See note (4).

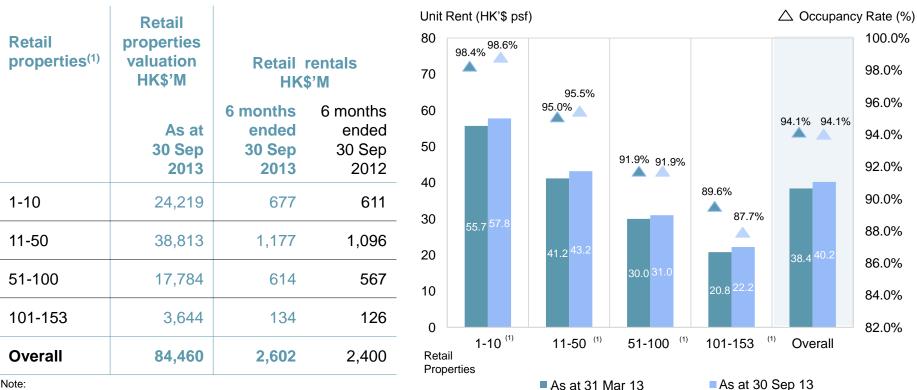
(3) Percentage figures as at 30 September 2013

(4) Including clothing, department stores, electrical and household products, leisure and entertainment, and valuable goods

Resilient trade mix with steady tenant sales growth contributed to satisfactory operating performance



Portfolio by Segmentation



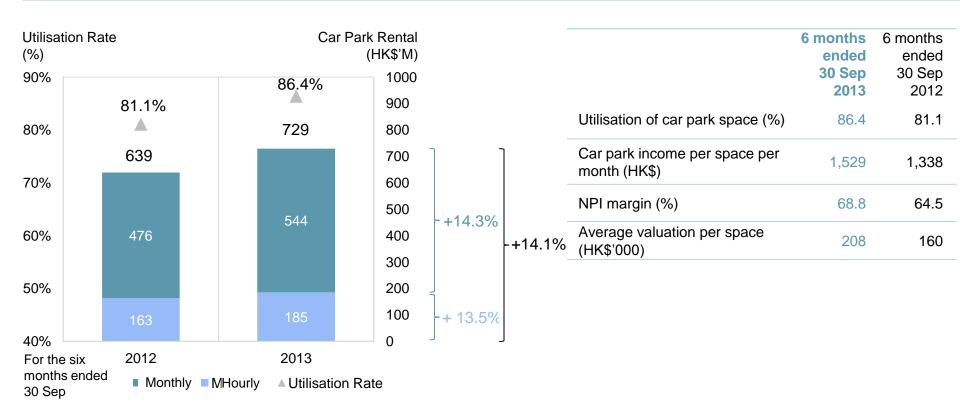
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Properties ranked by retail valuation as at 30 September 2013 and 2012 (1)

Both unit rent and occupancy rate exhibited steady growth

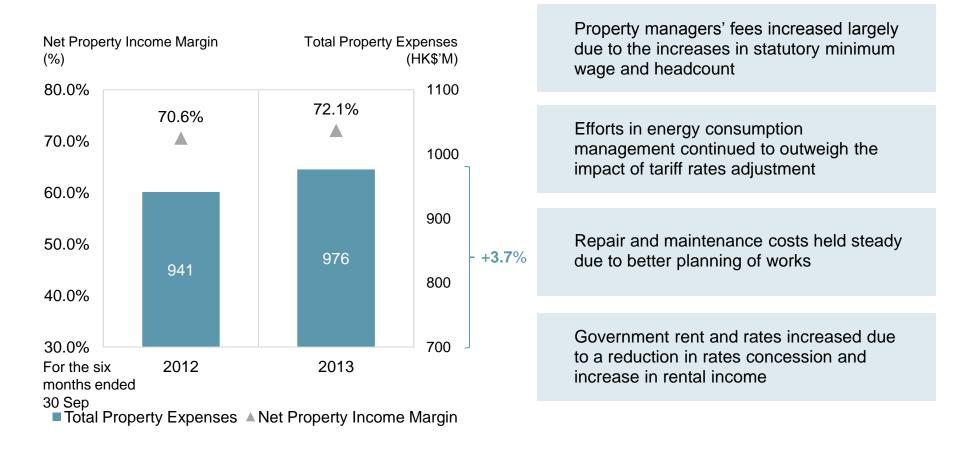


Car Park Rentals Performance



Robust car park performance driven by strong demand

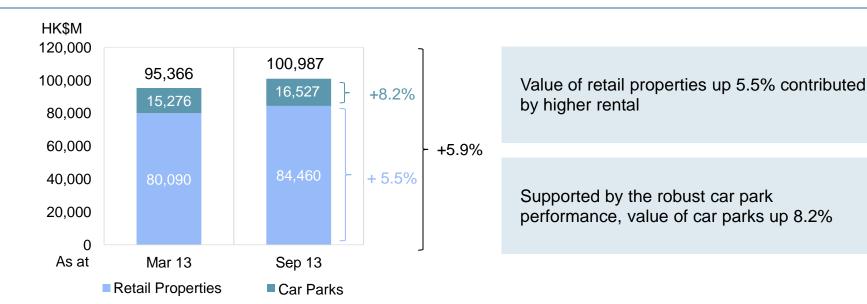




Successful cost management amidst inflationary pressure



Valuation Drivers



	Capitalisation rate		Weighted average	
	30 Sep 2013	31 Mar 2013	30 Sep 2013	31 Mar 2013
Retail	4.50 – 6.75%	4.50 – 6.75%	5.20%	5.20%
Car Park	5.00 - 8.25%	5.00 - 8.25%	6.41%	6.42%
Overall			5.39%	5.39%



Note:

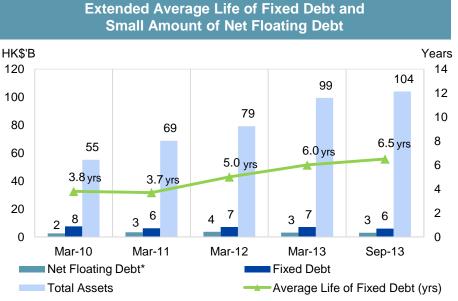
⁽¹⁾ Variance as compared with 31 March 2013



Debt Highlights (As at)	30 Sep 13	31 Mar 13	Funding Status
Debt	HK\$12.1B	HK\$13.5B	<u>Sep 2013</u>
Gearing	11.6%	13.6%	Bank Loans ⁽¹⁾ Undrawn Facilities ⁽¹⁾ Ioan at an
Average Facilities Maturity	4.1 yrs	4.0 yrs	HK\$2.71B 17% 24% all-in cost of HIBOR+1.3%
Fixed Rate Debt/Net Debt	68%	70%	Secured Total committed
Average Life of Fixed Rate Debt/Swap	6.5 yrs	6.0 yrs	Loan HK\$3.00B 19% facilities HK\$15.87B
Effective Interest Rate	2.93%	3.07%	Jul 2013
Available Liquidity (As at)	30 Sep 13	31 Mar 13	MTN Notes ⁽¹⁾ HK\$6.35B 40% HK\$6.35B 3.15% coupon
Standby Facilities	HK\$ 3.81 B	HK\$ 3.06B	Note: (1) Unsecured
Cash on Hand	HK\$ 2.55B	HK\$ 3.15B	Corporate Credit Rating
Total Liquidity	HK\$ 6.36B	HK\$ 6.21B	 Moody's A2 / Stable Standard & Poor's A / Stable

Best-in-class funding cost to support growth initiatives



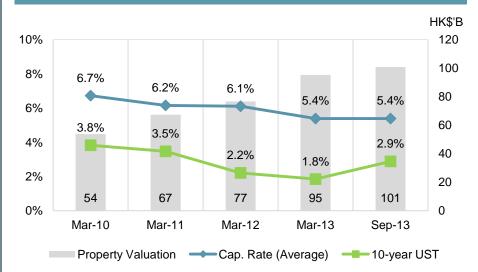


* Net Floating Debt = Floating-rate Debt - Cash and Deposits

Impact on DPU

- HK\$6B or 68% of net debt fixed for an average life of 6.5 years
- Only HK\$3B net floating debt with small exposure to interest rate increase
- Shoppers from public rental housing would not be affected by mortgage rates increase

Improving Asset Quality Offsets Pressure on Cap Rate Expansion due to Interest Rate Increase



Impact on asset value

- Cap rates compression supported by improving property income and growth potential
- No direct relationship between cap rate & long term interest rate
- Property value supported by rental growth offsets risk of potential cap rate expansion



Positive growth of Hong Kong economy will continue to support domestic consumption

Inbound tourists will drive retail sales growth, particularly, in sub-urban districts

Organic growth through diligent asset management will be supported by extended asset enhancement pipeline

Strategic portfolio expansion through asset investment will deliver inorganic growth

Prudent capital management strategy will minimise impact of any interest rate rise and provide solid foundation for growth



Distribution

•	Distribution period	Apr 2013 – Sep 2013
•	Last day of trading on a "cum" basis	25 Nov 2013
•	Ex Distribution date	26 Nov 2013
•	Distribution book close	28 Nov – 2 Dec 2013 (both days inclusive)
•	Record date for entitlement to cash distribution (1)	2 Dec 2013
•	Payment of cash distribution ⁽¹⁾	10 Dec 2013

Note:

⁽¹⁾ There is no scrip alternative for this distribution.



Additional Financial and Operational Information for Period Ended 30 September 2013



Income Statement Summary

	6 months ended 30 Sep 2013 HK\$'M	6 months ended 30 Sep 2012 HK\$'M	YoY %
Revenues	3,493	3,197	9.3%
Property operating expenses	(976)	(941)	3.7%
Net property income	2,517	2,256	11.6%
General and administrative expenses	(106)	(104)	1.9%
Interest income	14	22	(36.4)%
Finance costs on interest bearing liabilities	(193)	(228)	(15.4)%
Profit before taxation, change in fair values of investment properties and transactions with Unitholders	2,232	1,946	14.7%
Change in fair values of investment properties	5,211	6,787	(23.2)%
Taxation	(368)	(317)	16.1%
Profit for the period, before transactions with Unitholders	7,075	8,416	(15.9)%

Distribution Statement Summary

	6 months ended 30 Sep 2013 HK\$'M	6 months ended 30 Sep 2012 HK\$'M	YoY %
Profit for the period, before transactions with Unitholders	7,075	8,416	(15.9)%
Change in fair values of investment properties	(5,211)	(6,787)	(23.2)%
Other non-cash income	(10)	(5)	100.0%
Total distributable income	1,854	1,624	14.2%
Distribution per unit (HK cents)	80.22	71.08	12.9%



Revenue Analysis

				Percentage contribution
	6 months ended	6 months ended		6 months ended
	30 Sep 2013	30 Sep 2012	YoY	30 Sep 2013
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M	%	%
Retail rentals:				
Shops ⁽¹⁾	2,122	1,950	8.8	60.8
Markets / Cooked Food Stalls	335	317	5.7	9.6
Education / Welfare / Office / Ancillary	67	64	4.7	1.9
Mall Merchandising	78	69	13.0	2.2
Car parks rentals:				
Monthly	544	476	14.3	15.6
Hourly	185	163	13.5	5.3
Expenses recovery and other miscellaneou	is revenue:			
Property related revenue ⁽²⁾	162	158	2.5	4.6
Total	3,493	3,197	9.3	100.0

Notes:

(1) Rental from shops includes base and turnover rents

(2) Include other revenue from retail properties of HK\$160 million (six months ended 30 September 2012: HK\$157 million) and car park portfolio of HK\$2 million (six months ended 30 September 2012: HK\$157 million)



Expenses Analysis

	6 months ended 30 Sep 2013 HK\$'M	6 months ended 30 Sep 2012 HK\$'M	YoY %	Percentage contribution 6 months ended 30 Sep 2013 %
Property managers' fees, security and cleaning	267	244	9.4	27.4
Staff costs	159	156	1.9	16.3
Repair and maintenance	99	103	(3.9)	10.1
Utilities	175	183	(4.4)	17.9
Government rent and rates	107	92	16.3	11.0
Promotion and marketing expenses	45	42	7.1	4.6
Estate common area costs	57	57	0	5.8
Other property operating expenses	67	64	4.7	6.9
Total property expenses	976	941	3.7	100.0



Financial Position Summary

HK\$'M	As at 30 Sep 13	As at 31 Mar 13	As at 30 Sep 12
Total Assets	104,294	99,423	87,469
Total Liabilities	16,382	17,781	17,075
Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders	87,912	81,642	70,394
Units in Issue (M)	2,310.9	2,288.1	2,284.4
Net Asset Value Per Unit	\$38.04	\$35.68	\$30.82

Fair Values of Investment Properties

	As at 30 Sep 13 HK\$'M	As at 31 Mar 2013 HK\$'M	As at 30 Sep 12 HK\$'M
At beginning of period / year	95,366	76,672	76,672
Acquisitions	-	-	-
Additions	410	989	399
Change in fair values of investment properties	5,211	17,705	6,787
At end of period / year	100,987	95,366	83,858



Valuation Drivers

	As at	As at	As at
	30 Sep 2013	31 Mar 2013	30 Sep 2012
Retail properties (HK\$'M)	84,460	80,090	71,111
Car parks (HK\$'M)	16,527	15,276	12,747
Total (HK\$'M)	100,987	95,366	83,858

Income Capitalisation Approach – Capitalisation Rate

Retail properties	4.50 – 6.75 %	4.50 – 6.75%	5.00 - 7.00%
Retail properties: weighted average	5.20 %	5.20%	5.62%
Car parks	5.00 - 8.25 %	5.00 - 8.25%	5.25 - 8.75%
Car parks: weighted average	6.41 %	6.42%	7.21%
Overall weighted average	5.39 %	5.39%	5.84%

DCF Approach

	Discount rate	7.50%		8.00%
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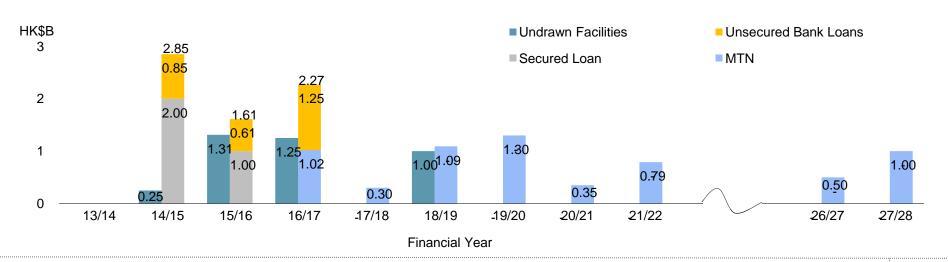


Committed Debt Facilities⁽¹⁾

Percentage	54%	46%	76%	24%	100%
Total	6.47	5.59	12.06	3.81	15.87
Medium Term Notes	4.32	2.03	6.35	-	6.35
Unsecured bank loans	0.90	1.81	2.71	3.81	6.52
Secured loan	1.25	1.75	3.00	-	3.00
As at 30 Sep 13 (HK\$'B)	Fixed Rate ⁽²⁾ Debt	Floating Rate (2) Debt	Utilised Facilities	Undrawn Facilities	Total Committed Facilities

Notes : (1) All amounts are at face value. (2) After interest rate swaps.

Facility Maturity Profile





Key Credit Metrics by Rating Agencies

	As at 30 Sep 13 ⁽³⁾	As at 31 Mar 13	S&P (A / Stable)	Moody's (A2 / Stable)
Total debt / total assets	11.6%	13.6%	N/A	< 30%
Total debt / total capital ⁽¹⁾	12.1%	14.2%	< 35%	N/A
FFO ⁽²⁾ : total debt (annualised)	35.9%	28.0%	> 15%	N/A
EBITDA interest coverage	12.0x	9.6x	N/A	> 3.5x
Total debt / EBITDA (annualised)	2.5x	3.0x	N/A	< 5.0x

Notes:

(1) Total capital is calculated by total debt add net assets attributable to Unitholders

(2) Funds from operations is calculated by net cash generated from operating activities with adjustments for operating lease expense, interest expenses and income.

(3) Ratios are based on reports or formula provided by rating agencies



Operational Statistics for the Portfolio

Category	Occupancy rate		Composite reversion rate ⁽¹⁾		Average monthly unit rent per leased IFA ⁽²⁾		% of total ⁽³⁾ IFA	
	As at 30 Sep 2013 %	As at 31 Mar 2013 %	6 months ended 30 Sep 2013 %	6 months ended 30 Sep 2012 %	As at 30 Sep 2013 HK\$ psf ⁽⁴⁾	As at 31 Mar 2013 HK\$ psf ⁽⁴⁾	As at 30 Sep 2013 %	
Shops	96.3	96.3	22.6	27.9	40.5	38.7	82.1	
Markets/ Cooked Food Stalls	81.9	82.0	27.7	16.6	73.3	70.0	8.7	
Education/ Welfare, Office and Ancillary	85.9	86.0	13.1	12.0	6.7	6.4	9.2	
Total	94.1	94.1	23.6	25.9	40.2	38.4	100.0	

Notes:

(1) Reversion rate means the percentage change in per square foot average unit rent between old and new leases on the same store

(2) IFA means internal floor area

(3) Total excluding self use office

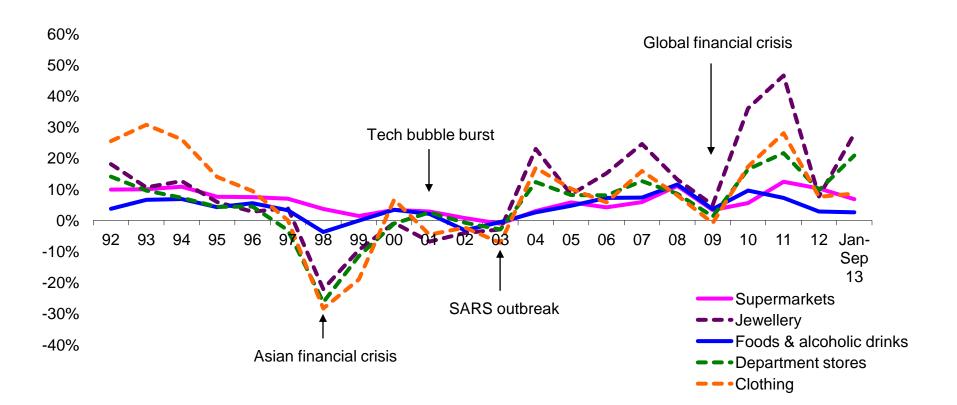
(4) Psf means per square foot



Positive Portfolio Metrics

	6 months ended 30 Sep 2013	6 months ended 30 Sep 2012	YoY %
Average monthly unit rent (psf pm) at period end		00 000 2012	70
 Shops 	HK\$ 40.5	HK\$ 37.5	8.0%
 Overall (ex Self use office) 	HK\$ 40.2	HK\$ 37.2	8.1%
Composite reversion rate			
Shops	22.6 %	27.9 %	(5.3)%
Overall	23.6 %	25.9 %	(2.3)%
Occupancy rate at period end			
Shops	96.3 %	95.4 %	0.9%
Overall	94.1 %	93.2 %	0.9%
Retention rate			
Shops	76.6 %	79.5 %	(2.9)%
Overall	76.2 %	80.3 %	(4.1) %
Net property income margin	72.1 %	70.6 %	1.5%
Car park income per space per month	HK\$ 1,529	HK\$ 1,338	14.3%





Source: Census and Statistics Department

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