

Regal Real Estate Investment Trust (a Hong Kong collective investment scheme authorised under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 57), of the Laws of Hong Kong)? (Stock Code : 1881)

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# 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

富豪資產管理有限公司 Regal Portfolio Management Limited

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#### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

#### **MANAGER OF REGAL REIT**

Regal Portfolio Management Limited (the "REIT Manager")

#### **DIRECTORS OF THE REIT MANAGER**

Non-executive Directors

Lo Yuk Sui (Chairman) Lo Po Man (Vice Chairman) Donald Fan Tung Jimmy Lo Chun To Kenneth Ng Kwai Kai

*Executive Directors* Francis Chiu

Simon Lam Man Lim

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DB Trustees (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Trustee")

#### **AUDITORS OF REGAL REIT**

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#### **PRINCIPAL VALUER**

Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited

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#### **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**



Chairman – Y.S. Lo

Dear Unitholders,

I am pleased to present, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Regal Portfolio Management Limited as the REIT Manager, the 2013 Annual Report of Regal Real Estate Investment Trust.

For the year ended 31st December, 2013, Regal REIT achieved a consolidated net profit before distributions to Unitholders of HK\$342.6 million, as compared to HK\$3,548.8 million recorded for the year 2012. The decrease in the reported profit was largely attributable to the fact that for the preceding year, the profit achieved included a significant gain of HK\$3,068.0 million derived from the changes in the fair values of Regal REIT's investment properties. For the year under review, the market valuations of the properties portfolio as at 31st December, 2013 increased by 0.2% year-on-year, but after taking into account the amount of capital expenditures incurred, a loss of HK\$90.7 million was recorded in respect of such fair value changes. The net asset value attributable to Unitholders was HK\$4.843 per Unit as at 31st December, 2013, as compared to HK\$4.891 per Unit as at the preceding year end.

Benefitting from the increased rental receipts, the total distributable income for the year under review amounted to HK\$497.1 million, an increase of 7.0% over the HK\$464.7 million reported last year. The Board of Directors of the REIT Manager has resolved to declare a final distribution of HK\$0.083 per Unit for the year ended 31st December, 2013. Together with the interim distribution of HK\$0.067 per Unit paid in September 2013, this will bring the total distributions per Unit for 2013 to HK\$0.150, representing an increase of 7.1% over the HK\$0.140 per Unit distributed for 2012. Total distributions for the year, including both the interim and final distributions, will amount to HK\$488.6 million and represent a payout ratio of 98.3% of the total distributable income for 2013.

During the year under review, the United States began tapering its quantitative easing programmes with indications of a self-sustaining recovery, while the European economies were on the whole showing signs of stabilising. In Asia, Japan was striving to turnaround its stagnant economy by fiscal stimulus and monetary easing measures, whereas in the People's Republic of China, the Gross Domestic Product increased by 7.7% year-on-year, maintaining the same level as in the preceding year. In the meanwhile, Hong Kong's economy remained resilient, with the Gross Domestic Product having increased by 2.9% year-on-year.

In 2013, visitor arrivals to Hong Kong surged by 11.7% year-on-year to a total of over 54 million, fueled mainly by the strong growth of visitors from Mainland China, but more than half of the arrivals were same day visitors which had little impact on the hotel sector. Based on a hotel survey published by the Hong Kong Tourism Board, the average hotel occupancy rate for all the surveyed hotels in different categories for 2013 was 89%, which was the same level as that in 2012, while the industry-wide average achieved room rate experienced a slight downward adjustment of 2.8%.

For the year under review, the five Initial Hotels in Hong Kong, which are leased to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited ("RHIHL"), the immediate listed holding company of Regal REIT, maintained steady performances. The combined average occupancy rate for these five hotels was 90.2%, which was slightly above the level in 2012 and while the average room rate was down by 1.0% year-on-year, nonetheless this performance was better than the industry average. The total net property income generated by the five Initial Hotels for the year amounted to HK\$881.0 million, which represented an excess of HK\$147.0 million over the aggregate annual base rent of HK\$734.0 million, 50% of which was attributable to Regal REIT as variable rent. The Regal iClub Hotel in Wanchai, which is owned and self-operated by Regal REIT, continued to enjoy strong demand, with the occupancy rate reaching to almost 100% from 97.4% last year. However, due to price competition from some new hotels, the average room rate has reduced by 7.4% year-on-year.

In 2013, over 510 hotel guestrooms and suites within the portfolio were renovated under the regular capital expenditure programmes to maintain the high competitive standards of the room inventory. The second phase of the conversion works at the Regal Oriental Hotel to add another 28 rooms on the 2nd floor was recently completed and the hotel room count increased to 494 rooms. As at 31st December, 2013, the total room inventory of the six operating hotels owned by Regal REIT boosted an aggregate of 3,984 guestrooms and suites. Total valuation of Regal REIT's properties portfolio as at 31st December, 2013 amounted to HK\$21,080.0 million, which was 0.2% above that as at the last year end, but 0.3% below the total valuation as at 30th June, 2013.

The rental review for the leasing of the five Initial Hotels for 2014 was completed in August 2013. The aggregate annual base rent for 2014 has been determined at HK\$743.0 million, reflecting a moderate increase of 1.2% over the annual base rent of HK\$734.0 million for 2013, with variable rent continuing to be based on the same 50% sharing of the excess of the aggregate net property income of the Initial Hotels over the aggregate base rent.

As disclosed in its 2013 Interim Report, Regal REIT entered into a Share Purchase Agreement with P&R Holdings Limited ("P&R Holdings"), a joint venture that is 50/50 owned by RHIHL and Paliburg Holding Limited, on 28th June, 2013 to acquire a new hotel located at Nos. 132-140 Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong at a consideration of HK\$1,580 million, based on an independent valuation of the hotel property as of 25th June, 2013 on an as-completed basis. The occupation permit for the property has been issued in January 2014 and the requisite transactions under the Share Purchase Agreement have been subsequently completed on 10th February, 2014. The lease of this property to a wholly-owned subsidiary of RHIHL became effective from 10th February, 2014. Regal REIT will receive rental income from the lessee of HK\$79.0 million, HK\$82.95 million and HK\$86.9 million for the first 3 years, respectively.

The acquisition of this 34-storey hotel property has added another 248 guestrooms and suites to the hotel portfolio of Regal REIT. The hotel will be named as the "iclub Sheung Wan Hotel" under the "iclub by Regal" brand, and will be operated as an upscale select-service hotel modelled on the successful operations of the Regal iClub Hotel in Wanchai. It is anticipated that the hotel will commence operations in the first half of 2014, after the hotel and other relevant licences have been granted.

Simultaneously with the Share Purchase Agreement, Regal REIT also entered into an Option Agreement with P&R Holdings in June 2013, pursuant to which an option was granted to Regal REIT to acquire a new 338-room hotel under development in North Point. Details of the Option Agreement were likewise disclosed in the 2013 Interim Report of Regal REIT. The construction works on this new hotel have now been substantially completed and the application for the issue of the occupation permit has recently been submitted. Unitholders will be kept apprised of developments in this regard, particularly if and when the option is to be exercised.

The anticipated commissioning date for the Hongkong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge is scheduled by the end of 2016, which will provide a new land transport link between the east and west coasts of the Pearl River. Moreover, the 26-km long Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link is targeted to be completed in 2015. The Express Rail Link will connect Hong Kong with the 16,000-km National High-speed Railway Network and is expected to strengthen Hong Kong's role as the southern gateway to the Mainland. These new infrastructure projects will stimulate further economic growth within the region and bring an increasing number of visitor arrivals to Hong Kong.

The Government of Hong Kong has been taking initiatives to increase Hong Kong's capacity to receive tourists and intends to continue investing in various infrastructural developments and tourism landscapes. These will include the planned expansion of the Hong Kong International Airport into a three-runway system, the Kai Tak Fantasy Project to turn the Kai Tak Development Area, including the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, into a recreational landmark, and the continuing expansion projects at Hong Kong Disneyland and the Ocean Park. All these developments will have a significant positive impact in meeting the demands of an increasing number of global and regional visitors to Hong Kong.

The REIT Manager is optimistic that the tourism and hotel markets in Hong Kong will continue to grow. As the only listed hospitality REIT with market concentration in Hong Kong, the REIT Manager is committed to maintaining Regal REIT's leading position as one of the pre-eminent hotel owners in Hong Kong. The Regal iClub Hotel in Wanchai has proven to be a successful business model, which has generated good investment returns and capital appreciation, and the REIT Manager has the same optimistic expectations for the new "iclub Sheung Wan Hotel". Regal REIT has substantial unutilised financing capabilities that can be used to fund its future expansion programmes and will continue to review yield accretive acquisition opportunities, including the new hotel in North Point under the Option Agreement, with a view to achieving enhanced earnings and capital growth.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow Directors as well as all management and staff members for their continual support and contribution during the past year. Lastly, I would also like to convey, on behalf of my fellow Directors, our congratulations to Miss Lo Po Man who has been elected as Vice Chairman of the REIT Manager on 18th December, 2013. I am sure that Miss Lo will continue to make available her expertise to provide necessary advice and assistance to the business affairs of the REIT Manager.

**Lo Yuk Sui** *Chairman* 

**Regal Portfolio Management Limited** (as the REIT Manager of Regal REIT)

Hong Kong, 31st March, 2014

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# **PROPERTIES PORTFOLIO**

# Location of the Hotel Properties in Hong Kong





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Deluxe Suite

Executive Club Lounge

Regal Patisserie

# **REGAL AIRPORT HOTEL**

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- The only hotel connected directly to the airport passenger terminals
- State-of-the-art meeting and conference venues of approximately 3,300 sq. m.
- Easy access to AsiaWorld-Expo, Hong Kong Disneyland and the Big Buddha
- Airline "Self Check-in" kiosk
- World's Best Airport Hotel and Best Airport Hotel Asia in the Skytrax Awards for three consecutive years (2011-2013)
- Best Airport Hotel in the World by Business Traveller UK Magazine for six consecutive years (2008-2013)
- Best Airport Hotel in the World by Business Traveller US Magazine (2013)
- Best Airport Hotel in Asia-Pacific by Business Traveller Asia-Pacific Magazine for thirteen consecutive years (2001-2013)
- Best Airport Hotel in Asia-Pacific by TTG Asia Media Pte Ltd for nine consecutive years (2005-2013)
- Best Luxury Airport Hotel in the World Luxury Hotel Awards (2013)
- Bronze Benchmarking Certificate by EarthCheck (2013)
- Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence, Carbon "Less" 28% Certificate by Environmental Campaign Committee (2013)
- Certified with ISO 50001: 2011 Energy Management Systems EnMS (2014)
- Certified with ISO 14064: 2006 Greenhouse Gas Emission Certificate (2012)
- Certified with ISO 22000 Food Safety Management System and HACCP Certificate (2012)



# **REGAL HONGKONG HOTEL**

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Superior Room



Regal Ballroom



Regal Patisserie

#### Located in the heart of Causeway Bay, one of the busiest shopping and commercial districts in Hong Kong

- Within walking distance from Victoria Park, Hong Kong Stadium home to the annual spectacular Rugby Sevens Tournament and Happy Valley Racecourse where exciting horse races are staged regularly
- Convenient location to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
- The Forum, meeting and conference centre, provides full range of facilities catering to the needs of business travellers, meeting and exhibition delegates
- Executive Club Floor features a collection of 82 tastefully appointed guestrooms and suite with a private lounge on 31st floor
- Zeffirino Ristorante Visitors' Choice Dining Awards 2013 Top 30, organized by CityLife Magazine (2013)
- Shopaholic's Choice Finalist Award by AsiaRooms.com (2013)
- Bronze Benchmarking Certificate by EarthCheck (2013)
- Class of Good Wastewi\$e Label by Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (2013)
- Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence, Carbon "Less" 9% Certificate by Environmental Campaign Committee (2013)





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V bar & lounge

Executive Suite

Versailles Ballroom

### **REGAL KOWLOON HOTEL**

- Conveniently located in Tsimshatsui East, a commercial and tourist district
- Within walking distance from Tsim Sha Tsui ("TST"), East TST and Hung Hom MTR stations, with easy access to Mainland China
- Close to TST's major shopping centres and entertainment areas
- Close to waterfront with promenade
- Close to popular tourist attractions including the Avenue of Stars, Hong Kong Science Museum, Hong Kong Space Museum, Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Clock Tower and the Star Ferry, etc.
- U Favourite Food Awards 2013 Hotel's Chinese Restaurant for Regal Court by U Magazine (2013)
- Bronze Benchmarking Certificate by EarthCheck (2013)
- Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence, Carbon "Less" 10% Certificate by Environmental Campaign Committee (2013)
- Regal Court Visitors' Choice Dining Awards 2013 Top 30, organized by CityLife Magazine (2013)
- Gold Circle Award by agoda.com (2011-2013)
- Best Business Hotel of China of the 12th China Hotel Golden Horse Award (2012)

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Executive Club Floor Room



The China Coast Pub + Restaurant



Regal Patisserie

# **REGAL ORIENTAL HOTEL**

- Located in Kowloon City, facing the 328 hectares (810 acres) Kai Tak development site planned for a new urban centre including the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal opened in 2013 and related tourist facilities
- Historic landmarks such as Wong Tai Sin Temple are in the immediate vicinity
- Easy access to Kowloon Tong MTR station, Mong Kok and other business and shopping districts.
- Façade upgraded to give the property a new and fresh look
- 55 brand new guest rooms completed in 2013
- Executive Club Floor is tailored for busy travellers appreciating trendy ambience, décor and friendly service, yet seek true value for money. Privileges include private lounge, gymnasium and business centre in a compact and cosy environment
- Bronze Benchmarking Certificate by EarthCheck (2013)
- Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence, Carbon "Less" 3% Certificate by Environmental Campaign Committee (2013)
- Best Service Hotel of China of the 13th China Hotel Golden Horse Award (2013)
- Most Charming Hotel of China of the 12th China Hotel Golden Horse Award (2012)





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Executive Suite

Dragon Inn



### **REGAL RIVERSIDE HOTEL**

- Largest hotel in Shatin overlooking the Shing Mun River
- Easy access to Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the Mainland border
- Close to the Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Ten Thousand Buddhas Monastery
- Close to Sha Tin Racecourse where exciting horse races are staged regularly
- Executive Club floor is the smart choice for business travellers. The trendy guestrooms are smart and hip with full amenities and modern facilities. In simple contemporary design, the Executive Club Lounge provides exclusive business services and meeting room that brings a truly comfortable and convenient stay
- Hong Kong 2009 East Asian Games Headquarters Hotel and official hotel of 2008 Olympic Equestrian Events
- Dragon Inn Visitors' Choice Dining Awards 2013 Top 30, organized by CityLife Magazine (2013)
- Bronze Benchmarking Certificate by EarthCheck (2013)
- Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence, Carbon "Less" 15% Certificate by Environmental Campaign Committee (2013)
- Best Business Traveler-Beloved Business Hotel in Guangdong Hongkong Macau of Gold Pearl Award by Let's Go Magazine for four consecutive years (2009-2012)

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iBusiness



Hotel Lobby

## **REGAL ICLUB HOTEL**

- Regal iClub Hotel is a contemporary select-service hotel opened in December 2009
- Conveniently and centrally located in the commercial district of Wan Chai
- Within walking distance from the Wan Chai MTR station and the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
- 99 chic and trendy guestrooms and suites with interactive services and innovative facilities
- Cutting-edge style and comfort for tech-savvy business travellers
- The first carbon neutral hotel in Hong Kong, providing smoke-free environment to travellers
- Complimentary wired & wireless internet access
- CarbonCare Champion CarbonCare Label by Carbon Care Asia (2011-2013)
- Top 25 Trendiest Hotels in China of 2012 Travelers' Choice Award by TripAdvisor (2012)



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iPlus Premier



iSelect Premier



- Located at Nos.132-140 Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong, near Sheung Wan MTR station
- Scheduled to be opened by mid-2014 with 248 chic and trendy guestrooms and suites
- An upscale select-service hotel close to the Central Business District of Hong Kong
- Conveniently accessible to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, The Peak and the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal
- Designed according to international quality hotel standards with contemporary, chic, trendy, stylish and modern décor and design
- Offers discerning tech-savvy business and leisure travellers a relaxed lifestyle
- First hotel in Hong Kong to use Mobile Key Check-in Service
- With the innovative mobile key technology, guests will be given the options to use mobile device for check-in service or traditional key card or both to access their guestrooms



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#### **REPORT OF THE REIT MANAGER**

The Directors of the REIT Manager herein present their report together with the audited financial statements of Regal REIT and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the year ended 31st December, 2013.

#### VISION AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES OF REGAL REIT

The primary objectives of Regal REIT and the REIT Manager are to provide long-term stable, growing distributions and capital growth for the unitholders of Regal REIT (the "Unitholders") through active ownership of hotels and strategic investments in hotel, serviced apartments and/or commercial properties (including office properties).

The vision of Regal REIT and the REIT Manager is to build up the existing portfolio of hotel properties with primary focus in Hong Kong and to be a pre-eminent owner of quality international hotels as well as to reinforce Regal REIT's status as a growing attractive option for investors.

#### **ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE OF REGAL REIT**

Regal REIT was constituted by a trust deed dated 11th December, 2006 (as amended by a first supplemental deed dated 2nd March, 2007, a second supplemental deed dated 15th May, 2008, a third supplemental deed dated 8th May, 2009, a fourth supplemental deed dated 23rd July, 2010, a fifth supplemental deed dated 3rd May, 2011 and a sixth supplemental deed dated 21st July, 2011) (collectively, the "Trust Deed") entered into between the REIT Manager and the Trustee of Regal REIT. Regal REIT is a collective investment scheme established in the form of a unit trust under Hong Kong laws and its units (the "Units") have been listed on the main board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") since 30th March, 2007.

Regal REIT is regulated by the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO"), the Code on Real Estate Investment Trusts (the "REIT Code") and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

As at 31st December, 2013, the properties portfolio of Regal REIT comprised of Regal Airport Hotel, Regal Hongkong Hotel, Regal Kowloon Hotel, Regal Oriental Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel (collectively, the "Initial Hotels") and Regal iClub Hotel.

#### The REIT Manager, the RHIHL Lessee, the Hotel Manager and the Trustee

The REIT Manager is licensed by the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong (the "SFC") to undertake the regulated activity of asset management. The REIT Manager does not manage the Initial Hotels or Regal iClub Hotel directly.

The current leases of the Initial Hotels to Favour Link International Limited (the "RHIHL Lessee"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited ("RHIHL") (RHIHL together with its relevant subsidiaries, collectively, the "RHIHL Group"), will last until 31st December, 2015 under the relevant lease agreements (the "RHIHL Lease Agreements"). For the years 2011 to 2015, the rental packages in respect of the Initial Hotels will be determined on a yearly basis by a jointly appointed independent professional property valuer (expenses to be split equally between the RHIHL Lessee and Regal REIT). The determinations will include the amount of market rents (inclusive of the amount of base rent (the "Base Rent") for each Initial Hotel, the variable rent (the "Variable Rent") sharing percentage and the RHIHL Lessee's contributions to the furniture, fixtures and equipment reserve (the "FF&E Reserve") calculated as a percentage of total hotel revenue) to be applied for each of the Initial Hotels for the relevant respective years from 2011 to 2015, together with the amount of the security deposit required (collectively, the "Market Rental Package").

Regal Hotels International Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of RHIHL, was appointed as the hotel manager (the "Hotel Manager") under long-term hotel management agreements to operate the Initial Hotels (the "RHIHL Hotel Management Agreements") for a term of 20 years from 16th March, 2007. In December 2010, Regal REIT entered into another hotel management agreement with the Hotel Manager for the operation of the hotel portion of Regal iClub Hotel for a term of 10 years from 1st January, 2011 to 31st December, 2020 (the "iClub Hotel Management Agreement"). Since 1st January, 2011 onwards, the operating results of the Regal iClub Hotel have been accounted for directly by Regal REIT.

The Trustee of Regal REIT is DB Trustees (Hong Kong) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bank AG. The Trustee is qualified to act as a trustee for collective investment schemes authorised under the SFO. In this role, the Trustee holds the assets of Regal REIT in trust for the benefit of the Unitholders as a whole and oversees the activities of the REIT Manager for compliance with the Trust Deed and all regulatory requirements.

#### **RENTAL AND REVENUE STRUCTURE**

#### Initial Hotels - Rental Revenue derived from Hotel Operations

A substantial portion of all the rental revenues, represented by Base Rent and Variable Rent of Regal REIT, are derived from the hotel operations, that is, from the hotel businesses leased to the RHIHL Group and managed by the Hotel Manager. The financial performance of Regal REIT with regard to operating results and net asset value rely on the underlying performance of the hotel businesses managed by the RHIHL Lessee and the Hotel Manager.

Specifically, total hotel revenue consists of the following:

- Room revenue, which is primarily driven by hotel room occupancy rates and achieved average room rates;
- Food and beverage revenue ("F&B Revenue"), which is primarily driven by banquet business, local patron and hotel room guest usage of bars and restaurants; and
- Other income, which consists of ancillary hotel revenue and other items, which is mainly driven by the hotel room occupancy rates which, in turn, affect telephone, internet and business centre usage, spa and health centres, parking and dry cleaning/laundry services.

Hotel operating costs and expenses consist of direct costs and expenses attributable to the respective operating departments, e.g. rooms department, food and beverage department, etc. as well as costs and expenses attributable to overhead departments such as the administration department, the sales and marketing department and the repairs and maintenance department.

Most categories of variable expenses, such as certain labour costs in housekeeping and utility costs, fluctuate with changes in the level of room occupancy. The cost of goods sold in hotel business, such as food products and beverages, fluctuate with guests frequency of dining in restaurants, bars and banquets. The improvement in revenue per available room ("RevPAR") is attributable to the segmental mix of the total hotel revenue and the increase in average room rate.

The following performance indicators are commonly adopted in the hotel industry:

- Room occupancy rates;
- Average room rates; and
- RevPAR, room revenue divided by rooms available, or a product of the occupancy rates and the average room rates (RevPAR does not include F&B Revenue or other income, i.e. only room revenue).

#### Initial Hotels - Rental Structure and Market Rental Package

Regal REIT received rental income, comprised of Base Rent and Variable Rent in respect of the Initial Hotels for the year 2013, from the RHIHL Lessee in accordance with the Market Rental Package for 2013.

#### Base Rent

Regal REIT received Base Rent in the form of cash for each Initial Hotel on a monthly basis. During the year, Regal REIT received aggregate Base Rent of HK\$734.0 million, representing Base Rent of HK\$61.17 million received on a monthly basis.

#### Variable Rent

Regal REIT received Variable Rent through the sharing of aggregate profits from the Initial Hotels operations over the Base Rent payments. For the year, as the aggregate net property income ("NPI") from hotel operations of the Initial Hotels was HK\$881.0 million, Regal REIT was entitled to a Variable Rent of HK\$73.5 million based on 50% sharing of the excess of the aggregate NPI over the aggregate Base Rent according to the Market Rental Package for 2013.

#### Market Rental Package for 2014

In June 2013, as an independent professional property valuer, Mr. David Faulkner was jointly appointed by the lessors and the RHIHL Lessee to conduct a rent review for the Initial Hotels for the year 2014. According to the determination of the Market Rental Package for the year 2014, the aggregate amount payable by the RHIHL Lessee as Base Rent was determined to be HK\$743.0 million with Variable Rent continuing to be based on sharing 50% of the excess of the aggregate NPI of the Initial Hotels over the aggregate Base Rent from the operations thereof in 2014. According to the Market Rental Package determined for 2014, no FF&E Reserve is required to be contributed by the RHIHL Lessee and the obligation for such contribution rests with the lessors.

The RHIHL Lessee is required to deliver third party guarantees as security deposit, for an aggregate amount of HK\$371.5 million which is equivalent to six months Base Rent for the year 2014, issued by a licensed bank in Hong Kong. Details of the Market Rental Package for 2014 can be referred to in an announcement published on 26th August, 2013.

#### Regal iClub Hotel – Revenue Structure

#### Hotel Portion

The hotel portion of Regal iClub Hotel is operated by the Hotel Manager under the iClub Hotel Management Agreement. Since 1st January, 2011 onwards, gross hotel revenue and the associated operating costs and expenses are accounted for directly by Regal REIT.

For the year ended 31st December, 2013, Regal iClub Hotel - Hotel portion contributed gross hotel revenue of HK\$43.9 million and incurred operating costs and expenses amounting to HK\$18.6 million.

#### Non-hotel Portions

Regal iClub Hotel – Non-hotel portions, comprising a portion of the ground floor and the 27th to 29th floors of the premises, are let out to independent third parties which generated rental income of HK\$5.1 million for the year under review.

#### Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment Reserve

Regal REIT is obligated under the respective RHIHL Lease Agreements and the iClub Hotel Management Agreement to maintain a reserve to fund expenditures for replacements of furniture, fixtures and equipment in the Initial Hotels and Regal iClub Hotel – Hotel portion, respectively. During the year, Regal REIT contributed amounts equal to 2% of the total hotel revenue (i.e. the total of room revenue, food and beverage revenue and other income in the hotel properties) for each month. In 2013, furniture, fixtures and equipment expenditures amounting to HK\$56.8 million were recorded for the purposes intended.

#### **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL RESULTS**

The results of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2013 are set out in the consolidated financial statements on pages 55 to 104.

#### **Review of the Economic Environment in 2013**

In 2013, global economic activity strengthened and subsequent to several years of extreme weakness, high-income economies appear to be turning the corner, contributing to an acceleration in global growth of 2.4 percent<sup>1</sup>. As the economy continued improving, the US Federal Reserve began its tapering to reduce quantitative easing programmes in a relatively slow but orderly trajectory. The euro area was also turning the corner from recession to recovery, where growth turned positive in the second quarter of 2013.

In Asia, emerging markets and developing economies had seen moderate growth, as they benefitted from stronger exports and external demands originated from advanced economies. Meanwhile, weakness shown in their domestic consumption remained a concern. In Japan, aggressive fiscal stimulus and monetary easing measures sparked a strong cyclical recovery, boosting Japan to record a broad-based growth in 2013. In the People's Republic of China, the GDP recorded a year-on-year increase of 7.7 percent<sup>2</sup> which was unchanged as compared with the previous year.

Hong Kong's GDP experienced a year-on-year growth of 2.9% in 2013<sup>3</sup> as a result of the resilient economy in the Mainland, which supported trades and other business activities. The ongoing financial and geographical integration with China continued their predominant influences on Hong Kong's economic activities with an accelerating pace. Recently, the Consultative Committee on Economic and Trade Co-operation was formed by the Hong Kong SAR Government to advise on economic and trade cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland<sup>4</sup>. These potential regional developments could offer both challenges and business opportunities for enterprises of Hong Kong to sustain business growth in the Pearl River Delta region. The Hong Kong Tourism Board forecasted that there could be 59 million in-bound visitors in 2014, representing a potential increase by 8.6%; out of which there would be about 45 million visitors from Mainland China<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Publications, The World Bank, "Global Economic Prospects – Coping with policy normalization in high-income countries", January 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Press Release, National Bureau of Statistics of China, "China's Economy Showed Good Momentum of Steady Growth in the Year of 2013", 20th January, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Press Release, Census and Statistics Department, "GDP by expenditure component for the fourth quarter of 2013 and the whole year of 2013", 26th February, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> Source: Press Releases, Information Services Department, "HK, Mainland trade committee formed", 7th October, 2013.

<sup>5</sup> Source: Amy Nip, SCMP, "Tourism Board expects 59m visitors to Hong Kong this year, 45m from mainland", 18th February, 2014.

#### Hotel Industry Conditions in Hong Kong

Visitor Arrivals to Hong Kong, 2013 versus 2012<sup>6</sup>

Visitors to Hong Kong by Geographical Regions	2013 (Percentage of total visitors	2013 (No. of visitors)	2012 (No. of visitors)	Variance (No. of visitors)	Variance (%)
Mainland China	75.0%	40,745,277	34,911,395	5,833,882	16.7%
South & Southeast Asia	6.8%	3,717,976	3,651,803	66,173	1.8%
North Asia	3.9%	2,140,576	2,333,060	(192,484)	(8.3%)
Taiwan	3.9%	2,100,098	2,088,745	11,353	0.5%
Europe, Africa & the Middle East	4.2%	2,253,681	2,227,994	25,687	1.2%
The Americas	3.1%	1,665,562	1,777,842	(112,280)	(6.3%)
Australia, New Zealand & South Pacific	1.3%	717,419	740,795	(23,376)	(3.2%)
Macau SAR/Not identified	1.8%	958,215	883,479	74,736	8.5%
Total	100%	54,298,804	48,615,113	5,683,691	11.7%

During 2013, Hong Kong remained a favoured travel destination for global visitors. The visitor arrivals number hit a new record of approximately 54.3 million. This represented an increase of 11.7% year on year. Hong Kong's accessibility to Mainland visitors as a shopping hub and tourist destination attracted visitors from Mainland China to rise by 16.7% to approximately 40.7 million. This represented 75.0% of the total visitor arrivals to Hong Kong in 2013.

Arrivals from short-haul markets comprising other Asian regions (including North Asia, South & Southeast Asia and Taiwan) were kept stable at 8.9 million. This represented 16.4% of the total arrivals, with a gentle decrease of 0.4% compared with the preceding year.

Meanwhile, the long-haul markets contracted slightly by 2.3% resulted from the challenging economic situation. The total arrivals aggregated to approximately 4.6 million. Arrivals from the Americas dropped by 6.3%, represented 3.1% of the total number of visitors. Visitor arrivals from Europe also declined as austerity measures tightened consumer spending. On a whole, the visitor arrivals from European, Africa & the Middle East markets slightly improved by 1.2%, bringing the visitor number to approximately 2.3 million and accounting for 4.2% of total arrivals.

<sup>6</sup> Source: Insight & Research, Hong Kong Tourism Board, "Visitor Arrival Statistics – Dec 2013", January 2014; the REIT Manager.

#### Review of Hotel Rooms Supply in Hong Kong in 2013 and Forecast for 2014

In 2013, hotel rooms supply in Hong Kong posted a moderate growth of 3.9%. This represented an annual increase of 2,623 rooms from 67,394 to 70,017 rooms. During the year under review, 14 new hotel properties opened with the number of hotel properties increased from 211 to 225, or a 6.6% year-on-year growth. It is anticipated that the new rooms supply will continue in 2014 with 25 new hotels projected to be opened, contributing to an additional of 3,419 hotel rooms. By the end of 2014, there will be an aggregate supply of about 73,436 hotel rooms in Hong Kong, an increase of about 4.9% over the preceding year<sup>7</sup>.

#### **Industry Performance**

#### Room Occupancy Rates, Average Room Rates and RevPAR (Revenue per available room)

	Performance of Hong Kong Hotel Market (2013 versus 2012) <sup>8</sup>					)8
	<b>Room Occupancy Rates</b>		Average Room Rates		RevPAR	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Category	%	%	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
High Tariff A	86	85	2,382	2,457	2,049	2,088
High Tariff B	89	91	1,201	1,228	1,069	1,117
Medium Tariff	91	92	758	781	690	719
All Hotels	89	89	1,447	1,489	1,288	1,325

In 2013, the overall hotel occupancy rate attained 89% in Hong Kong, maintaining at a similar level as compared to last year. The industry-wide average room rate reported a drop of 2.8% to HK\$1,447 per night owing to an increase of hotel rooms supply. This resulted in a drop by 2.8% on the industry-wide RevPAR or a slight reduction of HK\$37 year-on-year to HK\$1,288.

<sup>7</sup> Source: Insight & Research, Hong Kong Tourism Board, "Hotel Supply Situation – as at Dec 2013", February 2014; the REIT Manager.

<sup>8</sup> Source: Insight & Research, Hong Kong Tourism Board, "Hotel Room Occupancy Report – Dec 2013", January 2014; the REIT Manager.

#### Performance Highlights of Regal REIT

As of end of 2013, Regal REIT invested in six hotel properties with a total of 3,984 hotel guestroom and suites in Hong Kong. The total property valuation of Regal REIT's properties portfolio amounted to HK\$21,080.0 million as at 31st December, 2013, a slight increase of 0.2% as compared to the valuation of HK\$21,032.0 million as at 31st December, 2012. On the whole, performance of the properties portfolio of Regal REIT was satisfactory during 2013.

#### Performance of the Initial Hotels

Total hotel revenue, gross operating profit, net property income and statistics for the combined Initial Hotels for FY2013 versus FY2012 are set out below:

	FY2013 HK\$'million	FY2012 HK\$'million	Variance HK\$'million	Variance (%)
Operating Results				
Room revenue	1,322.1	1,330.4	(8.3)	(0.6%)
Food and beverage revenue	531.9	524.2	7.7	1.5%
Other income	45.4	46.3	(0.9)	(1.9%)
Total hotel revenue	1,899.4	1,900.9	(1.5)	(0.1%)
Operating expenses	(982.4)	(942.9)	(39.5)	4.2%
Gross Operating Profit	917.0	958.0	(41.0)	(4.3%)
Other expenses	(69.9)	(62.0)	(7.9)	12.7%
Net rental income	33.9	26.2	7.7	29.4%
Net property income	881.0	922.2	(41.2)	(4.5%)
Statistics				
Average room rate	HK\$1,043.63	HK\$1,054.62	(HK\$10.99)	(1.0%)
Occupancy rate	90.2%	90.0%	0.2%	0.2%
RevPAR	HK\$941.66	HK\$949.04	(HK\$7.38)	(0.8%)
Total available room nights	1,403,688	1,401,780	1,908	0.1%
Occupied room nights	1,266,532	1,261,445	5,087	0.4%

During the year under review, total hotel revenue of the Initial Hotels attained HK\$1,899.4 million (2012: HK\$1,900.9 million), sustained at a similar level year-on-year. Gross operating profit recorded HK\$917.0 million, down by 4.3% from HK\$958.0 million in 2012. The net property income reached HK\$881.0 million, posting a decrease of 4.5% as compared to the preceding year (2012: HK\$922.2 million).

Hotel room supply picked up gradually since 2009 after the financial tsunami with quantitative easing in the US. Hong Kong's new hotel rooms supply increased by over 10% between 2011 and 2013<sup>7</sup>. The average occupancy rate of Regal REIT's Initial Hotels recorded a gentle increase and achieved 90.2%. The average room rate of the Initial Hotels, affected by strong competition, displayed a slight drop of 1.0% from HK\$1,054.62 in 2012 to HK\$1,043.63 in 2013. The RevPAR of the Initial Hotels reported a slight decline of 0.8% from HK\$949.04 in 2012 to HK\$941.66 in 2013.

For 2013, the Initial Hotels achieved a guest mix by segments comprising mainly of 53.1% business travellers and 37.9% leisure travellers. Statistics reflected that business travelling and leisure seeking accounted for 12.1% and 60.4% respectively as the key attributes to the purpose of visit to Hong Kong<sup>9</sup>. This reaffirmed that the Initial Hotels have successfully attracted business travellers to their full service commercial hotels in prime business locations.

#### Performance of Regal iClub Hotel

Regal iClub Hotel continued to enjoy strong demand, with the 2013 year-round average occupancy rate reaching very close to 100% from 97.4% in 2012. However, the average room rate has reduced by 7.4% from around HK\$1,303 in 2012 to about HK\$1,208 in 2013. This was attributable to the increase in new hotel rooms supply and competition in introductory room rates of new competitors in the Hong Kong Island. New supply in Wanchai area accounted for about 18% of Hong Kong's aggregate new room supply for 2013<sup>7</sup>. The non-hotel portions of Regal iClub Hotel, comprising the portion of the ground floor and other areas on the 27th to 29th floor of the premises, were leased to third party operators, generated rental income of approximating HK\$5.1 million in 2013. With the positive business trend since the full acquisition of the Regal iClub Hotel in 2010, the REIT Manager is convinced that iClub Hotel's operating model and the hotel product protocol consistently appeal to target hotel guests of this sector.

<sup>9</sup> Source: Insight & Research, Hong Kong Tourism Board, "Visitors' Purpose of Visit by Major Market Areas", January 2014; the REIT Manager.

#### Net Rental and Hotel Income

The aggregate net rental and hotel income for Regal REIT for the year ended 31st December, 2013 (as compared to the prior year) is set out below.

	201	3	201	2
	HK\$'million	%	HK\$'million	%
Initial Hotels				
Base Rent	734.0	84.7	645.0	76.4
Variable Rent	73.5	8.5	138.6	16.4
Other rental income	10.4	1.2	9.3	1.1
Regal iClub Hotel				
Gross hotel revenue	43.9	5.0	46.3	5.5
Rental income	5.1	0.6	5.1	0.6
Gross rental and hotel revenue	866.9	100.0	844.3	100.0
Property operating expenses	(11.2)	(1.3)	(11.5)	(1.4)
Hotel operating expenses	(18.6)	(2.1)	(18.4)	(2.2)
Net rental and hotel income	837.1	96.6	814.4	96.4

During the year under review, net rental and hotel income represented 96.6% of the gross rental and hotel revenue, after the deduction of property and hotel operating expenses. The management services of the hotel properties are provided by the hotel manager under the relevant hotel management agreements with respect to the Initial Hotels and Regal iClub Hotel - Hotel portion.

#### **Distributable Income and Distribution Policy**

Total Distributable Income (as defined in the Trust Deed) is "the amount calculated by the REIT Manager (based on the audited financial statements of the Trust for that Financial Year) as representing the consolidated audited net profit after tax of the Trust and the Special Purpose Vehicles (as defined in the offering circular dated 19th March, 2007 issued in connection with the listing of Units) for that Financial Year, as adjusted for the Adjustments". Adjustments are made to the distributable income to eliminate the effects of certain non-cash items and cash items which have been recorded in Regal REIT's consolidated income statement, including "fair value changes on investment properties", "amounts set aside for the FF&E Reserve", "amortisation of debt establishment costs", "depreciation" and "deferred tax charge".

Pursuant to the Trust Deed, Regal REIT is required to ensure that the total amount distributed to Unitholders shall not be less than 90% of Regal REIT's Total Distributable Income for each financial year. The current policy of the REIT Manager is to distribute to Unitholders no less than 90% of Regal REIT's Total Distributable Income for each financial year.

#### **Distributions for 2013**

The Board of Directors of the REIT Manager has resolved to declare a final distribution of HK\$0.083 per Unit for the period from 1st July, 2013 to 31st December, 2013. Together with the interim distribution of HK\$0.067 per Unit for the period from 1st January, 2013 to 30th June, 2013, total distributions per Unit for 2013 will amount to HK\$0.150, representing a yield of 6.73% based on the Unit closing price of HK\$2.23 on the last trading day of 2013. The final distribution of HK\$0.083 per Unit will be payable to Unitholders on the Register of Unitholders on 19th May, 2014.

Total Distributable Income for the year ended 31st December, 2013 was HK\$497.1 million. Total distributions for the year, including the interim distribution of HK\$218.2 million and the final distribution of HK\$270.4 million, will amount to HK\$488.6 million or 98.3% of the Total Distributable Income for the year.

#### **Closure of Register of Unitholders**

The Register of Unitholders will be closed from Thursday, 15th May, 2014 to Monday, 19th May, 2014, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of Units will be effected. In order to qualify for the distribution, all Unit certificates with completed transfer forms must be lodged with Regal REIT's Unit registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th May, 2014. The relevant distribution warrants are expected to be despatched on or about 26th May, 2014.

#### Valuation of the Properties Portfolio

As at 31st December, 2013, Regal REIT's overall properties portfolio was valued at HK\$21,080.0 million (31st December, 2012: HK\$21,032.0 million). The properties portfolio is comprised of the five Initial Hotels and the non-hotel portions of Regal iClub Hotel that are classified as investment properties and the owner-occupied hotel portion of Regal iClub Hotel which is classified as property, plant and equipment.

Valuations of the properties as at 31st December, 2013 are tabulated below:

Property	Location	31 Dec 2013 Valuation HK\$ million	31 Dec 2012 Valuation HK\$ million	% change
Initial Hotels:				
Regal Airport Hotel	Lantau Island	3,440	3,300	+4.2%
Regal Hongkong Hotel	HK Island	4,290	4,630	-7.3%
Regal Kowloon Hotel	Kowloon	5,480	5,370	+2.0%
Regal Oriental Hotel	Kowloon	2,230	2,080	+7.2%
Regal Riverside Hotel	New Territories	4,760	4,750	+0.2%
		20,200	20,130	+0.3%
Regal iClub Hotel	HK Island	880	902	-2.4%
Overall properties portfolio		21,080	21,032	+0.2%

The valuation of the properties portfolio as at 31st December, 2013 was conducted by Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited ("Savills"), the principal valuer of Regal REIT appointed by the Trustee pursuant to the provisions of the REIT Code.

Savills, an independent professional property valuer, assessed the market values of the properties portfolio subject to the lease agreements, hotel operations and the hotel management agreements and in accordance with the "HKIS Valuation Standards (2012 Edition)", the Listing Rules and the REIT Code. Savills used the discounted cash flow ("DCF") method based on key assumptions such as hotel room occupancies, hotel average room rates, terminal capitalisation rates and discount rates. The direct comparison method was also used as a check on the valuation arrived at from the DCF method.

#### **Capital Additions Projects**

Regal REIT undertakes, from time to time, funding of capital additions projects with the objective to improving portfolio competitiveness and product offerings, the profitability of the hotel properties portfolio, the spatial utilization and the income generating capability for the hotel properties. Other capital additions projects may be conducted to comply with licensing requirements or to conform with legislation enactments and standards. Regal REIT continues to invest in capital additions projects as ongoing initiatives to upgrade the quality and standards of the rooms and facilities in its hotel properties.

During the year under review, Regal REIT incurred capital expenditures of HK\$181.8 million on major capital additions and renovation projects, including:

- (i) Renovation and upgrading of 515 hotel guestrooms and suites and other hotel facilities;
- (ii) Conversion of certain food and beverage space in Regal Oriental Hotel into 55 hotel guestrooms with extensive refurbishments, which were completed in two phases during the second quarter and the fourth quarter of 2013; and
- (iii) Installation of a new centralized property management system in all six hotel properties to enhance connectivity and efficiency.

#### **Financial Strategy**

The REIT Manager has continued to adopt a prudent approach to ensure that the leverage ratios do not exceed the thresholds prescribed under the REIT Code and financial covenants of the relevant loan facility agreements. As at 31st December, 2013, Regal REIT had total borrowings of approximately HK\$7,078.3 million, comprised of unsecured notes due in 2018 for an aggregate nominal principal amount of HK\$1,938.3 million and loan facilities of HK\$5,140.0 million.

#### Regal REIT Medium Term Note Programme and Notes Issuance

On 11th January, 2013, Regal REIT announced the establishment and listing of a US\$1 billion medium term note programme (the "MTN Programme"), which is intended to serve as a funding platform to finance the planned expansion of Regal REIT.

In March 2013, by way of private placements under the MTN Programme, a series of unsecured 5-year term notes due 2018 for an aggregate nominal principal amount of HK\$775.0 million at a coupon interest rate of 4.125% per annum were issued (the "March 2013 Notes"). In May 2013, by way of syndicated placements, another series of unsecured 5-year term notes due 2018 for an aggregate nominal principal amount of US\$150.0 million at a coupon interest rate of 4.10% per annum were issued (the "May 2013 Notes"). The aggregate net proceeds of these two notes amounted to approximately HK\$1,920.9 million, which have been used for payment of the deposit and refundable cash collateral in relation to the proposed acquisitions of the two hotels located in Sheung Wan and North Point.

On 22nd July, 2013, the payments for the deposit and refundable cash collateral were effected after approval of the relevant transactions by the independent Unitholders and these remained on deposit as at 31st December, 2013. According to the terms of the share purchase agreement (the "Share Purchase Agreement") and the option agreement (the "Option Agreement") in respect of the proposed acquisitions of two hotels located in Sheung Wan and North Point, P&R Holdings Limited ("P&R Holdings") pays interest quarterly to Regal REIT at a rate of 4.3047% per annum on the deposit and the refundable cash collateral, from the dates of payment up to the respective dates when the deposit or the refundable cash collateral are refunded to the Trustee.

#### Financing for the Initial Hotels

The agreement for the term loan facility of HK\$4,500.0 million (the "2012 Term Loan Facility") entered into on 7th March, 2012 by Regal REIT through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, namely, Bauhinia Hotels Limited and Rich Day Investments Limited as the borrowers, for a term of three years to March 2015, was secured by five Initial Hotels, bearing interest at 2.10% above the Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rates ("HIBOR").

On 23rd July, 2013, Regal REIT entered into a new facility agreement (the "2013 New Facility Agreement") for a new term loan facility of up to HK\$4,500.0 million (the "New Term Loan Facility") and a revolving facility of up to HK\$300.0 million (the "Revolving Facility") (together, the "2013 New Facilities"). The 2013 New Facilities bear HIBOR-based interest with a lower interest margin as compared to the 2012 Term Loan Facility. The final maturity of the 2013 New Facilities is on 20th July, 2018, which is approximately five years from the date of execution of the 2013 New Facility for the same principal amount to take benefit of a longer loan tenor and lower interest costs, while the Revolving Facility is being used for the general corporate funding needs of Regal REIT. Moreover, the 2013 New Facilities is only secured on three of the five Initial Hotels, namely, Regal Airport Hotel, Regal Hongkong Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel. Upon drawdown of the New Term Loan Facility and repayment of the 2012 Term Loan Facility in August 2013, the remaining two Initial Hotels, namely, Regal Kowloon Hotel and Regal Oriental Hotel, became free of mortgages and are currently held on an unencumbered basis.

#### Financing for Regal iClub Hotel

Regal REIT, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, namely, Sonnix Limited, has a bilateral loan facility of HK\$340.0 million (the "iclub Facility") for Regal iClub Hotel. The iclub Facility has a term of three years to February 2015, bears HIBOR-based interest and has no interest rate hedging in place.

#### Managing fluctuations in interest rates

In order to hedge against fluctuations in interest rates, Regal REIT maintains certain interest rate swap arrangements. As at 31st December, 2013, the interest cost for approximately 58% of the debt exposure in respect of the aggregate loan facilities has been set at fixed rates through various plain vanilla interest rate swaps against floating HIBOR. The fixed rates payable to the hedging banks range from 0.355% per annum to 0.483% per annum, with maturities up to March 2015.

#### Gearing and Cash

As at 31st December, 2013, the gearing ratio of Regal REIT was 29.8% (2012: 22.8%), being the gross amount of the outstanding loans and debts aggregating HK\$6,915.7 million, which takes into account: (a) the new debts in relation to the March 2013 Notes and the May 2013 Notes issued under the MTN Programme for an aggregate amount of HK\$1,938.3 million; (b) the aggregate drawdown amount of the 2013 New Facilities of HK\$4,650.0 million; and (c) the iclub Facility of HK\$327.4 million, as compared to the total gross assets of Regal REIT of HK\$23,203.0 million, which is below the maximum 45% permitted under the REIT Code.

Regal REIT had a total of HK\$48.2 million in unrestricted bank deposits, HK\$51.9 million in restricted cash balances and bank deposits, and an unutilised revolving facility of HK\$150.0 million as at 31st December, 2013. Regal REIT maintains sufficient cash reserves and receives timely payments of rental income to satisfy its financial commitments and working capital requirements on an on-going basis.

As at 31st December, 2013, four of the Regal REIT's properties, namely, Regal Airport Hotel, Regal Hongkong Hotel, Regal Riverside Hotel and Regal iClub Hotel, with an aggregate carrying value of HK\$13,370.0 million, were pledged to secure bank loan facilities granted to Regal REIT.

#### **OUTLOOK FOR 2014**

Hong Kong's economic environment remained resilient in 2013. Hong Kong's unemployment rate achieved a record low 3.1% since 1997 as announced by the Hong Kong Government in early 2014<sup>10</sup>. The global economy is anticipated to transit toward a less volatile and stronger growth scenario as global activity picked up since the second half of 2013. Economic activity is expected to improve further in 2014. This will rely on the recovery in the advanced economies. While the US economy is expected to experience gradual growth, recession in the euro area seems to be ending with some signs of strengthening. Developing Asia is set to benefit from the growth momentum in the advanced economies. Improving conditions in the US, euro area and Japan will further brighten exports and growth for developing countries in Asia. In China, growth is expected to be moderate. China's economy is undergoing structural transformation. This stems from credit-fueled and state-directed growth based on exports and investment to market-oriented growth based upon domestic consumption.

In Hong Kong, economic activities will benefit from China's policy and the operation of the high speed rail. Since the end of 2012, the world's longest high speed rail route running between Beijing and Guangzhou commenced operation. The Beijing-Guangzhou high speed rail route has extended and connected to Shenzhen – the neighborhood city of Hong Kong. The High Speed Rail Link to Hong Kong will be completed by 2015<sup>11</sup>. Together with the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge which is expected to be commissioned by 2016<sup>12</sup>, the formation of feeder markets between Macau and Hong Kong by land bridges will soon be realized. The Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, the planned expansion of the third runway and other infrastructural development will continue to strengthen Hong Kong as a leading aviation hub and global travel destination.

Hong Kong's tourism industry outlook is brightening, while certain challenges remain. The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau completed an assessment on Hong Kong's capacity to receive tourists. It is projected that visitor arrivals in 2017 would exceed 70 million as compared to approximately 54.3 million in 2013; while visitors to Hong Kong could exceed 100 million in 2023. With the hotel development in the pipeline, Hong Kong would generally be able to receive the volume of visitor arrivals in 2017 as forecasted<sup>13</sup>.

To maintain the stable and orderly development of the tourism industry, China's Central Government and the HKSAR Government expressed not to abruptly increase the number of pilot cities for visiting Hong Kong under the Individual Visit Scheme (IVS) temporarily. The Hong Kong Government will continue to closely communicate and coordinate with the Mainland on a regular basis to review the policy of the IVS<sup>13</sup>. The Chief Executive also proposed to form a Travel Industry Authority to boost tourism sector growth and suggested focusing on high-spending visitors<sup>14</sup>.

<sup>10</sup> Source: Press Release, Census and Statistics Department, "Unemployment and underemployment statistics for November 2013-January 2014", 18th February, 2014.

<sup>11</sup> Source: Database, http://www.expressraillink.hk, 25th February, 2014.

<sup>12</sup> Source: Road and Railway, Highways Department, "Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and Related Projects – Main Bridge", 28th February, 2014.

<sup>13</sup> Source: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, "Assessment Report on Hong Kong's Capacity to Receive Tourists", December 2013.

<sup>14</sup> Source: Press Releases, Information Services Department, "New tourism body tabled", 15th January, 2014.

Since 2003, the implementation of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) and its supplements enabled various economic sectors to meet new opportunities. The Supplement X to the CEPA on further liberalization of trade in services in the Mainland for Hong Kong will further strengthen cooperation in the areas of finance, and trade and investment facilitation<sup>15</sup>. This might bring along increasing frequency of business travelling between Hong Kong and China.

Recently, the planning for a bigger free-trade zone in Guangdong could both offer valuable opportunities and challenges for Hong Kong's enterprises to grow and to expand into these areas. It is anticipated that while China's economic growth continues with a higher pace, Hong Kong's competitiveness to serve as an international financial hub and a gateway city to facilitate the Renminbi internationalization process will sustain.

Above all, if the Option to acquire the North Point Hotel is exercised and the transaction completed, the hotel room inventory for Regal REIT's investment portfolio will be further boosted to 4,570 guestrooms and suites. The management is optimistic about the future business prospects of Regal REIT based upon the strong fundamentals of the hotel and tourism sectors in Hong Kong and the economic development of China.

#### **GROWTH STRATEGY**

The REIT Manager's primary strategy is to maintain and grow a strong and balanced investment portfolio of hotels and hospitality-related properties. The REIT Manager intends to achieve its objective of long-term growth in distributions and in the net asset value per Unit through a combination of two core strategies:

- Internal Growth Strategy: The core growth strategy for the hotel portfolio is to maximise value for Unitholders through pro-active asset management achieving higher total revenue, RevPAR and NPI performance.
- External Growth Strategy: The core strategy for growing the portfolio of hotels is to selectively acquire additional hotel properties that meet the REIT Manager's investment criteria.

In evaluating potential acquisition opportunities, the REIT Manager will focus on the following criteria:

- The expected yield enhances returns to Unitholders;
- Target Greater China with a focus on Hong Kong and Mainland China and on markets and locations in urban centres and popular resort areas with growth potential;
- Value-adding opportunities, e.g. properties that may be undermanaged or in need of capital investment and/or which may benefit from market re-positioning and the Regal brand and/or which may be extended or have other asset enhancement opportunities;
- Majority ownership of the asset acquired; and
- Targeting income and cashflow generating properties.

<sup>15</sup> Source: CEPA, Trade and Industry Department, "Supplement X to the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA)", 29th August, 2013.

While Regal REIT will focus on hotels and hospitality-related properties in Greater China, its investment scope includes serviced apartments, offices and retail and entertainment complexes and the geographical scope goes beyond Greater China. Regal REIT's investment scope allows for flexibility in its growth through acquisition of, for example, mixed-use developments containing hotels, and other investment opportunities overseas.

The targeted properties may be unfinished and require furnishing and fit-out. However, the value of unfinished properties should represent less than 10% of Regal REIT's total net asset value at the time of acquisition.

The REIT Manager continues to actively monitor target markets for opportunities, while remaining committed to the set investment criteria.

Regal REIT intends to hold its properties on a long-term basis. However, if in the future any hotel property no longer fits its investment objectives or when an attractive offer, given prevailing market conditions, is received, the REIT Manager may consider disposing of the property for cash, so that its investment capital can be redeployed according to the investment strategies outlined above.

#### MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS OR DISPOSALS OF REAL ESTATE

On 28th June, 2013, Regal REIT, acting through the Trustee, entered into the following agreements with P&R Holdings, a joint venture equally owned by Paliburg Holdings Limited and RHIHL:

- (1) Share Purchase Agreement, pursuant to which the Trustee agreed to acquire 100% of the issued share capital and shareholder loans of Plentiful Investments Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of P&R Holdings, which through its wholly-owned subsidiary, namely, Tristan Limited, holds the new hotel located at Nos. 132-140 Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong (the "Sheung Wan Hotel") under development for a total consideration of HK\$1,580 million, based on the valuation of the hotel property as of 25th June, 2013 by an independent property valuer on an as-completed basis. The occupation permit for this new hotel was issued in January 2014 and the requisite transactions under the Share Purchase Agreement were completed on 10th February, 2014; and
- (2) Option Agreement, pursuant to which P&R Holdings granted a call option to the Trustee, exercisable the REIT Manager's sole discretion, to acquire the 100% of the issued share capital and shareholder loans of Fortune Mine Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of P&R Holdings, which indirectly holds the new hotel located at Nos. 14-20 Merlin Street, North Point (the "North Point Hotel"), being developed by P&R Holdings, at an initial exercise price of HK\$1,650.0 million, likewise based on the valuation of the property as of 25th June, 2013 by the independent property valuer on an as-completed basis. In the first quarter of 2014, the construction works on this new hotel have been substantially completed and the application for the issue of its occupation permit has been submitted. Unitholders will be kept apprised of developments in this regard, particularly if and when the option is to be exercised by Regal REIT.

Full details of these two transactions can be referred to the related announcement and circular to the Unitholders both dated 29th June, 2013 published by the REIT Manager.

Saved as disclosed herein, Regal REIT did not enter into any real estate acquisition or disposal transactions during the year.

#### **REPURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF UNITS**

There were no repurchases, sales or redemptions of Units during the year.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

Regal REIT is managed by the REIT Manager and the Trustee. By contracting out such services, Regal REIT does not employ any staff in its own right.

#### **MAJOR REAL ESTATE AGENTS**

Save for the RHIHL Lessee and the Hotel Manager which had been delegated to take the responsibility for the operation and management of the Initial Hotels and Regal iClub Hotel pursuant to the RHIHL Lease Agreements, the Initial Hotels Management Agreements and the iClub Hotel Management Agreement, respectively, and as disclosed in this Annual Report, Regal REIT did not engage any real estate agents to conduct any services or work for the Initial Hotels and/or Regal iClub Hotel during the year.

#### **MAJOR CONTRACTORS**

In 2013, the aggregate value of service contracts of the top two contractors engaged by Regal REIT and their respective value of services rendered and percentages in terms of property and hotel operating expenses were as follows:

Contractors	Nature of Services	Value of Services HK\$'000	Percentage
Regal Hotels International Limited Regal Hotels International Limited Paliburg Estate Management Limited	iClub Hotel management fees Marketing fee Building management fees	2,209 439 454	7.4% 1.5% 1.5%
		3,102	10.4%

Save for the above three transactions, there were no other major contractors engaged by Regal REIT during the year.

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS AFTER THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

Subsequent to the year under review, on 10th February, 2014, Regal REIT completed the acquisition of the Sheung Wan Hotel at a final total consideration of approximately HK\$1,581 million, comprising the purchase price of HK\$1,580 million and a current asset adjustment of HK\$1.1 million (the "SW Transaction"). The Sheung Wan Hotel will be named as "iclub Sheung Wan Hotel" under the "iclub by Regal" brand. The 34-storey iclub Sheung Wan Hotel consists of 248 guestrooms, including 223 standard rooms, 18 one-bedroom suites and 7 two-bedroom suites.

Upon completion of the SW Transaction, the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel was leased to the RHIHL Lessee for use in hotel operations for the period from 10th February, 2014 to 31st December, 2019 under a new lease agreement, which is extendable at the option of Regal REIT for a further 5 years. The Hotel Manager of the Initial Hotels and Regal iClub Hotel was also appointed as the new hotel manager for the operation of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel under a 10-year hotel management agreement commencing on 10th February, 2014.

Concurrently, a new 5-year loan facilities with an aggregate principal amount of HK\$790.0 million (the "2014 New Facilities") comprising (a) a term loan facility of up to HK\$632.0 million; and (b) a revolving loan facility of up to HK\$158.0 million was granted by a bank under a facility agreement entered into by Tristan Limited (the direct holding company of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel which became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Regal REIT upon completion of the SW Transaction). The 2014 New Facilities bear HIBOR-based interest.

The gearing ratio of Regal REIT upon completion of the acquisition of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel was 31.7%. This calculation was based on the total asset value and total borrowings as at 31st December, 2013 and after taking into consideration the balance of the purchase price (being HK\$1,580.0 million as the fair value of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel as at 25th June, 2013, as appraised by the independent property valuer on an as-completed basis) and the drawndown amount of the 2014 New Facilities.

On behalf of the Board **Regal Portfolio Management Limited** (as the REIT Manager of Regal REIT)

Francis Chiu and Simon Lam Man Lim Executive Directors

Hong Kong, 31st March, 2014

#### **DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER PROFILES**

#### **DIRECTOR PROFILES**

**Mr. Lo Yuk Sui**, aged 69, Chairman and Non-executive Director – Mr. Lo was appointed as the Chairman and Nonexecutive Director of the REIT Manager in 2006. He has over 43 years of experience in the real estate and hospitality sectors. He is the chairman and chief executive officer of Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited ("RHIHL") of which Regal REIT is a listed subsidiary. He has held the position as the chairman of RHIHL since 1989 when RHIHL was established in Bermuda as the holding company for the RHIHL group and was designated as chief executive officer in January 2007. He has been the managing director and chairman of the predecessor listed company of the RHIHL group since 1984 and 1987, respectively. He is also the chairman and chief executive officer of Century City International Holdings Limited ("CCIHL") and Paliburg Holdings Limited ("PHL"), of which Regal REIT is a listed subsidiary, and Cosmopolitan International Holdings Limited ("Cosmopolitan"), of which Regal REIT is a listed fellow subsidiary. He is a qualified architect. Mr. Lo is the father of Mr. Jimmy Lo Chun To and Miss Lo Po Man.

**Miss Lo Po Man**, aged 34, Vice Chairman and Non-executive Director – Miss Lo was appointed as a Non-executive Director of the REIT Manager with effect from 24th September, 2012 and elected as the Vice Chairman of the REIT Manager on 18th December, 2013. She graduated from Duke University, North Carolina, U.S.A. with a Bachelor's degree in psychology. She is currently an executive director and a vice chairman of CCIHL and Cosmopolitan, an executive director of PHL, and an executive director, a vice chairman and the managing director of RHIHL. Miss Lo oversees the sales and marketing function of the RHIHL group and directed the marketing campaign of the Regalia Bay, a luxury residential development in Stanley, Hong Kong. She also undertakes responsibilities in the business development of the RHIHL group. Miss Lo is the daughter of Mr. Lo Yuk Sui and the sister of Mr. Jimmy Lo Chun To.

**Mr. Francis Chiu**, aged 51, Executive Director and Responsible Officer – Mr. Chiu was appointed as an Executive Director and a Responsible Officer of the REIT Manager with effect from 1st March, 2010. He is responsible for, among other things, overseeing and managing the asset management activities of Regal REIT. He is also responsible, jointly with Mr. Simon Lam Man Lim, for making the disclosures and communications of Regal REIT to investors. He has over 25 years of commercial experience in real estate, hospitality and related businesses. Prior to joining the REIT Manager, he held senior positions, including general manager, executive director and regional director with various hotels and companies in Hong Kong and China, focusing on corporate management, joint-venture operations, international marketing, commercial asset, hotel real estate development projects and special investment projects. Mr. Chiu commenced his career with a Hong Kong listed property developer New World Group in 1987 and its listed infrastructure and services conglomerate NWS in 2000, where he worked until 2010.

Mr. Chiu is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Housing, a Fellow of CPA Australia, a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, a Chartered Global Management Accountant (AICPA-CIMA JV), a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, a Member of Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, a Member of Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administrators, a Member of Urban Land Institute, a U.S. Certified Hotel Administrator and a Fellow of Institute of Hospitality. Mr. Chiu is currently an Asia Board Member of RICS Asia Commercial Property Professional Group Board, committee members of RICS Hong Kong Commercial Property, and Valuation and Planning & Development Professional Group. He is a graduate of the ESSEC Business School Paris, France and Cornell University, U.S.A., with a joint Master's degree majored in International Hospitality Management and minored in Real Estate and Finance. He also studied Housing Management at The University of Hong Kong; Real Estate and Construction Project Management with Heriot-Watt University. Mr. Chiu holds a MBA and a BA in Business and Finance.

**Mr. Simon Lam Man Lim**, aged 57, Executive Director and Responsible Officer – Mr. Lam joined the REIT Manager as the Director of Finance and Investment and Investor Relations in September 2010. He was appointed as an Executive Director with effect from 1st April, 2011. Mr. Lam is responsible for, among other things, overseeing and managing the finance, accounting and investment activities of Regal REIT. He is also responsible, jointly with Mr. Francis Chiu, for making the disclosures and communications of Regal REIT to investors. Mr. Lam holds a Master of Business Administration degree and is a Fellow member of The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors and an associate member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. Mr. Lam has over 30 years of finance and commercial experience in various business sectors and industries. Prior to joining the REIT Manager, he was an executive director and chief financial officer of Binhai Investment Company Limited, a listed company on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Prior to that, he held management positions in different Hong Kong listed companies and multinational corporations, including The Link Management Limited (the REIT Manger of The Link REIT), Johnson Electric, Motorola Asia Pacific Limited and Philips Electronics Group.

**Mr. John William Crawford, JP**, aged 71, Independent Non-executive Director – Mr. Crawford was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the REIT Manager in 2006. He was one of the founders of Ernst & Young, Hong Kong office and vice-chairman of the firm when he retired at the end of 1997. During his 25 years in public practice, he was also the chairman of the audit division of Ernst & Young and was active in a number of large private and public company takeover and/or restructuring exercises. He has continued to undertake consultancy/advisory work in a private capacity since retirement, is active in the education sector and is the chairman of International Quality Education Limited. He also remains active in various community service areas such as having been a founding member of UNICEF Hong Kong Committee and the Hong Kong Institute of Directors. In 1997, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace in Hong Kong. He currently acts as an independent non-executive director and the chairman of the audit committee of e-Kong Group Limited, which is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. He is also an independent non-executive director of Entertainment Gaming Asia Inc. which is listed on the NASDAQ.

**Mr. Donald Fan Tung**, aged 57, Non-executive Director – Mr. Fan was appointed as a Non-executive Director of the REIT Manager in 2006. He is a qualified architect. He is currently an executive director of CCIHL, PHL and RHIHL. He is also the chief operating officer of PHL. He is involved in the property development, architectural design and project management functions as well as overseeing the building construction business of the PHL group.

**Mr. Alvin Leslie Lam Kwing Wai**, aged 69, Independent Non-executive Director – Mr. Lam was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the REIT Manager in 2006. He is the chairman and an executive director of Golden Resources Development International Limited, which is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A. He has extensive experience in financial management and investment planning.

**Mr. Jimmy Lo Chun To**, aged 40, Non-executive Director – Mr. Lo was appointed as a Non-executive Director of the REIT Manager in 2006. He is an executive director and a vice chairman of CCIHL, an executive director, a vice chairman and the managing director of PHL and Cosmopolitan and an executive director of RHIHL. He graduated from Cornell University, New York, U.S.A. with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. In addition to his involvement in the design of property projects of the PHL group and the hotel projects of the RHIHL group, he also undertakes responsibilities in the business development of the CCIHL group. He is the son of Mr. Lo Yuk Sui and the brother of Miss Lo Po Man.

**Mr. Kenneth Ng Kwai Kai**, aged 59, Non-executive Director – Mr. Ng was appointed as a Non-executive Director of the REIT Manager with effect from 24th September, 2012. He is a Chartered Secretary. He is currently an executive director and the chief operating officer of CCIHL and an executive director of PHL, RHIHL and Cosmopolitan. Mr. Ng is in charge of the corporate finance, company secretarial and administrative functions of CCIHL, PHL, RHIHL and Cosmopolitan and their respective subsidiaries (excluding Regal REIT and its subsidiaries).

**Mr. Kai Ole Ringenson**, aged 64, Independent Non-executive Director – Mr. Ringenson was redesignated as an Independent Non-executive Director of the REIT Manager with effect from 24th September, 2012. He was the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the REIT Manager in 2006 and a Responsible Officer of the REIT Manager in 2007 until he became a Non-executive Director on 1st March, 2010. He has extensive experience in international hotel management and asset management. He has managed hotels in Asia, Europe and the United States and has managed numerous hotel turn-around situations. He obtained a Bachelor of Science (Hotel) degree from Cornell University, New York, U.S.A.. He joined the RHIHL group in 2001 and was an executive director of RHIHL and the chief operating officer of Regal Hotels International Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of RHIHL, from 2002 until he became a non-executive director of RHIHL in January 2004. He resigned as a non-executive director of RHIHL in 2006 to become the sole Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the REIT Manager in 2006.

Hon. Abraham Shek Lai Him, GBS, JP, aged 68, Independent Non-executive Director – Mr. Shek was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the REIT Manager in 2006. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Sydney. He is currently a member of the Legislative Council for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and vice chairman of the Independent Police Complaints Council. He is also a member of the Court of The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, a member of both of the Court and the Council of The University of Hong Kong, a director of The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited. He is the vice chairman, independent non-executive director and audit committee member of ITC Properties Group Limited and an independent non-executive director and a member of the audit committee of China Resources Cement Holdings Limited, Chuang's Consortium International Limited, Cosmopolitan, Country Garden Holdings Company Limited, Dorsett Hospitality International Limited, ITC Corporation Limited, Lifestyle International Holdings Limited, Midas International Holdings Limited, NWS Holdings Limited, PHL and SJM Holdings Limited and the chairman and independent non-executive director of Chuang's China Investments Limited, all of which are companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. He also currently acts as an independent non-executive director of Hop Hing Group Holdings Limited, Hsin Chong Construction Group Limited, Lai Fung Holdings Limited and MTR Corporation Limited, which are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. He is an independent non-executive director and a member of the audit committee of Eagle Asset Management (CP) Limited which is the manager of Champion Real Estate Investment Trust, the units of which are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER PROFILES**

**Mr. Yip Yat Wa**, Responsible Officer and Senior Property and Technical Manager – Mr. Yip is responsible for, among other things, monitoring the actual completion of the asset enhancement programme from a technical point of view, receiving and interpreting technical reports and keeping the Executive Directors informed of the ongoing progress of the programme. He is also responsible for reviewing proposals from the Hotel Manager in relation to capital additions projects, expenditures for the replacement of furniture, fixtures and equipment and assisting the Executive Directors to assess the justification and feasibility of such expenditures. Furthermore, he inspects and reviews all potential and new acquisitions from a structural and technical point of view. Mr. Yip has over 30 years of engineering experience. He has been involved in several large projects, responsible for coordinating and monitoring building services installations and builder's work, maintenance, repairs and renovation work for hotels and commercial buildings.

**Ms. Peony Choi Ka Ka**, Compliance Manager and Company Secretary – Ms. Choi is responsible for, among other things, ensuring that the REIT Manager and Regal REIT complies with the Trust Deed, the REIT Code, the Listing Rules and other applicable laws, regulations and rules and corporate secretarial functions. She holds a Bachelor of Laws degree and a Master of Arts degree in Professional Accounting and Information Systems in Hong Kong. She is also an associate member of The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries. She is familiar with compliance matters under the rules and laws of Hong Kong that are applicable to private and listed companies.

**Ms. Charlotte Cheung Wing Shan**, Internal Auditor – Ms. Cheung is responsible for, among other things, reviewing the accuracy and completeness of records of the operations and transactions of Regal REIT and ensuring that the internal control systems function properly and effectively. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree majoring in Professional Accountancy and a Master of Laws degree. She is an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Before joining the REIT Manager, she worked in an international audit firm where she provided audit services to local and multinational companies in a variety of industries and including listed companies. She is familiar with internal audit matters and internal control systems for companies in various business sectors.
# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT**

Regal REIT is committed to maintaining the highest level of corporate governance practices and procedures. The REIT Manager has adopted a compliance manual for use in relation to the management and operation of Regal REIT (the "Compliance Manual") which sets out the key processes, systems, and policies and procedures to guide operations and, thereby, set a high standard of corporate governance to ensure relevant regulations and legislation are adhered to. Set out below is a summary of the key components of the corporate governance policies that have been adopted and complied with by the REIT Manager and Regal REIT.

#### **AUTHORISATION STRUCTURE**

Regal REIT is a collective investment scheme authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC") under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO") and regulated by the provisions of the Code on Real Estate Investment Trusts (the "REIT Code") and constituted by a trust deed (the "Trust Deed").

The REIT Manager is licensed by the SFC under the SFO to conduct regulated activities related to asset management. During the year under review, Mr. Francis Chiu, Mr. Simon Lam Man Lim and Mr. Yip Yat Wa were duly appointed as the Responsible Officers of the REIT Manager.

The Trustee is registered as a trust company and is qualified to act as a trustee for collective investment schemes authorised under the SFO pursuant to the REIT Code.

#### **ROLES OF THE TRUSTEE AND THE REIT MANAGER**

The Trustee is responsible under the Trust Deed for the safe custody of the assets of Regal REIT for the benefit of the Unitholders as a whole and oversees the activities of the REIT Manager for compliance with the Trust Deed and regulatory requirements.

The REIT Manager was appointed under the Trust Deed to manage Regal REIT and, in particular, to ensure that the financial and economic aspects of Regal REIT's assets are professionally managed in the sole interests of the Unitholders.

The Trustee and the REIT Manager are functionally independent of each other.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REIT MANAGER**

#### **Functions of the Board**

The board of directors of the REIT Manager (the "Board") is responsible for overseeing the overall governance of the REIT Manager and the day-to-day management of the REIT Manager's affairs and the conduct of its business. The Board has established a framework for the management of Regal REIT, including systems of internal control and business risk management processes.

#### **Board Composition**

With the objective of creating a Board structure that is both effective and balanced, the size of the Board was set to provide for a minimum of five directors and a maximum of twenty directors. Pursuant to a specific REIT Manager corporate governance policy, independent non-executive directors must be individuals who fulfill the independence criteria as set out in the Compliance Manual.

The composition of the Board is determined using the following key principles:

- the Chairman of the Board must be a Non-executive Director of the REIT Manager;
- at least one-third of the Board should be Independent Non-executive Directors with a minimum of three Independent Non-executive Directors; and
- the Board must comprise Directors with a broad range of commercial experience including expertise in hotel investment and management, in fund and asset management and/or in the property industry.

The Board presently comprises two Executive Directors, five Non-executive Directors and four Independent Non-executive Directors. The positions of Chairman and Chief Executives are held by different persons in order to maintain an effective segregation of duties. The Board currently comprises the following members:

*Chairman and Non-executive Director* Lo Yuk Sui

*Vice Chairman and Non-executive Director* Lo Po Man

*Executive Directors* Francis Chiu Simon Lam Man Lim

Non-executive Directors Donald Fan Tung Jimmy Lo Chun To Kenneth Ng Kwai Kai

Independent Non-executive Directors John William Crawford, JP Alvin Leslie Lam Kwing Wai Kai Ole Ringenson Abraham Shek Lai Him, GBS, JP

On 18th December, 2013, Miss Lo Po Man, a Non-executive Director of the REIT Manager, was elected as Vice Chairman of the REIT Manager.

The names and biographical details of the Directors, together with any relationships among them, are disclosed in the preceding section "Director Profiles" contained in this Annual Report.

#### **Appointment and Removal of Directors**

The appointment and removal of Directors is a matter for the Board and the shareholder of the REIT Manager to determine in accordance with the provisions of the Compliance Manual and the articles of association of the REIT Manager.

Directors may be nominated for appointment and/or removal by the Board following recommendations made by the audit committee of the REIT Manager (the "Audit Committee"). In considering persons for appointment as Directors, the Board will consider a number of matters as set out in the Compliance Manual in assessing whether such persons are fit and proper to be Directors.

#### **Directors' Interests in Contracts**

Save as otherwise disclosed, none of the Directors had any beneficial interests, directly or indirectly, in any significant contracts to which Regal REIT or any of its subsidiaries was a party at the end of the reporting period or at any time during the year.

None of the Directors had a service contract, which is not determinable within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation), with Regal REIT or any of its subsidiaries during the year.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The REIT Manager has instituted the following policies to deal with issues of conflict of interest:

- (i) The REIT Manager is a dedicated manager to Regal REIT and will not manage any other real estate investment trusts or be involved in any other real property businesses.
- (ii) All of the Executive Officers will be employed by the REIT Manager on a full time basis and will not maintain any other roles apart from their roles within the REIT Manager.
- (iii) All connected party transactions are to be managed in accordance with the provisions set out in the Compliance Manual.
- (iv) Where any Director or executive officer has a material interest in any transaction relating to Regal REIT or the REIT Manager which gives rise to an actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to such transaction, he or she shall not advise on or deal in relation to such transaction unless he or she has disclosed such material interest or conflict to the Board and has taken all reasonable steps to ensure fair treatment of both the REIT Manager and Unitholders.

#### Independence of Independent Non-executive Directors

Each of the Independent Non-executive Directors of the REIT Manager has made an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to the "Criteria for Independence of INEDs" as set out in the Compliance Manual, on terms no less exacting than those set out in The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") for assessing the independence of a Non-executive director.

#### **Change of Information of Directors**

During the year under review, the REIT Manager was informed of the following changes of Director's information:

Name of Director	Det	ails of changes
Mr. Lo Yuk Sui	_	Appointed as an executive director and acts as the chairman and the chief executive officer of Cosmopolitan International Holdings Limited ("Cosmopolitan"), of which Regal REIT is a listed fellow subsidiary, all with effect from 18th December, 2013. He is also appointed as a member of the remuneration committee and the chairman of the nomination committee of Cosmopolitan, both with effect from 18th December, 2013.
Miss Lo Po Man	-	Elected as a vice chairman of the REIT Manager with effect from 18th December, 2013.
	-	Elected as a vice chairman of Century City International Holdings Limited ("CCIHL"), of which Regal REIT is a listed subsidiary, with effect from 18th December, 2013.
	_	Elected as a vice chairman and appointed as the managing director of Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited ("RHIHL"), of which Regal REIT is a listed subsidiary, both with effect from 18th December, 2013.
	-	Appointed as an executive director and elected as a vice chairman of Cosmopolitan both with effect from 18th December, 2013.
Mr. Jimmy Lo Chun To	_	Elected as a vice chairman of CCIHL with effect from 18th December, 2013.
	-	Elected as the vice chairman and appointed as the managing director of Paliburg Holdings Limited, of which Regal REIT is a listed subsidiary, with effect from 18th December, 2013.
	-	Appointed as an executive director and acts as a vice chairman and the managing director of Cosmopolitan all with effect from 18th December, 2013.
Mr. Alvin Leslie Lam Kwing Wai	-	Resigned as the managing director of Golden Resources Development International Limited with effect from 26th September, 2013.
Mr. Kenneth Ng Kwai Kai	-	Re-designated from a non-executive director to an executive director of Cosmopolitan with effect from 18th December, 2013.
Hon. Abraham Shek Lai Him	_	Appointed as an independent non-executive director and a member of the audit committee and the nomination committee of Cosmopolitan, all with effect from 18th December, 2013.

### **Continuous Professional Development of Directors**

During the year under review, the Directors have participated in certain continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills to ensure their contribution to the Board remains informed and relevant.

#### Meetings

The Board conducts regular meetings and generally meets no less than four times in each financial year, at approximate quarterly intervals, to discuss and decide on major corporate, strategic, business and operational issues. Appropriate and sufficient information is provided to the members of the Board in a timely manner in order to enable them to discharge their duties.

Four full Board meetings of the REIT Manager and two general meetings of the Unitholders were held during the year ended 31st December, 2013 and the attendance rates of the individual Board members were as follows:

Name of Division	Attendance/ No. of	Attendance/ No. of
Name of Directors	General Meetings	Board Meetings
<i>Chairman and Non-executive Director</i> Lo Yuk Sui	2/2	4/4
<i>Vice Chairman and Non-executive Director</i> Lo Po Man	2/2	4/4
<i>Executive Directors</i> Francis Chiu Simon Lam Man Lim	2/2 2/2	4/4 4/4
<i>Non-executive Directors</i> Donald Fan Tung Jimmy Lo Chun To Kenneth Ng Kwai Kai	2/2 2/2 2/2	3/4 4/4 4/4
<i>Independent Non-executive Directors</i> John William Crawford, JP Alvin Leslie Lam Kwing Wai Kai Ole Ringenson Abraham Shek Lai Him, GBS, JP	1/2 1/2 1/2 2/2	4/4 4/4 4/4 4/4

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The REIT Manager established the Audit Committee which is appointed by the Board and adopted its terms of reference in 2006. The Audit Committee currently comprises the following Directors:

Independent Non-executive Directors John William Crawford, JP (Chairman of the Committee) Alvin Leslie Lam Kwing Wai Kai Ole Ringenson Abraham Shek Lai Him, GBS, JP

*Non-executive Director* Kenneth Ng Kwai Kai

The Audit Committee is responsible for, among other matters, (a) reviewing the completeness, accuracy, clarity and fairness of Regal REIT's financial statements; (b) considering the scope, approach and nature of both internal and external audit reviews; (c) the overall adequacy of risk management measures; (d) reviewing and monitoring connected party transactions; and (e) nominating external auditors including the approval of their remuneration, reviewing the adequacy of external audits and guiding management to take appropriate actions to remedy faults or deficiencies in any issues of internal control which may be identified.

In addition to informal or ad hoc meetings and discussions, four formal Audit Committee meetings of the REIT Manager were held during the year ended 31st December, 2013 for considering and reviewing, among other things, the 2012 final results, the 2013 interim results, internal audit reports and other compliance matters of Regal REIT. The attendance rates of the individual members were as follows:

Name of Audit Committee Members	Attendance/ No. of Meetings
John William Crawford, JP (Chairman of the Committee)	4/4
Alvin Leslie Lam Kwing Wai	4/4
Kai Ole Ringenson	4/4
Abraham Shek Lai Him, GBS, JP	4/4
Kenneth Ng Kwai Kai	4/4

#### **DISCLOSURE COMMITTEE**

The disclosure committee of the REIT Manager (the "Disclosure Committee") is responsible for, among other matters, reviewing all areas relating to the regular, urgent and forward looking disclosure of information to Unitholders and public announcements.

The Disclosure Committee currently comprises the following Directors:

*Independent Non-executive Directors* John William Crawford, JP (Chairman of the Committee) Kai Ole Ringenson

*Executive Directors* Francis Chiu Simon Lam Man Lim

*Non-executive Directors* Donald Fan Tung Kenneth Ng Kwai Kai

Three formal Disclosure Committee meetings of the REIT Manager were held during the year ended 31st December, 2013 for considering and reviewing, among other things, the 2012 final results announcement, the 2012 annual report, the 2013 interim results announcement, the 2013 interim report and other corporate disclosure issues of Regal REIT. The attendance rates of the individual members were as follows:

Name of Disclosure Committee Members	Attendance/ No. of Meetings
John William Crawford, JP (Chairman of the Committee)	3/3
Francis Chiu	3/3
Simon Lam Man Lim	3/3
Donald Fan Tung	3/3
Kenneth Ng Kwai Kai	3/3
Kai Ole Ringenson	3/3

#### **AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

The remuneration to Messrs. Ernst & Young, the external auditors of Regal REIT, in respect of the audit and non-audit services rendered for the year ended 31st December, 2013 were HK\$1.5 million (2012: HK\$1.4 million) and HK\$2.5 million (2012: HK\$0.6 million).

#### **REPORTING AND TRANSPARENCY**

Regal REIT prepares its financial statements in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles in Hong Kong with a financial year ending 31st December and a financial half year period ending 30th June. In accordance with the REIT Code, the annual report and financial statements of Regal REIT are to be published and despatched to Unitholders no later than four months following each financial year end and the interim report no later than two months following each financial half year period end.

As required by the REIT Code, the REIT Manager ensures all public announcements of material information and developments with respect to Regal REIT are made on a timely basis in order to keep Unitholders apprised of the position of Regal REIT.

#### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

Regal REIT will hold a general meeting each year as its annual general meeting in addition to any other meetings deemed necessary during the year. The Trustee or the REIT Manager may (and the REIT Manager will at the request in writing of not less than two Unitholders registered as together holding not less than 10% of the Units for the time being in issue and outstanding) at any time convene a meeting of the Unitholders. Notice convening the annual general meeting and other general meeting of Unitholders will be given to the Unitholders in accordance with the requirements of the Trust Deed, the REIT Code and the Listing Rules, and such notices will specify the time and place of the meetings and the resolutions to be proposed.

Two or more Unitholders present in person or by proxy registered as holding together not less than 10% of the Units for the time being in issue and outstanding will form a quorum for the transaction of all business, except for the purpose of passing special resolutions. The quorum for passing a special resolution will be two or more Unitholders present in person or by proxy registered as holding together not less than 25% of the Units for the time being in issue and outstanding. At any meeting of the Unitholders, a resolution put to the meeting shall be decided on a poll.

#### MATTERS TO BE DECIDED BY THE UNITHOLDERS BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the Trust Deed, decisions with respect to certain matters require specific prior approval of Unitholders by way of special resolution. Such matters include:

- (a) any change in the REIT Manager's investment policies/strategies for Regal REIT;
- (b) disposal of any real estate investment of Regal REIT or shares in any special purpose vehicles holding such real estate investment within two years of acquisition;
- (c) any increase in the rate of the REIT Manager fees above the permitted limit or any change in the structure of the REIT Manager fees;
- (d) any increase in the rate of the Trustee fees above the permitted limit or any change in the structure of the Trustee fees;
- (e) any increase in the rate of the acquisition fees above the permitted limit or any change in the structure of the acquisition fees;
- (f) any increase in the rate of the divestment fees above the permitted limit or any change in the structure of the divestment fees;
- (g) certain modifications of the Trust Deed;
- (h) termination of Regal REIT;
- (i) merger of Regal REIT;
- (j) removal of Regal REIT's external auditor; and
- (k) removal of the Trustee.

As stated above, the quorum for passing a special resolution is two or more Unitholders present in person or by proxy registered as holding together not less than 25% of the Units in issue and outstanding. A special resolution may only be passed by 75% or more of the votes of those present and entitled to vote in person or by proxy at a duly convened meeting and the votes shall be taken by way of poll.

#### **ISSUE OF FURTHER UNITS POST-LISTING**

To minimise the possible material dilution of holdings of Unitholders, any further issues of Units need to comply with the pre-emption provisions contained in the REIT Code and the Trust Deed. Any further issues of Units must be first offered on a pro rata pre-emptive basis to all existing Unitholders except that Units may be issued, or agreed (conditionally or unconditionally) to be issued, in any financial year (whether directly or pursuant to any Convertible Instruments (as defined in the Trust Deed)), otherwise than on a pro rata basis to all existing Unitholders, without the approval of Unitholders, if:

- (1) the total number of new Units issued, or agreed (conditionally or unconditionally) to be issued, in that financial year, without taking into account:
  - (a) any new Units issued or issuable in that financial year pursuant to any Convertible Instruments issued (whether in that or any prior financial year) pursuant to and in compliance with Clause 5.1.7 of the Trust Deed, to the extent that such new Units are covered by the aggregate number of new Units contemplated under Clause 5.1.7(i)(b) of the Trust Deed at the Relevant Date (as defined in the Trust Deed) applicable to the relevant Convertible Instruments;

- (b) such number of new Units issued or issuable pursuant to any such Convertible Instruments as a result of adjustments arising from the consolidation or sub-division or re-designation of Units;
- (c) any new Units issued in that financial year pursuant to any agreement for the issuance of Units, to the extent that such new Units were previously taken into account in the calculation made under Clause 5.1.7(i)(a) of the Trust Deed (whether in that or any prior financial year) at the Relevant Date applicable to that agreement;
- (d) any new Units issued, or agreed (conditionally or unconditionally) to be issued, otherwise than on a pro rata basis to all existing Unitholders and in respect of which the specific prior approval of Unitholders in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Trust Deed and under applicable laws and regulations (including the REIT Code) have been obtained;
- (e) any new Units issued or issuable (whether directly or pursuant to any Convertible Instruments) in that financial year pursuant to any pro rata offer made in that financial year in accordance with Clause 5.1.6 of the Trust Deed; and/or
- (f) any new Units issued or issuable in that financial year pursuant to any reinvestment of distributions made in accordance with Clause 11.10 of the Trust Deed,

#### AND

(2) (a) the maximum number of new Units issuable at the Initial Issue Price (as defined in the Trust Deed) pursuant to any Convertible Instruments issued, or agreed (conditionally or unconditionally) to be issued, otherwise than on a pro rata basis to all existing Unitholders and whose Relevant Date falls within that financial year; and (b) the maximum number of any other new Units which may be issuable pursuant to any such Convertible Instruments as at the Relevant Date thereof as estimated or determinable by the REIT Manager in good faith and using its best endeavours and confirmed in writing to the Trustee and the SFC, having regard to the relevant terms and conditions of such Convertible Instruments (including any additional new Units issuable under any adjustment mechanism thereunder other than adjustments arising from the consolidation or sub-division or re-designation of Units), does not increase the number of Units that were outstanding at the end of the previous financial year (or, in the case of an issue of, or an agreement (whether conditional or unconditional) to issue, Units or Convertible Instruments during the first financial year, the number of Units that were outstanding as of the listing date of Regal REIT) by more than 20% (or such other percentage of outstanding Units as may from time to time, be prescribed by the SFC).

Any issue, grant or offer of Units or Convertible Instruments to a connected person of Regal REIT (the "Connected Person") will require specific prior approval of Unitholders by way of an Ordinary Resolution (as defined in the Trust Deed), unless such issue, grant or offer is made under the following circumstances (where, for the avoidance of doubt, no Unitholders' approval will be required):

- (i) the Connected Person receives a pro rata entitlement to Units and/or Convertible Instruments in its capacity as a Unitholder; or
- (ii) Units are issued to a Connected Person under Clauses 14.1.1 and/or 14.1.2 of the Trust Deed in or towards the satisfaction of the REIT Manager fees; or

- (iii) Units and/or Convertible Instruments are issued to a Connected Person within 14 days after such Connected Person has executed an agreement to reduce its holding in the same class of Units and/or Convertible Instruments by placing such Units and/or Convertible Instruments to or with any person(s) who is/are not its associate(s) (other than any Excluded Associate (as defined in the Trust Deed)), provided always that (a) the new Units and/or Convertible Instruments must be issued at a price not less than the placing price (which may be adjusted for the expenses of the placing); and (b) the number of Units and/or Convertible Instruments issued to the Connected Person must not exceed the number of Units and/or Convertible Instruments placed by it; or
- (iv) the Connected Person is acting as underwriter or sub-underwriter of an issue or offer of Units or other securities by or on behalf of Regal REIT or any Special Purpose Vehicle (as defined in the Trust Deed), provided that:
  - (a) the issue or offer is made under and in accordance with Clause 5.1.6 of the Trust Deed; and
  - (b) the issue or offer is in compliance with any applicable provisions of the Listing Rules where a Connected Person is acting as an underwriter or sub-underwriter of an offer of shares or other securities by a listed company, with necessary changes being made, as if the provisions therein are applicable to real estate investment trusts; or
- (v) the excess application and the taking up of pro rata entitlements by the Connected Person in respect of a pro rata issue of Units and/or Convertible Instruments under Clause 5.1.6 of the Trust Deed or an open offer by Regal REIT on a pro rata basis; or
- (vi) Units are issued to a Connected Person pursuant to a reinvestment of a distribution in accordance with Clause 11.10 of the Trust Deed.

During the year, no new Units was allotted and issued.

# CODE GOVERNING DEALINGS IN UNITS BY DIRECTORS, THE REIT MANAGER OR SIGNIFICANT UNITHOLDERS

The REIT Manager has adopted the "Code Governing Dealings in Units by Directors or the REIT Manager" (the "Units Dealings Code") governing dealings in the securities of Regal REIT by the Directors and the REIT Manager as set out in the Compliance Manual, on terms no less exacting than the required standards of the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules (the "Model Code").

Pursuant to the Units Dealings Code, any Directors or the REIT Manager who wish to deal in the securities of Regal REIT must first have regard to the provisions of Parts XIII and XIV of the SFO with respect to insider dealing and market misconduct, as if the SFO applies to the securities of Regal REIT. In addition, a Director or the REIT Manager must not make any disclosures of confidential information or make any use of such information for the advantage of himself/itself or others.

Directors or the REIT Manager who are aware of or privy to any negotiations or agreements related to intended acquisitions or disposals which are designated transactions or connected party transactions under the REIT Code or notifiable transactions or connected transactions under the Listing Rules or any price-sensitive information must refrain from dealing in the Units as soon as they become aware of or privy to such information until proper disclosure thereof in accordance with the REIT Code and any applicable Listing Rules. Directors and the REIT Manager who are privy to relevant negotiations or agreements or any price-sensitive information should caution those Directors or the REIT Manager who are not so privy that there may be unpublished price-sensitive information and that they must not deal in Regal REIT's securities for a similar period.

During the periods of (i) 60 days immediately preceding the publication date of the annual results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant financial year up to the publication date of the results; and (ii) 30 days immediately preceding the publication date of the quarterly results (if any) and half-year results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant quarterly or half-year period up to the publication date of the results, the Directors or the REIT Manager must not deal in any Units unless the circumstances are exceptional and a written acknowledgement and approval has been obtained according to the procedures as set out in the Units Dealings Code.

The Units Dealings Code may be extended to senior executives, officers and other employees of the REIT Manager as the Board may determine.

The REIT Manager has also adopted procedures for the monitoring of disclosures of interests by Directors and the REIT Manager. The relevant provisions of Part XV of the SFO shall be deemed to apply to the REIT Manager and the Directors of the REIT Manager and each Unitholder and all persons claiming through or thereunder.

Under the Trust Deed and by virtue of the deemed application of Part XV of the SFO, Unitholders with a holding of 5% or more of the Units will be required to notify the Stock Exchange, the REIT Manager and the Trustee of their holdings in Regal REIT. The REIT Manager shall keep a register for these purposes and it shall record in the register, against a person's name, the particulars provided pursuant to the notification and the date of entry of such record. The said register shall be available for inspection at all times by the Trustee and any Unitholder.

Following specific enquiries, the Directors and the REIT Manager have confirmed that they have complied with the required standards under the Model Code and the Units Dealings Code during the year ended 31st December, 2013.

#### **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The REIT Manager has an internal audit function in place to provide an independent assessment of the REIT Manager's internal control systems and operational functions and review of their effectiveness. The Internal Auditor prepares an internal audit plan and conducts audit reviews focusing on operational and compliance controls of Regal REIT and effective implementation of the internal control systems and compliance procedures.

The Board has, through the Audit Committee and the Internal Auditor, conducted a review of the effectiveness of the systems of internal control of Regal REIT, including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management functions.

#### **PUBLIC FLOAT**

As at 31st December, 2013, there were 3,257,431,189 Units in issue.

Based on the information that is publicly available to the REIT Manager and as reported to the Directors of the REIT Manager, more than 25% of the issued and outstanding Units were held by independent public Unitholders as at 31st December, 2013.

#### COMPLIANCE

Regal REIT and the REIT Manager have at all times complied with the provisions of the Compliance Manual.

#### **REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT**

The Disclosure Committee and the Audit Committee of the REIT Manager have reviewed the annual report of Regal REIT for the year ended 31st December, 2013, in conjunction with Regal REIT's external auditors. The report of the external auditors is set out on pages 105 to 106.

# **CONNECTED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year under review, Regal REIT and the other companies or entities held or controlled by Regal REIT (collectively, the "Regal REIT Group") have entered into a number of continuing transactions with its connected persons (defined in paragraph 8.1 of the REIT Code), as listed below, which constitute connected party transactions of Regal REIT within the meaning of the REIT Code:

- (i) the REIT Manager and the other companies or entities held or controlled by Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited ("RHIHL") (collectively, the "RHIHL Connected Persons Group");
- (ii) the companies and entities held or controlled by Paliburg Holdings Limited ("PHL") (collectively, the "PHL Connected Persons Group");
- (iii) the Trustee and companies within the same group or otherwise "associated" with the Trustee (collectively, the "Trustee Connected Persons Group"); and
- (iv) Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited ("Savills"), the principal valuer of Regal REIT, and companies within the same group or otherwise "associated" with Savills (collectively, the "Valuer Connected Persons Group").

#### **RHIHL CONNECTED PERSONS GROUP**

#### (a) RHIHL Lease Agreements

Each of Bauhinia Hotels Limited, in relation to Regal Airport Hotel, Cityability Limited, in relation to Regal Hongkong Hotel, Gala Hotels Limited, in relation to Regal Oriental Hotel, Regal Riverside Hotel Limited, in relation to Regal Riverside Hotel and Ricobem Limited, in relation to Regal Kowloon Hotel, the direct owners of the Initial Hotels, respectively, (collectively, the "Initial Hotel – Property Companies" and each referred to as the "Initial Hotel – Property Company") entered into separate RHIHL Lease Agreements with Favour Link International Limited (the "RHIHL Lessee") in relation to the leasing of the Initial Hotels on 16th March, 2007. The RHIHL Lessee is a member of the RHIHL Connected Persons Group. The terms of the RHIHL Lease Agreements expire on 31st December, 2015.

Under the terms of each RHIHL Lease Agreement, the RHIHL Lessee makes lease payments to the Initial Hotel – Property Company and is entitled to operate and manage the Initial Hotel owned by the Initial Hotel – Property Company and, accordingly, all income received from the operation of the relevant Initial Hotel shall, during the terms of the RHIHL Lease Agreements, be retained by the RHIHL Lessee.

During the year, the total contractual lease income under the RHIHL Lease Agreements amounted to HK\$817.9 million including Base Rent, Variable Rent and other rental income.

#### (b) Initial Hotels Management Agreements

Under the terms of each RHIHL Lease Agreement, the RHIHL Lessee has delegated the operation and management of the relevant Initial Hotel to Regal Hotels International Limited (the "Hotel Manager") by entering into the Initial Hotels Management Agreement among (1) the relevant Initial Hotel – Property Company, (2) the RHIHL Lessee, (3) the Hotel Manager, (4) Regal Asset Holdings Limited and (5) RHIHL, for a term of 20 years from 16th March, 2007.

Each Initial Hotel – Property Company is a party to an Initial Hotels Management Agreement on terms including that, upon the expiry or termination of any RHIHL Lease Agreement, the Hotel Manager will continue to manage the relevant Initial Hotel in accordance with the Initial Hotels Management Agreement.

Regal Asset Holdings Limited, the indirect holding company of each Initial Hotel – Property Company, is a party to the Initial Hotels Management Agreements. During the term of the RHIHL Lease Agreements, Regal Asset Holdings Limited shall maintain a cash reserve for furniture, fixtures and equipment for the respective Initial Hotels.

The RHIHL Lessee and the Hotel Manager are members of the RHIHL Connected Persons Group.

### (c) RHIHL Lease Guarantees

RHIHL has guaranteed to pay all amounts from time to time owing or payable by the RHIHL Lessee to the Initial Hotel – Property Companies under the RHIHL Lease Agreements, when the same become due, together with other charges and outgoings, interest, default interest, fees and costs. The lease guarantees (the "RHIHL Lease Guarantees") also contain indemnities in respect of all guaranteed liabilities.

#### (d) RHIHL Deed of Trade Mark Licence

Regal International Limited, a member of the RHIHL Connected Persons Group, entered into a deed of trade mark licence (the "RHIHL Deed of Trade Mark Licence") with the REIT Manager and the Regal REIT Group on 2nd March, 2007. Regal International Limited granted to the REIT Manager and each Initial Hotel – Property Company, inter alia, a non-exclusive and non-transferable licence to use its registered trade marks or service marks, in any jurisdiction where such marks are registered and free of any royalty, for the purpose of describing the ownership of each Initial Hotel and/or use in connection with the business of each Initial Hotel.

#### (e) iClub Hotel Management Agreement

On 23rd December, 2010, Regal REIT (via Sonnix Limited (the "Regal iClub Hotel – Property Company")) entered into the iClub Hotel Management Agreement with the Hotel Manager, a member of the RHIHL Connected Persons Group, in respect of the management of the business of Regal iClub Hotel for a 10-year term commencing on 1st January, 2011 and expiring on 31st December, 2020, at a management fee comprised of a base fee which is equal to 2% of the gross hotel revenue derived from Regal iClub Hotel and an incentive fee which is equal to 5% of the excess of the gross operating profit of Regal iClub Hotel over the base fee and certain fixed charges for each fiscal year during the term of the iClub Hotel Management Agreement. Reference can be made to the announcement dated 23rd December, 2010 published by the REIT Manager in relation to this connected party transaction.

#### **REIT Manager Fees**

Regal Portfolio Management Limited, a member of the RHIHL Connected Persons Group, was appointed as the REIT Manager of Regal REIT. REIT Manager fees aggregating HK\$95.3 million for such services rendered during the year were settled and/or are to be settled pursuant to the provisions of the Trust Deed.

#### Waiver from Strict Compliance

A waiver (the "RHIHL Connected Persons Group's Waiver") from strict compliance with the disclosure and Unitholders' approval requirements under Chapter 8 of the REIT Code, in respect of the RHIHL Lease Agreements, Initial Hotels Management Agreements, RHIHL Lease Guarantees and RHIHL Deed of Trade Mark Licence described above, was granted by the SFC on 5th March, 2007 subject to the terms and conditions as set out in the offering circular dated 19th March, 2007 issued in connection with the listing of Units (the "Offering Circular").

During the year, Regal REIT has complied with the terms and conditions of the RHIHL Connected Persons Group's Waiver.

#### PHL CONNECTED PERSONS GROUP AND RHIHL CONNECTED PERSONS GROUP

#### (a) Share Purchase Agreement

On 28th June, 2013, Regal REIT, acting through the Trustee, entered into the Share Purchase Agreement with P&R Holdings Limited ("P&R Holdings", a joint venture equally owned by PHL and RHIHL, in turn, being a member of the PHL Connected Persons Group and the RHIHL Connected Persons Group), PHL, RHIHL and the REIT Manager, pursuant to which the Trustee agreed to acquire 100% of the issued share capital and shareholder loans of Plentiful Investments Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of P&R Holdings, which indirectly holds the new hotel located at Nos. 132-140 Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan (the "Sheung Wan Hotel") under development for a total consideration of HK\$1,580 million, based on the valuation of the hotel property as of 25th June, 2013 by an independent property valuer on an as-completed basis (the "SW Transaction"). The SW transaction had received the approval by the independent Unitholders at the general meeting held on 18th July, 2013.

Subsequent to the year under review, the development of the Sheung Wan Hotel was completed and all other conditions (including the obtaining of its occupation permit required under the Buildings Ordinance (Chapter 123 of the Laws of Hong Kong)) to completion of the SW Transaction had also been satisfied. On 10th February, 2014, Regal REIT completed the SW Transaction at a final total consideration of approximately HK\$1,581.1 million, comprising the purchase price of HK\$1,580 million and a current asset adjustment of HK\$1.1 million. The Sheung Wan Hotel will be named as "iclub Sheung Wan Hotel" under the "iclub by Regal" brand. This 34-storey iclub Sheung Wan Hotel consists of 248 guestrooms comprising 223 standard rooms, 18 one-bedroom suites and 7 two-bedroom suites.

Upon completion of the SW Transaction, members of the Regal REIT Group entered into various continuing connected party transactions with members of the RHIHL Connected Persons Group in relation to the new lease agreement, the new lease guarantee and the new hotel management agreement in respect of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel on 10th February, 2014. References can be made to the related announcements dated 29th June, 2013, 18th July, 2013 and 10th February, 2014 and the related circular to Unitholders dated 29th June, 2013, as published by the REIT Manager, for further details of the SW Transaction.

#### (b) Option Agreement

On 28th June, 2013, Regal REIT, acting through the Trustee, entered into the Option Agreement with P&R Holdings, a member of the PHL Connected Persons Group and the RHIHL Connected Persons Group, PHL, RHIHL and the REIT Manager, pursuant to which the Trustee was granted a call option (the "NP Option") entitling Regal REIT (or its trustee or nominee), at the REIT Manager's sole discretion, to acquire 100% of the issued share capital and shareholder loans of Fortune Mine Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of P&R Holdings, which indirectly through its wholly-owned subsidiary owns the new hotel located at Nos. 14-20 Merlin Street, North Point, Hong Kong (the "North Point Hotel"), being developed by P&R Holdings, at an initial exercise price of HK\$1,650 million, likewise based on the valuation of the property as of 25th June, 2013 by the independent property valuer on an ascompleted basis (the "NP Transaction"). The NP Option had received the approval by the independent Unitholders at the general meeting held on 18th July, 2013. The North Point Hotel will consist of 32 storeys with 338 guestrooms. The NP Option has not yet been exercised during the year under review. References can be made to the related announcements dated 29th June, 2013, 18th July, 2013 and 10th February, 2014 and the related circular to Unitholders dated 29th June, 2013, as published by the REIT Manager, for further details of the NP Option.

#### (c) Vendor Facility Agreement

On 28th June, 2013, Regal REIT, acting through the Trustee (as borrower), entered into a facility letter (the "Vendor Facility Letter") in respect of the vendor facility (the "Vendor Facility"), which relates to a Hong Kong dollar two-year unsecured standby loan facility of up to an aggregate principal amount of HK\$1,457 million (which may be drawn down in two tranches), bearing an interest rate of 4.375% per annum, with such interest being payable quarterly, with P&R Finance Limited (as lender), a member of both the PHL Connected Persons Group and the RHIHL Connected Persons Group, pursuant to which in the event of any shortfall in the funding required for the completion of the SW Transaction and/or NP Transaction, Regal REIT may draw down on the Vendor Facility to fund the shortfall if the REIT Manager considers that other financing options with terms and conditions to its satisfaction cannot be secured at the time of completion of the SW Transaction and the NP Transaction, respectively. References can be made to the related announcements dated 29th June, 2013 and 18th July, 2013 and the related circular to Unitholders dated 29th June, 2013, as published by the REIT Manager, for further details of the Vendor Facility.

#### Waiver from Strict Compliance

On 17th July, 2013, the SFC granted (subject to the terms and conditions as set out in the announcement dated 18th July, 2013 published by the REIT Manager) a waiver from strict compliance with the disclosure and Unitholders' approval requirements under Chapter 8 of the REIT Code in respect of the new lease agreements, the new lease guarantees and the new hotel management agreements in respect of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel and/or the North Point Hotel entered and/or to be entered into between members of Regal REIT Group and members of the RHIHL Connected Persons Group upon and after the completion of the SW Transaction and/or the NP Transaction.

#### **TRUSTEE CONNECTED PERSONS GROUP**

#### **Corporate Finance Transactions**

On 11th January, 2013, R-REIT International Finance Limited (the "Issuer"), a special purpose vehicle wholly-owned by Regal REIT, established a US\$1 billion medium term note (the "Notes") programme (the "MTN Programme"). The Notes may be issued by the Issuer from time to time, and will be guaranteed by the Trustee. Pursuant to a fiscal and paying agency agreement dated 11th January, 2013 relating to the MTN Programme entered into by the Issuer, the Trustee (as guarantor), Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch (as fiscal agent, transfer agent, paying agent and, in respect of each series of CMU Notes, as registrar), Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A. (as register in respect of each series of Notes other than the CMU Notes) and Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch, both are members of the Trustee Connected Persons Group, provide registrar, fiscal, paying and transfer agency services to Regal REIT in connection with the MTN Programme and the Notes issued thereunder for an annual fee of US\$2,000.

#### **Ordinary Banking Services**

Regal Asset Holdings Limited engaged Deutsche Bank AG, a member of the Trustee Connected Persons Group, to provide ordinary banking and financial services such as bank deposits during the year in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Regal REIT Group and on normal commercial terms.

#### The Trustee Fees

DB Trustees (Hong Kong) Limited, a member of the Trustee Connected Persons Group, was appointed as the Trustee of Regal REIT. For services rendered in this capacity, Regal REIT paid the Trustee fees aggregating HK\$3.7 million pursuant to the Trust Deed for the year ended 31st December, 2013.

#### Waiver from Strict Compliance

A waiver (the "Trustee Connected Persons Group's Waiver") from strict compliance with the disclosure and Unitholders' approval requirements under Chapter 8 of the REIT Code, in respect of the above transactions with connected persons (as defined in paragraph 8.1 of the REIT Code) of the Trustee was granted by the SFC on 5th March, 2007 subject to certain conditions as set out in the Offering Circular.

During the year, Regal REIT has complied with the terms and conditions of the Trustee Connected Persons Group's Waiver.

#### VALUER CONNECTED PERSONS GROUP

Savills, a member of the Valuer Connected Persons Group, was appointed as the principal valuer of Regal REIT. During the year, an amount of approximately HK\$1.1 million in aggregate was charged by Savills for the rendering of valuation services in its capacity as the principal valuer of Regal REIT.

#### **CONFIRMATION BY THE INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

The Independent Non-executive Directors of the REIT Manager have reviewed the terms of all relevant connected party transactions including those connected party transactions with the RHIHL Connected Persons Group, the PHL Connected Persons Group, the Trustee Connected Persons Group and the Valuer Connected Persons Group and were satisfied that those transactions were entered into:

- (a) in the ordinary and usual course of business of Regal REIT;
- (b) on normal commercial terms (to the extent that they are comparable transactions) or, where there are insufficient comparable transactions to assess whether they are on normal commercial terms, on terms no less favourable to Regal REIT than terms available to or from (as appropriate) independent third parties; and
- (c) in accordance with the relevant agreements and deeds and the REIT Manager's internal procedures governing them (if any) on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of Unitholders as a whole.

# **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The REIT Code requires Connected Persons (as defined in paragraph 8.1 of the REIT Code) of Regal REIT to disclose their interests in the Units. As well, the provisions of Part XV of the SFO are deemed by the Trust Deed to apply to the REIT Manager, the directors or the chief executives of the REIT Manager, and to persons interested in the Units.

#### HOLDINGS OF SIGNIFICANT UNITHOLDERS

As at 31st December, 2013, the following significant Unitholders (as defined in paragraph 8.1 of the REIT Code) (not being a director or chief executive of the REIT Manager) had an interest in the Units as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO:

Total number of issued Units held	Approximate percentage of the issued Units as at 31st December, 2013 <sup>(x)</sup>
2,443,033,102 (Note i)	74.99%
2,443,033,102 (Notes i & ii)	74.99%
2,440,346,102 (Notes iii & iv)	74.92%
2,440,346,102 (Notes iii & v)	74.92%
2,439,613,739 (Notes vi & vii)	74.89%
2,439,613,739 (Notes vi & viii)	74.89%
1,817,012,072 (Note ix)	55.78%
373,134,326 (Note ix)	11.45%
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Notes:

- (i) The interests in 2,443,033,102 Units held by each of CCIHL and CCBVI were the same parcel of Units, which were directly held by wholly-owned subsidiaries of CCBVI, PDBVI, RBVI and Cosmopolitan International Holdings Limited ("Cosmopolitan"), respectively.
- (ii) CCBVI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CCIHL and its interests in Units are deemed to be the same interests held by CCIHL.
- (iii) The interests in 2,440,346,102 Units held by each of PHL and PDBVI were the same parcel of Units, which were directly held by wholly-owned subsidiaries of PDBVI, RBVI and Cosmopolitan, respectively.



- (iv) PHL is a listed subsidiary of CCBVI, which held an approximately 62.21% shareholding interest in PHL as at 31st December, 2013, and its interests in Units are deemed to be the same interests held by CCBVI.
- (v) PDBVI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PHL and its interests in Units are deemed to be the same interests held by PHL.
- (vi) The interests in 2,439,613,739 Units held by each of RHIHL and RBVI were the same parcel of Units, which were directly held by wholly-owned subsidiaries of RBVI and Cosmopolitan.
- (vii) RHIHL is a listed subsidiary of PDBVI, which held an approximately 58.16% shareholding interest in RHIHL as at 31st December, 2013, and its interests in Units are deemed to be the same interests held by PDBVI.
- (viii) RBVI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RHIHL and its interests in Units are deemed to be the same interests held by RHIHL.
- (ix) These companies are wholly-owned subsidiaries of RBVI and their respective direct interests in Units are deemed to be the same interests held by RBVI.
- (x) The approximate percentages were calculated based on 3,257,431,189 Units in issue as at 31st December, 2013.

Save as disclosed herein, there were no other persons who, as at 31st December, 2013, had interests in Units which are recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO.

#### HOLDINGS OF THE REIT MANAGER, DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE REIT MANAGER

As at 31st December, 2013, the interests of the REIT Manager, directors and chief executives of the REIT Manager in Units, which (a) are as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO; or (b) are as otherwise notified to the REIT Manager and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code in the Listing Rules, were as follows:

Name of the REIT Manager and Director of the REIT Manager	Total number of issued Units held	Approximate percentage of the issued Units as at 31st December, 2013(iii)
LO Yuk Sui	2,443,033,102 (Note i)	74.99%
Regal Portfolio Management Limited	120,381,598 (Note ii)	3.70%

Notes:

- (i) The interests in 2,443,033,102 Units were the same parcel of Units held through CCIHL in which Mr. Lo Yuk Sui held approximately 58.24% shareholding interest as at 31st December, 2013.
- (ii) Regal Portfolio Management Limited is the Manager of Regal REIT (as defined under the REIT Code).
- (iii) The approximate percentages were calculated based on 3,257,431,189 Units in issue as at 31st December, 2013.

Save as disclosed herein, as at 31st December, 2013, none of the REIT Manager, the directors and the chief executives of the REIT Manager had any interests in Units, which (a) are required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (b) are required, pursuant to the Model Code to be notified to the REIT Manager and the Stock Exchange. Save for the interests of the Significant Unitholders, the REIT Manager and the Director of the REIT Manager (also being the Connected Persons of the Regal REIT) in Units as disclosed herein, the REIT Manager is not aware of any other Connected Persons of Regal REIT holding any Units.

# **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS**

For the year ended 31st December, 2013

	Notes	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
		HK\$ 000	HK\$ 000
REVENUE			
Gross rental revenue	5	823,049	798,020
Gross hotel revenue	5	43,913	46,330
		866,962	844,350
Property and hotel operating expenses	-	(29,856)	(29,960)
Net rental and hotel income	5	837,106	814,390
Other income and gain	6	39,836	674
Depreciation	12	(8,147)	(7,382)
Fair value changes on investment properties	13	(90,749)	3,068,038
REIT Manager fees	7	(95,298)	(88,656)
Trust, professional and other expenses	8	(20,777)	(10,862)
Finance costs – excluding distributions to Unitholders	9 -	(225,678)	(132,473)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS		436,293	3,643,729
Income tax expense	10	(93,735)	(94,930)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR, BEFORE DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS		342,558	3,548,799
Finance costs – distributions to Unitholders	-	(469,070)	(410,436)
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR, AFTER DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS	-	(126,512)	3,138,363
EARNINGS PER UNIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS			
Basic and diluted	11	HK\$0.105	HK\$1.089

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31st December, 2013

	Notes	2013	2012
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR, BEFORE DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS		342,558	3,548,799
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Other comprehensive income/(loss) to be reclassified to			
profit or loss in subsequent periods: Cash flow hedges:			
Changes in fair values of cash flow hedges		(7,380)	23,206
Transfer from hedging reserve to consolidated statement of			,
profit or loss	-	6,103	7,288
Net other comprehensive income/(loss) to be reclassified to			
profit or loss in subsequent periods	_	(1,277)	30,494
Other comprehensive income/(loss) not to be reclassified to profit or loss			
in subsequent periods:			
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of property Income tax effect	12 22	(34,876)	132,144
	- 22	5,755	(21,804)
Net other comprehensive income/(loss) not to be reclassified to			
profit or loss in subsequent periods	-	(29,121)	110,340
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR, NET OF TAX	_	(30,398)	140,834
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR,			
BEFORE DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS	_	312,160	3,689,633

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31st December, 2013

	31st December,	31st December,
Not	tes 2013	2012
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment 12	2 <b>700,000</b>	740,000
Investment properties 13	<b>20,380,000</b>	20,292,000
Deposit 1	<b>948,000</b>	
Total non-current assets	22,028,000	21,032,000
Current assets		
Accounts receivable 14	4 <b>54,897</b>	98,216
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables 1!	5 <b>1,018,293</b>	1,939
Due from related companies 270	b) <b>209</b>	—
Tax recoverable	1,470	—
Restricted cash 10	5 <b>51,868</b>	44,237
Cash and cash equivalents	7 <b>48,214</b>	25,364
Total current assets	1,174,951	169,756
Total assets	23,202,951	21,201,756
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable 18	3 <b>131,936</b>	73,354
Deposits received	2,673	131
Due to related companies 270	b) —	210
Other payables and accruals	38,403	14,058
Interest-bearing bank borrowings 19	<b>154,794</b>	4,794
Tax payable	7,818	25,362
Total current liabilities	335,624	117,909
Net current assets	839,327	51,847
Total assets less current liabilities	22,867,327	21,083,847

No		31st December, 2012 HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities, excluding net assets		
attributable to Unitholders		
Interest-bearing bank borrowings 1	9 <b>4,762,627</b>	4,776,065
Other borrowings 2	0 <b>1,922,720</b>	_
Derivative financial instruments 2	1 4,076	2,778
Deposits received		2,547
Deferred tax liabilities 2	2 <b>403,768</b>	371,411
Total non-current liabilities	7,093,191	5,152,801
Total liabilities, excluding net assets attributable to Unitholders	7,428,815	5,270,710
Net assets attributable to Unitholders	15,774,136	15,931,046
Number of Units in issue 2	3 <b>3,257,431,189</b>	3,257,431,189
Net asset value per Unit attributable to Unitholders 2	4 HK\$4.843	HK\$4.891

The consolidated financial statements on pages 55 to 104 were approved and authorised for issue by Regal Portfolio Management Limited as the Manager of Regal REIT on 31st March, 2014 and were signed on its behalf by:

**FRANCIS CHIU** Executive Director **LO YUK SUI** Chairman

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

For the year ended 31st December, 2013

				Property		
	Units HK\$'000	Capital reserve HK\$'000	Hedging reserve HK\$'000	revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Net assets as at 1st January, 2013 Profit for the year Other comprehensive loss for the year:	8,432,356 —	15,876 —	(1,497) —	261,163 —	7,223,148 342,558	15,931,046 342,558
Cash flow hedges Loss on revaluation of property,	_	_	(1,277)	(20, 121)	-	(1,277)
net of tax Total comprehensive income for the year, before				(29,121)		(29,121)
distributions to Unitholders Transfer of depreciation on hotel properties	_	_	(1,277)	(29,121) (2,273)	342,558 2,273	312,160
Finance costs – distributions to Unitholders					(469,070)	(469,070)
Net assets as at 31st December, 2013	8,432,356	15,876	(2,774)	229,769	7,098,909	15,774,136

For the year ended 31st December, 2012

	Units HK\$'000	Capital reserve HK\$'000	Hedging reserve HK\$'000	Property revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Net assets as at 1st January, 2012 Profit for the year Other comprehensive income for the year:	8,432,356 —	15,876 —	(31,991)	152,735 —	4,082,873 3,548,799	12,651,849 3,548,799
Cash flow hedges Gain on revaluation of property,	_	_	30,494	_	_	30,494
net of tax Total comprehensive income				110,340		110,340
for the year, before distributions to Unitholders Transfer of depreciation	_	_	30,494	110,340	3,548,799	3,689,633
on hotel properties Finance costs – distributions to Unitholders	_	_	_	(1,912)	1,912 (410,436)	 (410,436)
Net assets as at 31st December, 2012	8,432,356	15,876	(1,497)	261,163	7,223,148	15,931,046

### **DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

For the year ended 31st December, 2013

	Notes	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
Profit for the year, before distributions to Unitholders		342,558	3,548,799
Adjustments: Amounts set aside for the furniture, fixtures and equipment reserve Amortisation of debt establishment costs Fair value changes on investment properties Depreciation Deferred tax charge	(e)	(38,867) 56,377 90,749 8,147 38,112	(77,889) 22,107 (3,068,038) 7,382 32,297
Distributable income for the year	(a) & (b)	497,076	464,658
	_	HK\$	HK\$
Distributions per Unit:			
Interim	(a)	0.067	0.063
Final	(b), (c) & (d)	0.083	0.077
	_	0.150	0.140

#### Notes:

(a) Pursuant to the Trust Deed, Regal REIT is required to ensure that the total amount distributed to Unitholders shall not be less than 90% of Regal REIT's total distributable income as defined in the Trust Deed ("Total Distributable Income") for each financial year. The current policy of the REIT Manager is to distribute to Unitholders no less than 90% of Regal REIT's Total Distributable Income for each financial year. The amount of any distribution for the interim period of each financial year is at the discretion of the REIT Manager. The REIT Manager resolved to make an interim distribution of HK\$0.067 per Unit for the six months ended 30th June, 2013, resulting in a total amount of interim distribution of HK\$218.2 million.

- (b) Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the REIT Manager determines the date (the "Record Date") in respect of each distribution period for the purpose of establishing Unitholder entitlements to distributions. The Record Date has been set as 19th May, 2014 in respect of the final distribution for the period from 1st July, 2013 to 31st December, 2013. The final distribution will be paid out to Unitholders on or about 26th May, 2014. The total amount of final distribution to be paid to Unitholders of HK\$270.4 million is arrived at based on the final distribution per Unit of HK\$0.083 and the number of Units expected to be in issue at the Record Date that are entitled to distributions as detailed in note (c) below. The total amount of the distributions to Unitholders for the year, being the total of the interim distribution of HK\$218.2 million and the final distribution of HK\$270.4 million, amounted to HK\$488.6 million or 98.3% of the Total Distributable Income for the year.
- (c) The number of Units expected to be entitled to distributions for the period from 1st July, 2013 to 31st December, 2013 is 3,257,431,189. This does not take into consideration any Units which may be repurchased and cancelled or any other changes in the number of the issued Units subsequent to the approval of the consolidated financial statements but before the Record Date.
- (d) The final distribution of HK\$0.083 per Unit for the period from 1st July, 2013 to 31st December, 2013, involving an amount of HK\$270.4 million, was resolved and declared by the REIT Manager on 31st March, 2014. Accordingly, the distribution is not reflected as a distribution payable in the consolidated financial statements and will be reflected in the consolidated financial statements for the year ending 31st December, 2014. The final distribution for the period from 1st July, 2012 to 31st December, 2012 of HK\$250.8 million is included in the amount of distributions paid during the year as reported in the current year consolidated financial statements.
- (e) Amounts set aside by Regal REIT for the furniture, fixtures and equipment reserve (the "FF&E Reserve") with respect to Regal Airport Hotel, Regal Hongkong Hotel, Regal Kowloon Hotel, Regal Oriental Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel (collectively, the "Initial Hotels" and each referred to as the "Initial Hotel"), and Regal iClub Hotel aggregated HK\$38.9 million (2012: HK\$77.9 million).

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the year ended 31st December, 2013

	Notes	2013	2012
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before tax and distributions to Unitholders Adjustments for:		436,293	3,643,729
Fair value changes on investment properties	13	90,749	(3,068,038)
Interest income	6	(39,542)	(240)
Finance costs - excluding distributions to Unitholders	9	225,678	132,473
Depreciation	12	8,147	7,382
		721,325	715,306
Decrease/(increase) in accounts receivable		43,319	(45,281)
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments, deposits and other receivables		(126)	754
Increase in amounts due from related companies		(209)	—
Increase in restricted cash		(3)	(58)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable		58,582	(14,252)
Decrease in deposits received		(5)	(73)
Decrease in amounts due to related companies		(210)	(92)
Increase/(decrease) in other payables and accruals		18,044	(7,584)
Cash generated from operations		840,717	648,720
Interest received		2,286	240
Interest paid		(161,663)	(142,902)
Hong Kong profits tax paid		(74,637)	(35,334)
Net cash flows from operating activities		606,703	470,724
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of items of property, plant and equipment		(3,023)	(238)
Additions to investment properties		(178,749)	(69,962)
Increase in deposits		(1,948,000)	_
Increase in restricted cash		(7,025)	(12,419)
Interest received		21,028	
Cash flows used in investing activities		(2,115,769)	(82,619)

Notes	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
New bank borrowings, net of debt establishment costs	4,588,480	4,767,332
Repayment of bank borrowings	(4,507,200)	(4,780,900)
Increase in other borrowings, net of debt establishment costs	1,920,309	_
Distributions paid	(469,070)	(410,436)
Decrease/(increase) in restricted cash	(603)	37,466
Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activities	1,531,916	(386,538)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	22,850	1,567
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	25,364	23,797
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR	48,214	25,364
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and bank balances 17	48,214	25,364

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December, 2013

#### 1. GENERAL

Regal Real Estate Investment Trust ("Regal REIT") is a Hong Kong collective investment scheme authorised under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and its units (the "Units") were listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") on 30th March, 2007 (the "Listing Date"). Regal REIT is governed by a trust deed (the "Trust Deed") dated 11th December, 2006 (date of establishment), made between Regal Portfolio Management Limited (the "REIT Manager") and DB Trustees (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Trustee") (as amended by the first supplemental trust deed dated 2nd March, 2007, the second supplemental trust deed dated 15th May, 2008, the third supplemental trust deed dated 3rd May, 2011 and the sixth supplemental trust deed dated 21st July, 2011) and the Code on Real Estate Investment Trusts (the "REIT Code") issued by the Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC").

The principal activity of Regal REIT and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") is to own and invest in incomeproducing hotels, serviced apartments or commercial properties (including office properties) with the objectives of producing stable and growing distributions to the unitholders of Regal REIT (the "Unitholders") and to achieve longterm growth in the net asset value per Unit.

The addresses of the registered office of the REIT Manager and the Trustee are Unit No. 1504, 15th Floor, 68 Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong and Level 52, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong, respectively.

### 2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (which include all Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. In addition, these consolidated financial statements include the relevant provisions of the Trust Deed and the relevant disclosure requirements set out in Appendix C of the REIT Code. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for property, plant and equipment, investment properties and derivative financial instruments which have been measured at fair value. These consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars, the functional currency of Regal REIT, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2013. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as Regal REIT, using consistent accounting policies. The results of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which the Group obtains control, and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases.

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

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

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

#### 2.2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

The Group has adopted the following new and revised HKFRSs for the first time for the current year's financial statements.

HKFRS 1 Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 1 First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial
	Reporting Standards – Government Loans
HKFRS 7 Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments:
	Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities
HKFRS 10	Consolidated Financial Statements
HKFRS 11	Joint Arrangements
HKFRS 12	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities
HKFRS 10, HKFRS 11 and	Amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 11 and HKFRS 12 – Transition Guidance
HKFRS 12 Amendments	
HKFRS 13	Fair Value Measurement
HKAS 1 Amendments	Amendments to HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements
	- Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income
HKAS 19 (2011)	Employee Benefits
HKAS 27 (2011)	Separate Financial Statements
HKAS 28 (2011)	Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures
HK(IFRIC)-Int 20	Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine
Annual Improvements	Amendments to a number of HKFRSs issued in June 2012
2009-2011 Cvcle	

Other than as further explained below regarding the impact of HKFRS 13 and amendments to HKAS 1, the adoption of the new and revised HKFRSs has had no significant financial effect on these financial statements.

- (a) HKFRS 13 provides a precise definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across HKFRSs. The standard does not change the circumstances in which the Group is required to use fair value, but rather provides guidance on how fair value should be applied where its use is already required or permitted under other HKFRSs. HKFRS 13 is applied prospectively and the adoption has had no material impact on the Group's fair value measurements. As a result of the guidance in HKFRS 13, the policies for measuring fair value have been amended. Additional disclosures required by HKFRS 13 for the fair value measurements of property, plant and equipment, investment properties and financial instruments are included in note 29 to the financial statements.
- (b) The HKAS 1 Amendments change the grouping of items presented in other comprehensive income ("OCI"). Items that could be reclassified (or recycled) to profit or loss at a future point in time (for example, exchange differences on translation of foreign operations, net movement on cash flow hedges and net loss or gain on available-for-sale financial assets) are presented separately from items which will never be reclassified (for example, the revaluation of land and buildings). The amendments have affected the presentation only and have had no impact on the financial position or performance of the Group. The consolidated statement of comprehensive income has been restated to reflect the changes. In addition, the Group has chosen to use the new title "statement of profit or loss" as introduced by the amendments in these financial statements.

#### 2.3 ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

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

HKFRS 9	Financial Instruments <sup>4</sup>
HKFRS 9, HKFRS 7 and HKAS 39 Amendments	Hedge Accounting and amendments to HKFRS 9, HKFRS 7 and HKAS 39 <sup>4</sup>
HKFRS 10, HKFRS 12 and HKAS 27 (2011) Amendments	Amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 12 and HKAS 27 (2011) – Investment Entities <sup>1</sup>
HKFRS 14	Regulatory Deferral Accounts <sup>3</sup>
HKAS 19 Amendments	Amendments to HKAS 19 <i>Employee Benefits – Defined Benefit Plans:</i> <i>Employee Contributions</i> <sup>2</sup>
HKAS 32 Amendments	Amendments to HKAS 32 <i>Financial Instruments:</i> <i>Presentation – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities</i> <sup>1</sup>
HKAS 36 Amendements	Amendments to HKAS 36 <i>Impairment of Assets – Recoverable Amount</i> <i>Disclosures for Non-financial Asset</i> <sup>1</sup>
HKAS 39 Amendments	Amendments to HKAS 39 <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and</i> <i>Measurement – Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge</i> <i>Accounting</i> <sup>1</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-Int 21	Levies <sup>1</sup>
Annual Improvements 2010-2012 Cycle	Amendments to a number of HKFRSs issued in January 2014 <sup>2</sup>
Annual Improvements 2011-2013 Cycle	Amendments to a number of HKFRSs issued in January 2014 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2014

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st July, 2014

<sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2016

<sup>4</sup> No mandatory effective date yet determined but is available for adoption

Further information about those HKFRSs that are expected to be applicable to the Group is as follows:

HKFRS 9 issued in November 2009 is the first part of phase 1 of a comprehensive project to entirely replace HKAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. This phase focuses on the classification and measurement of financial assets. Instead of classifying financial assets into four categories, an entity shall classify financial assets as subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value, on the basis of both the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. This aims to improve and simplify the approach for the classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of HKAS 39.

In November 2010, the HKICPA issued additions to HKFRS 9 to address financial liabilities (the "Additions") and incorporated in HKFRS 9 the current derecognition principles of financial instruments of HKAS 39. Most of the Additions were carried forward unchanged from HKAS 39, while changes were made to the measurement of financial liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss using the fair value option ("FVO"). For these FVO liabilities, the amount of change in the fair value of a liability that is attributable to changes in credit risk must be presented in OCI. The remainder of the change in fair value is presented in profit or loss, unless presentation of the fair value change in respect of the liability's credit risk in OCI would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit or loss. However, loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts which have been designated under the FVO are scoped out of the Additions.

In December 2013, the HKICPA added to HKFRS 9 the requirements related to hedge accounting and made some related changes to HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7 which include the corresponding disclosures about risk management activity for applying hedge accounting. The amendments to HKFRS 9 relax the requirements for assessing hedge effectiveness which result in more risk management strategies being eligible for hedge accounting. The amendments also allow greater flexibility on the hedged items and relax the rules on using purchased options and non-derivative financial instruments as hedging instruments. In addition, the amendments to HKFRS 9 allow an entity to apply only the improved accounting for own credit risk-related fair value gains and losses arising on FVO liabilities as introduced in 2010 without applying the other HKFRS 9 requirements at the same time.

HKAS 39 is aimed to be replaced by HKFRS 9 in its entirety. Before this entire replacement, the guidance in HKAS 39 on impairment of financial assets continues to apply. The previous mandatory effective date of HKFRS 9 was removed by the HKICPA in December 2013 and a mandatory effective date will be determined after the entire replacement of HKAS 39 is completed. However, the standard is available for application now. The Group will quantify the effect in conjunction with other phases, when the final standard including all phases is issued.

Amendments to HKFRS 10 include a definition of an investment entity and provide an exception to the consolidation requirement for entities that meet the definition of an investment entity. Investment entities are required to account for subsidiaries at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with HKFRS 9 rather than consolidate them. Consequential amendments were made to HKFRS 12 and HKAS 27 (2011). The amendments to HKFRS 12 also set out the disclosure requirements for investment entities. The Group expects that these amendments will not have any impact on the Group as Regal REIT is not an investment entity as defined in HKFRS 10.

The HKAS 32 Amendments clarify the meaning of "currently has a legally enforceable right to set off" for offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities. The amendments also clarify the application of the offsetting criteria in HKAS 32 to settlement systems (such as central clearing house systems) which apply gross settlement mechanisms that are not simultaneous. The amendments are not expected to have any impact on the financial position or performance of the Group upon adoption on 1st January, 2014.

### 2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Subsidiaries**

A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity), directly or indirectly, controlled by Regal REIT. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee (i.e., existing rights that give the Group the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee).

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

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

#### Unitholders' funds

In accordance with the Trust Deed, Regal REIT has a limited life of eighty years less one day from the date of its commencement, and it is required to distribute to the Unitholders no less than 90% of its Total Distributable Income for each financial year. Accordingly, Regal REIT has contractual obligations to the Unitholders to pay cash dividends and also, upon the termination of Regal REIT, a share of all net cash proceeds derived from the sale or realisation of the assets of Regal REIT less any liabilities, in accordance with the proportionate interests of the Unitholders in Regal REIT at the date of its termination. The Unitholders' funds are, therefore, classified as financial liabilities in accordance with HKAS 32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*.

#### Fair value measurement

The Group measures its property, plant and equipment, investment properties and derivative financial instruments at fair value at the end of each reporting period. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability. The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Group. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is observable, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by reassessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

The policies and procedures for both recurring fair value measurement, such as investment properties, property, plant and equipment, and derivative financial instruments, and for non-recurring measurement are determined by the Trust Deed. The REIT Manager shall select and recommend one or more property valuers to the Trustee and the Trustee shall, subject to the provisions in the Trust Deed and the REIT Code, on the written instructions of the REIT Manager, appoint a property valuer recommended by the REIT Manager for the valuation of the Group's properties.

The REIT Manager has discussions with the external valuer on the valuation assumptions and valuation results twice a year when the valuation is performed for interim and annual financial reporting.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Group has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

Where an indication of impairment exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required (other than financial assets and investment properties), the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's or cash-generating unit's value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal, and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets, in which case the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

An impairment loss is recognised only if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. An impairment loss is charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the period in which it arises, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policy for that revalued asset.

An assessment is made at the end of each reporting period as to whether there is an indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognised impairment loss of an asset is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount of that asset, but not to an amount higher than the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of any depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of such an impairment loss is credited to the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the period in which it arises, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policy for that revalued asset.

#### **Related parties**

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

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

or

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

#### Property, plant and equipment and depreciation

Property, plant and equipment are stated at valuation less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use.

Expenditure incurred after items of property, plant and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, is normally charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where the recognition criteria are satisfied, the expenditure for a major inspection is capitalised in the carrying amount of the asset as a replacement. Where significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Group recognises such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciates them accordingly.

Valuations are performed frequently enough to ensure that the fair value of a revalued asset does not differ materially from its carrying amount. Changes in the values of property, plant and equipment are dealt with as movements in the asset revaluation reserve. If the total of this reserve is insufficient to cover a deficit, on an individual asset basis, the excess of the deficit is charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss. Any subsequent revaluation surplus is credited to the consolidated statement of profit or loss to the extent of the deficit previously charged. An annual transfer from the asset revaluation reserve to retained profits is made for the difference between the depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of an asset and the depreciation based on the asset's original cost. On disposal of a revalued asset, the relevant portion of the asset revaluation reserve realised in respect of previous valuations is transferred to retained profits as a movement in reserves.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis to write off the cost of each item of property, plant and equipment to its residual value over its estimated useful life. The principal annual rate used for hotel properties is over the lease term (for land) and over the shorter of the lease term and 2.5% (for building together with furniture, fixtures and equipment).

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost of that item is allocated on a reasonable basis among the parts and each part is depreciated separately. Residual values, useful lives and the depreciation method are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at least at each financial year end.

An item of property, plant and equipment including any significant part initially recognised is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss on disposal or retirement recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised is the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the relevant asset.

#### **Investment properties**

Investment properties are interests in land and buildings, including properties under construction/renovation for future use as investment property, held to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation, rather than for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes; or for sale in the ordinary course of business. Such properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at fair value, which reflects market conditions at the end of the reporting period.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair values of investment properties are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the year in which they arise.

Any gains or losses on the retirement or disposal of an investment property are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the year of the retirement or disposal.

Property being constructed, renovated or developed for future use as an investment property is classified as an investment property. When the fair value of properties under construction/renovation is not reliably determinable, such properties are stated at cost and remeasured at fair value at the earlier of when the fair value first becomes reliably determinable and when the construction/renovation/development of the property is completed.

For a transfer from investment properties to owner-occupied properties, the deemed cost of a property for subsequent accounting is its fair value at the date of change in use.
## Investments and other financial assets

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as loans and receivables. When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value plus transaction costs that are attributable to the acquisition of the financial assets.

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, that is, the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

#### Subsequent measurement of loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial measurement, such assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less any allowance for impairment. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and includes fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The effective interest rate amortisation and the loss arising from impairment are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

## Derecognition of financial assets

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

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

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if and to what extent it has retained the risk and rewards of ownership of the asset. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the Group continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement. In that case, the Group also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

## Impairment of financial assets

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. An impairment exists if one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset have an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or the group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Evidence of impairment may include indications that a debtor or a group of debtors is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation and observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

### Financial assets carried at amortised cost

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the Group first assesses whether impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is, or continues to be, recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

The amount of any impairment loss identified is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not yet been incurred). The present value of the estimated future cash flows is discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e., the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition).

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the loss is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. Interest income continues to be accrued on the reduced carrying amount and is accrued using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss. Loans and receivables together with any associated allowance are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery and all collateral has been realised or has been transferred to the Group.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the estimated impairment loss increases or decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is increased or reduced by adjusting the allowance account. If a write-off is later recovered, the recovery is credited to the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

## **Financial liabilities**

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

#### Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification as follows:

#### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Group that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined by HKAS 39. Separated embedded derivatives are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments. Gains or losses on liabilities held for trading are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. The net fair value gain or loss recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss does not include any interest charged on these financial liabilities.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss are designated at the date of initial recognition and only if the criteria in HKAS 39 are satisfied.

## Loans and borrowings

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost. Gains and losses are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the effective interest rate amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The effective interest rate amortisation is included in finance costs in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

## Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

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

## Offsetting of financial instruments

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

### Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

#### Initial recognition and subsequent measurement

The Group uses derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps, to hedge its interest rate risk. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at fair value. Derivatives are carried as assets when the fair value is positive and as liabilities when the fair value is negative.

Any gains or losses arising from changes in fair value of derivatives are taken directly to the consolidated statement of profit or loss, except for the effective portion of cash flow hedges, which is recognised in other comprehensive income and later reclassified to profit or loss when the hedged item affects profit or loss.

For the purpose of hedge accounting, hedges are classified as cash flow hedges when hedging the exposure to variability in cash flows that is either attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction, or a foreign currency risk in an unrecognised firm commitment.

At the inception of a hedge relationship, the Group formally designates and documents the hedge relationship to which the Group wishes to apply hedge accounting, the risk management objective and its strategy for undertaking the hedge. The documentation includes identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item or transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the Group will assess the hedging instrument's effectiveness of changes in the hedging instrument's fair value in offsetting the exposure to changes in the hedged item's fair value or cash flows attributable to the hedged risk. Such hedges are expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows and are assessed on an ongoing basis to determine that they actually have been highly effective throughout the financial reporting periods for which they were designated.

Hedges which meet the strict criteria for hedge accounting are accounted for as follows:

### Cash flow hedges

The effective portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised directly in other comprehensive income in the hedging reserve, while any ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Amounts recognised in other comprehensive income are transferred to the consolidated statement of profit or loss when the hedged transaction affects profit or loss, such as when hedged financial income or financial expense is recognised or when a forecast sale occurs. Where the hedged item is the cost of a non-financial asset or nonfinancial liability, the amounts recognised in other comprehensive income are transferred to the initial carrying amount of the non-financial asset or non-financial liability.

If the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised without replacement or rollover (as part of the hedging strategy), or if its designation as a hedge is revoked, or when the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income remain in other comprehensive income until the forecast transaction occurs or the foreign currency firm commitment is met.

#### Current versus non-current classification

Derivative instruments that are not designated as effective hedging instruments are classified as current or noncurrent or separated into current and non-current portions based on an assessment of the facts and circumstances (i.e., the underlying contracted cash flows):

- Where the Group expects to hold a derivative as an economic hedge (and does not apply hedge accounting) for a period beyond 12 months after the end of the reporting period, the derivative is classified as non-current (or separated into current and non-current portions) consistently with the classification of the underlying item.
- Embedded derivatives that are not closely related to the host contract are classified consistently with the cash flows of the host contract.
- Derivative instruments that are designated as, and are effective hedging instruments, are classified consistently with the classification of the underlying hedged items. The derivative instruments are separated into current portions and non-current portions only if a reliable allocation can be made.

## **Provisions**

A provision is recognised when a present obligation (legal or constructive) has arisen as a result of a past event and it is probable that a future outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, provided that a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

When the effect of discounting is material, the amount recognised for a provision is the present value at the end of the reporting period of the future expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation. The increase in the discounted present value amount arising from the passage of time is included in finance costs in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

## Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in values, and have a short maturity of generally within three months when acquired, less bank overdrafts which are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of financial position, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and at banks, including term deposits, which are not restricted as to use.

## Income tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss, either in other comprehensive income or directly in net assets.

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period, taking into consideration interpretations and practices prevailing in the countries/jurisdictions in which the Group operates.

Deferred tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the end of the reporting period between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except:

- when the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, when the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, the carryforward of unused tax credits and any unused tax losses. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, the carryforward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- when the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary differences arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at the end of each reporting period and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

#### **Operating leases**

Leases where substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets remain with the lessor are accounted for as operating leases. Where the Group is the lessor, assets leased by the Group under operating leases are included in non-current assets, and rentals receivable under the operating leases are credited to the consolidated statement of profit or loss on the straight-line basis over the lease terms. Where the Group is the lessee, rentals payable under operating leases net of any incentives received from the lessor are charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss on the straight-line basis over the lease terms.

#### **Revenue recognition**

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and when the revenue can be measured reliably, on the following bases:

- (a) Base Rent from operating leases, on a straight-line basis over the terms of the relevant leases;
- (b) Variable Rent, in the accounting period in which they are earned in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements;
- (c) hotel revenue, in the period in which such service is rendered;
- (d) other rental income, on a time proportion basis over the lease terms; and
- (e) interest income, on an accrual basis using the effective interest method by applying the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts over the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, when appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

#### **Foreign currency transactions**

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars, which is Regal REIT's functional and presentation currency. Foreign currency transactions recorded by the entities in the Group are initially recorded using their respective functional currency rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency rates of exchange ruling at the end of the reporting period. Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

## 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Group's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and their accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of the assets or liabilities affected in the future.

### Judgements

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements:

#### Operating lease commitments – Group as lessor

The Group has entered into commercial property leases on its investment property portfolio. The Group has determined, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, that it retains all the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these properties which are leased out on operating leases.

### Classification between investment properties and owner-occupied properties

The Group determines whether a property qualifies as an investment property, and has developed criteria in making that judgement. Investment property is a property held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both. Therefore, the Group considers whether a property generates cash flows largely independently of the other assets held by the Group. Some properties comprise a portion that is held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation and another portion that is held for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes. If these portions could be sold separately or leased out separately under a finance lease, the Group accounts for the portions separately. If the portions could not be sold separately, the property is an investment property only if an insignificant portion is held for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes. Judgement is made on an individual property basis to determine whether ancillary services are so significant that a property does not qualify as an investment property.

#### Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities

Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities require the Group to make judgements on the designation of the hedging relationship of the Group's derivatives and their hedge effectiveness. These judgements determine if the changes in fair values of the derivative instruments are recognised directly in other comprehensive income in the hedging reserve or any ineffective element is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) are determined by using valuation techniques. The Group uses judgements to select a variety of methods and make assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period. The Group uses a discounted cash flow analysis for its derivative financial instruments that are not traded in active markets.

## **Estimation uncertainty**

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below.

#### Estimation of fair values of investment properties and property, plant and equipment

The fair value of each investment property and property, plant and equipment is individually determined at the end of each reporting period by an independent valuer based on a market value assessment. The valuer has relied on the discounted cash flow analysis and the capitalisation of income approach as its primary methods, supported by the direct comparison method. These methodologies are based upon estimates of future results and a set of assumptions specific to each property to reflect its tenancy or occupancy, and cash flow profile. The discounted cash flow projections of each investment property and property, plant and equipment are based on reliable estimates of expected future cash flows, supported by the terms of any existing leases, other contracts, projection of hotel operating income and (when possible) by external evidence, and using discount rates that reflect current market assessments of the uncertainty in the amounts and timing of the cash flows. In respect of the leases of each investment property, plant and equipment, due consideration has also been given to the expectation of the renewal of the leases with the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region upon expiry without paying any land premiums, which is a widely accepted practice used in the property market, including by other real estate investment trusts in Hong Kong.

#### Deferred tax assets

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses carried forward to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the carryforward of unused tax losses can be utilised. Recognition of deferred tax primarily involves judgements and estimations regarding the future performance of the Group. A variety of other factors are also evaluated in considering whether there is convincing evidence that it is probable that some portions or all of the deferred tax assets will ultimately be realised, such as tax planning strategies and the periods in which estimated tax losses can be utilised. The carrying amounts of deferred tax assets and related taxable profits projections are reviewed at the end of each reporting period.

#### 4. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating segments of the Group are identified on the basis of internal reports about the components of the Group which are regularly reviewed by the Group's chief operating decision-maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated to segments and assess their performance. Information reported to the Group's chief operating decision-maker, for the above-mentioned purposes, is mainly focused on the segment results related to the nature of properties, namely, the hotel properties and the mixed use property. For management purposes, the two reportable operating segments are (i) the hotel properties segment which invested in the Initial Hotels; and (ii) the mixed use property segment which invested in the Regal iClub Hotel, which is made up of the hotel portion and non-hotel portions.

The operating segments of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2013 are as follows:

	Hotel	Mixed Use	
	Properties	Property	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Segment revenue			
Gross rental revenue	817,927	5,122	823,049
Gross hotel revenue		43,913	43,913
Total	817,927	49,035	866,962
Segment results	807,184	29,922	837,106
Fair value changes on investment properties	(108,749)	18,000	(90,749)
Depreciation	_	(8,147)	(8,147)
Bank interest income			2,286
Other income and gain			37,550
REIT Manager fees			(95,298)
Trust, professional and other expenses			(20,777)
Finance costs - excluding distributions to Unitholders		_	(225,678)
Profit before tax and distributions to Unitholders		=	436,293

The operating segments of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2012 are as follows:

	Hotel Properties HK\$'000	Mixed Use Property HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>Segment revenue</b> Gross rental revenue Gross hotel revenue	792,930 	5,090 46,330	798,020 46,330
Total	792,930	51,420	844,350
Segment results	781,809	32,581	814,390
Fair value changes on investment properties Depreciation Bank interest income Other income REIT Manager fees Trust, professional and other expenses Finance costs - excluding distributions to Unitholders	3,050,310 —	17,728 (7,382)	3,068,038 (7,382) 240 434 (88,656) (10,862) (132,473)
Profit before tax and distributions to Unitholders			3,643,729

## Segment assets and liabilities

As part of the Group's performance assessment, the fair values of investment properties and property, plant and equipment are reviewed by the Group's chief operating decision-maker.

As at 31st December, 2013, the Group's segment assets, comprised of aggregate fair values of the investment properties and property, plant and equipment in the hotel properties segment and the mixed use property segment amounting to HK\$20,200,000,000 (2012: HK\$20,130,000,000) and HK\$880,000,000 (2012: HK\$902,000,000), respectively.

Save as set out above, no other assets and liabilities are included in the assessment of the Group's segment performance.

#### Other segment information

	Year ended 31st December, 2013		
	Hotel	Mixed Use	
	Properties HK\$'000	Property HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Capital expenditures	178,749	3,023	181,772
	Year ended 31st December, 2012		
	Hotel	Mixed Use	
	Properties	Property	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital expenditures	69,690	510	70,200

Capital expenditures consist of additions to investment properties and property, plant and equipment.

#### Information about a major customer

Revenue of HK\$817,927,000 (2012: HK\$792,930,000) was derived from the lease of the hotel properties to a single lessee which is a related company.

### **Geographical information**

The Group's investment properties and property, plant and equipment are all located in Hong Kong.

# 5. NET RENTAL AND HOTEL INCOME

Revenue, which is also the Group's turnover, represents the gross rental revenue received and receivable from its investment properties, and gross hotel revenue during the year.

The net rental and hotel income represents the aggregate of:

- (a) Net rental income, being the gross rental revenue less property operating expenses; and
- (b) Net hotel income, being the gross hotel revenue less hotel operating expenses.

An analysis of the net rental and hotel income is as follows:

	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
Gross rental revenue		
Rental income		
– Initial Hotels (Note)	807,497	783,619
– Regal iClub Hotel – Non-hotel portions	5,122	5,090
Others	10,430	9,311
	823,049	798,020
Property operating expenses	(11,221)	(11,571)
Net rental income	811,828	786,449
Gross hotel revenue	43,913	46,330
Hotel operating expenses	(18,635)	(18,389)
Net hotel income	25,278	27,941
Net rental and hotel income	837,106	814,390
Note:		
An analysis of the rental income is as follows:		
	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000

Base Rent	734,000	645,000
Variable Rent	73,497	138,619
	807,497	783,619

## 6. OTHER INCOME AND GAIN

	2013	2012
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bank interest income	2,286	240
Interest income on deposits	37,256	—
Foreign exchange differences, net	256	—
Sundry	38	434
_	39,836	674
7. REIT MANAGER FEES		
	2013	2012
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Base Fees in the form of cash	69,602	63,605
Variable Fees in the form of cash	25,696	25,051
_	95,298	88,656

Under the Trust Deed, the REIT Manager is entitled to receive the following:

- a base fee (the "Base Fee") of currently 0.3% (subject to a maximum of 0.5%) per annum of the consolidated gross assets of Regal REIT which is payable monthly (in the form of Units and/or cash) and subject to adjustments (in the form of cash) based on the value of the audited total assets of Regal REIT as at the end of the reporting period for the relevant financial year; and
- a variable fee (the "Variable Fee") of currently 3% (subject to a maximum of 5%) per annum of the net property income for the relevant financial year as defined in the Trust Deed in respect of each Initial Hotel and Regal iClub Hotel, which is payable annually.

For the financial year 2013, the REIT Manager elected to receive its Base Fees and Variable Fees in the form of cash. Details of which can be referred to an announcement published on 14th December, 2012.

# 8. TRUST, PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER EXPENSES

	2013 НК\$′000	2012 HK\$'000
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit fees	1,520	1,400
Non-audit fees	2,470	639
Legal and other professional fees	10,119	3,401
Trustee fees	3,735	3,305
Valuation fees	730	720
Other expenses	2,203	1,397
	20,777	10,862

Regal REIT did not appoint any directors and the Group did not engage any employees during the year (2012: Nil) and, accordingly, no director and employee benefit expenses were incurred during the year (2012: Nil).

# 9. FINANCE COSTS - EXCLUDING DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS

	2013	2012
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Total interest expenses on financial liabilities not at fair value		
through profit or loss:		
Interest expenses on interest-bearing bank borrowings wholly		
repayable within five years	106,912	102,828
Interest expenses on other borrowings wholly repayable within five years	55,549	—
Amortisation of debt establishment costs	56,377	22,107
	218,838	124,935
Fair value changes on derivative financial instruments		
<ul> <li>– cash flow hedge (transfer from hedging reserve)</li> </ul>	6,103	7,288
Loan commitment fees	237	
Loan agency fees	500	250
-	225,678	132,473

### **10. INCOME TAX**

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2012: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the year.

	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
Charge for the year Overprovision in prior years Deferred (note 22)	55,925 (302) 38,112	63,701 (1,068) 32,297
Total tax charge for the year	93,735	94,930

A reconciliation of the tax charge applicable to profit before tax and distributions to Unitholders at the Hong Kong statutory tax rate of 16.5% (2012: 16.5%) to the tax charge at the Group's effective tax rate is as follows:

	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
Profit before tax and distributions to Unitholders	436,293	3,643,729
Tax at the statutory tax rate Adjustments in respect of current tax of previous periods Income not subject to tax	71,988 (302) (378)	601,215 (1,068) (506,266)
Expenses not deductible for tax Others	21,081 1,346	1,286 (237)
Tax charge at the Group's effective rate	93,735	94,930

## **11. EARNINGS PER UNIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS**

The calculation of the basic earnings per Unit attributable to Unitholders is based on the profit for the year before distributions to Unitholders of HK\$342,558,000 (2012: HK\$3,548,799,000) and the weighted average of 3,257,431,189 Units (2012: 3,257,431,189 Units) in issue during the year. The basic earnings per Unit attributable to Unitholders for the year amounted to HK\$0.105 (2012: HK\$1.089).

The diluted earnings per Unit attributable to Unitholders is the same as the basic earnings per Unit attributable to Unitholders as there were no dilutive instruments in issue during the year.

## 12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Hotel Properties HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2012	615,000
Additions Surplus on revaluation Depreciation provided during the year	238 132,144 (7,382)
At 31st December, 2012 and 1st January, 2013	740,000
Additions Deficit on revaluation Depreciation provided during the year	3,023 (34,876) (8,147)
At 31st December, 2013	700,000

The Group's property, plant and equipment represents the value of land and building together with furniture, fixtures and equipment of Regal iClub Hotel for the hotel portion. The REIT Manager has determined that the property, plant and equipment constitute one class of asset (i.e. hotel property) based on the nature, characteristics and risks of the property. The property, plant and equipment was revalued by Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited ("Savills"), an independent professional property valuer and the principal valuer of Regal REIT, at HK\$700,000,000 as at 31st December, 2013. A revaluation deficit of HK\$34,876,000 resulting from the 31st December, 2013 valuation has been charged to other comprehensive income.

The property, plant and equipment is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy (see note 29).

The Regal iClub Hotel is situated in Hong Kong and is held under a long term lease, and has been pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group (note 19).

The carrying amount of the Group's property, plant and equipment would have been HK\$424,827,000 had such assets been stated in the consolidated financial statements at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Further particulars of the Group's hotel properties are included on page 163.

### **13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

The REIT Manager has determined that the investment properties constitute two classes of asset (i.e. hotel and commercial properties) based on the nature, characteristics and risks of each property.

	Hotel properties HK\$'000	Commercial properties HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1st January, 2012	17,010,000	144,000	17,154,000
Fair value changes Capital expenditures for the year	3,050,310 69,690	17,728 272	3,068,038 69,962
At 31st December, 2012 and 1st January, 2013	20,130,000	162,000	20,292,000
Fair value changes Capital expenditures for the year	(108,749) 178,749	18,000	(90,749) 178,749
At 31st December, 2013	20,200,000	180,000	20,380,000

The Group's investment properties were revalued by Savills, an independent professional property valuer and the principal valuer of Regal REIT, at HK\$20,380,000,000 as at 31st December, 2013. The investment properties are leased to a related party and other commercial tenants under operating leases, further details of which are included in note 25(a) to the consolidated financial statements.

The investment properties are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy (see note 29).

The Group's investment properties, which are situated in Hong Kong and are held under medium to long term leases. Only three of the five Initial Hotels, namely, Regal Airport Hotel, Regal Hongkong Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel have been pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group (note 19).

Further particulars of the Group's investment properties are included on pages 162 to 163.

## **14. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
Variable Rent receivables Accounts receivable	53,688 1,209	96,800 1,416
	54,897	98,216

The ages of the Group's accounts receivable as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, are within 3 months. The Group has no accounts receivable that are past due at the end of the reporting period.

The Variable Rent receivables represent amounts due from a related company which has no recent history of default. The amounts are unsecured, interest-free and repayable within one year in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements.

The general credit terms for accounts receivable are 30 days. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management.

## 15. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2013	2012
	НК\$'000	HK\$'000
Prepayments	408	270
Deposits	1,949,657	1,669
Other receivables	16,228	
	1,966,293	1,939

Deposits in the amount of HK\$1,212,000 (2012: HK\$1,212,000) were placed with a related company with respect to services provided to Regal iClub Hotel. The amounts are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

Pursuant to the share purchase and option agreements both dated 28th June, 2013, deposits in the amount of HK\$1,948,000,000 (2012: Nil) were placed with a related company with respect to the acquisitions of the two hotels located in Sheung Wan and North Point. Save for the deposits of HK\$1,938,000,000 (2012: Nil) are interest-bearing at 4.3047% per annum, the remaining balances are interest-free.

## **16. RESTRICTED CASH**

The restricted cash of the Group was restricted as to use and mainly to be utilised for the purpose of servicing the finance costs and repayments on certain interest-bearing bank borrowings, funding the FF&E Reserve for use in the Initial Hotels and Regal iClub Hotel - Hotel portion, and deposits from certain tenants in respect of Regal iClub Hotel – Non-hotel portions.

## 17. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. The bank balances are deposited with creditworthy banks with no recent history of default.

# **18. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

	2013 HK\$′000	2012 HK\$'000
Amounts due to related companies Other accounts payable	131,792 144	72,929 425
	131,936	73,354

The amounts due to related companies are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand. For other accounts payable, they are unsecured, non interest-bearing and are normally settled within 90 days.

The ages of the Group's other accounts payable as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, are all within 3 months.

#### **19. INTEREST-BEARING BANK BORROWINGS**

	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	4,977,400	4,834,600
Debt establishment costs	(59,979)	(53,741)
	4,917,421	4,780,859
Portion classified as current liabilities	(154,794)	(4,794)
Non-current portion	4,762,627	4,776,065
Analysed into bank loans repayable:		
Within one year	154,794	4,794
In the second year	319,841	4,794
In the third to fifth years, inclusive	4,442,786	4,771,271
	4,917,421	4,780,859

The agreement for the term loan facility of HK\$4,500.0 million (the "2012 Term Loan Facility") entered into on 7th March, 2012 by Regal REIT through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, namely, Bauhinia Hotels Limited and Rich Day Investments Limited as the borrowers, for a term of three years to March 2015, was secured by five Initial Hotels and carried interest at 2.10% above the Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rates ("HIBOR"). The Group had entered into interest rate swap arrangements to hedge against the interest rate exposure for the 2012 Term Loan Facility for a notional amount of HK\$3.0 billion, details of which are set out in note 21.

On 23rd July, 2013, Regal REIT entered into a new facility agreement (the "2013 New Facility Agreement") for a new term loan facility of up to HK\$4,500.0 million (the "New Term Loan Facility") and a revolving facility of up to HK\$300.0 million (the "Revolving Facility") (together, the "2013 New Facilities"). The 2013 New Facilities bear HIBOR-based interest with a lower interest margin as compared to the 2012 Term Loan Facility. The final maturity of the 2013 New Facilities is on 20th July, 2018. The drawdown of the term loan of HK\$4.5 billion and the revolving loan of HK\$150 million were made on 29th August, 2013 and 4th October, 2013, respectively. The New Term Loan Facility was wholly used to early refinance the 2012 Term Loan Facility for the same principal amount, while the Revolving Facility is being used for the general corporate funding needs of Regal REIT. Moreover, the 2013 New Facilities is only secured on three of the five Initial Hotels, namely, Regal Airport Hotel, Regal Hongkong Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel. Upon drawdown of the New Term Loan Facility and repayment of the 2012 Term Loan Facility in August 2013, the remaining two Initial Hotels, namely, Regal Kowloon Hotel and Regal Oriental Hotel, became free of mortgages and are currently held on an unencumbered basis.

Regal REIT, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, namely, Sonnix Limited, has a bilateral loan facility of HK\$340.0 million (the "iclub Facility") for Regal iClub Hotel. The iclub Facility has a term of three years to February 2015, bears HIBOR-based interest and has no interest rate hedging in place.

As at the end of the reporting period, the iclub Facility had an outstanding amount of HK\$327.4 million, a portion of HK\$7.2 million is repayable quarterly and a final repayment portion of HK\$320.2 million is due on 24th February, 2015.

Bank borrowings under the 2013 New Facilities are guaranteed by Regal REIT and, on a joint and several basis, by certain individual companies of the Group. The iclub Facility is guaranteed by Regal REIT.

The Group's interest-bearing bank borrowings are also secured by, amongst others:

- (i) legal charges and debentures over the corresponding properties;
- (ii) an assignment of rental income and all other proceeds arising from and including all rights, titles and interests under all hotel management agreements and lease agreements, where appropriate, relating to the relevant properties;
- (iii) charges over each relevant rental account, sales proceeds account and other control accounts of the Group, if any;
- (iv) a floating charge over all of the undertakings, properties, assets and rights of each of the relevant companies of the Group; and
- (v) an equitable charge over the shares in the relevant companies of the Group.

#### **20. OTHER BORROWINGS**

	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
Other borrowings repayable in the third to fifth years, inclusive, at nominal amount	1,938,250	_
Discount and issue cost	(15,530) 1,922,720	

Subsequent to the establishment and listing of the US\$1 billion medium term note programme (the "MTN Programme") on 11th January, 2013, on 22nd March, 2013, by way of private placements, a series of unsecured 5-year term notes for an aggregate nominal principal amount of HK\$775.0 million at a coupon interest rate of 4.125% per annum were issued (the "March 2013 Notes"). The notes were issued at a discount at 99.44% of the nominal amount.

On 22nd May, 2013, by way of syndicated placements, another series of unsecured 5-year term notes for an aggregate nominal principal amount of US\$150.0 million at a coupon interest rate of 4.10% per annum were issued (the "May 2013 Notes"). The notes were issued at a discount at 99.553% of the nominal amount.

## 21. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	Liabilities	
	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
Interest rate swaps – cash flow hedges	4,076	2,778

The Group uses interest rate swaps to minimise its exposure to movements in interest rates in relation to certain portions of its floating rate term loans. As at 31st December, 2013, the interest rate swaps had an aggregate notional amount of HK\$3.0 billion (2012: HK\$3.0 billion) (note 19). The interest rate swaps will mature on 9th March, 2015 and the fixed swap interest rates range from 0.355% per annum to 0.483% per annum (2012: 0.355% per annum to 0.483% per annum) as at 31st December, 2013.

The above derivatives are measured at fair values at the end of the reporting period and are determined based on discounted cash flow models.

## 22. DEFERRED TAX

The movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year were as follows:

	Fair value			
	adjustments arising from revaluation of property, plant and equipment HK\$'000	Depreciation allowances in excess of related depreciation HK\$'000	Losses available for offsetting against future taxable profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Gross deferred tax assets/(liabilities) at 1st January, 2012 Deferred tax charged to other comprehensive	(30,181)	(297,920)	10,791	(317,310)
income during the year Deferred tax credited/(charged) to the consolidated	(21,804)	_	_	(21,804)
statement of profit or loss during the year (note 10)	378	(28,863)	(3,812)	(32,297)
Gross deferred tax assets/(liabilities) at 31st December, 2012	(51,607)	(326,783)	6,979	(371,411)
Gross deferred tax assets/(liabilities) at 1st January, 2013 Deferred tax credited to other	(51,607)	(326,783)	6,979	(371,411)
comprehensive income during the year Deferred tax credited/(charged) to the consolidated statement of profit or	5,755	-	_	5,755
loss during the year (note 10)	449	(37,719)	(842)	(38,112)
Gross deferred tax assets/(liabilities) at 31st December, 2013	(45,403)	(364,502)	6,137	(403,768)

For presentation purposes, certain deferred tax assets and liabilities have been offset in the consolidated statement of financial position.

## 23. NUMBER OF UNITS IN ISSUE

	Number of Units	
	2013	2012
At beginning of the year and at end of the year	3,257,431,189	3,257,431,189

## 24. NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

The net asset value per Unit attributable to Unitholders is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to Unitholders as at 31st December, 2013 of HK\$15,774,136,000 (2012: HK\$15,931,046,000) by the number of Units in issue of 3,257,431,189 (2012: 3,257,431,189) as at that date.

## 25. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

## (a) As lessor

The Group leases its investment properties, as set out in note 13, and certain premises under operating lease arrangements. At 31st December, 2013, the Group had total future minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable operating leases with its lessees falling due as follows:

	2013	2012
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	752,618	746,653
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	29,193	26,998
After five years	23,066	25,655
	804,877	799,306

Certain of the leases contain Base Rent and Variable Rent provisions.

Certain of the operating leases were entered into between the Group and a related company.

# (b) As lessee

The Group leases certain premises under operating lease arrangements which have been negotiated for terms ranging from 1 to 12 years. At 31st December, 2013, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases falling due as follows:

	2013 HK\$′000	2012 HK\$'000
Within one year In the second to fifth years, inclusive	8,677 29,193	7,577 26,058
After five years		25,655 59,290

The operating leases were entered into on behalf of a related company.

During the year ended 31st December, 2013, the total minimum lease payments under operating leases in respect of land and buildings included in property and hotel operating expenses of HK\$8,713,000 (2012: HK\$7,684,000) were charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

## 26. COMMITMENTS

In addition to the operating lease commitments detailed in note 25(b) above, the Group had the following capital commitments in respect of its properties at the end of the reporting period:

	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
Authorised, but not contracted for	37,592	39,980

# 27. CONNECTED AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the transactions and balances detailed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements, the Group had the following material transactions with connected and/or related parties during the year:

Connected/related parties	Relationship with the Group
DB Trustees (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Trustee")	The Trustee of Regal REIT
Deutsche Bank AG and its associates (the "Deutsche Bank Group")	Connected persons of the Trustee
Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited and other members of its group (collectively the "RHIHL Group")	Significant Unitholder of Regal REIT
Regal Portfolio Management Limited (the "REIT Manager")	The Manager of Regal REIT and a member of the RHIHL Group
Paliburg Holdings Limited and other members of its group (collectively the "PHL Group")	Controlling shareholders of the RHIHL Group
P&R Holdings Limited ("P&R Holdings")	A joint venture company held by the PHL Group and the RHIHL Group
Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited	The current principal valuer of the Group
Colliers International (Hong Kong) Limited	The former principal valuer of the Group

#### (a) Transactions with connected/related parties:

	Notes	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000
Rental income received/receivable from the RHIHL Group	(i)	817,927	792,930
Hotel management fees charged by the RHIHL Group	(ii)	(2,209)	(2,397)
Marketing fee charged by the RHIHL Group	(iii)	(439)	(463)
Building management fee charged by the PHL Group	(iv)	(454)	(416)
Interest income on deposits	(v)	37,256	—
Interest expense charged by the Deutsche Bank Group	(vi)	—	(2,716)
REIT Manager fees	(vii)	(95,298)	(88,656)
Trustee fees	(viii)	(3,735)	(3,305)
Valuation fees paid/payable to the principal valuer	(ix)	(1,090)	(1,243)

Notes:

- (i) The rental income earned by the Group was in accordance with the relevant agreements with respect to the Initial Hotel.
- (ii) Hotel management fees in respect of Regal iClub Hotel Hotel portion comprised of (a) a base fee, for an amount based on 2% of the gross hotel revenue, and (b) an incentive fee based on 5% of the excess of the gross operating profit over the base fee and fixed charges in accordance with the corresponding hotel management agreement.
- (iii) The marketing fee in respect of Regal iClub Hotel Hotel portion was charged at 1% of the gross hotel revenue of Regal iClub Hotel Hotel portion in accordance with the corresponding hotel management agreement.
- (iv) The building management fee was charged at a mutually agreed amount payable on a monthly basis in respect of Regal iClub Hotel Non-hotel portions.
- (v) The interest income earned by the Group was in accordance with the relevant agreements with respect to the acquisitions of two hotels located in Sheung Wan and North Point.
- (vi) The interest expense is related to bank balances maintained and interest rate swaps arranged with the Deutsche Bank Group. The incurred interest expense thereon was in accordance with the corresponding bank agreements and swap contracts with the Deutsche Bank Group.
- (vii) The REIT Manager is entitled to receive Base Fees and Variable Fees, details of which, including the terms, are set out in note 7 to the consolidated financial statements.
- (viii) The Trustee is entitled to receive trustee fees (calculated and payable quarterly) at rates ranging from 0.015% per annum to 0.025% per annum based on the value of all the assets of Regal REIT as at the end of the reporting period subject to a minimum of HK\$66,000 per month.
- (ix) The valuation fees were charged by the principal valuer in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreements.

	Notes	2013	2012
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net amounts due from/(to) the RHIHL Group:			
Variable Rent receivables	(i)	53,688	96,800
Accounts payable to related companies	(ii)	(131,792)	(72,929)
Other payables	(ii)	_	(42)
Amounts due from/(to) related companies	(ii)	209	(210)
Net amounts due from/(to) the PHL Group:			
Deposits paid	(ii)	1,212	1,212
Other payables and accruals	(ii)	_	(43)
Net amounts due from P&R Holdings:			
Deposits	(iii)	1,948,000	_
Interest receivable on deposits	(iii)	16,228	_
Net amounts due to:			
The Trustee	(iv)	(828)	(766)
The principal valuer	(v)	(550)	(780)
Restricted and non-restricted bank balances with			
the Deutsche Bank Group	(vi)	123	122

#### (b) Balances at 31st December with connected/related parties were as follows:

#### Notes:

- (i) Details of the balances are set out in note 14 to the consolidated financial statements.
- (ii) The amounts are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand/within one year.
- (iii) The amounts are unsecured and repayable in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreements.
- (iv) The amount is unsecured and repayable in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.
- (v) The amount is repayable in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreement.
- (vi) The bank balances earn interest at prevailing market rates.
- (c) The RHIHL Group has guaranteed to pay all amounts from time to time owing or payable by the lessee of the Initial Hotels to the Group under the respective lease agreements, when the same become due, together with other charges and outgoings, interest, default interest, fees and costs. In this connection, the RHIHL Group undertook to maintain a minimum consolidated tangible net worth (as defined in the relevant agreements) of HK\$4 billion. Under the Market Rental Package for 2013, the RHIHL Lessee has provided a third party guarantee as a security deposit for an amount of HK\$367.0 million (2012: HK\$322.5 million), which is equivalent to six months Base Rent for the year 2013, issued by a licensed bank in Hong Kong.
- (d) Under a deed of trade mark licence, the RHIHL Group granted the REIT Manager and companies holding the Initial Hotels within the Group a non-exclusive and non-transferable licence at nil consideration to use its registered trade marks or service marks for the purpose of describing the ownership of the Initial Hotels and/or use in connection with the business of the Initial Hotels.
- (e) On 23rd December, 2010, the Group entered into a hotel management agreement with a member of the RHIHL Group in respect of the management of the hotel portion of Regal iClub Hotel for a 10-year term commencing on 1st January, 2011 and expiring on 31st December, 2020.

# 28. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

The carrying amounts of each of the categories of financial instruments as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

# Financial assets

	Loans and receivables	
	2013	2012
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Accounts receivable	54,897	98,216
Financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	1,007,885	1,669
Due from related companies	209	—
Restricted cash	51,868	44,237
Cash and cash equivalents	48,214	25,364
	1,163,073	169,486

# **Financial liabilities**

		2013	
	Financial liabilities at		
	fair value through	Financial	
	profit or loss	liabilities at	
	– designated as	amortised	
	hedging instruments	cost	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Accounts payable	_	131,936	131,936
Deposits received	—	2,673	2,673
Other payables and accruals	—	38,403	38,403
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	—	4,917,421	4,917,421
Other borrowings	—	1,922,720	1,922,720
Derivative financial instruments	4,076		4,076
	4,076	7,013,153	7,017,229

		2012	
	Financial liabilities at		
	fair value through		
	profit or loss	Financial	
	– designated as	liabilities at	
	hedging instruments	amortised cost	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Accounts payable	_	73,354	73,354
Deposits received	—	2,678	2,678
Due to related companies	—	210	210
Other payables and accruals	—	14,058	14,058
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	—	4,780,859	4,780,859
Derivative financial instruments	2,778		2,778
	2,778	4,871,159	4,873,937

## 29. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

The fair values of the financial assets and liabilities represent the amounts for which the instruments that could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

Derivative financial instruments, including interest rate swaps, are measured using valuation techniques similar to forward pricing and swap models, using present value calculations. The models incorporate various market observable inputs including the credit quality of counterparties and interest rate curves. The carrying amounts of interest rate swaps are the same as their fair values.

## Fair value hierarchy

The following tables illustrate the fair value measurement hierarchy of the Group's financial instruments and non-financial assets:

#### Assets measured at fair value:

#### As at 31st December, 2013

	Fair value measurement using			
	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
Property, plant and equipment	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 700,000	HK\$'000 700,000
Investment properties			20,380,000	20,380,000
			21,080,000	21,080,000

During the year, there were no transfer of fair value measurements between Level 1 and Level 2 and no transfer into or out of Level 3. (2012: Nil).

## Liabilities measured at fair value:

## As at 31st December, 2013

	Fair value measurement using			
	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) HK\$'000	Significant observable inputs (Level 2) HK\$'000	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Derivative financial instruments	— — ·	4,076	HK\$ 000	4,076

As at 31st December, 2012

	Fair value measurement using			
	Quoted prices Significant Significant in active observable unobservable			
	markets	inputs	inputs	
	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Derivative financial instruments		2,778		2,778

During the year, there were no transfer of fair value measurements between Level 1 and Level 2 and no transfer into or out of Level 3. (2012: Nil).

Discounted cash flow method was used for the valuation of the investment properties and property, plant and equipment, with the following key inputs:

#### (a) Property, plant and equipment

Significant unobservable inputs	Range
Capitalisation rate	4.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Growth rate p.a.	approximately 3.0% to 6.0%
Occupancy rate	98%
Room rate per day	approximately HK\$1,300 to HK\$1,900
Gross operating profit (as a % of revenue)	approximately 66% to 67%

## (b) Investment properties

Significant unobservable inputs	Asset Class	Range
Capitalisation rate	Hotel and commercial	3.25% to 4.75%
Discount rate	Hotel and commercial	6.25% to 7.75%
Growth rate p.a.	Hotel	approximately 3.0% to 7.6%
Occupancy rate	Hotel	90% to 94%
Room rate per day	Hotel	approximately HK\$800 to HK\$2,300
Gross operating profit (as a % of revenue)	Hotel	approximately 42% to 56%
Estimated rental p.a.	Commercial	approximately HK\$5,700,000 to

approximately HK\$5,700,000 to HK\$8,700,000 Under the discounted cash flow method, fair value is estimated using assumptions regarding the benefits and liabilities of ownership over the asset's life including an exit or terminal value. This method involves the projection of a series of cash flows on a property interest. A market-derived discount rate is applied to the projected cash flow in order to establish the present value of the income stream associated with the asset. The exit yield is normally separately determined and differs from the discount rate.

The duration of the cash flows and the specific timing of inflows and outflows are determined by events such as rent reviews, lease renewal and related reletting, redevelopment or refurbishment. The appropriate duration is driven by market behaviour that is a characteristic of the class of property. The periodic cash flow is estimated as net rental income and gross operating profits less the FF&E reserve, building insurance, government rates and rent, base management fee and incentive fee. The series of periodic net operating income, along with an estimate of the terminal value anticipated at the end of the projection period, is then discounted.

A significant increase/(decrease) in the room rate, occupancy rate and growth rate per annum in isolation would result in a significant increase/(decrease) in the fair value of the hotel properties. A significant increase/(decrease) in capitalisation rate and discount rate in isolation would result in a significant (decrease)/increase in the fair value of the hotel properties. Generally, a change in the assumption made for the room rate is accompanied by a directionally similar change in the growth rate per annum and the discount rate.

## **30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The REIT Manager reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below.

#### Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's long-term bank borrowings with floating interest rates. Interest rate risk is managed by the REIT Manager on an ongoing basis with the primary objective of limiting the extent to which net interest expense could be affected by adverse movements in interest rates.

The Group has put in place interest rate swap arrangements to limit the variability in cash flows attributable to changes in interest rates. This involves fixing portions of interest payable on its underlying bank borrowings via derivative instruments. Details of interest rate swaps are set out in note 21 to the consolidated financial statements. These swaps are designated to hedge underlying bank borrowing obligations.

For Hong Kong dollar borrowings, assuming the amount of bank borrowings and interest rate swap contracts outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year, a 100 basis point increase in interest rates would have decreased the Group's profit before tax and distributions to Unitholders for the current year by HK\$19.8 million (2012: HK\$18.3 million). A 10 basis point decrease in interest rates would have increased the Group's profit before tax and distributions to Unitholders for the current year by HK\$2.0 million (2012: HK\$18.3 million).

For interest rate swap contracts, a 100 basis point increase in interest rates would have increased the Group's net assets attributable to Unitholders as at 31st December, 2013 by HK\$31.5 million (2012: HK\$61.9 million) as a result of fair value changes on derivative financial instruments. A 10 basis point decease in interest rates would have decreased the Group's net assets attributable to Unitholders as at 31st December, 2013 by HK\$4.6 million (2012: HK\$6.3 million).

The sensitivity to the interest rate used above is considered reasonable with the other variables held constant. The sensitivity for interest rate swap contracts is based on the assumption that there are parallel shifts in the yield curve.

## Credit risk

Credit risk is the potential financial loss which could result from the failure of a tenant or counterparty to settle its financial and contractual obligations to the Group as and when they fall due. The REIT Manager monitors the balances of its lessees on an ongoing basis. Currently, all the investment properties held by the Group are leased to lessees. Cash and fixed deposits are placed with authorised institutions which are regulated. Transactions involving financial instruments are carried out only with authorised institutions with sound credit ratings.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying amounts of such financial assets on the consolidated statement of financial position.

## Liquidity risk

The REIT Manager monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate to finance the Group's operations. In addition, the REIT Manager observes the REIT Code issued by the SFC concerning limits on total borrowings and monitors the level of borrowings of Regal REIT to be within the permitted limits.

The maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities as at the end of the reporting period, based on the contractual undiscounted payments, was as follows:

		<b>20</b> 1	3	
	On demand HK\$'000	Less than 12 months HK\$'000	1 to 5 years HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Accounts payable	131,792	144	_	131,936
Deposits received	—	2,673	_	2,673
Other payables and accruals	_	38,403	_	38,403
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	—	253,907	5,395,223	5,649,130
Other borrowings Derivative financial instruments	_	79,662 3,510	2,202,885 573	2,282,547 4,083
	131,792	378,299	7,598,681	8,108,772
		201	2	
		Less than	1 to 5	
	On demand	12 months	years	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Accounts payable	72,929	425	_	73,354
Deposits received	—	131	2,547	2,678
Due to related companies	—	210	—	210
Other payables and accruals	—	14,058	—	14,058
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	—	129,827	4,971,784	5,101,611
Derivative financial instruments		867	1,922	2,789
	72,929	145,518	4,976,253	5,194,700

The amount in respect of derivative financial instruments represents the net amount for receive-floating/pay-fixed interest rate swaps for which net cash flows are exchanged.

#### Capital management

The objective of the Group is to employ a growth oriented capital structure to maximise cash flows while maintaining flexibility in funding any future acquisitions. The Group's excess borrowing capacity will be available to meet future capital requirements relating to acquisitions of additional properties, as well as capital expenditures associated with the enhancement of the properties held by the Group.

The Group also adopts a prudent capital management policy to ensure that the leverage ratio will not exceed the threshold percentage under the REIT Code and relevant provisions in the banking facility agreements.

The Group monitors the capital management position using the loan-to-value ratio and the gearing ratio. At the end of the reporting period, the loan-to-value ratio in connection with certain utilised banking facilities is 37.2% to 38.4% (2012: 22.4% to 37.1%), which was below the thresholds as allowed under the respective banking facility agreements. At the end of the reporting period, the gearing ratio of Regal REIT was 29.8% (2012: 22.8%), being the gross amount of the outstanding loans and debts aggregating HK\$6,915.7 million (2012: HK\$4,834.6 million), which takes into account: (a) the new debts in relation to the March 2013 Notes and the May 2013 Notes issued under the MTN Programme for an aggregate amount of HK\$1,938.3 million; (b) the aggregate drawdown amount of the 2013 New Facilities of HK\$4,650.0 million; and (c) the iclub Facility of HK\$327.4 million, as compared to the total gross assets of Regal REIT of HK\$23,203.0 million (2012: HK\$21,201.8 million), which is below the maximum 45% permitted under the REIT Code.

#### 31. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The REIT Manager considers that the carrying amounts of the financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the consolidated financial statements approximated to their fair values at the end of the reporting period.

#### 32. SUBSIDIARIES

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries are as follows:

Name	Place of incorporation and operations	Nominal value of issued ordinary share capital	Percentage of equity attributable to the Group	Principal activities
Bauhinia Hotels Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	100	Hotel ownership
Cityability Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	100	Hotel ownership
Gala Hotels Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	100	Hotel ownership
Regal Asset Holdings Limited	Bermuda/Hong Kong	US\$12,000	100	Investment holding
Regal Riverside Hotel Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	100	Hotel ownership
Rich Day Investments Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1	100	Financing
Ricobem Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$100,000	100	Hotel ownership
Sonnix Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	100	Property ownership
<b>R-REIT</b> International Finance Limited	BVI	US\$1	100	Financing

The above table lists the subsidiaries of Regal REIT which, in the opinion of the REIT Manager, principally affected the results for the year or formed a substantial portion of the net assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the REIT Manager, result in particulars of excessive length.

## 33. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Subsequent to the year under review, on 10th February, 2014, Regal REIT completed the acquisition of the Sheung Wan Hotel (the "iclub Sheung Wan Hotel") at a final total consideration of approximately HK\$1,581 million, comprising the purchase price of HK\$1,580 million and a current asset adjustment of HK\$1.1 million (the "SW Transaction").

Upon completion of the SW Transaction, the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel was leased to the Lessee for use in hotel operations for the period from 10th February, 2014 to 31st December, 2019 under a new lease agreement, which is extendable at the option of Regal REIT for a further 5 years. The hotel manager of the Initial Hotels and Regal iClub Hotel was also appointed as the new hotel manager for the operation of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel under a 10-year hotel management agreement commencing on 10th February, 2014.

Concurrently, a new 5-year loan facilities with an aggregate principal amount of HK\$790.0 million (the "2014 New Facilities") comprising (a) a term loan facility of up to HK\$632.0 million; and (b) a revolving loan facility of up to HK\$158.0 million was granted by a bank under a facility agreement entered into by Tristan Limited (the direct holding company of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel which became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Regal REIT upon completion of the SW Transaction). The 2014 New Facilities bear HIBOR-based interest.

The gearing ratio of Regal REIT upon completion of the acquisition of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel was 31.7%. This calculation was based on the total asset value and total borrowings as at 31st December, 2013 and after taking into consideration the balance of the purchase price (being HK\$1,580.0 million as the fair value of the iclub Sheung Wan Hotel as at 25th June, 2013, as appraised by the independent property valuer on an as-completed basis) and the drawndown amount of the 2014 New Facilities.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**



#### To the Unitholders of Regal Real Estate Investment Trust

(A Hong Kong collective investment scheme authorised under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong))

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Regal Real Estate Investment Trust ("Regal REIT") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") set out on pages 55 to 104, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31st December, 2013, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in net assets, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the distribution statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Manager of Regal REIT is responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the relevant provisions of the trust deed dated 11th December, 2006, as supplemented by the first supplemental trust deed dated 2nd March, 2007, the second supplemental trust deed dated 15th May, 2008, the third supplemental trust deed dated 8th May, 2009, the fourth supplemental trust deed dated 23rd July, 2010, the fifth supplemental trust deed dated 3rd May, 2011 and the sixth supplemental trust deed dated 21st July, 2011 (the "Trust Deed") and the relevant disclosure requirements set out in Appendix C of the Code on Real Estate Investment Trusts (the "REIT Code") issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, and for such internal control as the Manager of Regal REIT determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Appendix C of the REIT Code, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### To the Unitholders of Regal Real Estate Investment Trust

(A Hong Kong collective investment scheme authorised under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong))

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Manager of Regal REIT, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the disposition of the assets and liabilities of the Group as at 31st December, 2013, and of the Group's profit and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Trust Deed and the relevant disclosure requirements set out in Appendix C of the REIT Code.

**Ernst & Young** *Certified Public Accountants* 

22/F, CITIC Tower 1 Tim Mei Avenue Central, Hong Kong

31st March, 2014

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# **PERFORMANCE TABLE**

#### As at 31st December, 2013

	Notes	Year ended 31st December, 2013	Year ended 31st December, 2012	Year ended 31st December, 2011	Year ended 31st December, 2010	Year ended 31st December, 2009
Net assets attributable to Unitholders (HK\$'million) Net asset value per Unit attributable		15,774.1	15,931.0	12,651.8	9,919.6	9,329.0
to Unitholders (HK\$) The highest traded price during the		4.843	4.891	3.884	3.060	2.911
year (HK\$) The lowest traded price during the	1	2.75	2.30	2.66	2.24	1.70
year (HK\$) The highest discount of the traded price to net asset value per Unit attributable		2.15	1.68	1.43	1.65	0.84
to Unitholders Distribution yield per Unit	2	55.61% 6.73%	65.65% 6.31%	63.18% 6.70%	46.08% 8.52%	71.14% 10.30%

Notes:

- 1. The highest traded price during all the relevant periods was lower than the net asset value per Unit attributable to Unitholders reported at the end of those periods. Accordingly, no premium on the traded price to net asset value per Unit attributable to Unitholders is presented.
- 2. Distribution yield per Unit for the year ended 31st December, 2013 is calculated by dividing the total distributions per Unit of HK\$0.150 over the closing price of HK\$2.23 as at 31st December, 2013, being the last trading day for the year. Details of the total distributions per Unit is set out in the section "Distribution Statement" on page 60.
# **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

#### TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF REGAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

(a Hong Kong collective investment scheme authorised under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong))

We hereby confirm that, in our opinion, the Manager of Regal Real Estate Investment Trust ("Regal REIT") has, in all material respects, managed Regal REIT in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed dated 11 December 2006 (as amended by first supplemental deed dated 2 March 2007, second supplemental deed dated 15 May 2008, third supplemental deed dated 8 May 2009, fourth supplemental deed dated 23 July 2010, fifth supplemental deed dated 3 May 2011 and sixth supplemental deed dated 21 July 2011), for the period from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013.

#### **DB Trustees (Hong Kong) Limited**

(in its capacity as the trustee of Regal REIT)

Hong Kong, 26th March, 2014

# VALUATION REPORT



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#### DB Trustees (Hong Kong) Limited

(as "Trustee" of Regal REIT) Level 52 International Commerce Centre 1 Austin Road West Kowloon Hong Kong

24 March 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

# RE: VALUATION OF REGAL AIRPORT HOTEL, REGAL HONGKONG HOTEL, REGAL KOWLOON HOTEL, REGAL ORIENTAL HOTEL, REGAL RIVERSIDE HOTEL AND REGAL ICLUB HOTEL IN HONG KONG (COLLECTIVELY THE "PROPERTIES")

In accordance with your instructions for us to value the Properties of Regal REIT, we confirm that we have carried out inspections, made relevant enquiries and searches and obtained such further information as we consider necessary for the purpose of providing you with our opinion of the market value of the Properties as at 31 December 2013 (the "Date of Valuation") for annual reporting purposes.

#### **Basis of Valuation**

Our valuation is our opinion of the market value of each of the Properties concerned which we would define as intended to mean "the estimated amount for which an asset or liability should exchange on the valuation date between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing and where the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion".

Market value is understood as the value of an asset or liability estimated without regard to costs of sale or purchase (or transaction) and without offset for any associated taxes or potential taxes.

We are independent of the Manager and the Trustee and our valuation of the Properties is prepared in accordance with "The HKIS Valuation Standards (2012 Edition)" published by The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors; and in compliance with the requirements contained in Chapter 5 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities issued by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and paragraph 6.8 of the Code on Real Estate Investment Trusts issued by The Securities and Futures Commission in April 2013.

#### Valuation Approach

In the course of our valuation analysis, we have principally adopted the Income Capitalization — Discounted Cash Flow Analysis and counter-checked by the Direct Comparison Approach.

#### Income Capitalization – Discounted Cash Flow Analysis ("DCF")

As the Properties are held for long term investment, we have adopted a 10-year projection time frame in our DCF. Such 10-year investment horizon enables an investor to make an assessment of the long-term return that is likely to be derived from the Properties.

In preparing the DCF, the income and expenses for the next ten years from the Date of Valuation are itemized and projected annually taking into account the expected growth (or decline) of incomes and expenses. The net cash flow over the ten-year period is discounted at a discount rate. In undertaking this analysis, we have relied to the actual results of operations of the Properties supplied by the Manager in respect of room sales, rental income from commercial area, outgoings, operating costs, gross operating profits, rent and rates. Our forecast of growth of room rates and occupancy rates of the Properties are based on the projected cash flow and budgeting prepared by the Manager and our analysis of relevant general and economic conditions and of the business prospects of the Properties.

The Properties are hypothetically assumed to be sold at the end of the ten years period. The net cash flow of each property from the 11th year onward to the unexpired term of the Government lease is capitalized at a terminal yield expected for this type of property investment in the market. Due consideration has been given to the expectation of the renewal of the Government lease upon expiry. This terminal rate of return is made by reference to the yields achieved in analyzed market sale of hotel premises and our knowledge of the market expectation from our day-to-day contact with property investors. This expected return reflects implicitly the quality of the investment, the expectation of the potential of future rental growth and capital appreciation, risk factor and the like. The capitalized future value is discounted at the discount rate.

We considered DCF is the most appropriate valuation approach for assessing the market value of the Properties as it would better reflect specific characteristics of the income-producing properties such as lease expiry profile, existing tenant covenants and level of passing and reversionary rents, lease duration, potential income growth, renewed rates, vacancy rates and all outgoings.

DCF is subject to various assumptions including incomes and expenses of the Properties and future economic conditions in the markets. The income and expense figures are mathematically extended and are fully dependent upon the accuracy of the assumptions as to incomes, expenses and market conditions.

#### Direct Comparison Approach

As a supporting approach to our valuations, we have considered the Direct Comparison Approach as a reference check for the valuations arrived from DCF. In this regard, comparable sale transactions around the Date of Valuation are collected and analyzed in term of a price per square foot. The rationale of this approach is to directly compare the market comparable transactions with a property to determine the market value. Appropriate adjustments are applied to the comparable transactions to adjust for the discrepancies between a property and the comparables.

#### **Title Investigation**

We have not been provided with extracts from title documents relating to the Properties but we have caused searches to be made at the Land Registry. We have not, however, searched the original documents to verify ownership or to ascertain the existence of any amendment which does not appear on the copies handed to us. We do not accept a liability for any interpretation which we have placed on such information which is more properly the sphere of your legal advisers.

#### **Source of Information**

We have relied to a very considerable extent on information given by the Manager and have accepted advice to us on such matters as planning approvals, statutory notices, easements, tenure, occupancy status, lettings, building plans, site and floor areas and all other relevant matters. We have no reason to doubt the truth and accuracy of the information provided to us by the Manager, and have been advised by the Manager that no material facts have been omitted from the information provided.

#### **Site Measurement**

We have not carried out detailed on-site measurements to verify the correctness of the floor areas in respect of the Properties but have assumed that the areas shown on the documents handed to us are correct. Dimensions, measurements and areas included in the valuation report are based on information contained in the documents provided to us by the Manager and are therefore only approximations.

#### Site Inspection

We have inspected the exterior of the Properties and where possible, we have also inspected the interior of the Properties. Our inspections of the Properties were carried out by Mr. Martin Wong, MRICS, on 9 January 2014. During the course of our inspections, we did not note any serious defect. However, no structural survey has been made and we are therefore unable to report as whether the Properties are free of rot, infestation or any other structural defect. No tests were carried out to any of the services.

#### **Valuation Assumptions**

Unless otherwise stated, our valuations have been made on the assumption that the Properties can be sold in the prevailing market without the benefit of any deferred term contracts, leasebacks, joint ventures, or any similar arrangements which would affect their market values of the Properties.

No allowance has been made in our report for any charge, mortgage or amount owing on the Properties nor for any expense or taxation which may be incurred in effecting a sale. Unless otherwise stated, it is assumed that all Properties are free from encumbrances, restrictions and outgoings of an onerous nature which could affect their values.

In addition, we have made the following assumptions in our valuations:-

- All information on the Properties provided by the Manager is correct.
- The Properties have been constructed, occupied and used in full compliance with, and without contravention of, all ordinances and regulations except only where otherwise stated.
- All tenancies and licences of the Properties as stated in the tenancy schedules provided to us are valid, binding and enforceable.
- Unless otherwise stated, we have not carried out any valuation on redevelopment basis, nor the study of possible alternative options.

#### Valuer's interest

We hereby certify that we have no present or prospective interest in the Properties and are not a related corporation of nor have a relationship with the Manager, the Trustee or any other party or parties with whom Regal REIT is contracting; and we are authorized to practice as valuer and have the necessary expertise and experience in valuing similar types of properties.

We hereby confirm that our valuations have been prepared on a fair and unbiased basis.

In accordance with our standard practice, we must state that this valuation report and our valuations are for the use only of the parties to whom it is addressed and no responsibility is accepted to any third party for the whole or any part of its contents.

We enclose herewith our valuation report and summary of values.

Yours faithfully For and on behalf of Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited

Charles C K Chan MSc FRICS FHKIS MCIArb RPS(GP) Managing Director

Note : Mr. Charles C K Chan is a Chartered Estate Surveyor and has about 29 years' experience in valuation of properties in Hong Kong.

## **SUMMARY OF VALUES**

		in	Market Value existing state as at
			31 December 2013
No.	Properties		НК\$
1.	<b>Regal Airport Hotel</b> 9 Cheong Tat Road Hong Kong International Airport Chek Lap Kok New Territories, Hong Kong		3,440,000,000
2.	<b>Regal Hongkong Hotel</b> 88 Yee Wo Street Causeway Bay Hong Kong		4,290,000,000
3.	<b>Regal Kowloon Hotel</b> 71 Mody Road Tsimshatsui Kowloon, Hong Kong		5,480,000,000
4.	Regal Oriental Hotel 30-38 Sa Po Road and Shops 3-11 on G/F including Cockloft of Shops 5-7 and whole of 1/F Po Sing Court 21-25 Shek Ku Lung Road, 40-42 Sa Po Road, 15-29 Carpenter Road Kowloon City Kowloon, Hong Kong		2,230,000,000
5.	<b>Regal Riverside Hotel</b> 34-36 Tai Chung Kiu Road Shatin New Territories, Hong Kong		4,760,000,000
6.	Regal iClub Hotel Shops A, B and C on G/F, Flat Roof on 3/F, Whole of 5-12/F, 15-23/F and 25-29/F, Eastern and Western Elevations of External Walls, Architectural Feature at Roof Top and Upper Roof 211 Johnston Road Wanchai Hong Kong		880,000,000
		Total :	21,080,000,000

#### **PROPERTY 1**

#### **REGAL AIRPORT HOTEL**

9 Cheong Tat Road Hong Kong International Airport Chep Lap Kok New Territories, Hong Kong

Portion of The Remaining Portion of Chek Lap Kok Lot No. 1 and the Extension thereto

# 1. **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Regal Airport Hotel ("RAH") is a 14-storey (including a basement floor) High Tariff A hotel completed in 1999. The Asset Enhancement Programme completed in 2007 increased the number of guestrooms from 1,104 to 1,171.

RAH is located right next to the Hong Kong International Airport ("HKIA") and is directly connected to the passenger terminal of the HKIA by an air-conditioned footbridge on the 2nd floor. The AsiaWorld-Expo is located at close proximity to RAH by a few minutes walk.

Site Area	:	10,886 sq. m.
Gross Floor Area	:	71,988 sq. m.
Covered Floor Area	:	Approx. 83,400 sq. m.
Town Planning Zoning	:	"Commercial" zone under Chek Lap Kok Outline Zoning Plan No. S/I-CLK/12 dated 21 October 2011.

#### **Hotel Guestroom Configuration**

Room Type	No. of Rooms	Room Type	No. of Rooms
Standard Room	216	Spa Cabana Room	5
Superior Room	380	Spa Suite	2
Deluxe Room	236	Honeymoon Suite	1
Premier Room	100	Royal Suite	11
Cabana Room	17	Duplex Suite	2
Regal Club Superior Room	68	Deluxe Suite	15
Regal Club Deluxe Room	94	Apartment Suite	9
Spa Deluxe Room	14	Presidential Suite	1
		Total	1,171

Note: The room sizes range from 27 sq. m. to 280 sq. m.

# Food and Beverage Outlets

			Seating Capacity (approx.)		
			Area	No. of normal	
Floor	Name of Outlet	Туре	(sq. m.)	dining seating	
G/F	Café Aficionado	International Buffet	869	384	
G/F	The China Coast Bar + Grill	American Steakhouse	644	184	
G/F	Dragon Inn	Shanghainese Cuisine	359	182	
G/F	Airport Izakaya	Japanese Cuisine	236	100	
1/F	Rouge	Cantonese and Sichuan Cuisine	503	260	
2/F	Regala Café & Dessert Bar	Desserts and Drinks	326	102	
		Total	2,937	1,212	

# **Banquet and Convention Facilities**

				Seatin	g Capacity	(approx.)
					No. of s	eating
					Theatre/	
			No. of	Area B	oardroom	Banquet
Floor	Name of Room	Туре	Room	(sq. m.)	Style	Style
B/F	Pre-function Area and Meeting Room	Conference and Exhibition	13	1,645	662	310
1/F	Ballroom	Banquet/Convention	1 <sup>1</sup>	960	960	960
1/F	Multi-purpose	Meeting and Conference	7	490	377	220
	Function Room					
2/F	Meeting Room	Meeting and Conference	3	94	38	N/A
9/F	Meeting Room	Meeting and Conference	1	60	40	N/A
		Total	25	3,249	2,077	1,490

# **Other Facilities**

Other facilities include an outdoor and an indoor swimming pools, a health club with gymnasium, massage and spa facilities, a children play room, a business centre and some retail spaces.

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The Ballroom can be subdivided into three rooms.

#### 2. OWNERSHIP AND TENURE

Registered Owner	:	Airport Authority <sup>2</sup>
Lease Term	:	Chek Lap Kok Lot No. 1 is held by the Government under New Grant No. IS7996 for a term commencing from 1 December 1995 and expiring on 30 June 2047

#### **Major Registered Encumbrance**

- i. Sub-Lease of Hotel dated 12 August 2004 in favour of Bauhinia Hotels Limited, registered vide memorial no. IS342341. The term of Sub-Lease commencing from 31 December 2003 until the date occurring 25 years thereafter.
- ii. Supplemental Lease (to Sub-Lease of Hotel registered vide memorial no. IS342341) dated 8 November 2006 in favour of Bauhinia Hotels Limited, registered vide memorial no. 06112400700018.
- iii. Lease Agreement (No. 1 for Regal Airport Hotel) by Bauhinia Hotels Limited dated 16 March 2007 in favour of Favour Link International Limited, registered vide memorial no. 07041300910065. The term of lease commencing from 30 March 2007 and expiring on 31 December 2015.
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- v. Mortgage and Assignment of Rights by Bauhinia Hotels Limited dated 29 August 2013 in favour of Hang Seng Bank Limited, registered vide memorial no. 13092602360232.
- vi. G.N. 2761 dated 26 April 2012 under Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370) (re: PWP Item No. 844th Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road), registered vide memorial no. 12051002590037.
- vii. G.N. 2762 dated 26 April 2012 under Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370) (re: PWP Item No. 834th Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities), registered vide memorial no. 12051002590012.
- viii. G.N. 2763 dated 26 April 2012 under Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370) for creation of easements and other permanent rights and rights of temporary occupation of land (re: PWP Item No. 844th Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road), registered vide memorial no. 12051002590049.
- ix. G.N. 2764 dated 26 April 2012 under Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Chapter 370) for creation of easements and other permanent rights and rights of temporary occupation of land (re: PWP Item No. 834th Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities), registered vide memorial no. 12051002590024.

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The hotel is sub-lease to Bauhinia Hotels Limited for a term commencing from 31 December 2003 until the date occurring 25 years thereafter.

### 3. HOTEL OPERATION

Hotel Performance in 20	013	
Occupancy Rate	:	89%
Average Room Rate	:	HK\$1,142
Lease Agreement		
Lessor	:	Bauhinia Hotels Limited
Lessee	:	Favour Link International Limited
Term of Lease Agreement	:	Commencing from 30 March 2007 and expiring on 31 December 2015
Rental	:	From 2011 to 2015, the Market Rent <sup>3</sup> to be determined (the "Market Rental Package Determination") in accordance with the Lease Agreement, subject to a Floor Rent of HK\$175,000,000 per annum out of a total Floor Rent of HK\$400,000,000 for all the Initial Hotels.
		According to the 2013 and 2014 Market Rental Package Determinations, Base Rents for RAH for the fiscal years of 2013 and 2014 are HK\$212,000,000 and HK\$222,000,000 respectively; and the Variable Rent is 50% of the excess of the aggregate NPI of the Five Initial Hotels <sup>4</sup> over the aggregate Base Rent of the Initial Hotels for the respective years, which portion shall be the proportion by which the excess NPI of this hotel bears to the aggregate excess NPI of all the Initial Hotels.

#### Hotel Management Agreement ("HMA")

Hotel Manager	:	Regal Hotels International Limited
Term of HMA	:	20 years from 30 March 2007
Base Fee	:	1% of Gross Revenue <sup>5</sup> (for so long as the Lease Agreement is in subsistence); or
		2% of Gross Revenue (for other cases during the Operating Term)
Incentive Fee	:	1% of the excess of the Adjusted GOP <sup>6</sup> over the Base Fee and the Fixed Charges (for so long as the Lease Agreement is in subsistence); or
		5% of the excess of the Adjusted GOP over the Base Fee and the Fixed Charges (for other cases during the Operating Term)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Five Initial Hotels include Regal Airport Hotel, Regal Hongkong Hotel, Regal Kowloon Hotel, Regal Oriental Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> According to the HMA, "Gross Revenue" means all revenue derived from the Hotel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> According to the HMA, "Adjusted GOP" means the aggregate of Gross Operating Profit and Net Rental Income.

#### 4. **TENANCY/LICENCE DETAILS**

#### Retail<sup>7</sup>

Total Retail Area (Lettable)	:	Approx. 40,100 sq. ft. (3,725 sq. m.)
Leased Area (Lettable)	:	Approx. 8,870 sq. ft. (824 sq. m.)
Vacant Area (Lettable)	:	Approx. 31,230 sq. ft. (2,901 sq. m.)
Occupancy Rate	:	22%
Monthly Base Rent	:	HK\$300,402 (all tenancies except one are exclusive of rates, management fees and air-conditioning charges; the remaining tenancy is inclusive of management fees and air-conditioning charges, but exclusive of rates)
Latest Expiry Date	:	31 December 2014
Rent Free Period	:	0 to 4 months
Option to Renew	:	No tenancy has an option to renew.
Summary of Terms	:	The landlord <sup>8</sup> is responsible for payment of Government rent and the structural and external repairs whilst the tenant is responsible for the internal repairs of the property.

# **Tenancy Expiry Profile**

Year	Lettable Area (sq. ft.)	% of Total (rounded)	Monthly Base Rent (HK\$)	% of Total (rounded)	No. of Tenancy	% of Total (rounded)
Monthly	794	9.0%	27,790	9.3%	1	14.3%
End of 2014	8,076	91.0%	272,612	90.7%	6	85.7%
Total	8,870	100%	300,402	100%	7	100%

The areas quoted exclude spaces which are used by RAH. All tenancy agreement/ licence are entered into by Favour Link International Ltd as Landlord. 8

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#### **Tenancy Duration**

Year	Lettable Area (sq. ft.)	% of Total (rounded)	Monthly Base Rent (HK\$)	% of Total (rounded)	No. of Tenancy	% of Total (rounded)
Monthly More than 1 year and up to 2 years	794 7,522	9.0% 84.8%	27,790 244,912	9.3% 81.5%	1 5	14.3% 71.4%
More than 2 years and up to 3 years Total	554 <b>8,870</b>	6.2% <b>100%</b>	27,700 <b>300,402</b>	9.2%	1 <b>7</b>	14.3% <b>100%</b>

Licences for Mobile Phone Base Stations, Antennae, Signage Space and Others

Number of Licence	:	7
Monthly Licence Fee	:	HK\$254,126
Latest Expiry Date	:	14 February 2016

## 5. HOTEL MARKET ANALYSIS

Over 2013, visitor arrivals recorded a healthy 11.7% year-on-year growth rate, with 54.3 million visitors arriving in Hong Kong. The majority of visitors came from the mainland, representing 75.0% of visitors (40.7 million), and their staggering 16.7% year-on-year increase is the only above-average growth among major markets of origin. The number of same-day mainland visitors continued to surpass their overnight counterparts in 2013, standing at 23.7 million (58.1% of total mainland arrivals)<sup>9</sup>.

Overnight visitors from the Americas were the highest spenders on hotel bills at over HK\$3,750 per capita, followed by European and Australian/New Zealand hotel guests in 2012. While still spending the majority of their budgets on shopping (71% in 2012), mainland travellers' aspirations for personal style and leisure mean that they are willing to stay at higher grade and more expensive hotels for a more comfortable and rounded travel experience, with their spending on hotel bills standing at slightly over HK\$1,000 per capita in the same year<sup>10</sup>.

In 2013, with the uncertain external environment, tightening of travel budgets of long haul visitors, as well as increasing number of hotel rooms (a net increase of 2,623 rooms in 2013), hotel operators were keen to build up occupancy rather than further increase room rates. As a result, hotel occupancy remained at 89% for the full year of 2013, while room rates declined slightly by 2.8% to stand at HK\$1,447 per night. Revenue per available room (RevPAR) declined by 2.8% in 2013 and amounted to HK\$1,288 per night as a result<sup>11</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Source: HKTB, Visitor Arrival Statistics – Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Source: HKTB, Tourism Expenditure Associated to Inbound Tourism 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Room Occupancy Report – Dec 2013

Short-term events may still affect the Hong Kong hotel market in 2014, as the mainland starts to control the travel expenses of government officials and the recovery of the developed countries is still not at full gear. With another 3,419 new rooms expected to be added to the market in 2014<sup>12</sup>, we expect the market to stabilise both in terms of room rates and occupancy rates.

Nevertheless, Hong Kong's hospitality industry outlook over the medium term remains optimistic, as a number of positive influences will continue to have an impact on the sector. Leisure travellers will be drawn to Hong Kong by the recently completed and ongoing extensions of both the Disneyland and the Ocean Park, as well as the second berth of the cruise terminal at Kai Tak which is due to open in 2015 (the first berth was opened in 2013). The appeal of Hong Kong for mainland Chinese as China's most cosmopolitan and prosperous city is expected to endure, in particular for the more affluent and mature groups who now aim for a more complete travel experience and are willing to spend more on hotels and sightseeing. Other factors, such as rising incomes, improving employment prospects, a more global perspective and more leisure time, should also ensure a continuing flow of visitors from across Asia.

The number of business travellers is also expected to increase, alongside Hong Kong's strengthening role in the Pearl River Delta, China's wealthiest and most advanced region. Hong Kong is increasingly becoming economically integrated with China and today plays an important role as a finance, logistics and business services hub.

According to a Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) survey<sup>13</sup>, Hong Kong emerged as the most preferred CBD among ten Asian cities<sup>14</sup>. Hong Kong's excellent geographical location, low risk, ease of doing business and a strong institutional structure, to name but a few, were all cited as important factors. All of these positive attributes will continue to strengthen Hong Kong's position as a place for doing regional business and should therefore induce an increasing number of overnight business travellers.

Hong Kong's current transport infrastructure projects will make cross-border travel easier as well as improve mobility within the territory itself. These include the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou–Shenzhen–Hong Kong Express Rail Link, the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge (HZMB), a rail connection between the Hong Kong and Shenzhen airports, the South Island Line (rail), the Sha Tin–Central Link (rail), the Tuen Mun–Chek Lap Kok Link and the Tuen Mun Western Bypass. The latest suggestion to develop a 'bridgehead economy' at the northern commercial district (NCD) of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) and on the Hong Kong boundary control point (HKBCP) of the HZMB, which would involve the development of major shopping, dining, entertainment and hotel facilities, should further enhance the attractiveness of Hong Kong to visitors.

In fact, the Hong Kong government has projected visitor arrival figures to reach around 70 million and 100 million in 2017 and 2023 respectively, based on the existing trend and assuming a steady growth of mainland and short-haul visitor arrivals, as well as a very mild growth from the long-haul markets.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Supply Situation as at Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Hong Kong as Asia's Central Business District, HKTDC Research, November 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The ten cities include Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo, Beijing, Guangzhou, Taipei, Seoul, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Source: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Assessment Report on Hong Kong's Capacity to Receive Tourists, Dec 2013

However, hotel supply is not expected to keep pace with demand from 2015 onwards, particularly in core tourist areas where site availability is the key constraint of future hotel developments. Therefore, we expect both occupancy rates and room rates of hotels to recover from 2015, but with occupancy rates already at high levels (89%), we expect further improvements in RevPAR to be driven by growth in room rates.

With its strategic location at HKIA, RAH benefits from comprehensive transport infrastructure. The phased completion of the airport 'SkyCity', which includes terminals 1 and 2, the SkyPier and the retail/dining/entertainment facilities within SkyPlaza, AsiaWorld-Expo, as well as the SkyCity Nine Hole Golf Course, will generate strong and diversified demand for hotel rooms at RAH. The imminent development of the NCD into a commercial complex, as well as the long-term commercial development on the artificial island for the HKBCP should create further demand for RAH.

Named the world's Best Airport at the TTG Travel Awards for ten years from 2002 to 2012, HKIA handled 59.9 million passengers and 4.12 million tonnes of air cargo in 2013<sup>16</sup>. The airport is connected to about 180 destinations, including 44 on the mainland, through over 1,000 daily flights by more than 100 airlines. Meanwhile, HKIA's proposed third runway could increase the airport's capacity to handle 620,000 flight movements per year, meeting projected demand up to and possibly beyond 2030. The project has been granted government approval in principle and the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) has adopted the three-runway system for planning purposes as a future development option. This planned expansion of HKIA's capacity should strengthen its competitiveness within the region, and in turn benefit RAH in the long term.

Aside from HKIA, RAH is also in close proximity to some of Hong Kong's most important tourist attractions. Both Disneyland and Ngong Ping 360 are a 15-minute shuttle bus journey from the airport. Other shopping and dining facilities are located at the nearby CityGate Outlets Shopping Centre.

Given its proximity to the airport as well as ample meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions (MICE) facilities, both within the hotel and at AsiaWorld Expo, RAH had a higher proportion of business travellers (39%) than leisure travellers (34%) in 2013. Its location enables RAH to benefit from certain unique business opportunities, including airline crews (24%), as well as emergency layovers due to delays/cancellations of flights (2%), both percentages being significantly higher than other hotels within the Regal REIT portfolio over the same period.

In terms of geographical segmentation of hotel guests, mainland China had the highest proportion (37%) for the full year of 2013, followed by Asia (excluding China) (35%).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Source: HKIA, Finalized Civil International Air Traffic Statistics at HKIA, Year 2013

The AAHK has just invited expressions of interest to develop a third hotel in the NCD in light of the vibrant future development at HKIA as well as the HKBCP. This new hotel can be regarded as medium- to long-term supply, posing some threat to RAH in the long run. The only existing competing projects are the SkyCity Marriott Hotel, which is in close proximity to AsiaWorld-Expo but further away from HKIA, as well as the Novotel Citygate Hong Kong in Tung Chung. RAH is considered to have a slight advantage over both competitors in terms of the number of airline crews as well as layovers referred by the ground handling unit at HKIA due to its close proximity to the airport, and, as the three hotels have different market positionings and pricing strategies, competition is expected to be minimal.

Based on the stable outlook of the overall hotel industry and supply constraints in the short term, as well as the strategic location of RAH and the comprehensive expansion programme of HKIA, it is expected that the growth in RevPAR at RAH will outperform the overall hotel market in 2014.

#### 6. ESTIMATED NET PROPERTY YIELD<sup>17</sup>

7.2%

#### 7. MARKET VALUE IN EXISTING STATE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

HK\$3,440,000,000 (HONG KONG DOLLARS THREE BILLION FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY MILLION)

The Estimated Net Property Yield of RAH is derived from the rental receivable in 2013 divided by the Market Value.

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#### **PROPERTY 2**

#### **REGAL HONGKONG HOTEL**

88 Yee Woo Street Causeway Bay Hong Kong

Sections C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, L, M and The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 1408

#### 1. **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Regal Hongkong Hotel ("RHK") is a 38-storey (including 4 basement floors) High Tariff A hotel completed in 1993. The Asset Enhancement Programme completed in 2007 increased the number of guestrooms from 424 to 474. In 2009, a Presidential Suite was converted into 6 Regal Royale guestrooms and 3 suites in January 2009 which resulted in an increase of the total number of guestrooms from 474 to 482.

Some spaces on the Ground Floor to 3rd Floor of 68 Yee Woo Street are rented as ancillary hotel space for the hotel.<sup>18</sup>

RHK is located at Causeway Bay, a prime shopping and tourist area where developments are predominately for retail and office uses.

Site Area	:	1,176 sq. m.
Gross Floor Area	:	25,091 sq. m. <sup>19</sup>
Covered Floor Area	:	Approx. 32,000 sq. m. <sup>20</sup>
Town Planning Zoning	:	"Commercial" zone under Causeway Bay Outline Zoning Plan No. S/H6/15 dated 17 September 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The owner of RHK has also rented some spaces on G/F to 3/F of 68 Yee Wo Street. The first tenancy is related to hotel ancillary use of 10,510 sq. ft. (976 sq. m.) lettable area. The current monthly rent is HK\$500,000 with expiration on 1 March 2022. The second one is related to Shop Nos. 301 to 304 on Third Floor with a lettable area of 3,437 sq. ft. (319 sq. m.). The term is 3 years commencing from 16 January 2012 with a monthly rent of HK\$114,310.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> The area excludes the rented space.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> The area excludes the rented space.

# **Hotel Guestroom Configuration**

Room Type	No. of Rooms	Room Type	No. of Rooms
Standard Room	34	Executive Suite	20
Superior Room	210	Deluxe Suite	8
Deluxe Room	117	Presidential Suite	1
Premier Room	39	Imperial Suite	1
Regal Royale	12	Chairman Suite	1
Regal Royale – Harbour View	7	Regal Royale Suite	2
Regal Royale – Summit	30		
		Total	482

Note: The room sizes range from 25 sq. m. to 153 sq. m.

# Food and Beverage Outlets

Floor	Name of Outlet	Туре	Seating Ca Area (sq. m.)	apacity (approx.) No. of normal dining seating
G/F	Tiffany Lounge	Lobby Lounge	137	60
1/F	Café Rivoli	International Cuisine & Buffet	376	200
3/F	Regal Palace	Traditional Chinese Cuisine	780	500
31/F	Zeffirino Ristorante	Italian Cuisine	214	120
		Total	1,507	880

# **Banquet and Convention Facilities**

			Seating Capacity (approx.)				
				No. of seating			
					Theatre/		
			No. of	Area	Boardroom	Banquet	
Floor	Name of Room	Туре	Room	(sq. m.)	Style	Style	
2/B	Multi-purpose Function Room	Banquet/Convention	5	325	250	200	
1/B	Ballroom	Banquet/Convention	1	238	238	190	
1/B	Multi-purpose Function Room	Banquet/Convention	3	194	105	62	
3/F	Meeting Room	Banquet/Convention	6	336	285	180	
		Total	15	1,093	878	632	

# **Other Facilities**

Other facilities include a business centre, a gymnasium and a rooftop swimming pool.

#### 2. OWNERSHIP AND TENURE

Registered Owner	:	Cityability Limited
Lease Term	:	Inland Lot No. 1408 is held under a Government Lease for a term of 999 years commencing from 25 December 1884.

#### Major Registered Encumbrance

- i. Deed of Restrictive Covenant dated 13 May 1992, registered vide memorial no. UB 5287070.
- ii. Deed of Covenant and Grant of Right of Way and Easements and Management Agreement dated 13 May 1992, registered vide memorial no. UB5287071.
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## 3. HOTEL OPERATION

Hotel Performance in 2013					
Occupancy Rate	:	91%			
Average Room Rate	:	HK\$1,413			
Lease Agreement					
Lessor	:	Cityability Limited			
Lessee	:	Favour Link International Limited			
Term of Lease Agreement	:	Commencing from 30 March 2007 and expiring on 31 December 2015			
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# 4. LICENCE DETAILS

Licences for Mobile Radio Equipments, Integrated Radio Systems and Others

Number of Licence	:	5
Monthly Licence Fee	:	HK\$253,910
Latest Expiry Date	:	15 August 2014

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The number of business travellers is also expected to increase, alongside Hong Kong's strengthening role in the Pearl River Delta, China's wealthiest and most advanced region. Hong Kong is increasingly becoming economically integrated with China and today plays an important role as a finance, logistics and business services hub.

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Hong Kong's current transport infrastructure projects will make cross-border travel easier as well as improve mobility within the territory itself. These include the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou–Shenzhen–Hong Kong Express Rail Link, the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge (HZMB), a rail connection between the Hong Kong and Shenzhen airports, the South Island Line (rail), the Sha Tin–Central Link (rail), the Tuen Mun–Chek Lap Kok Link and the Tuen Mun Western Bypass. The latest suggestion to develop a 'bridgehead economy' at the northern commercial district (NCD) of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) and on the Hong Kong boundary control point (HKBCP) of the HZMB, which would involve the development of major shopping, dining, entertainment and hotel facilities, should further enhance the attractiveness of Hong Kong to visitors.

In fact, the Hong Kong government has projected visitor arrival figures to reach around 70 million and 100 million in 2017 and 2023 respectively, based on the existing trend and assuming a steady growth of mainland and short-haul visitor arrivals, as well as a very mild growth from the long-haul markets.<sup>31</sup>

However, hotel supply is not expected to keep pace with demand from 2015 onwards, particularly in core tourist areas where site availability is the key constraint of future hotel developments. Therefore, we expect both occupancy rates and room rates of hotels to recover from 2015, but with occupancy rates already at high levels (89%), we expect further improvements in RevPAR to be driven by growth in room rates.

RHK is located in Causeway Bay, one of Hong Kong's most popular tourism and retail destinations, and benefits from extensive transport links with the rest of the territory. Causeway Bay MTR Station is just a five-minute walk from RHK, while the hotel is also accessible by taxis, buses and minibuses.

RHK is close to a variety of developments and facilities, including office/shopping developments such as Times Square, Lee Gardens, Hysan Place and SOGO Department Store; business facilities such as the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC); and recreational facilities such as Victoria Park, the Hong Kong Stadium and the Happy Valley Race Course.

Given its proximity to key office developments, as well as HKCEC, RHK had a significantly higher proportion of business travellers (67%) than leisure travellers (32%) in 2013.

In terms of geographical segmentation of hotel guests, mainland China had the highest proportion (52%) for the full year of 2013, followed by Asia (excluding China) with 32%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Hong Kong as Asia's Central Business District, HKTDC Research, November 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> The ten cities include Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo, Beijing, Guangzhou, Taipei, Seoul, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Source: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Assessment Report on Hong Kong's Capacity to Receive Tourists, Dec 2013

One new hotel was completed in Causeway Bay in 2013, namely the Hotel Pennington by Rhombus<sup>32</sup>, but its scale (80 rooms) is much smaller, thus it has a very different market positioning and client base compared with RHK and constitutes little competition. No new hotels are expected to be completed in the vicinity in 2014.

Based on the stable outlook of the overall hotel industry and supply constraints in the short term, as well as the strategic location of RHK in Causeway Bay welcoming both business and leisure travellers, it is expected that the growth in RevPAR at RHK will outperform the overall hotel market in 2014.

## 6. ESTIMATED NET PROPERTY YIELD<sup>33</sup>

3.4%

# 7. MARKET VALUE IN EXISTING STATE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

HK\$4,290,000,000 (HONG KONG DOLLARS FOUR BILLION TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY MILLION)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Supply Situation – as of Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> The Estimated Net Property Yield of RHK is derived from the rental receivable in 2013 divided by the Market Value.

#### **PROPERTY 3**

## **REGAL KOWLOON HOTEL**

71 Mody Road Tsim Sha Tsui Kowloon, Hong Kong

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 10474

### **1. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Regal Kowloon Hotel ("RKH") is a 20-storey (including 4 basement floors) High Tariff A hotel with 600 guestrooms completed in 1982. The majority of guestrooms command open view of Centenary Garden. There are retail shops and restaurants on the Ground Floor to 2nd Floor and 1st Basement to 3rd Basement.

RKH is located at Tsim Sha Tsui, a renowned commercial and tourist area where developments in immediate locality consist of hotels, commercial and office buildings.

Site Area	:	2,560 sq. m.
Gross Floor Area	:	31,746 sq. m.
Covered Floor Area	:	Approx. 43,500 sq. m.
Town Planning Zoning	:	"Commercial" zone under Tsim Sha Tsui Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K1/28 dated 13 December 2013.

## **Hotel Guestroom Configuration**

Room Type	No. of Rooms	Room Type	No. of Rooms
Standard Room	41	Regal Club Premier Room	29
Superior Room	39	Executive Suite	12
Deluxe Room	63	Royal Suite	20
Premier Room	144	Deluxe Suite	6
Regal Club Superior Room	97	Presidential Suite	1
Regal Club Deluxe Room	148		
		Total	600

Note: The room sizes range from 21 sq. m. to 162 sq. m.

# Food and Beverage Outlets

			Seating Capacity (approx.)			
			Area	No. of normal		
Floor	Name of Outlet	Туре	(sq. m.)	dining seating		
1 /D	Coff Allower	Internetic and Duffet	250	100		
1/B	Café Allegro	International Buffet	350	186		
G/F	V Bar & Lounge <sup>34</sup>	Light Snack and Bar	89	56		
1/F	Mezzo	American Italian	199	70		
2/F	Regal Court	Chinese Cuisine	673	266		
		Total	1,311	578		

# **Banquet and Convention Facilities**

				Seating Capacity (approx.) No. of seating		
			No. of	Area Bo	Theatre/ ardroom	Banquet
Floor	Name of Room	Туре	Room	(sq. m.)	Style	Style
2/F	Multi-purpose Function Room	Banquet/Convention	6	331	260	130
3/F	Ballroom	Banquet/Convention	1	353	353	300
3/F	Multi-purpose Function Room	Banquet/Convention	6	665	400	270
		Total	13	1,349	1,013	700

# **Other Facilities**

Other facilities include a business centre, a gymnasium and a shopping arcade.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Additional outside seating area is provided on the Ground Floor.

#### 2. OWNERSHIP AND TENURE

Registered Owner	:	Ricobem Limited
Lease Term	:	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 10474 is held by the Government under Conditions of Sale No. 10983 for a term of 75 years commencing from 28 December 1976 and renewable for a further term of 75 years.

#### Major Registered Encumbrance

- i. Letter of Compliance from District Lands Office Kowloon West Kowloon Government Offices, to Paliburg Project Management Limited dated 6 July 1982, registered vide memorial no. UB3990407.
- ii. Statutory Declaration as to Loss of Title Deeds dated 21 March 2000, registered vide memorial no. UB8033162.
- iii. Lease Agreement (No. 3 for Regal Kowloon Hotel) dated 16 March 2007 in favour of Favour Link International Limited, registered vide memorial no. 07041300910082.
- iv. First Supplemental Agreement amending Lease Agreement No. 3 for Regal Kowloon Hotel dated 12 February 2010 in favour of Favour Link International Limited, registered vide memorial no. 10052602510128.

#### 3. HOTEL OPERATION

Hotel Performance in 2013

 Occupancy Rate
 :
 92%

 Average Room Rate
 :
 HK\$1,216

Lease Agreement		
Lessor	:	Ricobem Limited
Lessee	:	Favour Link International Limited
Term of Lease Agreement	:	Commencing from 30 March 2007 and expiring on 31 December 2015
Rental	:	From 2011 to 2015, the Market Rent <sup>35</sup> to be determined (the "Market Rental Package Determination") in accordance with the Lease Agreement, subject to a Floor Rent of HK\$65,000,000 per annum out of a total Floor Rent of HK\$400,000,000 for all the Initial Hotels.
		According to the 2013 and 2014 Market Rental Package Determinations, Base Rents for RKH for the fiscal years of 2013 and 2014 are HK\$150,000,000 and HK\$151,000,000 respectively; and the Variable Rent is 50% of the excess of the aggregate NPI of the Five Initial Hotels <sup>36</sup> over the aggregate Base Rent of the Initial Hotels for the respective years, which portion shall be the proportion by which the excess NPI of this hotel bears to the aggregate excess NPI of all the Initial Hotels.

# Hotel Management Agreement ("HMA")

Hotel Manager	:	Regal Hotels International Limited
Term of HMA	:	20 years from 30 March 2007
Base Fee	:	1% of Gross Revenue <sup>37</sup> (for so long as the Lease Agreement is in subsistence); or
		2% of Gross Revenue (for other cases during the Operating Term)
Incentive Fee	:	1% of the excess of the Adjusted GOP <sup><math>38</math></sup> over the Base Fee and the Fixed Charges (for so long as the Lease Agreement is in subsistence); or
		5% of the excess of the Adjusted GOP over the Base Fee and the Fixed Charges (for other cases during the Operating Term)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> According to the Lease Agreement, the Market Rent to be determined includes the Base Rent, Variable Rent and the Lessee's contribution to the FF&E Reserve.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Five Initial Hotels include Regal Airport Hotel, Regal Hongkong Hotel, Regal Kowloon Hotel, Regal Oriental Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> According to the HMA, "Gross Revenue" means all revenue derived from the Hotel.

According to the HMA, "Adjusted GOP" means the aggregate of Gross Operating Profit and Net Rental Income.

# 4. TENANCY/LICENCE DETAILS

Retail <sup>39</sup>		
Total Retail Area (Lettable)	:	Approx. 43,000 sq. ft. (3,995 sq. m.)
Leased Area (Lettable)	:	Approx. 42,546 sq. ft. (3,953) sq. m.)
Vacant Area (Lettable)	:	Approx. 454 sq. ft. (42 sq. m.)
Occupancy Rate	:	99%
Monthly Base Rent	:	HK\$2,162,706 (all tenancies except nine are exclusive of rates, management fees and air-conditioning charges; eight of the remaining tenancies are inclusive of management fees and air-conditioning charges, but exclusive of rates; and one of the remaining tenancies is inclusive of management fees, air-conditioning charges and rates)
Latest Expiry Date	:	16 August 2017
Rent Free Period	:	0 to 3 months
Option to Renew	:	Three of the tenancies have an option to renew for a further term of 3 years at market rent and two of the tenancies have an option to renew for a further term of 2 years at market rent.
Summary of Terms	:	The landlord <sup>40</sup> is responsible for payment of Government rent and the structural and external repairs whilst the tenant is responsible for the internal repairs of the property.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> The areas quoted exclude spaces which are used by RKH.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> All tenancy agreement/ licence are entered into by Favour Link International Ltd as Landlord.

# **Tenancy Expiry Profile**

Year	Lettable Area (sq. ft.)	% of Total (rounded)	Monthly Base Rent (HK\$)	% of Total (rounded)	No. of Tenancy	% of Total (rounded)
Monthly	1,729	4.1%	50,700	2.3%	4	13.3%
End of 2014	7,999	18.8%	438,066	20.3%	14	46.7%
End of 2015	19,186	45.1%	720,940	33.3%	6	20.0%
End of 2016	6,045	14.2%	716,000	33.1%	4	13.3%
End of 2017	7,587	17.8%	237,000	11.0%	2	6.7%
Total	42,546	100%	2,162,706	100%	30	100%

# **Tenancy Duration**

Year	Lettable Area (sq. ft.)	% of Total (rounded)	Monthly Base Rent (HK\$)	% of Total (rounded)	No. of Tenancy	% of Total (rounded)
Monthly	1.729	4.1%	50,700	2.3%	4	13.3%
More than 1 year	6,875	16.2%	364,766	16.9%	13	43.3%
and up to 2 years						
More than 2 years	15,508	36.4%	1,129,230	52.2%	8	26.7%
and up to 3 years						
More than 3 years	10,847	25.5%	381,010	17.6%	3	10.0%
and up to 4 years						
More than 4 years	7,587	17.8%	237,000	11.0%	2	6.7%
and up to 5 years						
Total	42,546	100%	2,162,706	100%	30	100%

# Licences for Corridor, Showcase, Storeroom, Mobile Phone Stations, Antennae and Others

Number of Licence	:	10
Monthly Licence Fee	:	HK\$178,403
Latest Expiry Date	:	31 January 2017

#### 5. HOTEL MARKET ANALYSIS

Over 2013, visitor arrivals recorded a healthy 11.7% year-on-year growth rate, with 54.3 million visitors arriving in Hong Kong. The majority of visitors came from the mainland, representing 75.0% of visitors (40.7 million), and their staggering 16.7% year-on-year increase is the only above-average growth among major markets of origin. The number of same-day mainland visitors continued to surpass their overnight counterparts in 2013, standing at 23.7 million (58.1% of total mainland arrivals)<sup>41</sup>.

Overnight visitors from the Americas were the highest spenders on hotel bills at over HK\$3,750 per capita, followed by European and Australian/New Zealand hotel guests in 2012. While still spending the majority of their budgets on shopping (71% in 2012), mainland travellers' aspirations for personal style and leisure mean that they are willing to stay at higher grade and more expensive hotels for a more comfortable and rounded travel experience, with their spending on hotel bills standing at slightly over HK\$1,000 per capita in the same year<sup>42</sup>.

In 2013, with the uncertain external environment, tightening of travel budgets of long haul visitors, as well as increasing number of hotel rooms (a net increase of 2,623 rooms in 2013), hotel operators were keen to build up occupancy rather than further increase room rates. As a result, hotel occupancy remained at 89% for the full year of 2013, while room rates declined slightly by 2.8% to stand at HK\$1,447 per night. Revenue per available room (RevPAR) declined by 2.8% in 2013 and amounted to HK\$1,288 per night as a result<sup>43</sup>.

Short-term events may still affect the Hong Kong hotel market in 2014, as the mainland starts to control the travel expenses of government officials and the recovery of the developed countries is still not at full gear. With another 3,419 new rooms expected to be added to the market in 2014<sup>44</sup>, we expect the market to stabilise both in terms of room rates and occupancy rates.

Nevertheless, Hong Kong's hospitality industry outlook over the medium term remains optimistic, as a number of positive influences will continue to have an impact on the sector. Leisure travellers will be drawn to Hong Kong by the recently completed and ongoing extensions of both the Disneyland and the Ocean Park, as well as the second berth of the cruise terminal at Kai Tak which is due to open in 2015 (the first berth was opened in 2013). The appeal of Hong Kong for mainland Chinese as China's most cosmopolitan and prosperous city is expected to endure, in particular for the more affluent and mature groups who now aim for a more complete travel experience and are willing to spend more on hotels and sightseeing. Other factors, such as rising incomes, improving employment prospects, a more global perspective and more leisure time, should also ensure a continuing flow of visitors from across Asia.

The number of business travellers is also expected to increase, alongside Hong Kong's strengthening role in the Pearl River Delta, China's wealthiest and most advanced region. Hong Kong is increasingly becoming economically integrated with China and today plays an important role as a finance, logistics and business services hub.

<sup>41</sup> Source: HKTB, Visitor Arrival Statistics – Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Source: HKTB, Tourism Expenditure Associated to Inbound Tourism 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Room Occupancy Report – Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Supply Situation as at Dec 2013

According to a Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) survey<sup>45</sup>, Hong Kong emerged as the most preferred CBD among ten Asian cities<sup>46</sup>. Hong Kong's excellent geographical location, low risk, ease of doing business and a strong institutional structure, to name but a few, were all cited as important factors. All of these positive attributes will continue to strengthen Hong Kong's position as a place for doing regional business and should therefore induce an increasing number of overnight business travellers.

Hong Kong's current transport infrastructure projects will make cross-border travel easier as well as improve mobility within the territory itself. These include the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou–Shenzhen–Hong Kong Express Rail Link, the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge (HZMB), a rail connection between the Hong Kong and Shenzhen airports, the South Island Line (rail), the Sha Tin–Central Link (rail), the Tuen Mun–Chek Lap Kok Link and the Tuen Mun Western Bypass. The latest suggestion to develop a 'bridgehead economy' at the northern commercial district (NCD) of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) and on the Hong Kong boundary control point (HKBCP) of the HZMB, which would involve the development of major shopping, dining, entertainment and hotel facilities, should further enhance the attractiveness of Hong Kong to visitors.

In fact, the Hong Kong government has projected visitor arrival figures to reach around 70 million and 100 million in 2017 and 2023 respectively, based on the existing trend and assuming a steady growth of mainland and short-haul visitor arrivals, as well as a very mild growth from the long-haul markets.<sup>47</sup>

However, hotel supply is not expected to keep pace with demand from 2015 onwards, particularly in core tourist areas where site availability is the key constraint of future hotel developments. Therefore, we expect both occupancy rates and room rates of hotels to recover from 2015, but with occupancy rates already at high levels (89%), we expect further improvements in RevPAR to be driven by growth in room rates.

RKH has access to Hong Kong's extensive rail network via Tsim Sha Tsui East MTR Station, which is a five-minute walk away. Located in Tsim Sha Tsui East, RKH is also well-served by buses, taxis and minibuses, and is also a few minutes' drive from the East Rail Hung Hom MTR Station, which has direct access to mainland China via Lo Wu or Lok Ma Chau MTR Station.

Aside from the office cluster in Tsim Sha Tsui East, which brings ample business travellers to RKH, the proximity of Tsim Sha Tsui as a well-established retail, entertainment and commercial centre is a significant factor contributing to the attractiveness of RKH. Harbour City is both a business and shopping/entertainment hub, while other new shopping/dining additions over the past few years, namely iSquare, The One, K11 and 1881 Heritage, add to the attraction of the district as a key tourist area. Other tourist attractions include The Cultural Centre, Avenue of Stars and the Star Ferry Pier.

Given its proximity to key office developments, both in its immediate vicinity as well as in Tsim Sha Tsui, RKH had a significantly higher proportion of business travellers (68%) than leisure travellers (32%) in 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Hong Kong as Asia's Central Business District, HKTDC Research, November 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> The ten cities include Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo, Beijing, Guangzhou, Taipei, Seoul, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Source: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Assessment Report on Hong Kong's Capacity to Receive Tourists, Dec 2013

RKH has a diversified hotel guest profile in terms of geographical distribution, with mainland Chinese visitors accounting for 42% of guests in 2013, followed by Asian (excluding China) (35%) and European (13%) guests.

No new hotels were completed in Tsim Sha Tsui in 2013, while five hotels are scheduled to be completed in the district in 2014, namely the Pop Hotel (63 rooms), an extension of The Bauhinia Hotel (Tsim Sha Tsui) (89 rooms), the Mira Studio (50 rooms), a 155-room hotel on Austin Road and the Ai Boutique Hotel (76 rooms) <sup>48</sup>. None of these upcoming hotels can be considered competitors to RKH with their generally smaller scale and difference in locations.

The stable outlook of the overall hotel industry as well as the strategic location of RKH in Tsim Sha Tsui East, welcoming both business and leisure travellers, should provide strong support to demand for RKH, while competition from future projects can be considered minimal. Therefore, it is expected that the growth in RevPAR at RKH will slightly outperform the overall hotel market in 2014.

#### 6. ESTIMATED NET PROPERTY YIELD<sup>49</sup>

3.1%

### 7. MARKET VALUE IN EXISTING STATE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

HK\$5,480,000,000 (HONG KONG DOLLARS FIVE BILLION FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY MILLION)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Supply Situation – as at Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> The Estimated Net Property Yield of RKH is derived from the rental receivable in 2013 divided by the Market Value.

#### **PROPERTY 4**

#### **REGAL ORIENTAL HOTEL**

## 30-38 Sa Po Road and Shops 3-11 on G/F including Cockloft of Shops 5-7 and whole of 1/F, Po Sing Court, 21-25 Shek Ku Lung Road, 40-42 Sa Po Road and 15-29 Carpenter Road Kowloon City Kowloon, Hong Kong

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 5754 and 41/180th undivided shares of and in New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4917

#### 1. **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Regal Oriental Hotel ("ROH") comprises a block of 17-storey (including 2 basement floors) High Tariff B hotel situated at 30-38 Sa Po Road ("ROH - 30-38 Sa Po Road") which was completed in 1982. The Asset Enhancement Programme completed in 2007 increased the number of guestrooms from 390 to 439. A conversion project for the purpose of converting the restaurant and bar on the 14th Floor into 27 guestrooms was completed in the first half of 2013, which resulted in an increase in guestrooms from 439 to 466. A further conversion project on the 2nd Floor which has converted the banquet and convention facilities into 28 guestrooms resulting in the increase in the number of guestrooms from 466 to 494 has been completed in late 2013.

ROH also comprises 9 shop units on the Ground Floor (with 3 units including cocklofts) and the 1st floor in an adjacent 14-storey building, namely Po Sing Court, completed in 1967 ("ROH - Po Sing Court").

ROH is located at Kowloon City and faces the site of the former Hong Kong International Airport at Kai Tak Area where a complex development project with a mix of community, housing, business and tourism uses will be constructed.

Site Area	:	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 5754 – 1,797 sq. m. New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4917 – 741 sq. m.
Gross Floor Area	:	22,601 sq. m.
Covered Floor Area	:	Approx. 27,300 sq. m.
Town Planning Zoning	:	ROH - 30-38 Sa Po Road falls within "Commercial" zone and ROH – Po Sing Court falls within "Residential (Group A) 2" zone under Ma Tau Kok Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K10/20 dated 4 November 2010.

# **Hotel Guestroom Configuration**

Room Type	No. of Rooms	Room Type	No. of Rooms
Standard Room	2	Regal iClub Deluxe Room	62
Superior Room	28	Executive Suite	2
Deluxe Room	283	Royal Suite	1
Premier Room	43	Deluxe Suite	20
Regal iClub Superior Room	52	Presidential Suite	1
		Total	494

Note: The room sizes range from 13 sq. m. to 106 sq. m.

# Food and Beverage Outlets

Floor	Name of Outlet	Туре	Seating ( Area (sq. m.)	Capacity (approx.) No. of normal dining seating
1/B G/F	Café Neo The China Coast Pub + Restaurant <sup>50</sup>	International Cuisine & Buffet Restaurant & Pub	535 248	298 96
2/F	Regal Terrace	Cantonese Cuisine	427	300
		Total	1,210	694

# **Banquet and Convention Facilities**

				Seating Capacity (approx.) No. of seating		
					Theatre/	
			No. of	Area Bo	ardroom	Banquet
Floor	Name of Room	Туре	Room	(sq. m.)	Style	Style
1/F	Ballroom	Banquet/Convention	1	345	250	250
1/F	Multi-purpose Function Room	Banquet/Convention	7	302	294	170
3/F	Meeting room in Club Lounge	Meeting and conference	1	15	8	N/A
		Total	9	662	552	420

# **Other Facilities**

Other facilities include a business centre, a fitness centre and some retail areas.

Additional outside seating areas are provided on Ground Floor next to China Coast Pub + Restaurant.

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### 2. OWNERSHIP AND TENURE

Registered Owner	:	Gala Hotels Limited
Lease Term	:	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 5754 is held by the Government under Conditions of Sale No. 11240 for a term of 99 years less the last 3 days commencing from 1 July 1898 and had been statutorily extended to 30 June 2047.
		New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4917 is held by the Government under Conditions of Sale No. 8785 for a term of 99 years less the last 3 days commencing from 1 July 1898 and had been statutorily extended to 30 June 2047.

#### **Major Registered Encumbrance**

#### ROH - 30-38 Sa Po Road

- i. Deed of Grant of Easement dated 23 June 1981, registered vide memorial no. UB2111189.
- ii. Modification Letter dated 26 August 1981, registered vide memorial no. UB2144106.
- iii. Letter of Compliance from District Lands Office Kowloon West to Paliburg Project Management Ltd dated 27 July 1982, registered vide memorial no. UB3990406.
- iv. Statutory Declaration as to loss of title deeds dated 21 March 2000, registered vide memorial no. UB8033164.
- v. Lease Agreement (No. 4 for Regal Oriental Hotel) dated 16 March 2007 in favour of Favour Link International Limited, registered vide memorial no. 07041300910095.
- vi. First Supplemental Agreement amending Lease Agreement No. 4 for Regal Oriental Hotel dated 12 February 2010 in favour of Favour Link International Limited, registered vide memorial no. 10052602510111.

#### ROH - Po Sing Court

- i. Management Agreement dated 28 November 1967 in favour of The Hong Kong Building and Loan Agency Limited (Agency) and National Investment Company Limited (Manager), registered vide memorial no. UB604982.
- ii. Deed of Mutual Covenant dated 12 December 1967, registered vide memorial no. UB607737.
- iii. Lease Agreement (No. 4 for Regal Oriental Hotel) dated 16 March 2007 in favour of Favour Link International Limited, registered vide memorial no. 07041300910095.
- iv. First Supplemental Agreement amending Lease Agreement No. 4 for Regal Oriental Hotel dated 12 February 2010 in favour of Favour Link International Limited, registered vide memorial no. 10052602510111.

## 3. HOTEL OPERATION

Hotel Performance in 2013					
Occupancy Rate	:	94%			
Average Room Rate	:	HK\$830			
Lease Agreement					
Lessor	:	Gala Hotels Limited			
Lessee	:	Favour Link International Limited			
Term of Lease Agreement	:	Commencing from 30 March 2007 and expiring on 31 December 2015			
Rental	:	From 2011 to 2015, the Market Rent <sup>51</sup> to be determined (the "Market Rental Package Determination") in accordance with the Lease Agreement, subject to a Floor Rent of HK\$30,000,000 per annum out of a total Floor Rent of HK\$400,000,000 for all the Initial Hotels.			
		According to the 2013 and 2014 Market Rental Package Determinations, Base Rents for ROH for the fiscal years of 2013 and 2014 are HK\$76,000,000 and HK\$78,000,000 respectively; and the Variable Rent is 50% of the excess of the aggregate NPI of the Five Initial Hotels <sup>52</sup> over the aggregate Base Rent of the Initial Hotels for the respective years, which portion shall be the proportion by which the excess NPI of this hotel bears to the aggregate excess NPI of all the Initial Hotels.			

## Hotel Management Agreement ("HMA")

Hotel Manager	:	Regal Hotels International Limited
Term of HMA	:	20 years from 30 March 2007
Base Fee	:	1% of Gross Revenue <sup>53</sup> (for so long as the Lease Agreement is in subsistence); or
		2% of Gross Revenue (for other cases during the Operating Term)
Incentive Fee	:	1% of the excess of the Adjusted GOP <sup>54</sup> over the Base Fee and the Fixed Charges (for so long as the Lease Agreement is in subsistence); or
		5% of the excess of the Adjusted GOP over the Base Fee and the Fixed Charges (for other cases during the Operating Term)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> According to the Lease Agreement, the Market Rent to be determined includes the Base Rent, Variable Rent and the Lessee's contribution to the FF&E Reserve.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Five Initial Hotels include Regal Airport Hotel, Regal Hongkong Hotel, Regal Kowloon Hotel, Regal Oriental Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> According to the HMA, "Gross Revenue" means all revenue derived from the Hotel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> According to the HMA, "Adjusted GOP" means the aggregate of Gross Operating Profit and Net Rental Income.

# 4. TENANCY/LICENCE DETAILS

<b>Retail</b> ⁵⁵				
Total Retail Area	:	ROH - 30-38 Sa Po Road – approx. 12,263 sq. ft. (1,139 sq. m.)		
(Lettable)		ROH - Po Sing Court – approx. 4,052 sq. ft. (376 sq. m.)		
Leased Area (Lettable)	:	ROH - 30-38 Sa Po Road – Nil		
		ROH - Po Sing Court – Nil		
Vacant Area (Lettable)	:	ROH - 30-38 Sa Po Road – approx. 12,263 sq. ft. (1,139 sq. m.)		
		ROH - Po Sing Court – approx. 4,052 sq. ft. (376 sq. m.)		
Occupancy Rate	:	0%		
Monthly Base Rent	:	HK\$0		
Latest Expiry Date	:	N/A		
Rent Free Period	:	N/A		
Option to Renew	:	N/A		
Summary of Terms	:	N/A		
Licences for Mobile Phone Stations, Antennae and Others				
Number of Licence	:	5		
Monthly Licence Fee	:	HK\$86,004		
Latest Expiry Date	:	30 June 2016		

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In 2013, with the uncertain external environment, tightening of travel budgets of long haul visitors, as well as increasing number of hotel rooms (a net increase of 2,623 rooms in 2013), hotel operators were keen to build up occupancy rather than further increase room rates. As a result, hotel occupancy remained at 89% for the full year of 2013, while room rates declined slightly by 2.8% to stand at HK\$1,447 per night. Revenue per available room (RevPAR) declined by 2.8% in 2013 and amounted to HK\$1,288 per night as a result<sup>58</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Room Occupancy Report – Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Supply Situation as at Dec 2013

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However, hotel supply is not expected to keep pace with demand from 2015 onwards, particularly in core tourist areas where site availability is the key constraint of future hotel developments. Therefore, we expect both occupancy rates and room rates of hotels to recover from 2015, but with occupancy rates already at high levels (89%), we expect further improvements in RevPAR to be driven by growth in room rates.

ROH is located in Kowloon City, opposite the vibrant Kai Tak Development area (KTD). Although ROH is not served by rail links, Prince Edward Road East on the doorstep of ROH is the major trunk road serving Kowloon East and connects the area with major industrial/business districts including Kwun Tong, Kowloon Bay, Tsim Sha Tsui and Mong Kok.

The major development in the vicinity of ROH is KTD, an integrated business/retail/entertainment and recreational area expected to house 11.4 million sq ft of offices, 8.6 million sq ft of retail/hotels and over 30,000 residential units upon full completion<sup>63</sup>. One of the two cruise terminal berths started operation in 2013<sup>64</sup>, while a multi-function sport stadium and an edutainment facility – "Kai Tak Fantasy" – are also planned in the area. All of these are expected to boost guest demand for ROH.

The accessibility of ROH will also be vastly improved upon the completion of the Sha Tin–Central Link, which will connect the New Territories and Central with stations in major Kowloon districts, such as Kai Tak, Ho Man Tin and Hung Hom. The proposed Kai Tak MTR Station will be in close proximity to ROH.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Hong Kong as Asia's Central Business District, HKTDC Research, November 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> The ten cities include Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo, Beijing, Guangzhou, Taipei, Seoul, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Source: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Assessment Report on Hong Kong's Capacity to Receive Tourists, Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Source: Development Bureau

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Source: Hong Kong Tourism Commission

ROH has a balanced hotel guest profile by purpose of visit, with 55% of guests being business travellers, while another 45% of guests staying for vacation purposes in 2013. In terms of geographical distribution, the majority of guests (51%) came from Asia (excluding mainland China) in 2013, followed by mainland China (35%).

No new hotels were completed in Kowloon City in 2013, and there are no new hotels scheduled for completion in 2014 in the area.

Based on the stable outlook of the overall hotel industry and supply constraints in the short term, as well as the strategic location of ROH close to both the Kowloon East business area and KTD, welcoming both business and leisure travellers, it is expected that the growth in RevPAR at ROH will outperform the overall hotel market in 2014.

#### 6. ESTIMATED NET PROPERTY YIELD<sup>65</sup>

3.4%

#### 7. MARKET VALUE IN EXISTING STATE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

HK\$2,230,000,000 (HONG KONG DOLLARS TWO BILLION TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY MILLION)

The Estimated Net Property Yield of ROH is derived from the base rental receivable in 2013 divided by the Market Value.

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#### **PROPERTY 5**

#### **REGAL RIVERSIDE HOTEL**

34-36 Tai Chung Kiu Road Shatin New Territories, Hong Kong

Sha Tin Town Lot No. 160

#### 1. **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

Regal Riverside Hotel ("RRH") is a 20-storey (including 2 basement floors) High Tariff B hotel completed in 1986. The two Asset Enhancement Programmes completed in 2007 and 2009 respectively increased the number of guestrooms from 830 to 1,138.

RRH is located at Shatin, a well established new town in the New Territories. RRH is located right next to Shing Mun River, developments in the immediate locality mainly comprise recreational facilities and residential buildings.

Site Area	:	4,956 sq. m.
Gross Floor Area	:	59,668 sq. m.
Covered Floor Area	:	Approx. 69,100 sq. m.
Town Planning Zoning	:	"Commercial" zone under Sha Tin Outline Zoning Plan No. S/ST/29 dated 22 November 2013.

#### **Hotel Guestroom Configuration**

Room Type	No. of Rooms	Room Type	No. of Rooms
Standard Room	225	Spa Standard Room	4
Superior Room	114	Spa Superior Room	3
Deluxe Room	120	Executive Suite	11
Regal iClub Superior Room	394	Royal Suite	1
Regal iClub Deluxe Room	137	Deluxe Suite	6
Regal iClub Premier Room	122	Presidential Suite	1
		Total	1,138

Note: The room sizes range from 10 sq. m. to 145 sq. m.

# Food and Beverage Outlets

			Seating Ca	apacity (approx.)
Floor	Name of Outlet	Туре	Area	No. of normal
			(sq. m.)	dining seating
G/F	VI <sup>66</sup>	Thai-Vietnamese Cuisine	145	92
G/F	Moon River	Local Authentic Restaurant	97	72
G/F	Aji Bou Izakaya	Japanese Cuisine	118	76
G/F	Avanti Pizzeria <sup>67</sup>	Italian Cuisine	154	98
G/F	Scene Bar <sup>68</sup>	Wine & Snack	210	88
1/F	Carnival Bar	Drink & Snack	286	120
1/F	Dragon Inn	Huai Yang Cuisine	337	180
2/F	Regal Terrace	Cantonese Cuisine	726	460
2/F	Regal Court	Chinese Fine Dining Cuisine	205	80
3/F	L'eau Restaurant	International Buffet	409	220
		Total	2,687	1,486

### **Banquet and Convention Facilities**

			Seating Capacity (approx.) No. of seating			rox.)
						eating
					Theatre/	
			No. of	Area	Boardroom	Banquet
Floor	Name of Room	Туре	Room	(sq. m.)	Style	Style
1/F	Ballroom	Banquet/Convention	1	474	450	380
1/F	Multi-purpose Function Room	Banquet/Convention	2	108	80	60
1/F	Forum	Meeting and convention	1	518	500	360
2/F	Multi-purpose Function Room	Banquet/Convention	4	319	205	160
3/F	Multi-purpose Function Room	Banquet/Convention	4	313	200	140
3/F	Meeting Room	Banquet/Convention	1	42	40	20
15/F	Meeting room in Club Lounge	Meeting and conference	1	14	8	N/A
		Total	14	1,788	1,483	1,120

## **Other Facilities**

Other facilities include a business centre, an outdoor swimming pool, a health club with gymnasium and spa/ massage facilities, and some retail spaces.

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#### 2. OWNERSHIP AND TENURE

Registered Owner	:	Regal Riverside Hotel Limited
Lease Term	:	Sha Tin Town Lot No. 160 is held by Government under New Grant No. 11571 for a term of 99 years less the last 3 days commencing from 1 July 1898 and had been statutorily extended to 30 June 2047.

#### Major Registered Encumbrance

- i. Modification Letter dated 4 June 1982, registered vide memorial no. ST211142.
- ii. Modification Letter dated 28 August 1986, registered vide memorial no. ST353344.
- iii. Letter of Compliance dated 18 July 1986, registered vide memorial no. ST430228.
- iv. Statutory Declaration as to loss of title deeds dated 21 March 2000, registered vide memorial no. ST1145794.
- v. Lease Agreement (No. 5 for Regal Riverside Hotel) dated 16 March 2007 in favour of Favour Link International Limited, registered vide memorial no. 07041300910108
- vi. Modification Letter from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by the District Lands Officer/Sha Tin dated 14 November 2007, registered vide memorial no. 07111601000553.
- vii. First Supplemental Agreement amending Lease Agreement No. 5 for Regal Riverside Hotel dated 12 February 2010 in favour of Favour Link International Limited, registered vide memorial no. 10052602510131.
- viii. Regal Riverside Debenture dated 29 August 2013 in favour of Hang Seng Bank Limited registered vide memorial no. 13092602360240.

# 3. HOTEL OPERATION

Hotel Performance in	2013	
Occupancy Rate	:	89%
Average Room Rate	:	HK\$778
Lease Agreement		
Lessor	:	Regal Riverside Hotel Limited
Lessee	:	Favour Link International Limited
Term of Lease Agreement	:	Commencing from 30 March 2007 and expiring on 31 December 2015
Rental	:	From 2011 to 2015, the Market Rent <sup>59</sup> to be determined (the "Market Rental Package Determination") in accordance with the Lease Agreement, subject to a Floor Rent of HK\$70,000,000 per annum out of a total Floor Rent of HK\$400,000,000 for all the Initial Hotels.
		According to the 2013 and 2014 Market Rental Package Determinations, Base Rents for RRH for the fiscal years of 2013 and 2014 are HK\$150,000,000 and HK\$148,000,000 respectively; and the Variable Rent is 50% of the excess of the aggregate NPI of the Five Initial Hotels <sup>70</sup> over the aggregate Base Rent of the Initial Hotels for the respective years, which portion shall be the proportion by which the excess NPI of this hotel bears to the aggregate excess NPI of all the Initial Hotels.

### Hotel Management Agreement ("HMA")

<b>.</b>		
Hotel Manager	:	Regal Hotels International Limited
Term of HMA	:	20 years from 30 March 2007
Base Fee	:	1% of Gross Revenue <sup>71</sup> (for so long as the Lease Agreement is in subsistence); or
		2% of Gross Revenue (for other cases during the Operating Term)
Incentive Fee	:	1% of the excess of the Adjusted GOP <sup>72</sup> over the Base Fee and the Fixed Charges (for so long as the Lease Agreement is in subsistence); or
		5% of the excess of the Adjusted GOP over the Base Fee and the Fixed Charges (for other cases during the Operating Term)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> According to the Lease Agreement, the Market Rent to be determined includes the Base Rent, Variable Rent and the Lessee's contribution to the FF&E Reserve.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Five Initial Hotels include Regal Airport Hotel, Regal Hongkong Hotel, Regal Kowloon Hotel, Regal Oriental Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> According to the HMA, "Gross Revenue" means all revenue derived from the Hotel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> According to the HMA, "Adjusted GOP" means the aggregate of Gross Operating Profit and Net Rental Income.

#### **TENANCY/LICENCE DETAILS** 4.

Retail <sup>73</sup>		
Total Retail Area	:	Approx. 2,697 sq. ft. (251 sq. m.)
(Lettable)		
Leased Area (Lettable)	:	Approx. 2,697 sq. ft. (251 sq. m.)
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Occupancy Rate	:	100%
Monthly Base Rent	:	HK\$132,920 (all are exclusive of rates, management fees and air conditioning charges)
Latest Expiry Date	:	14 November 2015
Rent Free Period	:	1 to 2 months
Option to Renew	:	N/A
Summary of Terms	:	The landlord <sup>74</sup> is responsible for payment of Government rent and the structural and external repairs whilst the tenant is responsible for the internal repairs of the property.

# **Tenancy Expiry Profile**

			Monthly			
Year	Lettable Area (sq. ft.)	% of Total (rounded)	Base Rent (HK\$)	% of Total (rounded)	No. of Tenancy	% of Total (rounded)
End of 2014	724	26.8%	57,920	43.6%	1	50.0%
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Located in Sha Tin, Hong Kong's largest new town, RRH offers easy access to both the mainland Chinese border and Kowloon via the MTR East Rail. Although not a traditional tourist destination, nearby attractions include the Sha Tin Racecourse and the International Dragon Boat Races in June.

Shopping and entertainment facilities can be found in the nearby New Town Plaza, which has gradually evolved into a regional shopping centre catering to high-spending mainland shoppers. With its increasing appeal to mainland tourists, coupled with easy access to China via railway, 57% of guests staying in RRH in 2013 were mainlanders.

The increasing business appeal of Sha Tin with the completion of the HSBC data centre in Shek Mun in 2013, two commercial buildings by Billion Development under construction in the same area as well as the construction of the Sha Tin–Central Link contributed to larger proportion of business travellers. 52% of RRH's guests were business travellers in 2013, while around 45% of guests were leisure travellers.

One hotel was completed in Sha Tin in 2013, namely the Courtyard By Marriott Hong Kong Sha Tin<sup>82</sup>. Featuring 539 rooms and with Marriott as the operator, this hotel poses some threat to RRH. Nevertheless, given the differences in location and market positioning, competition between the two may not be fierce. No new hotels will be completed in the vicinity in 2014.

The stable outlook of the overall hotel industry, as well as the positioning of RRH, hosting leisure travellers, should provide strong support to demand for RRH, while competition from the Courtyard By Marriott Hong Kong Sha Tin can be considered mild due to different positioning. Therefore, it is expected that the growth in RevPAR at RRH will be broadly in line with the overall hotel market in 2014.

#### 6. ESTIMATED NET PROPERTY YIELD<sup>83</sup>

3.6%

#### 7. MARKET VALUE IN EXISTING STATE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

HK\$4,760,000,000 (HONG KONG DOLLARS FOUR BILLION SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY MILLION)

<sup>83</sup> The Estimated Net Property Yield of RRH is derived from the rental receivable in 2013 divided by the Market Value.

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#### **PROPERTY 6**

#### **REGAL ICLUB HOTEL**

#### Shops A, B and C on G/F, Flat Roof on 3/F, whole of 5-12/F,15-23/F and 25-29/F, Eastern and Western Elevations of External Walls, Architectural Feature at Roof Top and Upper Roof 211 Johnston Road, Wanchai Hong Kong

3,062/3,637th undivided shares of and in Sub-Section 1 and The Remaining Portion of Section F, and Sub-Section 1 and The Remaining Portion of Section G, of Inland Lot No. 2769

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Regal iClub Hotel ("RiClub") comprises Shops A, B and C on the Ground Floor, a flat roof on the 3rd Floor, 22 entire floors (from 5th to 29th Floors, of which 13th, 14th and 24th Floors are omitted), the eastern and western elevations of external walls, the architectural feature at roof top and the upper roof of a 26-storey composite building completed in 1997. The remaining portion of the building, comprises a portion of the Ground Floor, whole of the 1st Floor and 2nd Floor, are owned by The Financial Secretary Incorporated (the property agent of the Government of HKSAR.) and does not form part of RiClub.

The hotel started operation on 25 December 2009 subsequent to an Asset Enhancement Programme ("AEP") completed in 2009 by Paliburg Development BVI Holdings Limited. The AEP involved a conversion of 9 office floors (from 5th to 15th Floors) into hotel usage with 50 guestrooms. A conversion project for the purpose of converting another 10 office floors (from 16th to 26th floors) into 49 guestrooms was completed in November 2010 by Sonnix Limited. The total number of guestrooms increased from 50 to 99. The hotel licence was obtained and the 99-room High Tariff B hotel started its full operation on 17 December 2010.

The 99-room hotel portion includes a portion of the Ground Floor and the whole of the 5th to 26th Floors of the building. The portion of the Ground Floor comprises the hotel lobby and a shop which is let to an independent third party. The mechanical floor is situated on the 3rd Floor. The 27th to 29th Floors have been leased to independent third parties and are occupied for retail/ restaurant/bar/ karaoke uses. As advised by the Manager, relevant approvals for such uses have been obtained from the Buildings Department.

RiClub is located at Wanchai, a well-established commercial area in Hong Kong. The immediately locality is predominantly office and commercial buildings.

Site Area	:	413 sq. m.
Gross Floor Area	:	5,326 sq. m.
Covered Floor Area	:	Approx. 5,530 sq. m.
Town Planning Zoning	:	"Commercial" zone under Wan Chai Outline Zoning Plan No. S/H5/27 dated 3 August 2012.

Hotel	Guestroom Config	guration			
Room	Туре	No. of Rooms	Room Type		No. of Rooms
iSelect		30	iSuite		4
iPlus iBusine	ess	29 29	iResidence		7
			Total		99
Note: 1	The room sizes range fror	n 16 sq. m. to 51 sq. m.			
Othe	r Facility				
<b>F</b> La a v	Description	Tours		•	pacity (approx.)
Floor	Description	Туре		Area (sq. m.)	No. of normal dining seating
5/F	iClub Lounge	Drink & Sr	nack	51	16
		Total		51	16
OWN	ERSHIP AND TENUI	RE			
Regist	tered Owner	: Sonnix Limited			

Lease Term : Inland Lot No. 2769 is held under a Government lease for a term of 99 years commencing from 25 May 1929 and renewable for a further term of 99 years.

#### Major Registered Encumbrance

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- i. Licence dated 22 November 1994, registered vide memorial no. UB6186840.
- ii. Statutory Declaration of Liu Yee Man John dated 17 April 1997, registered vide memorial no. UB7020522.
- iii. Occupation Permit No. H73/97 dated 20 November 1997, registered vide memorial no. UB7355437.
- iv. Deed of Mutual Covenant and Management Agreement dated 28 November 1997 in favour of Paliburg Estate Management Limited, registered vide memorial UB7376631.
- v. Supplemental Deed of Mutual Covenant and Management Agreement dated 19 October 2009 in favour of Paliburg Estate Management Limited, registered vide memorial no. 09103001380118.
- vi. Debenture and Mortgage dated 28 February 2012 in favour of The Bank of East Asia, Limited, registered vide memorial no. 12030602360191.

#### 3. HOTEL OPERATION

Hotel Performance in 2013						
Occupancy Rate	:	100%				
Average Room Rate	:	HK\$1,208				

Hotel Management Agreement ("HMA")					
Hotel Manager	: Regal Hotels International Limited				
Term of HMA	: From the Effective Date <sup>84</sup> , and unless sooner terminated as herein provided, shall				

		continue thereafter through and inclusive of 31 December 2020.
Base Fee	:	2% of the Gross Revenue <sup>85</sup>
Incentive Fee	:	5% of the excess of the Gross Operating Profit <sup>86</sup> over the Base Fee and the Fixed Charges.

#### **TENANCY DETAILS** 4.

Retail <sup>87</sup> Total Retail Area (Gross Area)	:	Approx. 1,800 sq. ft. (167 sq. m.)
Leased Area (Gross Area)	:	Approx. 1,800 sq. ft. (167 sq. m.)
Vacant Area (Gross Area)	:	0 sq. ft. (0 sq. m.)
Occupancy Rate	:	100%
Monthly Base Rent	:	HK\$138,000 (the tenancy is exclusive of Government rent, management fees, air- conditioning charges and all other charges and outgoings)
Latest Expiry Date	:	9 March 2014
Rent Free Period	:	0 month
Option to Renew	:	The tenancy has an option to renew for 2 years at market rent but within pre- determined range.
Summary of Terms	:	The landlord <sup>88</sup> and/or other responsible party is/are to be responsible for the structural and external repairs whilst the tenant is to be responsible for the internal repairs of the property.

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According to the HMA, "Effective Date" means 1 January 2011. According to the HMA, "Gross Revenue" means all revenue derived from the Hotel. According to the HMA, "Gross Operating Profit" means Total Hotel Revenue less Hotel Operating Expenses during the same period. 86

<sup>87</sup> The areas quoted exclude spaces which are used by RiClub.

<sup>88</sup> All tenancy agreements are entered into by Sonnix Limited as Landlord.

# **Tenancy Expiry Profile**

Year	Gross Area (sq. ft.)	% of Total (rounded)	Monthly Base Rent (HK\$)	% of Total (rounded)	No. of Tenancy	% of Total (rounded)
End of 2014	1,800	100%	138,000	100%	1	100%
Total	1,800	100%	138,000	100%	1	100%

# **Tenancy Duration**

Year	Gross Area (sq. ft.)	% of Total (rounded)	Monthly Base Rent (HK\$)	% of Total (rounded)	No. of Tenancy	% of Total (rounded)		
More than 2 years and up to 3 years	1,800	100%	138,000	100%	1	100%		
Total	1,800	100%	138,000	100%	1	100%		
Office Total Office Area (Gross Area)	: Approx. 8,304 sq. ft. (771 sq. m.)							
Leased Area (Gross Area)	: Approx. 8,304 sq. ft. (771 sq. m.)							
Vacant Area (Gross Area)	: 0 sq. ft. (0	0 sq. ft. (0 sq. m.)						
Occupancy Rate	: 100%							
Monthly Base Rent		: HK\$298,944 (all tenancies are inclusive of air conditioning charges and management fees, but exclusive of rates) <sup>89</sup>						
Latest Expiry Date	: 28 Februar	y 2014						
Rent Free Period	: 4 months							
Summary of Terms	: The landlord <sup>90</sup> and/or other responsible party is/are to be responsible for the structural and external repairs whilst the tenant is to be responsible for the internal repairs of the property.							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> All the 3 tenancies have been renewed for a term of 3 years from 1 April 2014 at a total monthly rent of HK\$388,627.2 with a rent free period of 1 month.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> All tenancy agreements are entered into by Sonnix Limited as Landlord.

#### **Tenancy Expiry Profile**

Year	Gross Area (sq. ft.)	% of Total (rounded)		% of Total (rounded)	No. of Tenancy	% of Total (rounded)
End of 2014	8,304	100%	298,944	100%	3	100%
Total	8,304	100%	298,944	100%	3	100%

#### **Tenancy Duration**

Year	Gross Area (sq. ft.)	% of Total (rounded)	Monthly Base Rent (HK\$)	% of Total (rounded)	No. of Tenancy	% of Total (rounded)
More than 3 years and up to 4 years	8,304	100%	298,944	100%	3	100%
Total	8,304	100%	298,944	100%	3	100%

#### 5. HOTEL MARKET ANALYSIS

Over 2013, visitor arrivals recorded a healthy 11.7% year-on-year growth rate, with 54.3 million visitors arriving in Hong Kong. The majority of visitors came from the mainland, representing 75.0% of visitors (40.7 million), and their staggering 16.7% year-on-year increase is the only above-average growth among major markets of origin. The number of same-day mainland visitors continued to surpass their overnight counterparts in 2013, standing at 23.7 million (58.1% of total mainland arrivals)<sup>91</sup>.

Overnight visitors from the Americas were the highest spenders on hotel bills at over HK\$3,750 per capita, followed by European and Australian/New Zealand hotel guests in 2012. While still spending the majority of their budgets on shopping (71% in 2012), mainland travellers' aspirations for personal style and leisure mean that they are willing to stay at higher grade and more expensive hotels for a more comfortable and rounded travel experience, with their spending on hotel bills standing at slightly over HK\$1,000 per capita in the same year<sup>92</sup>.

In 2013, with the uncertain external environment, tightening of travel budgets of long haul visitors, as well as increasing number of hotel rooms (a net increase of 2,623 rooms in 2013), hotel operators were keen to build up occupancy rather than further increase room rates. As a result, hotel occupancy remained at 89% for the full year of 2013, while room rates declined slightly by 2.8% to stand at HK\$1,447 per night. Revenue per available room (RevPAR) declined by 2.8% in 2013 and amounted to HK\$1,288 per night as a result<sup>93</sup>.

Short-term events may still affect the Hong Kong hotel market in 2014, as the mainland starts to control the travel expenses of government officials and the recovery of the developed countries is still not at full gear. With another 3,419 new rooms expected to be added to the market in 2014<sup>94</sup>, we expect the market to stabilise both in terms of room rates and occupancy rates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Source: HKTB, Visitor Arrival Statistics – Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Source: HKTB, Tourism Expenditure Associated to Inbound Tourism 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Room Occupancy Report – Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Supply Situation as at Dec 2013

Nevertheless, Hong Kong's hospitality industry outlook over the medium term remains optimistic, as a number of positive influences will continue to have an impact on the sector. Leisure travellers will be drawn to Hong Kong by the recently completed and ongoing extensions of both the Disneyland and the Ocean Park, as well as the second berth of the cruise terminal at Kai Tak which is due to open in 2015 (the first berth was opened in 2013). The appeal of Hong Kong for mainland Chinese as China's most cosmopolitan and prosperous city is expected to endure, in particular for the more affluent and mature groups who now aim for a more complete travel experience and are willing to spend more on hotels and sightseeing. Other factors, such as rising incomes, improving employment prospects, a more global perspective and more leisure time, should also ensure a continuing flow of visitors from across Asia.

The number of business travellers is also expected to increase, alongside Hong Kong's strengthening role in the Pearl River Delta, China's wealthiest and most advanced region. Hong Kong is increasingly becoming economically integrated with China and today plays an important role as a finance, logistics and business services hub.

According to a Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) survey<sup>95</sup>, Hong Kong emerged as the most preferred CBD among ten Asian cities<sup>96</sup>. Hong Kong's excellent geographical location, low risk, ease of doing business and a strong institutional structure, to name but a few, were all cited as important factors. All of these positive attributes will continue to strengthen Hong Kong's position as a place for doing regional business and should therefore induce an increasing number of overnight business travellers.

Hong Kong's current transport infrastructure projects will make cross-border travel easier as well as improve mobility within the territory itself. These include the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou–Shenzhen–Hong Kong Express Rail Link, the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge (HZMB), a rail connection between the Hong Kong and Shenzhen airports, the South Island Line (rail), the Sha Tin–Central Link (rail), the Tuen Mun–Chek Lap Kok Link and the Tuen Mun Western Bypass. The latest suggestion to develop a 'bridgehead economy' at the northern commercial district (NCD) of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) and on the Hong Kong boundary control point (HKBCP) of the HZMB, which would involve the development of major shopping, dining, entertainment and hotel facilities, should further enhance the attractiveness of Hong Kong to visitors.

In fact, the Hong Kong government has projected visitor arrival figures to reach around 70 million and 100 million in 2017 and 2023 respectively, based on the existing trend and assuming a steady growth of mainland and short-haul visitor arrivals, as well as a very mild growth from the long-haul markets<sup>97</sup>.

However, hotel supply is not expected to keep pace with demand from 2015 onwards, particularly in core tourist areas where site availability is the key constraint of future hotel developments. Therefore, we expect both occupancy rates and room rates of hotels to recover from 2015, but with occupancy rates already at high levels (89%), we expect further improvements in RevPAR to be driven by growth in room rates.

Located in Wanchai, one of the most vibrant business and entertainment districts in Hong Kong, Regal iClub Hotel is well-served by different modes of transport, with Wanchai MTR Station a five-minute walk away.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> Hong Kong as Asia's Central Business District, HKTDC Research, November 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> The ten cities include Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo, Beijing, Guangzhou, Taipei, Seoul, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> Source: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Assessment Report on Hong Kong's Capacity to Receive Tourists, Dec 2013

Its close proximity to the HKCEC as well as the office cluster in Wanchai north including Sun Hung Kai Centre, CRC Building and Great Eagle Centre, has made Regal iClub Hotel an ideal place for business travellers, and in 2013, 98% of hotel guests stayed for business purposes.

Regal iClub Hotel had a balanced hotel guest profile by geographical distribution in 2013, with 34% of guests from Asia (excluding China), 32% of guests from mainland China, 21% of guests from Europe and 10% of guests from the Americas.

Two new hotels were completed in Wanchai in 2013, namely the Hotel Indigo Hong Kong Island (138 rooms) and the Mira Moon (91 rooms), while OZO Wesley Hong Kong (251 rooms) finished renovation in the same year<sup>98</sup>. While these hotels are of a similar scale and positioning as Regal iClub Hotel, targeting the business segment, the booming business travel market as well as the continuous strong performance of the HKCEC should alleviate the degree of competition. No new supply in the vicinity is going to be completed in 2014<sup>99</sup>.

The stable outlook of the overall hotel industry as well as the strategic location of Regal iClub Hotel in Wanchai, welcoming business travellers from the HKCEC and the nearby office cluster, should provide strong support to demand for Regal iClub Hotel, while competition from new projects can be considered moderate. Therefore, it is expected that the growth in RevPAR at Regal iClub Hotel will be broadly in line with the overall hotel market in 2014.

#### 6. ESTIMATED NET PROPERTY YIELD<sup>100</sup>

3.4%

### 7. MARKET VALUE IN EXISTING STATE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

HK\$880,000,000 (HONG KONG DOLLARS EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY MILLION)

<sup>98</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Supply Situation – as at Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> Source: HKTB, Hotel Supply Situation – as at Dec 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> The Estimated Net Property Yield of RiClub is derived from the net income receivable in 2013 divided by the Market Value.

# SUMMARY OF PROPERTIES PORTFOLIO

#### As at 31st December, 2013

					Approx Covered	Percentage interest attributable
	Description	Use	Lease	Gross Floor Area (sq.m.)	Floor Area (sq.m.)	to Regal REIT
(1)	Regal Airport Hotel 9 Cheong Tat Road Hong Kong International Airport Chek Lap Kok New Territories Hong Kong	Hotel	Medium term	71,988	83,400	100
(2)	Regal Hongkong Hotel 88 Yee Wo Street Causeway Bay Hong Kong	Hotel	Long term	25,091	32,000	100
(3)	Regal Kowloon Hotel 71 Mody Road Tsimshatsui Kowloon Hong Kong	Hotel	Long term	31,746	43,500	100
(4)	Regal Oriental Hotel 30-38 Sa Po Road and Shops 3-11 on G/F including Cockloft of Shops 5-7 and the whole of 1/F Po Sing Court 21-25 Shek Ku Lung Road 40-42 Sa Po Road and 15-29 Carpenter Road Kowloon City Kowloon Hong Kong	Hotel	Medium term	22,601	27,300	100

	Description	Use	Lease	Gross Floor Area (sq.m.)	Approx Covered Floor Area (sq.m.)	Percentage interest attributable to Regal REIT
(5)	Regal Riverside Hotel 34-36 Tai Chung Kiu Road Shatin, New Territories Hong Kong	Hotel	Medium term	59,668	69,100	100
(6)	Regal iClub Hotel Shops A, B and C on G/F, Flat Roof on 3/F, Whole of 5-12/F, 15-23/F and 25-29/F Eastern and Western Elevations of External Walls Architectural Feature at Roof Top and Upper Roof 211 Johnston Road Wanchai Hong Kong	Hotel/ commercial	Long term	5,326	5,530	100

# **SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The summary of the results, the distributions and the assets and liabilities of the Group, as extracted from the published audited consolidated financial statements, is set out below.

#### Summary of the results and distributions

	Year ended 31st December, 2013 HK\$'000	Year ended 31st December, 2012 HK\$'000	Year ended 31st December, 2011 HK\$'000	Year ended 31st December, 2010 HK\$'000	Year ended 31st December, 2009 HK\$'000
Gross rental and hotel revenue Net rental and hotel income Profit before tax and distributions	866,962 837,106	844,350 814,390	736,034 707,029	909,974 899,259	763,408 754,004
to Unitholders Profit for the year, before	436,293	3,643,729	3,070,523	1,120,407	787,990
distributions to Unitholders Distributable income for the year	342,558	3,548,799	2,997,263	997,093	682,282
attributable to Unitholders	497,076	464,658	397,886	682,879	558,166
Total distributions per Unit	HK\$0.150	HK\$0.140	HK\$0.120	HK\$0.190	HK\$0.170

#### Summary of the assets and liabilities

	2013 HK\$'000	2012 HK\$'000	2011 HK\$'000	2010 HK\$'000	2009 HK\$'000
Non-current assets: Property, plant and equipment Investment properties Other non-current assets Current assets	700,000 20,380,000 948,000 1,174,951	740,000 20,292,000 	615,000 17,154,000 	14,880,000 	14,290,000 1,913 203,480
Total assets	23,202,951	21,201,756	17,922,306	15,107,343	14,495,393
Current liabilities Non-current liabilities	335,624 7,093,191	117,909 5,152,801	4,741,639 528,818	187,669 5,000,063	73,875 5,070,969
Total liabilities	7,428,815	5,270,710	5,270,457	5,187,732	5,144,844
Non-controlling interest					21,508
Net assets attributable to Unitholders	15,774,136	15,931,046	12,651,849	9,919,611	9,329,041
Net asset value per Unit attributable to Unitholders	HK\$4.843	HK\$4.891	HK\$3.884	HK\$3.060	HK\$2.911

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