



## Corporate Presentation

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# Overview

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## Economic Environment Remains Challenging due to Higher Interest Rate Mitigation to limit impact



## **CHALLENGES**

- A confluence of factors interest rate hikes, persistent high underlying inflation, geopolitical tensions, deglobalisation and climate change continue to weigh on global outlook as the state of disequilibrium persists
- As a result of the tightened financial conditions, higher borrowing costs and the reduction in consumption and investment will **impede** the pace of **growth**

#### IMPACT ON LINK



- Portfolio management
- Asset valuation
- Capital management
- Financing cost

#### MITIGATION

- Improving the **operational cashflow** of our business
- Using **hedging** and **swaps** to reduce volatility
- Diversify into asset-lighter business to bolster growth

## **Portfolio Overview - Recovery in Progress**

Business activities gathered pace amid persistent interest rate hikes





#### Global

Interest rate hovered at high levels

#### Hong Kong

Retail sales posted a gradual recovery

#### **Mainland China**

Economic revival is still in progress

#### International

Positive signs of leasing demand despite slower sentiment

#### Notes:

(1) As at 31 March 2023, the total valuation of investment properties, plus 50% value of Qibao Vanke Plaza, 49.9% value in the prime office portfolio in Sydney and Melbourne, and the agreed property value in Mainland China logistics assets in Changshu which was announced on 12 May 2022, on a pro-forma basis.

(2) Including two car park/car service centres and godown buildings in Hong Kong.





Provide organic and inorganic value to Link



Focus on generating resilient cashflow and delivering organic growth in the near-term



Utilise our operational capabilities in real asset management to support Link 3.0 strategy

# Integrated Operating Platform



#### Improve efficiency

- ✓ Enhance workflow mechanics
- Accelerate decision-making and execution
- ✓ Better for teams and customers



#### **Higher productivity**

- ✓ Maximise operating cost efficiencies
- ✓ Lessen dependence on tangible efforts
- ✓ Enhanced operating margin



#### **Tenant satisfaction**

- ✓ Higher retention rate
- ✓ Implement cross-selling and synergies across the regional portfolio
- ✓ Consistency of engagement and insight

## 1Q FY 2023/24 Operational Highlights

Robust occupancies underpinned by improving consumer sentiment



Occupancies (%)	Retail	Office	Logistics
Hong Kong	97.9%	97.5%	N/A
Mainland China	87.2% <sup>(1)</sup>	90.7%	92.3%
Australia	98.2% <sup>(2)</sup>	94.1% <sup>(3)</sup>	N/A
United Kingdom	N/A		
Singapore	99.4%	N/A	

Notes:

Chuk Yuen Plaza, Hong Kong

(1) The average occupancy including Qibao Vanke Plaza in Shanghai, our Qualified Minority-owned Property.

(2) Represented 50% interest in three retail properties in Sydney acquired on 1 July 2022.

(3) Included 100 Market street and 49.9% interest in a trust which holds five prime office assets in Australia acquired on 1 Jun 2022.

(4) All figures for the period ended or as at 30 June 2023.

## **Hong Kong Retail Sales**

Tenant sales maintained steady growth



Notes:

(1) Percentage figures represent year-on-year change in tenants' average monthly sales per square foot.

(2) Including clothing, department store, electrical and household products, personal care/medicine, optical, books and stationery, newspaper, valuable goods, services, leisure and entertainment, and other retail.

(3) A ratio of base rent (excluding management fee) to tenant retail gross sales per square foot.

(4) All figures for the period ended 30 Jun 2023 unless stated otherwise.

## **Asset Enhancements**

Optimising asset for value creation

## Tung Tau Market (Completed)



# ♦ CAPEX € € ROI ♦ HK\$28M Imm Imm I2.9%

Improved the utilisation of floor area with the conversion of underperforming retail and market space into new shops and services



#### Kai Tin (Underway) Second phase of upgrade



CAPEXTarget Completion DateHK\$139MLate 2023

Re-layout anchor store to diversified trade mix

Increased number of shops by 58%

Improved vertical circulation with new staircase

## Prompt Response and Recovery at Temple Mall



**Severely Inundated** 



**Our Dedicated Team Working Around the Clock** 



**Rapid Recovery** 



Temple Mall North was Heavily Flooded

- Caused by the **heaviest rains** in over **140** years; recorded **158.1mm** of rainfall within **one hour** on **8 Sep**
- Rainwater inundated lower ground level impacting 8 tenants
- **No** injury or casualty



#### Demonstrated Operational Effectiveness

- Restoration of the basement after 24 hours
- Swiftly initiated the process to repair and renovate the facilities
- **Protected** under comprehensive **insurance** policies



#### **Remedial Actions**

- Work with **tenants** to facilitate a **rapid return** to their **regular operations**
- **Regularly** assess mall's facilities to further strengthen our **flood prevention** measures

## International

## Promising retail demand ongoing; office flight-to-quality



## SG RETAIL

- Portfolio and **team integration** completed and **performing** strongly
- **Tenant sales** have largely recovered to **pre-COVID** levels across the malls
- More pronounced recovery was seen in the **F&B** and **Beauty & Wellness** categories





## **AU RETAIL**

- Sales and footfall are gradually recovering to pre-COVID levels
- **Portfolio occupancy** continues to grow, now at 98.2%
- Leasing strategy focused on **new** and **unique retailers** yielding significant activity

### INT'L OFFICE

- Flight to quality thematic continues
- Ongoing leasing success sees 388 George St Sydney 100% leased
- We are strengthening **assets' placemaking strategy**, **amenities** and **ESG** credentials to offer a point of difference, including 347 Kent St Sydney AEI

## **Mainland China**

Progressing on the recovery trajectory



## RETAIL

- Rental reversion slowly picking up as the retail sector has yet to fully recover
- **F&B outlets** led the recovery and reached **100%** of pre-COVID levels



## OFFICE

- Companies remained **cautious** on expansion
- **Finance**, **TMT**, and **Professional Service** sectors drove **leasing demand**

Premium Grade A office buildings demonstrate resilience amidst accelerated 'flight-to-quality' demand



## LOGISTICS

- Occupancy mildly affected due to the progressive filling of the newly acquired Changshu North facility
- Build-in **rental escalations** to ensure steady growth

## Asset Enhancement – Link Plaza Tianhe

The latest asset enhancement project in China



## Asset Enhancement – Link Plaza Tianhe

To tap the rising middle-class spending power





A New Social Hive Where Connections Come Alive

- To tap into the spending of middle-class households in Tianhe and Zhujiang New Town areas
- Reconfigured vacant department store space to unleash asset value
- Re-position tenant mix by focusing on highly sought-after speciality and local F&B, entertainment and experiential offerings

### Positioning



- A round-the-clock urban lifestyle zone
- A Generation Z gathering hub
  - Designated playground for children
- A food avenue featuring local cuisines

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## Precise Positioning - Link Plaza Tianhe

Capture market demand by increasing experience-driven retail offerings



#### After AEI







# **Capital Management**



## **Prudent Capital Management**

Maintained a strong balance sheet and financial position with ample liquidity





#### Net gearing ratio remained steady

- No refinancing needs anticipated until late FY24/25
- Strategically increased our fixed-rate debt ratio amidst the higher-for-longer interest rate environment
- Non-HKD distributable income and overseas assets<sup>(3)</sup> currency exposure substantially hedged

#### Notes:

(1) All figures for the year ended or as at 31 March 2023.

(2) HK\$4.0B bank loans maturing in 2023/2024 have been repaid in April 2023.

(3) Including Australia, Singapore and the UK portfolios

## **Interest Rate Uncertainties**

Hovered at high levels over a protracted period



Source: Bloomberg



## "Properties" and "People" Combined under Link



Continue to grow our income from Properties + New growth driver from our People under LAML

## Adopting an Asset-lighter Approach Three Core Components under Link 3.0



- Cautious and patient approach for acquisition
- Ongoing portfolio analysis and review to unlock value
- Continued diversification to increase resilience
- Focus on sustainable property income growth



#### **Operating Platform**

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- Remain tenant-customer centric
- Enhance efficiency and productivity for our operation
- Continue to develop our capabilities amid diversification
- Operating excellence as our competitive edge



#### Fund Management Platform

- Extend to manage both public and private capital
- Build on top of our strong foundation with economies of scale
- Explore JV for existing assets and other possibilities
- Additional fee income stream to contribute to distribution

#### Cohesive development to fuel growth in the new normal of higher-for-longer rate environment

**P** Our Strategic Direction







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