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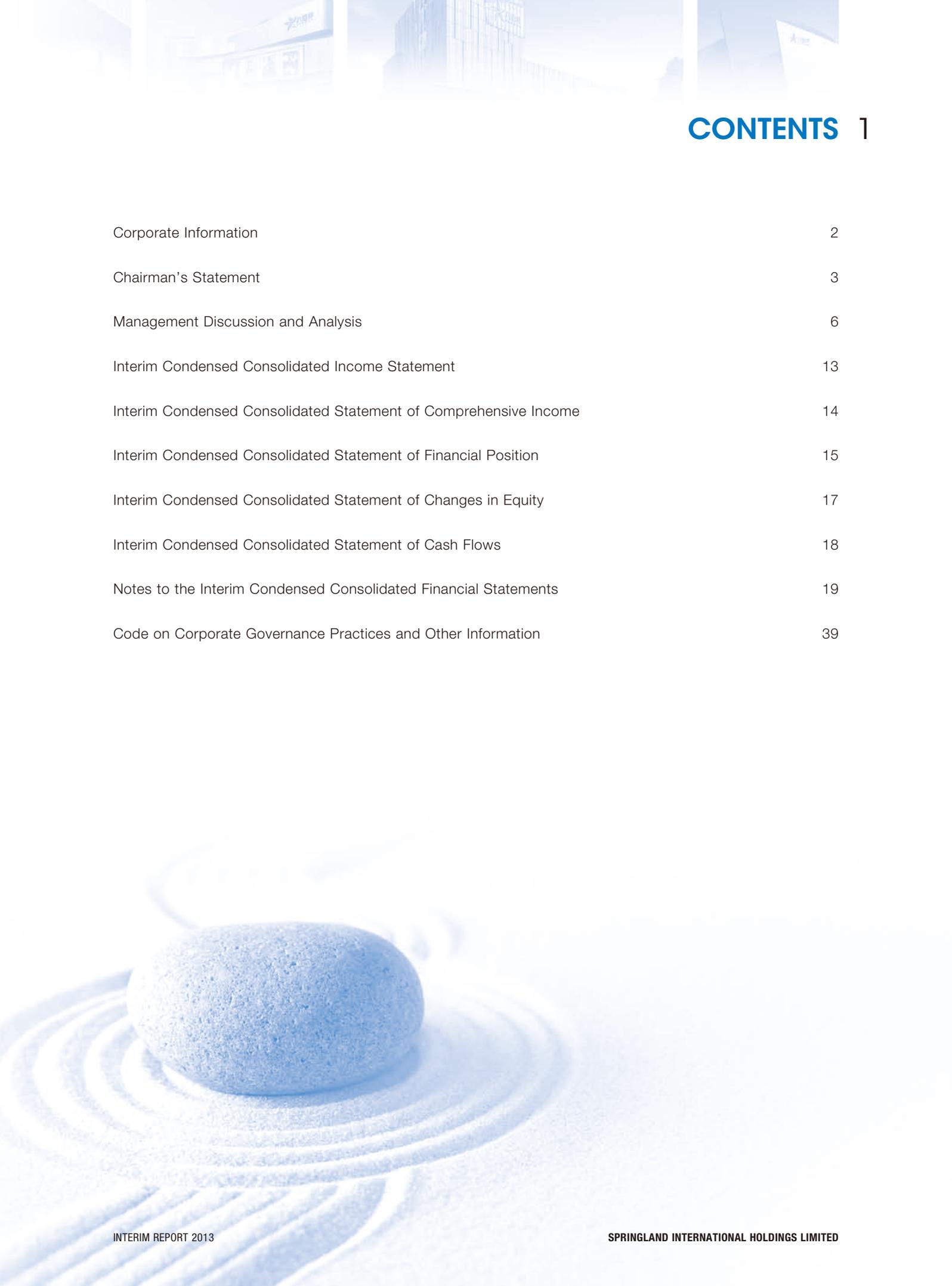
**SPRINGLAND**

**華地國際控股有限公司**

**Springland International Holdings Limited**

Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability

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## 2 CORPORATE INFORMATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mr. Fung Hiu Lai  
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Mr. Fung Hiu Chuen, John

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Dr. Lin Zhijun  
Dr. Zhang Weijiong  
Mr. Wang Shuaiting

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dr. Lin Zhijun (*Chairman*)  
Dr. Zhang Weijiong  
Mr. Wang Shuaiting

### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Zhang Weijiong (*Chairman*)  
Dr. Lin Zhijun  
Mr. Wang Shuaiting  
Mr. Wang Lin  
Mr. Fung Hiu Chuen, John

### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

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Dr. Lin Zhijun  
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Since 2013, the growth rates of the economy and the consumption spending of China has decelerated in light of external factors beyond our control and domestic demand downturn caused by deliberate policies. For the first half of 2013, China's total retail of social consumer goods was RMB1.1 trillion, 12.7% higher than the same period last year. Per capita income of urban residents was RMB13,649, representing a YoY increase of 9.1%. Real growth after adjustment for inflation was 6.5%.

Despite the weaker domestic demand, the Company implemented aggressive sales strategies and a raft of stringent cost controlling measures. We stepped up our resources input to the regional retail chain business in Greater Yangtze River Delta to ensure steady growth of our retail business. During the reporting period, our total sales of goods were RMB5,800.5 million, representing a YoY increase of 16.1%. Profit from operation was RMB606.2 million, representing a YoY increase of 11.0%. The profit attributable to shareholders and the basic earnings per share were approximately RMB446.1 million and RMB18 cents respectively.

## BUSINESS REVIEW

Facing the challenging market conditions, the Group endeavored to stand out with its professionalism at its existing scale. With accumulated experience, the Group has evolved as a "dual-mode" retail operator covering supermarkets and department stores. Benefiting from the above, the Group ran its existing stores in a prudent way, and has increased its investment in service and technology in an effort to fully develop its sales potential. While we went on increasing the profit contribution from existing stores, we were striving to shorten the developing period of new stores to secure a sustainable profit growth for the Company.

Regarding department stores business, in order to continuously enhance the profitability, the Company has emphasized on the regular research and long-term development of several functions, namely planning revisions, marketing strategies and membership services. In the first half of 2013, the department store business unit has strengthened the capability of the planning department. We have, based on comprehensive market surveys, upgraded certain department stores and introduced various world-renowned brands into third-tier cities in a systematic and orderly manner so as to cope with the increasing demand from the local market. Our overall marketing initiatives for the period have been driven by the "Key Planning and Major Integration" approach. Leveraged on our profound understanding on consumer behavior and local preference, we launched promotion activities and a number of innovative sales campaigns timely, and succeeded in further strengthening its competitive advantages of our strategically differentiated operation. Membership services are the key elements for improving our operations. In the first half of 2013, our department stores introduced the "customer loyalty scheme", rewarding gold and diamond card members with luxurious value-added and prestigious membership services. We have established a member data analyzing system and customer segmentation grouping standards to allow differentiated marketing specific to each client group.



## 4 CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

With respect to supermarket business, as a linkage connecting producers and customers, Datonghua has been endeavoring to hunt for and provide fresh, healthy and quality products. The Company insisted on purchasing directly from agricultural production bases, and also continued to identify new agricultural bases for procurement. We structured an operation flow featuring an order placement system, and also provided the producers with technical indicators, user guide of pesticides and fertilizers to maintain a high standard of product quality. Under the mechanism of “guaranteeing the quality of sources through tracing”, production bases were promoted to the status of cooperation alliance for sustainable development, thus forming a healthy and green supply chain. As to stores, in order to ensure food safety, we have established comprehensive and standardized mechanisms covering facilities, equipments, personnel management and on-site operation. We have also arranged food safety seminars, sight tours to agricultural bases and fresh food processing workshops for customers to unveil our efforts on food safety.

Apart from the aforesaid conventional operation models, the Group has also increased the investment in new media operation and mobile information to appeal to the emerging era of retail business emphasizing the experience of consumption. The Group has developed social platforms on the Internet. Each chain store has opened its own Weibo and WeChat account while the Company has been actively engaged in APPs development. All these worked together with our official website and corporate section on the regional BBSs for efficient communication, and updates of the latest consumer information, news and promotion activities would also be posted from time to time. Direct communication has enabled us to establish a distinctive brand image for the Group by facilitating potential online customers to explore new aspects of personalized lifestyle in an interactive way. The Group also cooperated with third parties, such as banks, UnionPay and telecom operators. We gathered information of customer demand through co-branded cards from various sources and different dimensions. We also initiated to enable customers to complete payment procedures with their mobile devices, thus providing our customers with more payment options and a more flexible and friendly shopping environment.

In addition, the Company targeted at South Anhui, North Zhejiang and Jiangsu Province according to the established plan and also took a prudent view on all expanding projects with the principle of regional market prevalence. In the first half of the year, the Company opened two supermarkets and contracted for two new projects, further facilitating the “1+N” exploring mode. In April, the Company completed the acquisition of Nanjing Yaohan Department Store, which is a pilot deal for stores in provincial capital cities. On 30 June 2013, the Company possessed 18 department stores and 29 supermarkets.

## OUTLOOK

Looking forward, the economic conditions will still be complex and challenging in the second half of 2013. Enterprises are not just threatened by the external environment where high growth rates may become unsustainable, they also have to face a number of challenges, including outflow of business to e-commerce, change of operation mode, higher capital investment for shopping mall technology and diversification of customer demand. However, private consumption, accounting for a relatively low percentage in the GDP of China, may turn out to be one of the rapidly recovered sectors in the future. With the increasing disposable income of urban residents, customers may be more demanding. Thus, they are increasingly willing to spend more on shopping, experiencing, lifestyle and cultural activities.

Given this tendency of customer behavior, the focus of the Group is shifting to shopping centers. Each of our stores will introduce more shopping mall elements and be more consumption-oriented, covering such mainstream consumption concepts as getting together, fine dining, information, entertainment and membership. Thus, we are integrating “one-stop entertainment” and “one-stop leisure” by introducing a wide range of cultural, entertaining, food and beverage and leisure projects. For the time being, the Group is developing Springland-styled shopping centers in Anqing (Anhui Province), East Yixing (Jiangsu Province) and Jiaxing (Zhejiang Province). In addition to the existing department stores and supermarkets, we will try to bring in top domestic and foreign brands and services in order to introduce brand new shopping culture for the said areas. Apart from shopping, the Group will also present the market with fine Chinese and western restaurants, positioning its shopping malls as the hot spots for shopping, leisure, dining, entertainment and culture.

As for the new development of target areas, project selection and detail planning will be of equal importance to the Group. We will spare no effort to develop excellent shopping centers with our accumulated expertise in planning, designing, construction, promoting investment, opening new stores and operation management. With the diligent work of our competent team, I am confident in realizing the strategic development goals of the Group.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all the Directors, senior management and staff for their invaluable contribution to the Group. Meanwhile, my gratitude also goes to all the shareholders and business partners, who always care about and support our Group.

**Chen Jianqiang**

*Chairman*

12 August 2013

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### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### TSP<sup>1,2</sup> and Revenue

For the six months period ended 30 June 2013, TSP of the Group increased to RMB5,800.5 million, representing an increase of 16.1% as compared to the same period in 2012. TSP are generated from both the department store and supermarket business. TSP of the department store and supermarket businesses increased to RMB4,469.6 million and RMB1,330.9 million respectively, representing an increase of approximately 18.5% and 8.5% respectively from the same period in 2012.

	For the six months period ended 30 June					
	2013			2012		
	Department store business	Supermarket business	Total (RMB millions)	Department store business	Supermarket business	Total
<b>Revenue (as reported)</b>	<b>874.4</b>	<b>1,237.4</b>	<b>2,111.8</b>	806.8	1,147.5	1,954.3
<i>Add/(less)</i>						
Provision of food and beverage services	-	(6.6)	(6.6)	-	(8.5)	(8.5)
Commission income from concessionaire sales	(705.6)	(19.9)	(725.5)	(618.5)	(16.2)	(634.7)
Gross revenue of concessionaire sales	4,300.8	120.0	4,420.8	3,582.1	103.2	3,685.3
<b>TSP</b>	<b>4,469.6</b>	<b>1,330.9</b>	<b>5,800.5</b>	3,770.4	1,226.0	4,996.4
Direct sales	139.3	1,189.6	1,328.9	163.3	1,104.0	1,267.3
Gross revenue of concessionaire sales	4,300.8	120.0	4,420.8	3,582.1	103.2	3,685.3
Rental income	29.5	21.3	50.8	25.0	18.8	43.8
<b>TSP</b>	<b>4,469.6</b>	<b>1,330.9</b>	<b>5,800.5</b>	3,770.4	1,226.0	4,996.4
<b>Same store sales growth<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>		12.1%	1.0%	

For the six months period ended 30 June 2013, the revenue of the Group amounted to RMB2,111.8 million, representing an increase of 8.1% as compared to the same period last year. Revenue from the department store business increased to approximately RMB874.4 million, representing an increase of 8.4% as compared to the same period last year. Revenue from the supermarket business increased to approximately RMB1,237.4 million, representing an increase of 7.8% as compared to the same period last year. The growth in revenue of the department store business was due to the increase in commission income from concessionaire sales.

<sup>1</sup> gross revenue from concessionaire sales + revenue from direct sales + rental income.

<sup>2</sup> Total sales proceeds of department store business excluded sales proceeds generated from Zhenjiang Commercial Building and Zhenjiang Hengsheng Shopping Plaza. The Group holds 50% equity interests of the stores through a jointly-controlled entity.

<sup>3</sup> It represents the change in TSP for stores with operations through the comparable period.

## **Department Store Business:**

For the six months period ended 30 June 2013, TSP from the department store business grew to RMB4,469.6 million and was mainly attributable to same store sales growth of approximately 10.6%. During the period under review, concessionaire sales contributed approximately 96.2% (2012: 95.0%) to TSP in respect of the department store business. Direct sales accounted for approximately 3.1% (2012: 4.3%) of TSP of the department store business.

### *TSP by Top Five Stores*

TSP derived from Wuxi Yaohan Department Store, as a percentage of TSP of the department store business, decreased to 18.4% for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 from 20.8% for the same period in 2012. The aggregate contribution to TSP from the five largest stores decreased from approximately 66.5% to 60.9% in the same comparable period. Newly-opened stores are expected to become the new driving force for the department store business and the Group's sales growth.

### *TSP by Merchandise Categories*

The proportion of sales proceeds of department stores from various merchandise categories for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 are as follows: Fashion and apparel accounted for approximately 38.9% (2012: 40.9%); merchandise related to cosmetics and accessories accounted for approximately 32.7% (2012: 28.4%); footwear accounted for approximately 10.2% (2012: 11.1%), and the remaining categories, including athletic apparel and casual wear, children's and home furnishing, household and electronic appliances, rental income and others, accounted for the remaining 18.2% (2012: 19.6%).

### *Commission Rate from Concessionaire Sales and Comprehensive Gross Margin<sup>4</sup>*

For the six months period ended 30 June 2013, the commission rate from concessionaire sales was 16.4%, representing a reduction of 0.9 percentage point from 17.3% of the same period in 2012. The decrease was mainly due to combine of the increased contribution from merchandise related to cosmetics, jewelry and accessories, which have lower commission rate. The Group intends to maintain the stability of its commission rate by conducting periodic reviews and enhancing its mix of merchandise to reflect the changing consumption demands. Thus, the Comprehensive Gross Margin was approximately 20.3% for the six months period ended 30 June 2013, representing a drop 0.6 percentage point from 20.9% for the same period last year. The drop was due to the reduction of commission rate from concessionaire sales.

## **Supermarket Business:**

For the six months period ended 30 June 2013, TSP of supermarket business reached RMB1,330.9 million and the grew was mainly attributable to new stores. During the period under review, direct sales contributed approximately 89.4% (2012: 90.0%) and concessionaires sales accounted for approximately 9.0% (2012: 8.4%) of TSP of the supermarket business.

<sup>4</sup> Comprehensive Gross Margin = comprehensive gross profit / TSP. Comprehensive gross profit = gross profit of direct sales + commission income from concessionaire sales + rental income + other income (services fee collected from concessionaires and suppliers).

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### *TSP by Top Five Stores*

The aggregate contribution to TSP generated from the five largest supermarkets decreased to 41.5% for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 from approximately 48.1% for the same period in 2012. The new supermarkets accounted for 13.6% of TSP for the supermarket business for the six months period ended 30 June 2013.

### *TSP by Merchandise Categories*

The proportion of sales proceeds of supermarkets from various merchandise categories for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 are as follow: Fresh food accounted for approximately 36.2% (2012: 33.8%); dry foods accounted for approximately 33.0% (2012: 34.2%), non-food accounted for approximately 26.2% (2012: 27.0%), and the remaining categories, including rental income and others, accounted for the remaining 4.6% (2012: 5.0%).

### *Direct Sales Margin and Comprehensive Gross Margin*

Gross margin from direct sales for supermarket business was approximately 13.7% for the six months period ended 30 June 2013, representing an decrease of 1.3 percentage point as compared to 15.0% for the same period in 2012. During the period under review, Comprehensive Gross Margin was 24.5% (2012: 25.4%). The Group intends to keep gross margin from direct sales and its Comprehensive Gross Margin stable by expand the sales contributions from fresh food products, increase food quality and reduce wastage by invest in equipment and technical input.

### **Purchases Of and Changes In Inventories**

Purchases of and changes in inventories represented the cost of merchandise that we purchased from suppliers for resale under the direct sales business model. For the six months period ended 30 June 2013, purchases of and change in inventories increased to approximately RMB1,144.3 million, representing an increase of 6.2% as compared to the same period last year. The growth was generally in line with the increase of direct sales.

### **Expenses**

	For the six months period ended 30 June									
	2013					2012				
	Department			Total	% of TSP	Department			Total	% of TSP
	store	Supermarket	Headquarter			store	Supermarket	Headquarter		
business	business	(RMB millions)			business	business	(RMB millions)			
Staff costs	121.5	104.3	38.5	264.3	4.6%	103.9	90.0	31.6	225.5	4.5%
Depreciation and amortisation	123.8	32.4	2.0	158.2	2.7%	93.6	26.4	1.7	121.7	2.4%
Rental expenses	9.6	24.9	2.2	36.7	0.6%	7.8	24.7	0.9	33.4	0.7%
Other expenses										
Other operating costs	154.2	59.2	-	213.4	3.7%	154.2	50.1	-	204.3	4.1%
Non-operating costs	-	-	15.4	15.4	0.3%	-	-	17.1	17.1	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>409.1</b>	<b>220.8</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>688.0</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>359.5</b>	<b>191.2</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>602.0</b>	<b>12.0%</b>

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Expenses consisted of staff costs, depreciation and amortisation, rental and other expenses. Other expenses mainly include utility expenses, advertising and promotion expenses, losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment, office expenses, maintenance costs, travelling expenses, entertainment expenses, property tax and government surcharges and other miscellaneous expenses.

Total expenses of the Group as a percentage of TSP decreased to approximately 11.9% for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 from 12.0% for the same period last year. During the period under review, total expenses increased by 14.3% to RMB688.0 million (2012: RMB602.0 million) as we continued to expand the store networks and upgrade the shopping environment. Under inflationary pressure in the economy, the Group faced rising commercial rents, wages and overhead costs. However, the Group's department stores and supermarkets are sited in self-owned properties reached 81.0% and 33.1% of the gross floor areas respectively. The self-owned properties mitigated rental cost increases and maintained the operating leverage of the Group.

### Other Income and Gains

	For the six months period ended 30 June							
	2013				2012			
	Department store business	Supermarket business	Headquarter	Total	Department store business	Supermarket business	Headquarter	Total
	(RMB millions)							
Other operating income	153.1	115.4	-	268.5	119.0	101.3	-	220.3
Other non-operating income	-	-	104.4	104.4	-	-	74.8	74.8
	153.1	115.4	104.4	372.9	119.0	101.3	74.8	295.1

Other income and gains included other operating income and other non-operating income. Other operating income primarily consisted of fee income from suppliers including promotion fees, management fees paid by suppliers for participating in our promotional activities, reimbursing electricity charge and material, etc. Other non-operating income included Government subsidy income, interest income and gains from the Group's surplus cash, including structured deposits, which forms parts of the Group's treasury functions.

Other operating income increased to RMB268.5 million (2012: RMB220.3 million), other operating income as a percentage of TSP increased to approximately 4.6% for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 from 4.4% for the same period in last year.

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### Finance Costs

Total interest expenses increased by approximately 29.8% to RMB22.6 million during the six months ended 30 June 2013 compared with the corresponding period last year. The increase was due to the increase of short-term financing notes and long-term borrowings during the period. During the period under review, approximately RMB12.9 million of the interest expenses has been capitalized as property under development.

### Shares of Losses of a Jointly-controlled Entity

This is the share of losses from Zhenjiang Baisheng Commercial Center Co., Ltd., a jointly-controlled entity of the Company.

### Profit from Operations and Operating Margin

	For the six months period ended							
	2013				2012			
	Department		Total	% of TSP	Department		Total	% of TSP
Store business	Supermarket business	Store business			Supermarket business			
	(RMB millions)				(RMB millions)			
TSP	4,469.6	1,330.9	5,800.5	100%	3,770.4	1,226.0	4,996.4	100%
Revenue	874.4	1,237.4	2,111.8		806.8	1,147.5	1,954.3	
Profit from operation	500.2	106.0	606.2	10.5%	426.4	119.7	546.1	10.9%
<b>Head office and non-operating and unallocated expenses</b>								
Interest and unallocated gains			104.4				74.8	
Corporate and other unallocated expenses			(59.8)				(51.5)	
Finance costs			(22.6)				(17.4)	
<b>Profit before tax</b>			<b>628.2</b>	<b>10.8%</b>			<b>552.0</b>	<b>11.0%</b>

Profit from operations for the Group (excluded interest and unallocated gains, corporate and other unallocated expenses and finance costs) increased by approximately 11.0% to approximately RMB606.2 million for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 as compared with the corresponding period last year. Profit from operations for the department store business increased by approximately 17.3% to approximately RMB500.2 million. Operation margin as a percentage of TSP for department stores maintained at approximately 11.2% (2012: 11.3%). For the supermarket business, profit from operations decreased by approximately 11.4% to approximately RMB106.0 million and operating margin as a percentage of TSP decreased to approximately 8.0%, representing a drop of 1.8 percentage point from 9.8% for the same period last year.

## **Profit before Tax**

Profit before tax reached RMB628.2 million for the six months period ended 30 June 2013, representing an increase of 13.8% from the same period last year. The rise in profit before tax was generally in line with the rise in profit from operations.

## **Profit for the Period Attributable to Owners of the Parent**

Profit attributable to owners of the parent company increased to approximately RMB446.1 million for the six months period ended 30 June 2013, representing a growth of approximately 14.0% from the same period in 2012. During the period under review, the net profit margin in term of TSP kept at 7.7% (2012: 7.8%) and the net profit margin in term of revenue increased to approximately 21.1% (2012: 20.0%).

Profit for the period reached RMB451.0 million for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 (30 June 2012: RMB395.8 million). During the period under review, basic earnings per share was RMB18 cents.

## **LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

The Group relies principally on cash flow generated from its operating activities as a primary source of liquidity. The Group has always pursued a prudent treasury management policy and is in a strong liquidity position with sufficient standby banking facilities to cope with daily operations and future development demands for capital. In order to take advantage of interest rate spreads among different currencies, the Group mainly borrowed bank loans denominated in USD.

As at 30 June 2013, the Group's cash and cash equivalents and structured deposits stood at approximately RMB1,346.2 million (31 December 2012: RMB1,539.3 million) and RMB1,760.0 million (31 December 2012: RMB710.0 million) respectively; whereas the Group had short-term financing notes and bank loan of total RMB1,702.4 million (31 December 2012: RMB793.6 million).

Total assets of the Group as at 30 June 2013 amounted to approximately RMB11,332.7 million (31 December 2012: RMB10,381.5 million), whereas total liabilities amounted to approximately RMB6,409.2 million (31 December 2012: RMB5,670.9 million), resulting in a net asset position of RMB4,923.5 million (31 December 2012: RMB4,710.6 million).

The Company has been careful in using debt gearing to expand our business in accordance with our business strategy. At 30 June 2013, the Group's gearing ratio stayed at 47% (31 December 2012: 42%). The gearing ratio is calculated by net debt (including short-term financing notes, bank borrowings, trade payables and other payables and accruals minus cash and cash equivalents) divided by the capital plus net debt of the Group.

As at 30 June 2013, the Group owned 5.6% minority interests in Wuxi Commercial Building Dadongfang Co., Ltd (無錫商業大廈大東方股份有限公司), who operated department stores in Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province and listed on The Shanghai Stock Exchange. The above investment is disclosed in available-for-sale investments in interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position.



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### FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

The Group conducted its business operations in the PRC and its revenues and expenses were denominated in RMB. Therefore, except for the capital market transactions for funding needs, there is limited exposure in foreign exchange risk. Certain of the Group's bank balances, bank loans and deposits were denominated in HKD or USD which exposed the Group to foreign exchange risks attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between HKD/USD and RMB. As at 30 June 2013, the Directors considered the Group's foreign exchange risk to be insignificant.

### CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 30 June 2013, the Group had no material contingent liabilities. As at 31 December 2012, bank loans of RMB15 million of the Group are secured by the pledge of certain of the Group's property, plant and equipment with an aggregate net book value of RMB427,224,000.

### HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2013, the Group employed a total of approximately 8,574 full-time employees, of which 3,536 served the department store business and of which 4,872 served the supermarket business (31 December 2012: 7,800 full-time employee, of which 3,320 served the department store business and of which 4,303 served the supermarket business). Employees included management, sales people, workers for the logistics support system and other supporting staff. The Group's remuneration policy is primarily based on duties, performance and length of service of each individual employees with reference to prevailing market conditions and is reviewed every year.

To attract and retain skilled and experienced personnel and to motivate them to strive for future development and expansion of our business, the Group also offers a share option scheme. As at 30 June 2013, no share option was granted by the Group under the share option scheme.

### CONNECTED TRANSACTION

In April 2013, the Group acquired 100% equity interest in Nanjing Yaohan Commerce & Trade Co., Ltd. 南京八佰伴商貿有限公司 ("Nanjing Yaohan") from Wuxi Yinian Investment Management Co., Ltd 無錫億年投資管理有限公司 ("Wuxi Yinian"). Wuxi Yinian is owned as to 90% by a relative of Mr. Chen Jianqiang, a controlling shareholder of the Company and one of the executive Director. Wuxi Yinian is deemed as a connected person of the Company. Nanjing Yaohan is engaged in operation of department store and it holds and operates a department store Nanjing Yaohan Store, in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province. The acquisition will enhance the Company's scale of operations and will further strengthen the Company's market position in Jiangsu Province. The consideration for the acquisition of the entire equity interest in Nanjing Yaohan is zero.

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT 13

For the six months period ended 30 June 2013

	Notes	For the six months period ended 30 June	
		2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
<b>REVENUE</b>	4	<b>2,111,823</b>	1,954,320
Other income and gains	5	<b>372,928</b>	295,086
Purchase of and changes in inventories		<b>(1,114,264)</b>	(1,077,289)
Staff costs		<b>(264,345)</b>	(225,483)
Depreciation and amortisation		<b>(158,196)</b>	(121,741)
Rental expenses		<b>(36,668)</b>	(33,353)
Other expenses		<b>(228,762)</b>	(221,447)
Finance costs	6	<b>(22,616)</b>	(17,421)
Share of losses of a jointly-controlled entity		<b>(1,734)</b>	(678)
<b>PROFIT BEFORE TAX</b>	7	<b>628,166</b>	551,994
Income tax expense	8	<b>(177,125)</b>	(156,174)
<b>PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD</b>		<b>451,041</b>	395,820
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		<b>446,071</b>	391,409
Non-controlling interests		<b>4,970</b>	4,411
		<b>451,041</b>	395,820
<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT</b>			
Basic and diluted (RMB)	10	<b>0.18</b>	0.16

Details of dividends paid and proposed for the period are disclosed in note 9 to these financial statements.

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For the six months period ended 30 June 2013

	For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
<b>PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>451,041</b>	395,820
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		
<i>Other comprehensive income to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods</i>		
Available-for-sale investments:		
Changes in fair value	<b>(18,255)</b>	–
Income tax effect	<b>4,563</b>	–
	<b>(13,692)</b>	–
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	<b>26,395</b>	(241)
<b>NET OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME TO BE RECLASSIFIED TO PROFIT OR LOSS IN SUBSEQUENT PERIODS</b>	<b>12,703</b>	(241)
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD, NET OF TAX</b>	<b>12,703</b>	(241)
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>463,744</b>	395,579
Attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	<b>458,774</b>	391,168
Non-controlling interests	<b>4,970</b>	4,411
	<b>463,744</b>	395,579

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	<i>Notes</i>	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	11	5,881,923	5,805,327
Prepaid land premiums	12	877,355	890,023
Other intangible assets	13	42,944	44,474
Goodwill		206,494	184,167
Investment in a jointly-controlled entity		259,201	260,935
Available-for-sale investments		110,951	108,765
Long-term prepayments		147,535	165,957
Deferred tax assets		63,022	54,918
Total non-current assets		<b>7,589,425</b>	7,514,566
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Inventories	14	230,753	314,152
Trade receivables	15	14,868	8,610
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		360,647	263,915
Structured deposits	16	1,760,000	710,000
Derivative financial instruments		–	276
Cash and cash equivalents	17	1,346,235	1,539,313
		<b>3,712,503</b>	2,836,266
Assets of a disposal group classified as held for sale	25	30,738	30,738
Total current assets		<b>3,743,241</b>	2,867,004
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Short-term financing notes	18	907,857	–
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	19	794,580	793,619
Trade payables	20	930,270	1,110,973
Other payables and accruals		2,011,239	2,263,167
Derivative financial instruments		–	1,043
Tax payable		76,366	81,153
		<b>4,720,312</b>	4,249,955
Liability directly associated with the assets classified as held for sales	25	3,107	3,107
Total current liabilities		<b>4,723,419</b>	4,253,062
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>(980,178)</b>	(1,386,058)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>6,609,247</b>	6,128,508

# 16 INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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	<i>Notes</i>	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	19	<b>925,010</b>	654,500
Long-term payables	21	<b>293,170</b>	291,045
Deferred tax liabilities		<b>467,577</b>	472,327
Total non-current liabilities		<b>1,685,757</b>	1,417,872
Net assets		<b>4,923,490</b>	4,710,636
<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the parent</b>			
Issued capital	22	<b>21,589</b>	21,589
Reserves		<b>4,669,984</b>	4,214,219
Proposed final dividend	9	–	242,589
		<b>4,691,573</b>	4,478,397
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>		<b>231,917</b>	232,239
Total equity		<b>4,923,490</b>	4,710,636

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	Attributable to owners of the parent												
	Issued capital	Share premium	Contributed surplus	Capital reserve	Available-for-sale investment revaluation reserve	Statutory surplus reserve	Discretionary reserve	Exchange fluctuation reserve	Retained earnings	Proposed final dividend	Total	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
(unaudited)													
At 1 January 2013	21,589	1,983,792	(1,512)	(21,526)	(14,123)	464,402	33,710	(2,418)	1,771,894	242,589	4,478,397	232,239	4,710,636
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	446,071	-	446,071	4,970	451,041
Other comprehensive income for the period:													
Changes in fair value of available-for-sale investments, net of tax	-	-	-	-	(13,692)	-	-	-	-	-	(13,692)	-	(13,692)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,395	-	-	26,395	-	26,395
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(13,692)	-	-	26,395	446,071	-	458,774	4,970	463,744
Re-recognition of non-controlling interests related to put options	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221,120	221,120
Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8,298)	(8,298)
Final 2012 dividend declared	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(242,589)	(242,589)	-	-	(242,589)
Derecognition of non-controlling interests and recognition of the difference between the derecognised non-controlling interests and the liability of the put options	-	-	-	(3,009)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,009)	(218,114)	(221,123)
At 30 June 2013	21,589	1,983,792	(1,512)	(24,535)	(27,815)	464,402	33,710	23,977	2,217,965	-	4,691,573	231,917	4,923,490
(unaudited)													
At 1 January 2012	21,589	2,308,044	(1,512)	(9,763)	-	323,331	33,710	(10,774)	1,261,680	202,675	4,128,980	30,914	4,159,894
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	391,409	-	391,409	4,411	395,820
Other comprehensive income for the period:													
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(241)	-	-	(241)	-	(241)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(241)	391,409	-	391,168	4,411	395,579
Re-recognition of non-controlling interests related to put options	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	228,185	228,185
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	-	-	-	(729)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(729)	(3,804)	(4,533)
Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8,299)	(8,299)
Final 2011 dividend declared	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(202,675)	(202,675)	-	-	(202,675)
Derecognition of non-controlling interests and recognition of the difference between the derecognised non-controlling interests and the liability of the put options	-	-	-	(11,166)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11,166)	(220,985)	(232,151)
At 30 June 2012	21,589	2,308,044	(1,512)	(21,658)	-	323,331	33,710	(11,015)	1,653,089	-	4,305,578	30,422	4,336,000

## 18 INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months period ended 30 June 2013

	Note	For the six months period ended 30 June	
		2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>244,379</b>	351,727
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>		<b>(1,495,999)</b>	(1,358,197)
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>		<b>894,983</b>	481,963
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(356,637)</b>	(524,507)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		<b>1,026,477</b>	1,945,929
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net		<b>26,395</b>	(241)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period</b>		<b>696,235</b>	1,421,181
<b>Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Cash and bank balances	17	<b>696,235</b>	1,421,181

## 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Springland International Holdings Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability in the Cayman Islands on 21 June 2006 under the Companies Law, Cap.22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The registered office address of the Company is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, PO Box 2681, Grand Cayman KYI-1111, Cayman Islands. The Company was listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on 21 October 2010.

The Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) are principally engaged in the operation of department stores and supermarkets in Mainland China. In the opinion of the directors of the Company (the “Directors”), the ultimate holding company of the Group is Octopus (China) Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands (the “BVI”).

### 2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. These financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”) and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s annual financial statements as at 31 December 2012.

### 2.2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012, except for the adoption of the new standards and interpretations as of 1 January 2013, noted below:

IFRS 1 Amendments	<i>Amendments to IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards – Government Loans</i>
IFRS 7 Amendments	<i>Amendments to IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities</i>
IFRS 10	<i>Consolidated Financial Statements</i>
IFRS 11	<i>Joint Arrangements</i>
IFRS 12	<i>Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities</i>
IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12 Amendments	<i>Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12 – Transition Guidance</i>
IFRS 13	<i>Fair Value Measurement</i>
IAS 1 Amendments	<i>Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements – Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income</i>
IAS 19 Amendments	<i>Amendments to IAS 19 Employee Benefits</i>
IAS 27 Revised	<i>Separate Financial Statements</i>
IAS 28 Revised	<i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i>
IFRIC 20	<i>Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine</i>
Annual Improvements 2009-2011 Cycle	<i>Amendments to a number of IFRSs issued in May 2012</i>

The adoption of these new and revised IFRSs had no significant financial effect on these financial statements.

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### 2.3 IMPACT OF ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

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

IFRS 9	<i>Financial Instruments</i> <sup>2</sup>
IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 27 (Revised) Amendments	Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 27 (Revised) – <i>Investment Entities</i> <sup>1</sup>
IAS 32 Amendments	Amendments to IAS 32 <i>Financial Instruments: Presentation – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities</i> <sup>1</sup>
IAS 36 Amendments	Amendments to IAS 36 <i>Impairment of Assets – Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets</i> <sup>1</sup>
IAS 39 Amendments	Amendments to IAS 39 <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement – Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting</i> <sup>1</sup>
IFRIC 21	<i>Levies</i> <sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the impact of these new and revised IFRSs upon initial application. So far, the Group considers that these new and revised IFRSs are unlikely to have a significant impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position.

### 3. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services and has two reportable operating segments as follows:

- Department store segment
- Supermarket segment

Management monitors the results of the Group's operating segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resources allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on reportable segment profit, which is a measure of adjusted profit before tax. The adjusted profit before tax is measured consistently with the Group's profit before tax except that interest income, finance costs, dividend income, fair value gains/(losses) from the Group's financial instruments as well as head office and corporate expenses are excluded from this measurement.

Segment assets exclude the Group's available-for-sale investments, deferred tax assets, tax recoverable, investments at fair value through profit or loss, structured deposits, derivative financial instruments, cash and cash equivalents, assets of a disposal group classified as held for sale and other unallocated head office and corporate assets as these assets are managed on a group basis.

Segment liabilities exclude short-term financing notes, interest-bearing bank borrowings, derivative financial instruments, tax payable, liabilities directly associated with the assets classified as held for sale, deferred tax liabilities and other unallocated head office and corporate liabilities as these liabilities are managed on a group basis.

### 3. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

Intersegment sales and transfers are transacted with reference to the selling prices used for sales made to third parties at the then prevailing market prices.

The following tables presented revenue and profit informations regarding the Group's operating segments for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 and 2012, respectively:

<b>For the six months period ended 30 June 2013 (unaudited)</b>	<b>Department store RMB'000</b>	<b>Super- market RMB'000</b>	<b>Total RMB'000</b>
<b>Segment revenue</b>			
Sales to external customers	<b>874,419</b>	<b>1,237,404</b>	<b>2,111,823</b>
<b>Segment results</b>	<b>500,252</b>	<b>105,985</b>	<b>606,237</b>
<i>Reconciliation:</i>			
Interest income and unallocated gains			<b>104,402</b>
Corporate and other unallocated expenses			<b>(59,857)</b>
Finance costs			<b>(22,616)</b>
Profit before tax			<b>628,166</b>
For the six months period ended 30 June 2012 (unaudited)	Department store RMB'000	Super- market RMB'000	Total RMB'000
<b>Segment revenue</b>			
Sales to external customers	806,810	1,147,510	1,954,320
<b>Segment results</b>	426,387	119,689	546,076
<i>Reconciliation:</i>			
Interest income and unallocated gains			74,794
Corporate and other unallocated expenses			(51,455)
Finance costs			(17,421)
Profit before tax			551,994

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### 3. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

The following table presents segments assets of the Group's operating segments as at 30 June 2013 and 31 December 2012, respectively:

<b>As at 30 June 2013 (unaudited)</b>	<b>Department store RMB'000</b>	<b>Super- market RMB'000</b>	<b>Total RMB'000</b>
<b>Segment assets</b>	<b>6,828,457</b>	<b>1,134,886</b>	<b>7,963,343</b>
<i>Reconciliation:</i>			
Corporate and other unallocated assets			<b>3,338,585</b>
Assets of a disposal group classified as held for sale			<b>30,738</b>
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>11,332,666</b>
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	<b>2,805,262</b>	<b>588,952</b>	<b>3,394,214</b>
<i>Reconciliation:</i>			
Corporate and other unallocated liabilities			<b>3,011,855</b>
Liabilities directly associated with the assets classified as held for sale			<b>3,107</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>6,409,176</b>
 As at 31 December 2012 (audited)	 Department store RMB'000	 Super- market RMB'000	 Total RMB'000
<b>Segment assets</b>	<b>6,729,629</b>	<b>1,174,829</b>	<b>7,904,458</b>
<i>Reconciliation:</i>			
Corporate and other unallocated assets			<b>2,446,374</b>
Assets of a disposal group classified as held for sale			<b>30,738</b>
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>10,381,570</b>
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	<b>2,915,517</b>	<b>598,068</b>	<b>3,513,585</b>
<i>Reconciliation:</i>			
Corporate and other unallocated liabilities			<b>2,154,242</b>
Liabilities directly associated with the assets classified as held for sale			<b>3,107</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>5,670,934</b>

#### Geographical information

All of the Group's revenue is derived from customers based in Mainland China and all of the non-current assets of the Group are located in Mainland China.

#### Information about a major customer

No revenue derived from sales to a single customer or a group of customers under common control accounted for 10% or more of the Group's revenue for the six months period ended 30 June 2013 and 2012.

#### 4. REVENUE

Revenue represents the net amount received and receivable for goods sold by the Group to outside customers, less allowances for returns and trade discounts; commission income from concessionaire sales, net of sales taxes and surcharges; and other revenue that arises in the ordinary course of business.

An analysis of revenue is as follows:

	For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
Sales of goods – direct sales	1,328,836	1,267,334
Commission income from concessionaire sales ( <i>Note</i> )	725,515	634,697
<b>Total turnover</b>	<b>2,054,351</b>	1,902,031
Rental income	50,833	43,759
Provision of food and beverage service	6,639	8,530
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>2,111,823</b>	1,954,320

*Note:*

The commission income from concessionaire sales is analysed as follows:

	For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
Gross revenue from concessionaire sales	4,420,796	3,685,324
Commission income from concessionaire sales	725,515	634,697

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### 5. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

	For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
<b>Other income</b>		
Fee income from suppliers	267,434	220,292
Interest income	75,754	11,954
Dividend income from available-for-sale listed investments	1,894	–
Subsidy income	20,868	17,243
Others	6,211	3,831
	<b>372,161</b>	253,320
<b>Gains</b>		
Gains on disposal of investments at fair value through profit or loss	–	29,263
Fair value gains, net:		
Investments at fair value through profit or loss		
– held for trade	–	12,503
Derivative instruments		
– transactions not qualifying as hedges	767	–
	<b>767</b>	41,766
	<b>372,928</b>	295,086

### 6. FINANCE COSTS

	For the six month period ended 30 June	
	2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
Interest on bank borrowings wholly repayable within five years	35,545	23,049
Less: Interest capitalised	(12,929)	(5,628)
	<b>22,616</b>	17,421

## 7. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Notes	For the six months period ended 30 June	
		2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
Cost of inventories sold		<b>1,144,264</b>	1,073,768
Provision for slow-moving inventories		–	3,521
Depreciation	11	<b>150,727</b>	115,439
Amortisation of prepaid land premiums	12	<b>5,939</b>	4,769
Amortisation of other intangible assets	13	<b>1,530</b>	1,534
Loss on disposal items of property, plant and equipment		<b>167</b>	440
Minimal lease payments under operating lease:			
– land and buildings		<b>36,668</b>	33,353
Staff costs		<b>264,345</b>	225,483
Dividend income from available-for-sale listed investments		<b>(1,894)</b>	–
Fair value (gains)/losses, net:			
Investments at fair value through profit or loss			
– held for trading		–	(12,503)
Derivative instruments			
– transactions not qualifying as hedges		<b>(767)</b>	1,932
Share of losses of a jointly-controlled entity		<b>1,734</b>	678

## 8. INCOME TAX

The Group is subject to income tax on an entity basis on profit arising in or derived from the tax jurisdictions in which members of the Group are domiciled and operated. The Group and the Company are not liable for income tax in Hong Kong as they do not have assessable income sourced from Hong Kong during the period.

The Company is a tax-exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands.

The provision for the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") income tax has been provided at the applicable income tax rate of 25% (six months period ended 30 June 2012: 25%) on the assessable profits of the Group's subsidiaries in Mainland China.

	For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
Current – PRC corporate income tax charge for the period	<b>189,979</b>	157,607
Deferred	<b>(12,854)</b>	(1,433)
Total tax charge for the period	<b>177,125</b>	156,174

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### 9. DIVIDENDS

	For the six months period ended 30 June	
	2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
Dividends on ordinary shares declared and paid during the period		
Final dividends for 2012: HK12 cents (2011: HK10 cents)	<b>242,589</b>	202,675
Dividends on ordinary share proposed (not recognised as a liability as at 30 June):		
Proposed interim dividend for 2013: HK10 cents (2012: HK4 cents)	<b>198,780</b>	81,663

### 10. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT

The calculation of basic earnings per share amount is based on the profit for the period attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the parent of RMB446,071,000 (six months period ended 30 June 2012: RMB391,409,000) and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 2,500,000,000 (six months period ended 30 June 2012: 2,500,000,000) in issue during the period.

The Group had no potentially dilutive ordinary shares in issue during these periods.

### 11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Carrying amount at 1 January	<b>5,805,327</b>	4,456,341
Additions	<b>211,833</b>	1,128,282
Acquisition of a subsidiary (note 24)	<b>15,724</b>	471,440
Depreciation provided for the period/year	<b>(150,727)</b>	(241,238)
Disposals	<b>(234)</b>	(9,498)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2013/31 December 2012	<b>5,881,923</b>	5,805,327

At 30 June 2013, the application for property ownership certificate for the Group's land and buildings amounting to RMB1,240,862,000 (31 December 2012: RMB1,294,088,000) was still in progress.

## 12. PREPAID LAND PREMIUMS

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Carrying amount at 1 January	<b>890,023</b>	384,469
Additions	–	521,314
Amortisation capitalised as property, plant and equipment for the period/year	<b>(6,729)</b>	(5,858)
Recognised as expenses during the period/year	<b>(5,939)</b>	(9,902)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2013/31 December 2012	<b>877,355</b>	890,023

The leasehold land is situated in Mainland China and is held under a long-term lease.

## 13. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
<b>Lease agreement buyouts</b>		
Carrying amount at 1 January	<b>44,474</b>	47,541
Recognised as expense during the period/year	<b>(1,530)</b>	(3,067)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2013/31 December 2012	<b>42,944</b>	44,474

The lease agreement buyouts represented the Group's payment to old tenant to buy out lease agreements, and were amortised over the lease terms on the straight-line basis.

## 14. INVENTORIES

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Store merchandise, at cost or net realisable value	<b>229,248</b>	312,394
Low value consumables	<b>1,505</b>	1,758
	<b>230,753</b>	314,152

## 15. TRADE RECEIVABLES

All of the Group's sales are on a cash basis except for certain bulk sales of merchandise which are credit sales. The credit terms offered to customers are generally one month.

All balances of the trade receivables at each reporting date are neither past due nor impaired and aged within one month based on the invoice date.

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### 16. STRUCTURED DEPOSITS

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Structured deposits in licensed banks in the PRC, at amortised cost	<b>1,760,000</b>	710,000

These structured deposits have terms of less than one year and have expected annual rates of return up to 7.39% (31 December 2012: 5.2%). Pursuant to the underlying contracts or notices, these structured deposits are capital guaranteed upon the maturity date.

### 17. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Cash and bank balances	<b>696,235</b>	1,026,477
Time deposits	<b>650,000</b>	512,836
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>1,346,235</b>	1,539,313

The Group's cash and cash equivalents at each reporting date are denominated in the following currencies:

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
RMB	<b>1,241,814</b>	1,223,115
US\$	<b>100,967</b>	315,612
HK\$	<b>3,454</b>	586
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>1,346,235</b>	1,539,313

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. Short-term time deposits are made for varying periods of between six months and nine months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group, and earn interest at the respective short-term time deposit rates. The bank balances are deposited with creditworthy banks with no recent history of default. The carrying amounts of the cash and cash equivalents and time deposits approximate to their fair values.

## 18. SHORT-TERM FINANCING NOTES

On 29 March 2013, the Group issued its short-term financing notes at par value of RMB900 million in the national inter-bank market in the PRC. The nominal interest rate is 4.59% per annum and the effective interest rate is 5.01% per annum. The principal together with the interest thereon are paid upon maturity date of one year issuance.

## 19. INTEREST-BEARING BANK BORROWINGS

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Bank loans:		
Secured	–	15,000
Unsecured	<b>1,719,590</b>	1,433,119
	<b>1,719,590</b>	1,448,119
Bank loans repayable:		
Within one year or on demand	<b>794,580</b>	793,619
Over one year but within two years	<b>925,010</b>	654,500
Total bank borrowings	<b>1,719,590</b>	1,448,119
Less: Portion classified as current liabilities	<b>(794,580)</b>	(793,619)
Long-term portion	<b>925,010</b>	654,500

The Group's bank loans bore effective interest rates from 2.12% to 6.0% per annum as at 30 June 2013 (31 December 2012: from 2.0% to 5.6%)

Certain of the bank loans of the Group as at 31 December 2012 are secured by the pledge of certain of the Group's property, plant and equipment with an aggregate net book value of RMB427,224,000.

The Group's interest-bearing bank borrowings at each reporting date are denominated in the following currencies:

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
RMB	<b>1,000</b>	43,495
US\$	<b>1,718,590</b>	1,149,222
HK\$	–	255,402
	<b>1,719,590</b>	1,448,119

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### 20. TRADE PAYABLES

The trade payables are non-interest-bearing and are normally settled on terms up to 60-days.

An aged analysis of the trade payables at each reporting date, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Within three months	<b>787,025</b>	995,173
Over three months but within six months	<b>79,050</b>	61,992
Over six months but within one year	<b>34,106</b>	23,664
Over one year	<b>30,089</b>	30,144
	<b>930,270</b>	1,110,973

### 21. LONG-TERM PAYABLES

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Long-term portion of accrued rental expenses	<b>25,636</b>	23,514
Put options to non-controlling shareholders <sup>(i)</sup>	<b>267,534</b>	267,531
	<b>293,170</b>	291,045

Note:

<sup>(i)</sup> Put options were granted to certain non-controlling shareholders of a subsidiary to sell their equity interest in the subsidiary to the Group at a pre-determined price in connection with the acquisition of the subsidiary in November 2009. The put options are exercisable from 1 January 2010 and have no expiry date. Holders of the put options need to notify the Group of the exercise of the option in written form before November of a calendar year and the Group has to complete the required transaction and pay the non-controlling shareholders before 1 May of the year subsequent to the year in which the notice of the exercise of put options is received. The balance represents the present value of amounts payable by the Group to acquire the non-controlling interests as if such non-controlling interests were fully acquired at each of the reporting dates.

## 22. ISSUED CAPITAL

*Authorised*

	<b>As at 30 June 2013 (unaudited) Number of shares at HK\$0.01 each Thousands</b>	As at 31 December 2012 (audited) Number of shares at HK\$0.01 each Thousands
Ordinary shares	<b>10,000,000</b>	10,000,000

*Ordinary shares issued and fully paid*

	<b>Number of shares at HK\$0.01 each Thousands</b>	<b>RMB'000</b>
As at 31 December 2012 and 30 June 2013	<b>2,500,000</b>	<b>21,589</b>

## 23. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES, OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

### (a) Contingent liabilities

As at 30 June 2013, neither the Group nor the Company had any significant contingent liabilities.

### (b) Operating lease arrangements

Group as lessee

The Group leases certain of its land and buildings under operating lease arrangements with lease terms ranging from one to twenty years.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases falling due as follows:

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Within one year	<b>41,422</b>	51,528
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	<b>371,667</b>	393,612
After five years	<b>1,275,527</b>	1,404,842
	<b>1,688,616</b>	1,849,982

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### 23. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES, OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS (continued)

#### (b) Operating lease arrangements (continued)

*Group as lessor*

The Group leases out certain of its land and buildings under operating lease arrangements with lease terms ranging from one to fifteen years.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group had total future minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable operating leases with its tenants falling due as follows:

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Within one year	<b>75,066</b>	50,428
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	<b>119,548</b>	89,711
After five years	<b>38,060</b>	64,103
	<b>232,674</b>	204,242

#### (c) Capital commitments

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Contracted, but not provided for: Property, plant and equipment	<b>952,862</b>	540,145

## 24. BUSINESS COMBINATION

On 9 April 2013, the Group acquired a 100% interest in Nanjing Yaohan Commerce & Trade Co., Ltd. ("Nanjing Yaohan") at nil consideration through its wholly owned subsidiary Zhenjiang Yaohan Commerce & Trade Center Co., Ltd. ("Zhenjiang Yaohan"). Zhenjiang Yaohan entered into an agreement with Wuxi Yinian Investment Management Co., Ltd., which was controlled by a relative of a Director Mr. Chen Jianxiang. Nanjing Yaohan is engaged in the operation of department stores.

The fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities of Nanjing Yaohan as at the date of acquisition were as follows:

	<i>Note</i>	<b>Fair value recognised RMB'000</b>
Property, plant and equipment	12	<b>15,724</b>
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		<b>6,980</b>
Cash and cash equivalents		<b>6,789</b>
Trade receivables		<b>1,393</b>
Trade payables		<b>(13,471)</b>
Other payables and accruals		<b>(39,234)</b>
Tax payable		<b>(508)</b>
Total identifiable net assets at fair value		<b>(22,327)</b>
Goodwill on acquisition		<b>22,327</b>
Satisfied by : Nil consideration		<b>-</b>

An analysis of the cash flows in respect of the acquisition of a subsidiary is as follows:

	<b>RMB'000</b>
Cash consideration	<b>-</b>
Cash and bank balances acquired	<b>6,789</b>
Net inflow of cash and cash equivalents included in cash flows from investing activities	<b>6,789</b>

Since the acquisition, Nanjing Yaohan contributed RMB4,303,000 to the Group's revenue and RMB280,000 to the consolidated losses for the six month period ended 30 June 2013.

Had the combination taken place at the beginning of the six month period ended 30 June 2013, the revenue from continuing operations of the Group and the loss of the Group for the period would have been RMB9,147,000 and RMB223,000, respectively.

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### 25. ASSETS OF A DISPOSAL GROUP CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE AND DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED LIABILITIES

At the acquisition date of Yangzhou Fengxiang, the Group decided to dispose of certain non-current assets and a subsidiary company acquired from this business combination, which are not relevant to the principal operation of the Group. According to IFRS 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*, the Group classified these non-current assets and disposal group as held for sale at the acquisition date and measured at fair values less costs to sell. This disposal is due to be completed on 30 November 2013. As at 30 June 2013, final negotiations for the sale were in progress.

### 26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

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

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**(unaudited)**

#### Financial assets

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss – Held for trading RMB'000	Loans and receivables RMB'000	Available-for-sale financial assets RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Available-for-sale investments	–	–	110,951	110,951
Trade receivables	–	14,868	–	14,868
Financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	–	286,728	–	286,728
Structured deposits	–	1,760,000	–	1,760,000
Cash and cash equivalents	–	1,346,235	–	1,346,235
	–	3,407,831	110,951	3,518,782

#### Financial liabilities

	Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss – Held for trading RMB'000	Financial liabilities at amortised cost RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Short-term financing notes	–	907,857	907,857
Trade payables	–	930,270	930,270
Financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals	–	440,285	440,285
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	–	1,719,590	1,719,590
Financial liabilities included in long-term payables	–	267,534	267,534
	–	4,265,536	4,265,536

**26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY (continued)**

31 December 2012  
(audited)

**Financial assets**

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss – Held for trading RMB'000	Loans and receivables RMB'000	Available- for-sale financial assets RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Available-for-sale investments	–	–	108,765	108,765
Trade receivables	–	8,610	–	8,610
Financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	–	167,052	–	167,052
Structured deposits	–	710,000	–	710,000
Derivative financial instruments	276	–	–	276
Cash and cash equivalents	–	1,539,313	–	1,539,313
	276	2,424,975	108,765	2,534,016

**Financial liabilities**

	Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss – Held for trading RMB'000	Financial liabilities at amortised cost RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Trade payables	–	1,110,973	1,110,973
Financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals	–	514,880	514,880
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	–	1,448,119	1,448,119
Derivative financial instruments	1,043	–	1,043
Financial liabilities included in long-term payables	–	267,531	267,531
	1,043	3,341,503	3,342,546

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## 27. FAIR VALUE AND FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

The carrying amounts and fair values of the Group's financial instruments are as follows:

	Carrying amounts		Fair values	
	30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000	30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	1,346,235	1,539,313	1,346,235	1,539,313
Trade receivables	14,868	8,610	14,868	8,610
Financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	286,728	167,052	286,728	167,052
Available-for-sale investments	110,951	108,765	110,951	108,765
Structured deposits	1,760,000	710,000	1,760,000	710,000
Derivative financial instruments	–	276	–	276
	<b>3,518,782</b>	2,534,016	<b>3,518,782</b>	2,534,016
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Short-term financing notes	907,857	–	907,857	–
Trade payables	930,270	1,110,973	930,270	1,110,973
Financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals	440,285	514,880	440,285	514,880
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	1,719,590	1,448,119	1,719,590	1,448,119
Derivative financial instruments	–	1,043	–	1,043
Financial liabilities included in long-term payables	267,534	267,531	267,534	267,531
	<b>4,265,536</b>	3,342,546	<b>4,265,536</b>	3,342,546

The fair values of the financial assets and liabilities are included at the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values:

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, structured deposits, trade receivables, trade payables, financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables, financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals and amounts due to subsidiaries approximate to their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

The fair values of interest-bearing bank borrowings and financing notes have been calculated by discounting the expected future cash flows using rates currently available for instruments on similar terms, credit risk and remaining maturities.

**27. FAIR VALUE AND FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY (continued)**

The Group enters into derivative financial instruments with a licensed bank. Derivative financial instruments, including deliverable RMB/HK\$ cross currency swaps and 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, foreign exchange spot and forward rates and interest rate curves. The carrying amounts of cross currency swaps and interest rate swaps are the same as their fair values.

**Fair value hierarchy**

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair values of financial instruments:

Level 1: fair values measured based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: fair values measured based on valuation techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: fair values measured based on valuation techniques for which any inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

*Assets measured at fair value:*

**As at 30 June 2013:  
(unaudited)**

	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Available-for-sale investments	110,841	–	–	110,841

As at 31 December 2012:  
(audited)

	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Available-for-sale investments	108,655	–	–	108,655
Derivative financial instruments	–	267	–	267
	108,655	267	–	108,922

During the six month period ended 30 June 2013, there were no transfers of fair value measurements between Level 1 and Level 2 and no transfers into or out of Level 3.

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### 28. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the transactions disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements, the Group had the following material transactions with related parties during the six months period ended 30 June 2013 and 2012.

- (a) In 2010, the Group entered into a lease agreement with Nanjing Yaohan to lease certain store areas from Nanjing Yaohan for its supermarket operation. The lease agreement was terminated in June 2012. The rental expense charged by Nanjing Yaohan for the period ended 30 June 2012 amounted to RMB498,000. The outstanding balances with Nanjing Yaohan was as follows:

	<b>30 June 2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	31 December 2012 (audited) RMB'000
Other payables and accruals	–	249

As disclosed in note 24, the Group acquired 100% equity interests in Nanjing Yaohan Commerce & Trade Co., Ltd. from Wuxi Yinian Investment Management Co., Ltd., which was controlled by a relative of a Director, Mr. Chen Jianqiang, in April 2013. From then on, Nanjing Yaohan was changed from a related party to a subsidiary of the Group.

- (b) Compensation of key management personal of the Group:

	<b>For the six months period ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2013 (unaudited) RMB'000</b>	2012 (unaudited) RMB'000
Total compensation	<b>7,554</b>	3,463

### 29. EVENTS AFTER THE INTERIM REPORTING PERIOD

At a meeting held on 12 August 2013, the Directors declared an interim dividend of HK10 cents per ordinary share. This proposed dividend, based on the number of shares outstanding at the date of the meeting, is not reflected as dividend payable in this interim financial statement.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Directors are of the opinion that the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practice (the “CG Code”) under Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing Rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) throughout the six months ended 30 June 2013.

## **MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “Model Code”) as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its code of conduct regarding directors’ securities transactions. Directors are reminded of their obligations under the Model Code on a regular basis. After having made specific enquiry, the Company confirms that all Directors have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the six months period ended 30 June 2013.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company’s listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2013.

## **SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT**

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, at least 25% of the Company’s total issued share capital was held by the public.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee normally meets four times each year with the purpose of monitoring the integrity of the Group’s financial statements and to consider the nature and scope of internal and external audit reviews. It also assesses the effectiveness of the systems of internal control. The Audit Committee has reviewed the accounting policies and practices adopted by the Group and discussed with the management and the independent auditor on financial reporting matters in respect of the unaudited interim condensed financial statement for the six months period ended 30 June 2013.

Under its terms of reference, the Audit Committee consists at least three Non-executive Director. The majority of them shall be Independent Non-executive Directors and at least one of them has to be an Independent Non-executive Director with appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise as required under rule 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules. The Audit Committee consists of three Independent Non-executive Directors, being Dr. Lin Zhijun (chairman), Dr. Zhang Weijong and Mr. Wang Shuaiting.

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### DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at 30 June 2013, the interests and short positions of the Directors of the Company in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO; or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules on the Stock Exchange were as follows:

#### Long position in the Shares of the Company

Name of director	Nature of Interest	Number of ordinary Shares interested	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital
Mr. Chen Jianqiang	Interest in controlled corporation	1,442,500,000 (Note (1))	57.70%
Mr. Fung Hiu Lai	Direct beneficial owner	2,187,500	0.09%
Mr. Wang Lin	Direct beneficial owner	300,000	0.01%

#### Long position in the Shares and underlying shares of associated corporations of the Company

Name of director	Name of associated corporation	Nature of interest	Number and class of shares of the associated corporation held	Percentage of interest in the associated corporation
Mr. Chen Jianqiang	Octopus Holdings Foundation (Note (1))	Beneficial interest	1 ordinary share	100%
Mr. Chen Jianqiang	Octopus (China) Holdings Limited (Note (1))	Interest in controlled corporation	100 ordinary shares	100%
Mr. Chen Jianqiang	Shanghai Victor Holdings Limited (Note (1))	Interest in controlled corporation	100 ordinary share	100%

Note:

- 17,750,000 Shares were held by Shanghai Victor Holdings Limited that is wholly-owned by Octopus (China) Holdings Limited and 1,424,750,000 Shares were held by Octopus (China) Holdings Limited, in which is wholly-owned by Octopus Holdings Foundation. Mr. Chen as the sole shareholder of Octopus Holdings Foundation is deemed to be interested in 1,442,500,000 Shares held by Octopus (China) Holdings Limited and Shanghai Victor Holdings Limited. As each of Octopus Holdings Foundation, Octopus (China) Holdings Limited and Shanghai Victor Holdings Limited are all holding companies of the Company, each of them is an associated corporation of the Company under the SFO.

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Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2013, none of the Directors and chief executive had any interest or short position in the Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations that recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 June 2013, so far as is known to any Directors and chief executives of the Company, the following persons (other than the Directors of the Company or chief executive, whose interests have been disclosed in the above section "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interest and Short positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of the Company and its Associated Corporations") had interests of 5% or more in the Shares and underlying Shares of the Company notified to the Company under the provisions of the Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO:

Name of Shareholders	Nature of interest	Number of ordinary Shares interested	Percentage of the Company's issued share capital
<b>Long Positions</b>			
Octopus Holdings Foundation <sup>(1)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	1,442,500,000	57.70%
CDH Resource Limited <sup>(2)</sup>	Beneficial owner	166,000,000	6.64%
CDH China Growth Capital Fund II, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	166,000,000	6.64%
CDH China Growth Capital Holdings Company Limited <sup>(2)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	166,000,000	6.64%
China Diamond Holdings II, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	166,000,000	6.64%
China Diamond Holdings Company Limited <sup>(2)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	166,000,000	6.64%
Value Partners Limited <sup>(3)</sup>	Beneficial owner	140,078,000	5.60%
Value Partners Hong Kong Limited <sup>(3)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	140,078,000	5.60%
Value Partners Group Limited <sup>(3)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	140,078,000	5.60%
Cheah Capital Management Limited <sup>(3)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	140,078,000	5.60%
Cheah Company Limited <sup>(3)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	140,078,000	5.60%
Hang Seng Bank Trustee International Limited <sup>(3)</sup>	Trustee of the CH Cheah Family Trust	140,078,000	5.60%
Cheak Cheng Hye <sup>(3)</sup>	Founder of a discretionary trust	140,078,000	5.60%
To Hau Yiu <sup>(3)</sup>	Interest of spouse	140,078,000	5.60%

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### Notes:

1. Octopus (China) Holdings Limited is wholly-owned by Octopus Holdings Foundation. Mr. Chen as the sole shareholder of Octopus Holdings Foundation is deemed to be interested in Shares held by Octopus (China) Holdings Limited and its wholly-owned subsidiary.
2. CDH Resource Limited, a limited liability company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CDH China Growth Capital Fund II, L.P., an exempted limited partnership organised and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands. The general partner of CDH China Growth Capital Fund II, L.P. is CDH China Growth Capital Holdings Company Limited, a limited liability company organised and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands. China Diamond Holdings II, L.P. is the holding company of CDH China Growth Capital Holdings Company Limited, and China Diamond Holdings Company Limited is the general partner of China Diamond Holdings II, L.P.. Each of CDH China Growth Capital Fund II, L.P., CDH China Growth Capital Holdings Company Limited, China Diamond Holdings II, L.P. and China Diamond Holdings Company Limited is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by CDH Resource Limited.
3. These Shares are registered in the name of Value Partners Limited which is indirectly wholly-owned by Value Partners Group Limited which in turn is held as to 28.47% by Cheah Capital Management Limited. The entire issued share capital of Cheah Capital Management Limited is held by Cheah Company Limited, whose entire issued share capital is held by Hang Seng Bank Trustee International Limited in its capacity as trustee of The CH Cheah Family Trust with Cheah Cheng Hye as the founder of the trust. Under the SFO, Value Partners Hong Kong Limited, Value Partners Group Limited, Cheah Capital Management Limited, Cheah Company Limited, Hang Seng Bank Trustee International Limited, Cheah Cheng Hye and To Hau Yin (as spouse of Cheah Cheng Hye) are all deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Value Partners Limited.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2013, the Company had not been notified by any persons, other than the Directors and chief executive of the Company, of other interest or short position in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company that was required to be recorded pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

### **SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

The Share Option Scheme was conditionally adopted pursuant to the resolutions of the Company's shareholders on 30 September 2010. The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is for the Group to attract, retain and motivate talented participants, to strive for future developments and expansion of the Group. The Share Option Scheme shall be an incentive to encourage the participants to perform their best in achieving the goals of the Group and allow the participants to enjoy the results of the Company attained through their efforts and contributions.

As at the date of this report, no options have been granted under the Share Option Scheme by the Company.

### **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Board proposed to pay an interim dividend of HK10 cents per ordinary share of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2013 to the shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 2 September 2013, It is expected that the interim dividend will be paid on or about 13 September 2013.

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

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 29 August 2013 to 2 September 2013 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of share(s) will be effected. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with Computershare Hong Kong Investors Services Limited, the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 28 August 2013.