

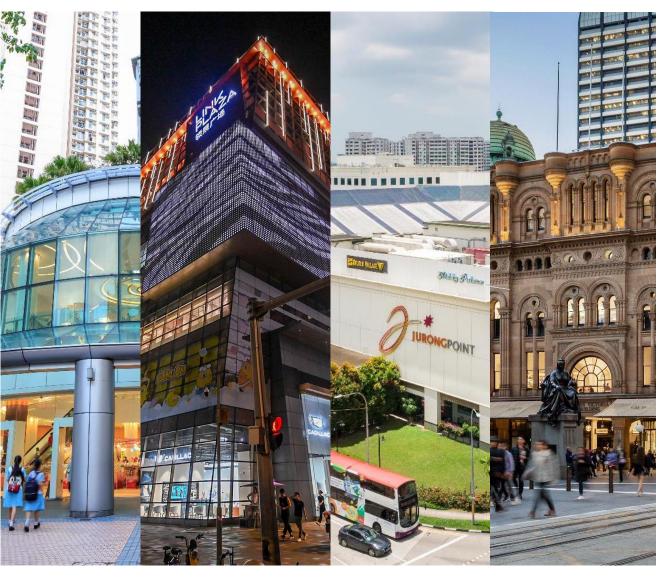


# **Interim Results Presentation 2023/2024**

8 November 2023



## Agenda



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## 1H 2023/24 Interim Results Highlights

Resilient performance and robust financial strength despite persistent challenges

### Revenue

### **Net Property Income**



HK\$6,725M

11.3% YoY



HK\$5,063M

**▲10.4**% YoY





### **Distribution Amount**



**1.7%** YoY

### Net Asset Value per unit



HK\$70.72

4.4% vs 31 Mar 23

### **Net Gearing Ratio**

### **EBITDA Interest Coverage**





18.0%

(31 March 2023: 17.8%)



4.3x

(31 March 2023: 5.1x)

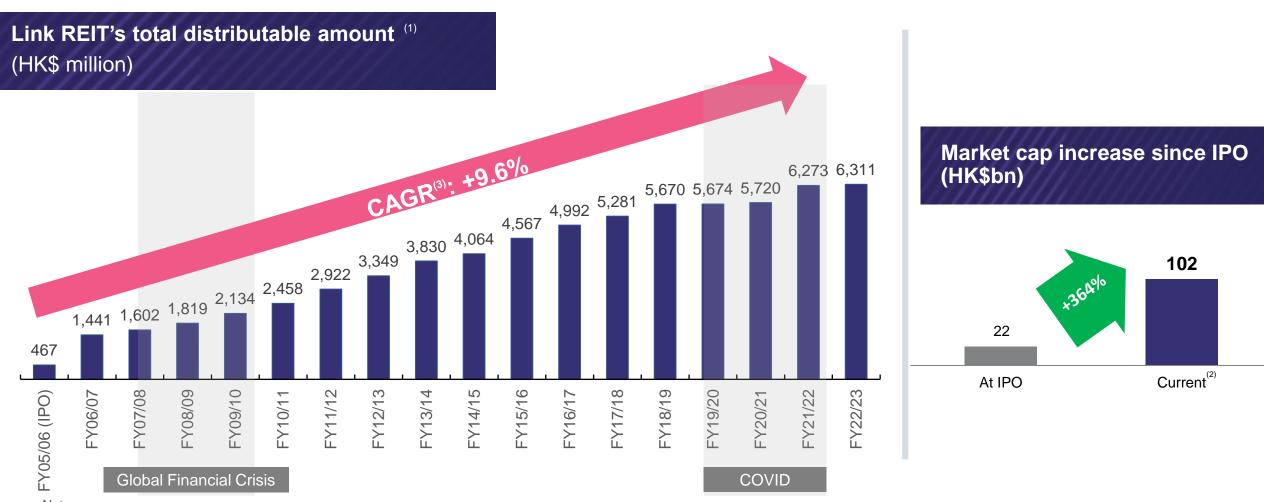


HK\$1.3008

- (1) All figures for the period ended or as at 30 September 2023 unless stated otherwise.
- (2) DPU grew 0.4% YoY based on the same unit base after the Rights Issue.

### **Consistent Growth in Distributable Amount**

Driving growth and stability in distributable amount organically and through M&As since IPO



- (1) Excluding discretionary distribution from FY2014/2015 to FY2021/2022.
- (2) As of 3 November 2023.
- (3) Base on FY2005/2006 pro rata distributable amount of HK\$1,334 million.



## **Key Themes Shaping the Macroenvironment**

### **Geopolitical Tensions**



# The Global Economy Enters an Era of Upheaval Hence Supply Chain Reconfiguration

- US-China tensions
- Russia-Ukraine conflict
- Israel-Hamas war

### **Interest Rates / Inflation**



### **Higher-For-Longer Interest Rates**

- Hawkish outlook
- Tight credit conditions facing businesses
- Increase borrowing costs and impact to property values

### **Climate Change**

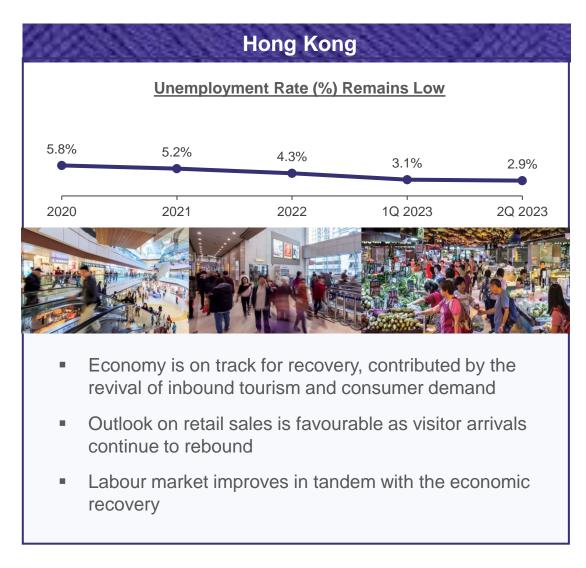


## **Climate-related Risks and Extreme Weather Events**

- More frequent climate-related disruptions
- Disturbances in traditional supply chains causing volatility in supply and prices
- Transition costs

### **Market Prospects**

## Our markets exhibit notable economic strength





- Economy showing signs of stabilisation but property market headwinds weaken the growth momentum
- On-going measures to stabilise the RMB and to prevent the worsening of the property slump
- Growth could exceed that of markets where inflation is causing a slowdown

### **Market Prospects**

### Our markets exhibit notable economic strength







Mitigating current macro challenges and capitalising on future opportunities



Retail / Car park

Stability anchored by non-discretionary consumption



**Link 3.0** 

Strategic transition to asset-lighter approach





### **Growth Strategy**



**Capital Management** 

Proactive hedging and costefficient capital management



**Macro Environment** 

Geopolitical tensions cloud the market outlook



## **Driving Operational Excellence**

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

## **Sustainability Priorities**

Focus on four strategic areas, portfolio-wide over the next five years

	Climate Resilience	Net Zero Strategy	Sustainability Reporting	Stakeholder Engagement	
	TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES	ADVANCING NET  ZERO  SCIENCE BASED TARGETS  DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION	ISSB SIFRS International Financial Reporting Standards	Econyadore States	
Our Approach & Progress	<ul> <li>Participated in the United Nations pilots to quantify climate related risks across our portfolio</li> <li>Stress tested asset-level coastal flood and storm surge risk exposure of our Greater Bay Area portfolio and put in place mitigation and adaptation plans accordingly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Established our 2035 Net Zero pathway</li> <li>Achieved formal SBTi validation for our commitment to achieve Net Zero emissions across scope 1, 2 and 3 by 2050</li> <li>Identified &gt;40 sites for installation of solar PV arrays, generating around 3,505 MWh renewable energy annually</li> <li>Completed energy audits across the entire Mainland China portfolio</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Early adoption of ISSB Exposure Draft IFRS S2 Climate-related Disclosures</li> <li>Streamlined 9 ESG KPIs based on our materiality assessment and risk register for Board oversight and annual external assurance</li> <li>In progress of finalising our ESG data management system for streamlined reporting and assurance process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Established Stakeholder         Engagement Policy and Manual         using "Business as Mutual" as         our foundation</li> <li>Reviewed our sustainability         branding strategy and narrative         for effective internal and external         communication</li> <li>Created and collaborated on ESG         thought leadership pieces</li> </ul>	

### **ESG Benchmarking Performance**

Our sustainability efforts are recognised by various global and industry ESG benchmarks

### 2022/23 ESG Indices Performance





Rank 5th In East Asia Score 87/100

2022: 79/100



**Industry Adjusted Score 5.8** 

2021: 5.8 (A)

Member of

Dow Jones Sustainability Indices

Powered by the S&P Global CSA

**Asia Pacific Index** 

Score 67/100

2022: 71/100



"Low Risk" Rating

Score 10.2/100 (1)

2022: 10.6/100



### FTSE4GOOD Index

Score 3.8/5

2022: 3.8/5



Score 75.5/100

2022: 74.7/100 (AA)

(1) A low ESG Risk score indicates a low exposure to ESG risk.

### **Ardent Supporter and Advocate**

Signatory of:















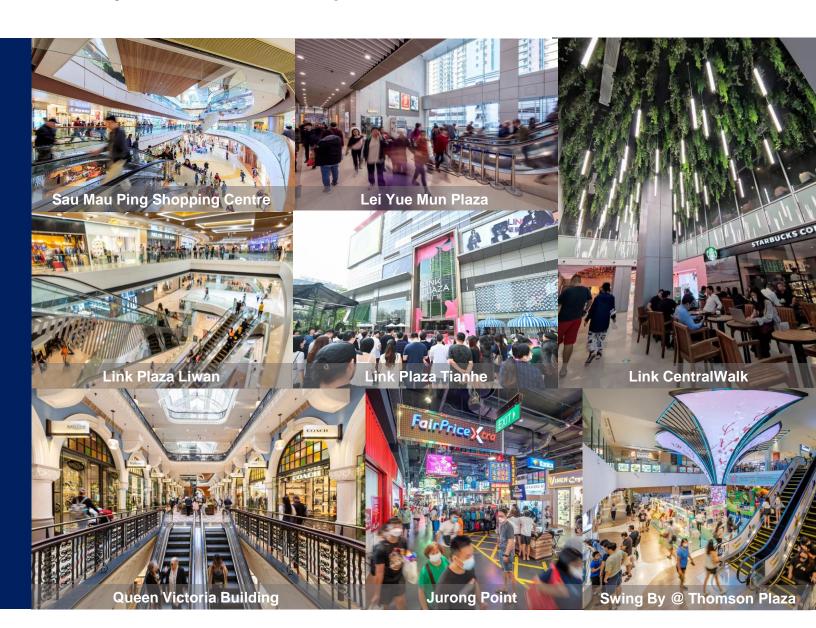
## 1H 2023/24 Retail Assets Highlights

Unyielding stability underpinned by retail and car parks

Hong Kong retail reversion continued to be stable through the cycles, including the pandemic

High occupancies were maintained, and tenant sales largely recovered to pre-COVID levels across geographies

Hong Kong car park tariffs continue to be adjusted annually





Strong operational performance derived from our resilient retail portfolio

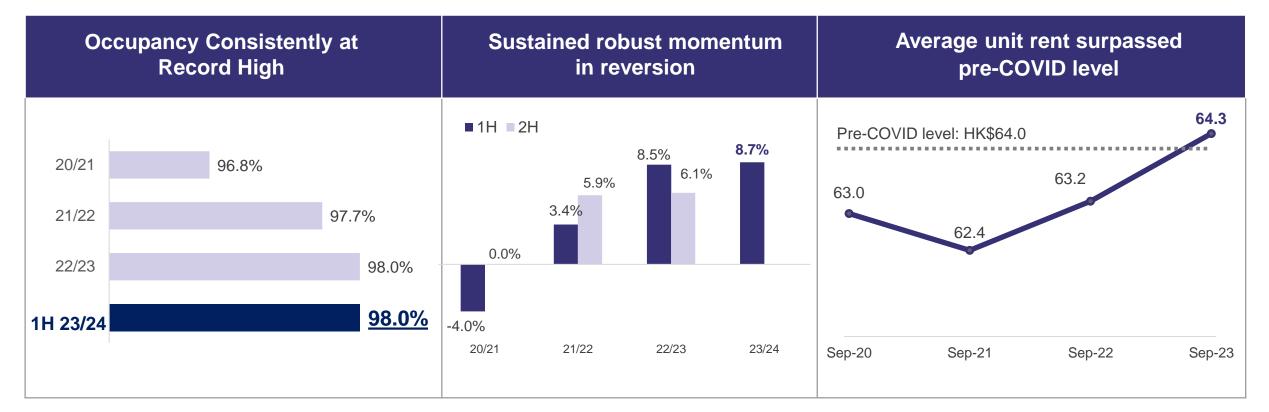


98.0%
Occupancy



**8.7%** Reversion (1)





<sup>(1)</sup> Reversion rate was calculated based on base rent (excluding management fees).

<sup>(2)</sup> All figures for the period ended or as at 30 September 2023 unless stated otherwise.

## **Hong Kong Retail Leasing**

## A curation of diverse trade mixes to keep shoppers engaged











>300 New Leases<sup>(1)</sup>

Signed in 1H 2023/2024 (118 new brands)

## Leasing Trend Top 5 retail trades signed

- 1 Specialty Restaurants
- 2 Learning Institutions
- 3 Fashion
- 4 Confectionery
- 5 Light Refreshments

## **Hong Kong Retail Sales**

### Tenant sales maintained steady growth





**Tenant Sales Growth** 

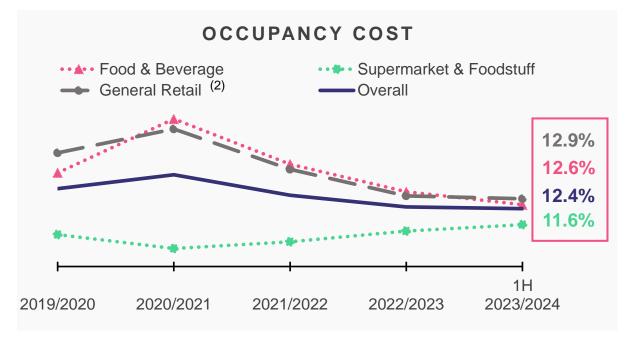




12.4%

Occupancy Cost (3)

FOR THE PERIOD APR 2023 - SEP 2023	TENANT SALES GROWTH <sup>(1)</sup>		
Food and beverage	9.0%		
Supermarket & foodstuff	-4.8%		
General retail <sup>(2)</sup>	4.7%		
OVERALL	3.1%		



- (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 fees) to tenant retail gross sales per square foot.
- (4) All figures for the period ended 30 September 2023 unless stated otherwise.

## **Hong Kong Car Parks and Related Business**

Rise in car park tariffs powers rental income growth



5.2% YoY
Revenue

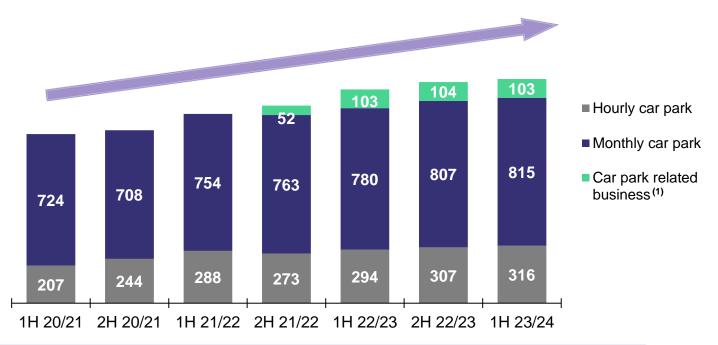


HK\$3,335

**▲** 5.3% YoY

Car Park Income per space per month





**Growth momentum of Car Parks and Related Business persist** 

- (1) Refers to contributions from two car park/car service centres and godown buildings in Hung Hom and Chai Wan.
- (2) All figures for the period ended or as at 30 September 2023 unless stated otherwise.

- ☐ Consistent improvement in both monthly and hourly car park income
- ☐ Structural imbalance of supply and demand continually bolsters car park businesses



### **Asset Enhancement**

## Driving value through asset optimisation



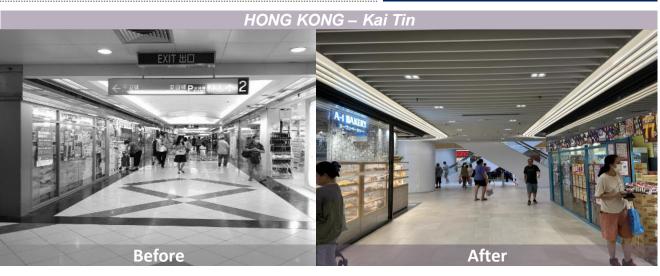
CAPEX ROI

\$28M 15.9%

**EST. CAPEX** 

under planning & statutory approval

>HK\$690M



Underway	Estimated Costs	Target Completion Date
Kai Tin	\$139M	Late 2023
Butterfly	\$26M	Early 2024
Kin Sang	\$60M	Early 2024
Fu Shin	\$39M	Early 2024
Sau Mau Ping	\$58M	Mid 2024
Lei Yue Mun	\$56M	Early 2025



## **Restoration of Temple Mall North LG Floor**

Testament to our strong capability in asset management



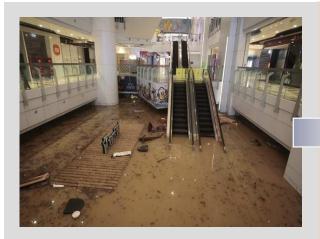
# 香港遭遇140年來最大暴雨

Hong Kong's Heaviest Rainfall in Nearly 140 Years



### **Prompt Response and Recovery at Temple Mall**

## Exhibiting our operational excellence



**Severely Inundated** 



**Working Around the Clock** 



**Rapid Recovery** 



**Connectivity Restored** 



### 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
- Lower ground floor reopens after **54 days** of speedy repairs
- 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



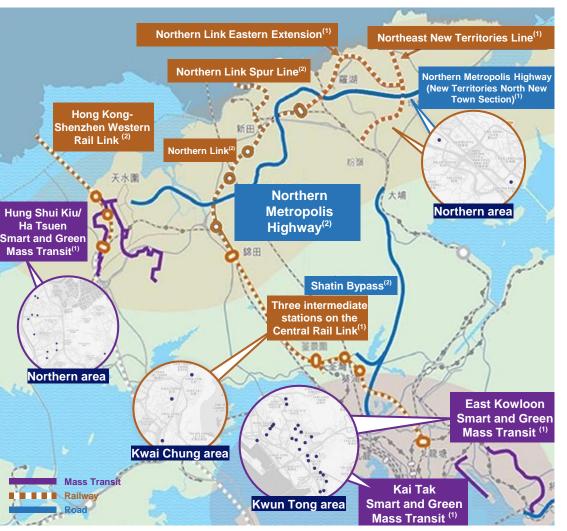
### **Connectivity Restored**

- Faster-than-expected repairment and full functionality of the escalator linking the lower ground floor and the mall entrance
- Reinstated vertical circulation facilitated by the operation of the escalator

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## Hong Kong Policy Address 2023 Infrastructure Plan

### Prospective positive impact on Kowloon and New Territories



13 assets
In Northern area

24 assets
In Kwun Tong area

3 assets
In Kwai Chung area

### Strengthen connectivity via these transportation links



Hong Kong Policy Address 2023 unveiled the transport blueprint which encompasses the enhanced Three Railways and Three Major Roads proposals.

Our assets located in the targeted vicinities are poised to benefit from stronger foot traffic brought about by enhanced connectivity.

Development potential could have better prospect in increasing in value due to the improved access to those areas.

#### Votes

- (1) Announced in The Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address
- (2) Announced in The Chief Executive's 2022 Policy Address

### **Singapore Retail**

### Solid asset fundamentals anchored by nearly full occupancy







Tenant sales growth largely recovered to pre-COVID levels



**99.3%** Occupancy<sup>(1)</sup>

- Maiden contribution from two
   suburban retail assets and a
   management service agreement from a
   third-party owned asset
- Full integration of Singapore into our operation platform
- New regional office to support our expansion into APAC

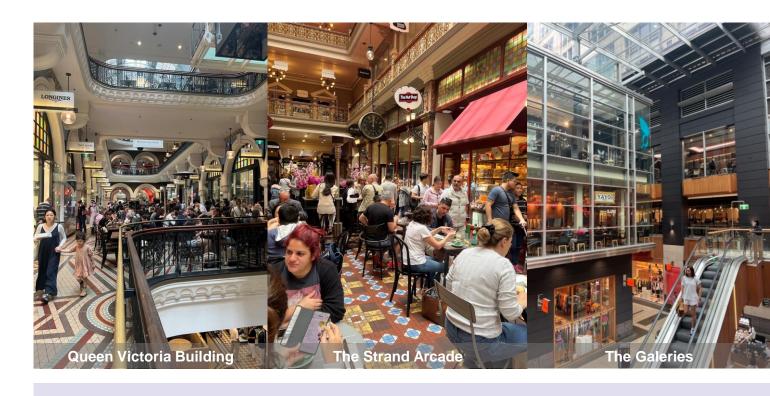
### **Australia Retail**

## Experience-oriented retail a boon for portfolio performance



## 98.1% Occupancy

- Firm Demand: Tenant interest in expansion signals promising prospects
- Enhanced Retail Experience: Captivating products and socialisation elevate the retail experience
- Curated Tenant Mix: Unique blend of brands and enhanced food offerings unite communities
- Retail Resilience: Sales rebounding towards prepandemic levels



Sydney CBD is resuming normalcy with the return of tourists

### **International Office**

### Harnessing the flight-to-quality thematic



# 95.1% Occupancy<sup>(1)</sup>



# ~5.3 years Overall WALE

- Embedded annual rental escalation terms in the majority of leases
- Proactive approach positions assets as beneficiaries of the flight-to-quality trend in the face of external macro headwinds
- Ongoing enhancements, including speculative fit-out projects and lobby refurbishment, strengthen market appeal



- (1) Includes a 49.9% interest in a prime office portfolio in Sydney and Melbourne and The Cabot.
- (2) All figures for the period ended or as at 30 September 2023.
- (3) In London.







347 Kent Street



**567 Collins Street** 



388 George Street



The Cabot (3)



**126 Phillip Street** 

### **Mainland China Retail**

### Progressing along the path of recovery



95.8% Occupancy (1)





### Swiftly adjusting leasing and marketing strategies to boost sales and attract footfall

- Consistent recovery with footfall and gross sales per square foot surpassing pre-COVID levels
- The Electric Vehicle, Home Appliance and F&B sectors have demonstrated more marked recoveries
- Rental reversion was in negative territory in 1H23/24, but projected to level out by end of FY23/24
- Excluding Link Plaza Tianhe<sup>(4)</sup> and Link CentralWalk, which are still in the process of stabilisation following the AEIs, rental reversion would have been +6.1%

- (1) The occupancy and reversion rate including Qibao Vanke Plaza in Shanghai, our Qualified Minority-owned Property.
- (2) Reversion rate was calculated based on base rent (excluding management fees).
- (3) All figures for the period ended or as at 30 September 2023.
- (4) Phase 1 of the asset enhancement work at Link Plaza Tianhe was largely completed by the end of September 2023.

### **Asset Enhancement – Link Plaza Tianhe**

The latest asset enhancement project in Mainland China





## Tapping spending power of the rising middle class

### A New Social Hive Where Connections Come Alive



Ph. 1 Reopens September 2023



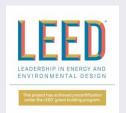
Est. CAPEX (1) ~RMB 300M



Est. ROI ~12.0%

- Committed occupancy was 95% as at 31 Oct 2023
- Footfall soared by more than 30% YoY and gross sales surged over 50% YoY during the Mid-Autumn festival and National Day holiday following the reopening
- 60+ new tenants were introduced to Link Plaza Tianhe, with more than 50% opening their first store in the district or in Guangzhou
- First commercial project with LEED, ParkSmart and WELL certificates









### **Asset Enhancement - Link Plaza Tianhe**

High committed occupancy of AE space underscores positioning aligned with consumption patterns













### **Mainland China Logistics**

## Prime locations near transportation hubs with stable demand













95.0% Occupancy



- Acquisitions in Changshu South and North were completed in April and May 2023, respectively, further strengthening the logistics portfolio
- Occupancy was affected primarily by the ongoing backfilling of the newly acquired Changshu North facility

### Note:

(1) All figures for the period ended or as at 30 September 2023 unless stated otherwise.





## 1H 2023/24 Strong Financial Position

Healthy balance sheet reinforced by solid financial metrics



18.0%

**Net Gearing Ratio** 



3.74%

**Average Borrowing Cost** 



69.8%

**Fixed-rate Debt Ratio** 



3.4 years

**Average Debt Maturity** 



4.3x

**EBITDA Interest Coverage** 



HK\$22.8B(1)

**Available Liquidity** 



**Credit ratings** 

A Stable S&P

A2 Stable Moody's

A Stable Fitch

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

Proactive fixed-debt ratio hedging

Sustained competitive finance costs

Prudent net gearing ratio

Contingent unit buyback

### **Optimise Value for Unitholders**

Distribution reinvestment scheme

Unit buyback

Relevant Investments

- (1) HK\$9.7 billion undrawn committed facilities and HK\$13.1 billion cash and bank balances as at 30 September 2023.
- (2) All figures for the period ended or as at 30 September 2023.

## **Prudent Capital Management**

Solid capital base to buffer interest rate risks

**Net Gearing Ratio** 

18.0%

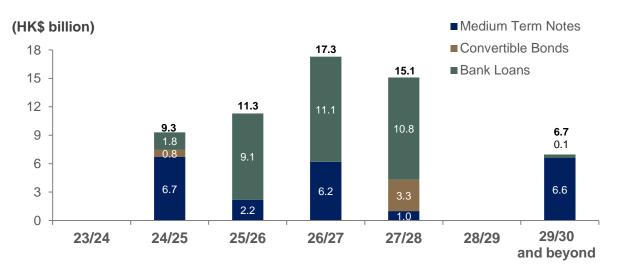
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3.4 years

**Average Borrowing Cost** 

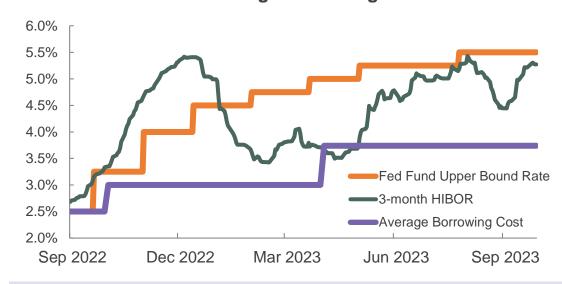
3.74%

### **Debt Maturity Profile**



No refinancing needs anticipated until late FY24/25

### **Average Borrowing Cost**



Proactive capital management to manage average borrowing cost

#### Note:

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## **Debt Profile and Financial Position Highlights**

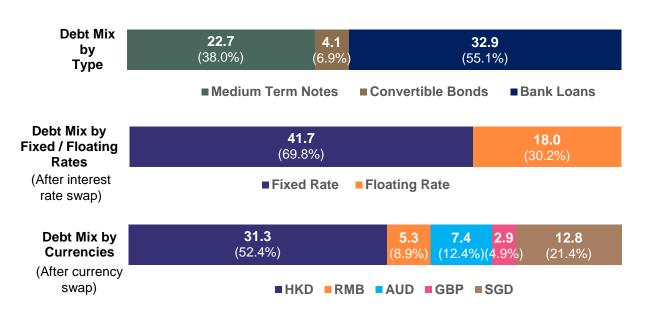
## Substantial and diversified hedging with ample liquidity

Fixed-rate Debt ratio 69.8%

**Available Liquidity** 

HK\$22.8B<sup>(1)</sup>





- ☐ Fixed rate debt ratio in the upper range of 50-70%
- Non-HKD distributable income and overseas assets<sup>(2)</sup> currency exposure substantially hedged
- ☐ Increased our fixed-rate debt ratio amidst the higherfor-longer interest rate environment

- (1) HK\$9.7 billion undrawn committed facilities and HK\$13.1 billion cash and bank balances as at 30 September 2023.
- (2) Including Australia, Singapore and the UK portfolios.
- (3) All figures for the period ended or as at 30 September 2023.



Finance costs stayed competitive



## **Sound Credit Ratings**

Moody's: A2/Stable S&P: A/Stable Fitch: A/Stable

	As at 30 Sep 2023 <sup>(1)</sup>	As at 31 Mar 2023	S&P requirement (A / Stable)	Moody's requirement (A2 / Stable)	Fitch requirement (A / Stable)
Net debt / IP	19.9%	20.3%	N/A	N/A	< 30%
Debt / Debt + Equity	20.1%	20.4%	<30%	N/A	N/A
EBITDA Interest Coverage	4.3x	4.8x	N/A	> 3.0x	> 3.5x
Net debt / EBITDA (annualised)	4.6x	5.5x	<6.0x	<7.0x	N/A

<sup>(1)</sup> Preliminary figures to be confirmed by rating agencies.

### **Valuation Remains Robust**

## Cap rate expansion mitigated by increasing rental cashflows

HK\$'M	As at 30 Sep 2023	As at 31 Mar 2023	As at 30 Sep 2023	As at 31 Mar 2023
Hong Kong	Militaritarii Albania da Maria da Albania da		William Water Mintellight	
Retail properties	126,506	129,819	3.25% - 4.60%	3.10% - 4.50%
Car parks and related business	47,448	46,823	2.70% - 4.90%	2.60% - 4.80%
Office property	7,400 <sup>(1)</sup>	8,255 <sup>(1)</sup>	3.30%	3.00%
Mainland China				
Retail properties	23,413 <sup>(2)</sup>	26,309 <sup>(2)</sup>	4.65% - 5.15%	4.50% - 5.00%
Office property	5,359	6,364	4.65%	4.25%
Logistics properties	2,803	2,495	5.15%	5.00%
Australia				
Retail properties	2,774	2,895	5.00% - 5.38%	4.88% - 5.25%
Office properties	8,235 <sup>(3)</sup>	9,361 <sup>(3)</sup>	4.75% - 5.75%	4.50% - 5.25%
United Kingdom				
Office property	2,162 <sup>(4)</sup>	2,780 <sup>(4)</sup>	7.50%	6.00%
Singapore				
Retail properties	13,218	13,630	3.80% - 4.50%	3.80% - 4.50%
Total valuation	239,318	248,731		
Valuation of investment properties	229,094 <sup>(5)</sup>	237,469 <sup>(5)</sup>		



# Total Value of Investment Properties

### Lower valuation mainly due to:

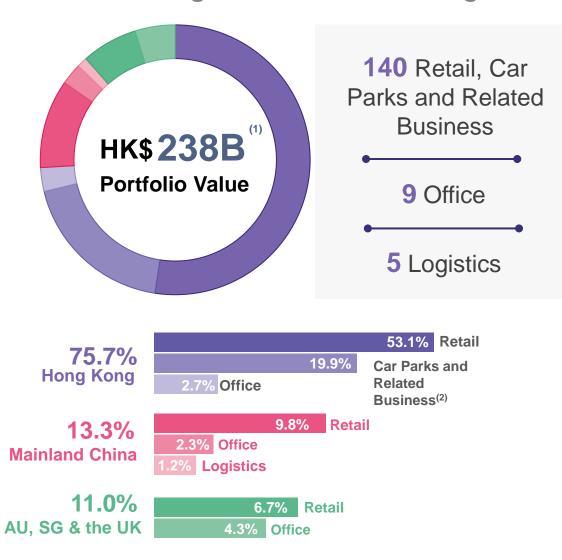
- 1) Adjustment of market rent
- Cap rate expansion for most properties
- Depreciation of foreign currency

- (1) Represents the office portion only of The Quayside. Includes two floors of The Quayside occupied by Link as at 31 March 2023 and 30 September 2023.
- (2) Includes 50% value of Qibao Vanke Plaza.
- (3) Includes 49.9% value of the prime office portfolio in Sydney and Melbourne.
- (4) Includes two floors of The Cabot occupied by Link for co-working space business as at 31 March 2023 and 30 September 2023.
- (5) Excludes two floors of The Quayside & two floors of The Cabot occupied by Link, classified as property, plant and equipment, the 50% value of Qibao Vanke Plaza and the 49.9% value of the prime office portfolio in Sydney and Melbourne.



## **Link Today**

## Growing AUM while making inroads into the international market





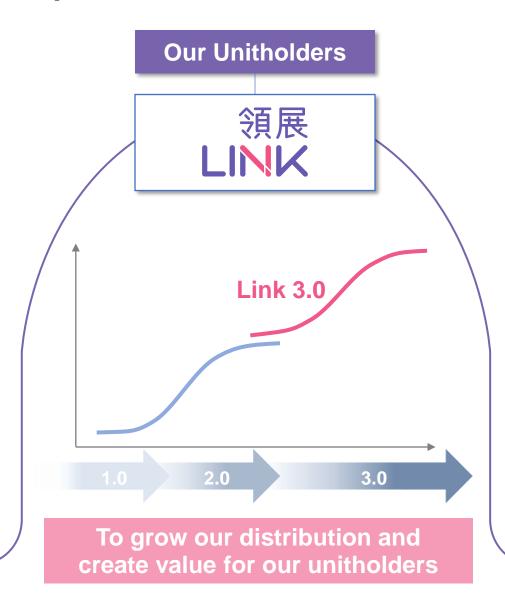
- (1) As at 30 September 2023, the total valuation of investment properties, plus 50% value of Qibao Vanke Plaza, 49.9% value in the prime office portfolio in Sydney and Melbourne.
- (2) Including two car park/car service centres and godown buildings in Hong Kong.

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



- ~HK\$270bn GAV now
- Core/Core+ return
- Sizeable HK non-discretionary retail exposure
- · Diversification:
  - Asset classes: Retail, offices, carparks, logistics
  - Markets: HK, MLC, SG, AU

**Strengths** 





### **People**

- Under Link Asset Management Limited ("LAML"), a dedicated internal manager now on cost recovery basis
- Fully fledged management business with over 1,300 colleagues
- In-depth operating capabilities in non-discretionary retail across HK, MLC and SG

**Opportunities** 

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





# To be a World-Class APAC REAL ESTATE INVESTOR & MANAGER



Assets on Balance Sheet





**Operating Platform** 





Fund Management Platform

Active asset management to achieve organic growth

Diversify our income sources through yield accretive investments and asset recycling

Adopt an assetlighter approach by
working with thirdparty capital to
grow AUM and
management fees
income stream

Expand our
capabilities
across different
regions and asset
classes in support
of our assetlighter approach

Active capital management to manage funding costs and financial risks

**ESG** and sustainability stewardship



# **Distribution Calendar**

Distribution period	April 2023 – September 2023
Last day of trading on a "cum" basis	17 November 2023
Ex-distribution date	20 November 2023
Distribution book close	22 November – 23 November 2023 (inclusive)
Record date for entitlement to distribution	23 November 2023
Ten trading days to determine issue price for scrip in lieu of final cash distribution	24 November – 7 December 2023 (both days inclusive)
Final date for scrip election	15 December 2023 (no later than 4:30 pm)
Payment of distribution	29 December 2023





# Appendix 1 Why invest in Link REIT



The largest in terms of market capitalisation, the most liquid, and the only internally-managed REIT in Asia



100% free float held by institutions and private investors



**Quality assets diversified across regions** 



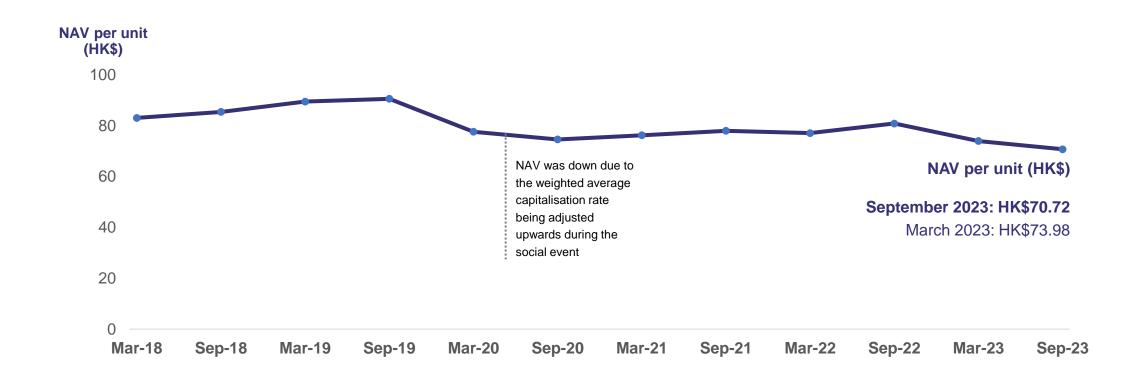
Heavily exposed to resilient nondiscretionary community commercials (including fresh markets) and car parks



Track record of active asset management and resilient DPU throughout economic cycles



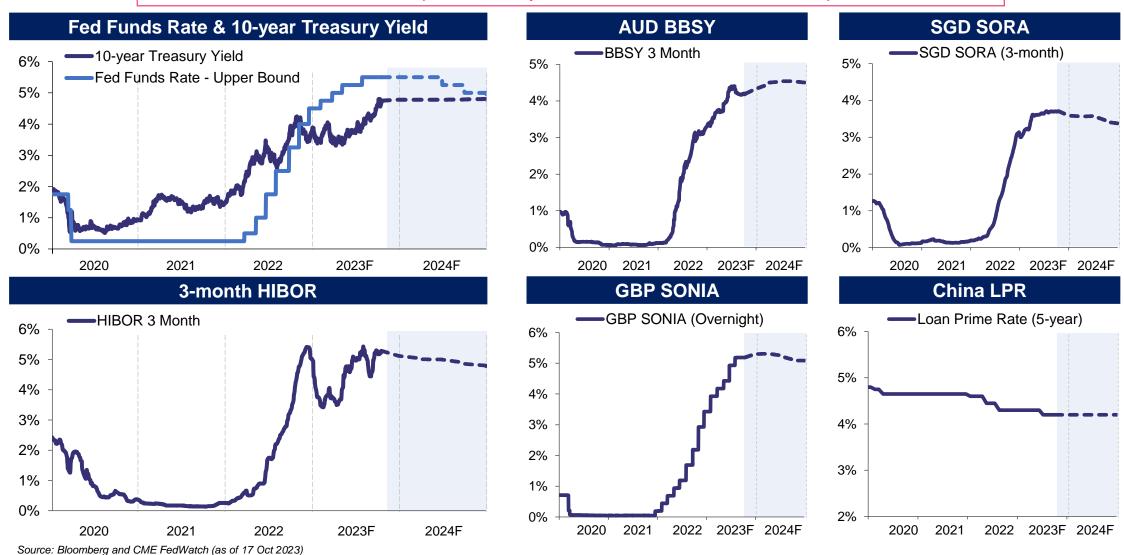
Net asset value per unit



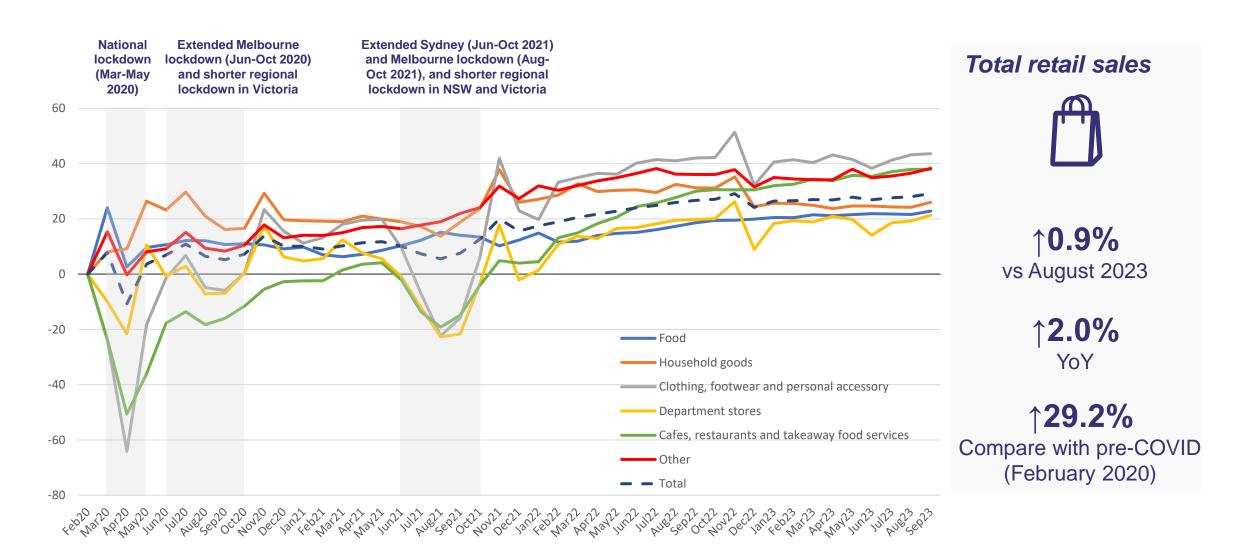
Net asset value per unit decreased by 4.4% to HK\$70.72 due to lower fair value of the investment properties

### Interest Rates Expected to Stay at an Elevated Levels

Although there were indications that the interest rate hike cycle approached its peak, interest rates are expected to stay at elevated levels for an extended period.



### Australia retail sales far exceed pre-COVID level



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

# Appendix 5 Key financial data

Consolidated	Six months ended 30 Sep 2023 HK\$'M	Six months ended 30 Sep 2022 HK\$'M	YoY %	Percentage contribution Six months ended 30 Sep 2023 (%)
Revenue	6,725	6,042	+11.3	-
Net property income	5,063	4,587	+10.4	-
Rentals				
Hong Kong retail and office properties	3,881	3,792	+2.3	57.7
Hong Kong car parks and related business	1,241	1,180	+5.2	18.5
Mainland China retail, office and logistics properties	742	789	-6.0	11.0
International retail and office properties	861	281	+206.4	12.8
Total revenue	6,725	6,042	+11.3	100.0
Total property operating expenses	1,662	1,455	+14.2	_

# Appendix 6 Financials – income statement summary

	Six months	Six months	
	ended	ended	
	30 Sep 2023	30 Sep 2022	YoY
	HK\$'M	HK\$'M	%
Revenue	6,725	6,042	+11.3
Property operating expenses	(1,662)	(1,455)	+14.2
Net property income	5,063	4,587	+10.4
General and administrative expenses	(383)	(328)	+16.8
Interest income	274	37	+640.5
Finance costs	(1,010)	(604)	+67.2
Profit before taxation, change in fair values of investment properties, impairment of goodwill and property, plant and equipment, share of net (losses)/profits of joint ventures and transactions with Unitholders	3,944	3,692	+6.8
Change in fair values of investment properties and impairment of goodwill and property, plant and equipment	(6,632)	10,853	-161.1
Share of net (losses)/profits of joint ventures	(392)	160	-345.0
Taxation	(570)	(688)	-17.2
Non-controlling interests	276	(24)	-1250.0
(Loss)/profit for the period, before transactions with Unitholders attributable to Unitholders	(3,374)	13,993	-124.1

# **Appendix 7**Property operating expenses analysis

	Six months ended 30 Sep 2023 HK\$'M	Six months ended 30 Sep 2022 HK\$'M	YoY (%)	Percentage contribution Six months ended 30 Sep 2023 (%)
Property managers' fees, security and cleaning	422	349	+20.9	25.4
Staff costs	319	282	+13.1	19.2
Repair and maintenance	136	106	+28.3	8.2
Utilities	224	205	+9.3	13.5
Government rent and rates	169	141	+19.9	10.2
Promotion and marketing expenses	116	95	+22.1	7.0
Estate common area costs	65	56	+16.1	3.9
Real estate taxes and land use taxes	105	64	+64.1	6.3
(Reversal of provision)/provision for impairment of trade receivables	(17)	36	-147.2	-1.0
Other property operating expenses	123	121	+1.7	7.3
Total property operating expenses (1)	1,662	1,455	+14.2	100.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Net property income margin remained at 75.3% (six months end 30 September 2022: 76.0%).

# Appendix 8 Financials – distribution statement summary

	Six months ended 30 Sep 2023 HK\$'M	Six months ended 30 Sep 2022 HK\$'M	YoY %
(Loss)/profit for the period, before transactions with Unitholders attributable to Unitholders	(3,374)	13,993	-124.1
Change in fair values of investment properties and impairment of goodwill and property, plant and equipment attributable to Unitholders	6,844	(10,879)	-162.9
Deferred taxation on change in fair values of investment properties attributable to Unitholders	(42)	84	-150.0
Change in fair values of derivative component of convertible bonds	(156)	-	N/A
Change in fair values of financial instruments	(24)	(70)	-65.7
Depreciation and amortisation of real estate and related assets	28	30	-6.7
Other non-cash losses	57	119	-52.1
Total distributable amount	3,333	3,277	+1.7
Distribution per unit (HK cents)	130.08	155.51	-16.4

<sup>(1)</sup> Distribution adjustments are made according to the Trust Deed.



### Financials – Movement of financial position & investment properties

### **Financial Position Summary**

	As at	As at	As at
HK\$'M	30 Sep 2023	31 Mar 2023	30 Sep 2022
Total assets	253,689	267,919	238,691
Total liabilities	72,699	78,859	67,833
Non-controlling interests	(179)	120	289
Net assets attributable to Unitholders	181,169	188,940	170,569
Units in Issue (M)	2,561.9	2,553.8	2,109.4
Net asset value Per Unit (HK\$)	70.72	73.98	80.86

### **Movement of Investment Properties**

•	As at	As at	As at
HK\$'M	30 Sep 2023	31 Mar 2023	30 Sep 2022
At beginning of period / year	237,469	212,761	212,761
Acquisition	523	17,791	3,818
Exchange adjustments	(2,617)	(3,131)	(4,815)
Additions	249	968	1,155
Change in fair values of investment properties	(6,530)	9,367	10,853
Transfer to property, plant and equipment	=	(287)	(287)
At end of period / year	229,094	237,469	223,485

# Appendix 10 Financials – Capital management

Committed Debt Facilities	HK\$ B		%		
Committed Debt I acmites		Sep-23	Mar-23	Sep-23	Mar-23
HK\$ Bank Loans		7.0	10.8	11.7	16.5
RMB Bank Loans		2.8	3.2	4.7	4.8
AUD Bank Loans		7.4	7.8	12.4	11.9
GBP Bank Loans		2.9	3.7	4.9	5.6
SGD Bank Loans		12.8	13.2	21.4	20.1
HK\$/US\$ Medium Term Notes		20.2	20.2	33.8	30.8
RMB Medium Term Notes		2.5	2.7	4.2	4.1
Convertible Bonds		4.1	4.1	6.9	6.2
Total Debt		59.7	65.7	100.0	100.0
Cash		13.1	17.3	57.7	63.5
Undrawn Facilities		9.7	10.0	42.3	36.5
Total Liquidity		22.8	27.3	100.0	100.0
<b>Key Credit Metrics by Rating A</b>	gencies		S&P	Moody's	Fitch
	As at	As at	requirement	requirement	requirement
	30 Sep 2023 <sup>(1)</sup>	31 Mar 2023	(A / Stable)	(A2 / Stable)	(A / Stable)
Net debt / IP	19.9%	20.3%	N/A	N/A	< 30%
Debt / Debt + Equity	20.1%	20.4%	<30%	N/A	N/A
EBITDA Interest Coverage	4.3x	4.8x	N/A	> 3.0x - 3.5x	> 3.5x
Net debt / EBITDA (annualised)	4.6x	5.5x	<6.0x	<7.0x	N/A

<sup>(1)</sup> Preliminary figures to be confirmed by rating agencies.

# Appendix 11 HK Portfolio – Retail revenue analysis

	Six months ended 30 Sep 2023 HK\$'M	Six months ended 30 Sep 2022 HK\$'M	YoY %	Percentage contribution Six months ended 30 Sep 2023
Retail rentals:				
Shops (1)	2,518	2,460	+2.4	67.5
Markets / cooked food stalls	529	502	+5.4	14.2
Education / welfare and ancillary	74	73	+1.4	2.0
Mall merchandising	95	90	+5.6	2.5
Expenses recovery and other miscellaneous revenue (2)	515	520	-1.0	13.8
Total	3,731	3,645	+2.4	100.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Rental from shops included base rent of HK\$2,466 million (six months ended 30 September 2022: HK\$2,418 million) and turnover rent of HK\$52 million (six months ended 30 September 2022: HK\$42 million).

<sup>(2)</sup> Other miscellaneous revenue includes management fees, air conditioning service fees, promotion levies and miscellaneous revenue.

**Appendix 12** 

## HK Portfolio – Car parks and related business revenue analysis

	Six months ended 30 Sep 2023 HK\$'M			Percentage contribution six months ended 30 Sep 2023
Rental income:				
Monthly car parks	815	780	+4.5	65.6
Hourly car parks	316	294	+7.5	25.5
Car parks related business	103	103	0.0	8.3
Expenses recovery and other miscellaneous revenue	7	3	+133.3	0.6
Total car parks and related business revenue	1,241	1,180	+5.2	100.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Refers to contributions from two car park/car service centres and godown buildings in Hung Hom and Chai Wan.

Appendix 13

HK Portfolio – Retail portfolio data

	No. of properties	Total area ('000 sq. ft.)	Retail properties Retail Valuation (HK\$'M) (HK\$'M)		Average monthly unit rent <sup>(1)</sup> (HK\$ psf)		Occupano (%)	
	As at 30 Sep 2023	As at 30 Sep 2023	As at 30 Sep 2023	Six months ended 30 Sep 2023	As at 30 Sep 2023	As at 31 Mar 2023	As at 30 Sep 2023	As at 31 Mar 2023
Destination	6	1,290	26,335	627	77.7	78.1	97.4	97.2
Community	35	4,046	69,410	1,826	71.9	71.0	98.4	98.4
Neighbourhood	57	2,705	29,988	763	46.5	46.1	97.8	97.8
Overall	98	8,041	125,733	3,216	64.3	63.8	98.0	98.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Average monthly unit rent represents the average base rent (excluding management fees) per month psf of leased area.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excluding a parcel of commercial-use land off Anderson Road, Kwun Tong of HK\$773 million.

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HK Portfolio – Retail and car parks and related business portfolio data

	As at 30 Sep 2023	As at 31 Mar 2023	Change
Average monthly unit rent (psf pm) <sup>(1)</sup>	30 3ep 2023	31 Wai 2023	Change
Shops	HK\$62.3	HK\$61.9	+0.6%
<ul><li>Overall (ex self use office)</li></ul>	HK\$64.3	HK\$63.8	+0.8%
Occupancy rate			
Shops	98.4%	98.3%	+0.1%
<ul><li>Markets/cooked food stalls</li></ul>	96.4%	96.1%	+0.3%
<ul><li>Education/welfare and ancillary</li></ul>	95.8%	97.1%	-1.3%
Overall	98.0%	98.0%	0.0%
	Six months end 30 Sep 2023	Six months end 30 Sep 2022	YoY Change
Composite reversion rate <sup>(1)</sup>		'	<u> </u>
Shops	+8.1%	+6.8%	+1.3%
<ul><li>Markets/cooked food stalls</li></ul>	+11.3%	+16.3%	-5.0%
Education/welfare and ancillary	+3.2%	+1.1%	+2.1%
<ul><li>Overall</li></ul>	+8.7%	+8.5%	+0.2%
Net property income margin <sup>(2)</sup>	76.4%	77.3%	-0.9%
Car park income per space per month	HK\$3,335	HK\$3,167	+5.3%

<sup>(1)</sup> Average monthly unit rent and composite reversion rate was calculated based on base rent (excluding management fees).

<sup>(2)</sup> Refers to the NPI margin of the entire Hong Kong portfolio.

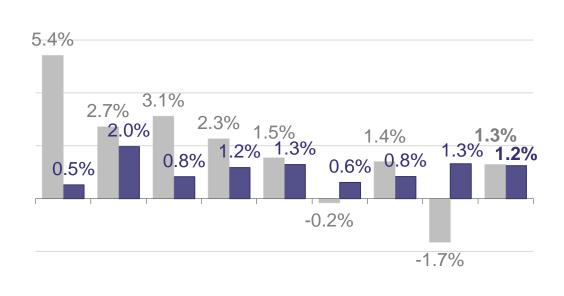
# Appendix 15 HK Portfolio – Retail lease expiry profile

As at 30 September 2023	As % of total area %	As % of monthly rent %
2023/2024	14.9	15.2
2024/2025	33.2	31.6
2025/2026	24.7	27.6
2026/2027 and beyond	20.4	19.6
Short-term Lease and Vacancy	6.8	6.0
Total	100.0	100.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Refers to base rent (excluding management fees).

# Appendix 16 HK Car Park Demand and Supply

### **Private Car Demand and Supply (YoY)**



2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 Q3 No. of private car parking spaces

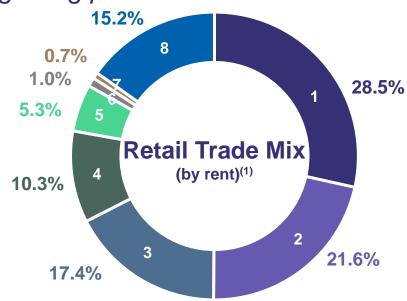
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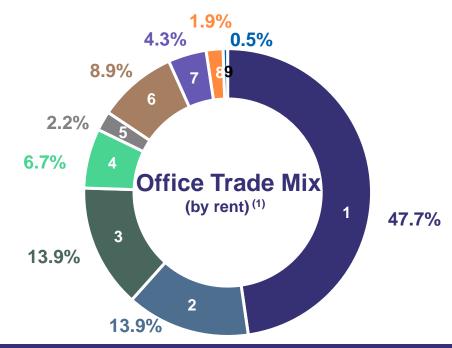


Source: Transport Department

Hong Kong portfolio – Trade mix



Retail	Sep-23	Mar-23
1. Food and beverage	28.5%	27.6%
2. Supermarket and foodstuff	21.6%	22.5%
3. Markets/ cooked food stalls	17.4%	17.4%
4. Services	10.3%	10.4%
5. Personal care/ medicine	5.3%	5.3%
6. Education/ welfare and ancillary	1.0%	1.0%
7. Valuable goods <sup>(2)</sup>	0.7%	0.7%
8. Others <sup>(3)</sup>	15.2%	15.1%
Total	100%	100%



Office	Sep-23	Mar-23
1. Finance	47.7%	45.4%
2. Real estate	13.9%	15.4%
3. Retailers & consumer products	13.9%	10.4%
4. Engineering & construction	6.7%	6.5%
5. Co-working space	2.2%	1.8%
6. Insurance	8.9%	15.2%
7. Advertising & Media	4.3%	3.4%
8. Energy & Resources	1.9%	1.5%
9. Telecommunications	0.5%	0.4%
Total	100%	100%

Notes:
(1) Refers to base rent (excluding management fees).
(2) Includes jewellery, watches and clocks
(3) Includes clothing and accessories, department stores, electrical and household products, optical, books and stationery, newspapers, leisure and entertainment.

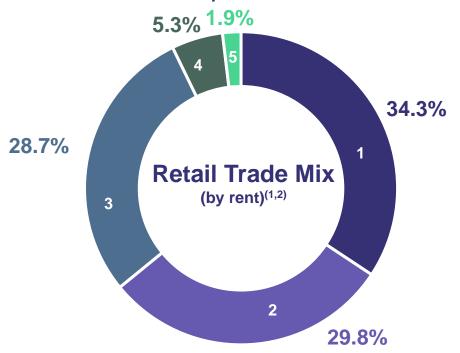
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## Mainland China portfolio – Retail lease expiry profile

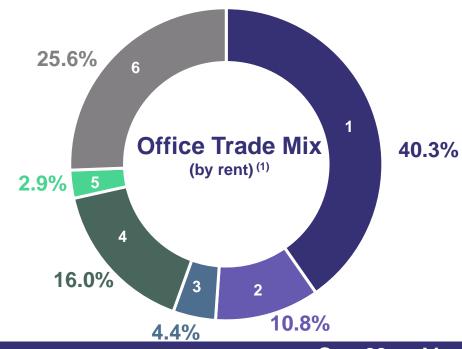
	Retail (1)		Offi	ice
As at 30 September 2023	As % of total area (%)	As % of monthly rent (2) (%)	As % of total area (%)	As % of monthly rent (2)
2023/2024	14.2	16.6	6.8	8.8
2024/2025	19.4	29.4	13.1	15.7
2025/2026	15.2	19.1	9.9	11.8
2026/2027 and beyond	47.0	34.9	61.7	63.7
Vacancy	4.2	-	8.5	-
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Retail lease expiry including Qibao Vanke Plaza in Shanghai, our Qualified Minority-owned Property.(2) Refers to base rent (excluding management fees).

Mainland China portfolio – Trade mix



Retail	Sep-23	Mar-23
1. Food and beverage	34.3%	33.5%
2. Fashion	29.8%	24.3%
3. General retail & others	28.7%	32.3%
4. Leisure & entertainment	5.3%	6.2%
5. Supermarket & foodstuff	1.9%	3.7%
Total	100%	100%



Office	Sep-23	Mar-23
1. Professional services	40.3%	39.7%
2. Technology, media, telecom	10.8%	15.3%
3. Pharmacy	4.4%	4.2%
4. Industrial goods & services	16.0%	11.3%
5. Retailers & consumer products	2.9%	2.7%
6. Others	25.6%	26.8%
Total	100%	100%

- (1) Refers to base rent (excluding management fees).
- (2) Retail trade mix including Qibao Vanke Plaza in Shanghai, our Qualified Minority-owned Property.

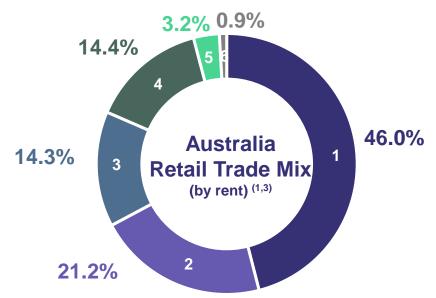
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## International portfolio – Retail lease expiry profile

	Australia Retail (1)		Singapore Retail (2)	
As at 30 September 2023	As % of total area (%)	As % of monthly rent (3) (%)		As % of monthly rent (4)
2023/2024	12.0	21.3	12.6	10.2
2024/2025	24.9	23.5	19.7	22.3
2025/2026	10.7	15.1	26.1	30.7
2026/2027 and beyond	50.5	40.1	41.3	36.8
Vacancy	1.9	-	0.3	-
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

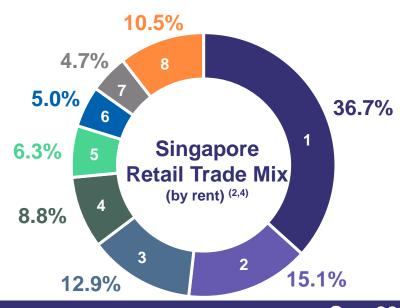
- (1) Retail lease expiry including 50% interests in three retail properties in Sydney.
- (2) Jurong Point and Swing By @ Thomson Plaza, on a committed basis.
- (3) Refers to gross rent (including management fees)
   (4) Refers to gross rent (including service charges and advertisement & promotional charges).

## International retail portfolio – Trade mix



Retail	Sep-23	Mar-23
1. Fashion & Accessories	46.0%	45.8%
2. Food and Beverage	21.2%	20.7%
3. Major/ Mini-major (4)	14.3%	14.8%
4. General Retail	14.4%	14.5%
5. Retail Services	3.2%	3.3%
6. Others	0.9%	0.9%
Total	100%	100%

- (1) Refers to gross rent (including management fees).
- (2) Refers to gross rent (including service charges and advertisement & promotional charges).
- (3) Retail trade mix including 50% interests in three retail properties in Sydney.
- (4) Includes Jurong Point and Swing By @ Thomson Plaza.
- (5) According to the definition by Shopping Centre Council of Australia.



Retail	Sep-23	Mar-23
1. Food & beverages	36.7%	37.0%
2. Lifestyle & services	15.1%	14.8%
3. Beauty & wellness	12.9%	13.2%
4. Fashion & accessories	8.8%	8.4%
5. Hypermarket & supermarket	6.3%	6.4%
6. Electronics & information technology	5.0%	4.7%
7. Department & value store	4.7%	4.4%
8. Others	10.5%	11.1%
Total	100%	100%

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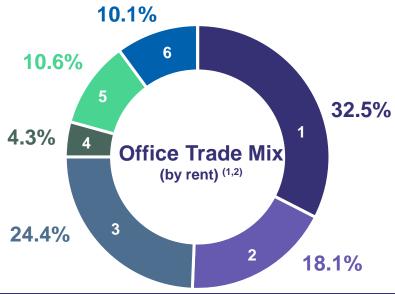
## International portfolio – Office lease expiry profile

	International Office (1,2)		
As at 30 September 2023	As % of total area (%)	As % of monthly rent (%)	
2023/2024	1.4	1.3	
2024/2025	7.1	7.1	
2025/2026	1.8	2.4	
2026/2027 and beyond	84.8	89.2	
Vacancy	4.9	-	
Total	100.0	100.0	

<sup>(1)</sup> Refers to base rent (excluding management fees).(2) Includes a 49.9% interest in a prime office portfolio in Sydney and Melbourne.

**Appendix 23** 

International office portfolio – Tenant mix



Office	Sep-23	Mar-23
1. Financial and insurance services	32.5%	33.1%
2. Government	18.1%	18.4%
3. Professional services	24.4%	25.4%
4. Industry	4.3%	4.5%
5. Real estate	10.6%	11.1%
6. Others	10.1%	7.5%
Total	100%	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Refers to base rent (excluding management fees).

<sup>(2)</sup> Office trade mix including a 49.9% interest in a prime office portfolio in Sydney and Melbourne.











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