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The Group signs a syndicated loan of HK\$27.5 billion

集團簽署275億港元銀團貸款





The Group is confident about the prospects of both Hong Kong and the mainland, pursuing multiple mega projects, such as the development atop the High Speed Rail West Kowloon Terminus and Shanghai ITC. The robust development and financial status of the projects have won wide acclaim in the

集團對香港和內地前景充滿信心,發展多個大型項目如包括高鐵西九龍總站發展項目、上海ITC等,穩健的發展和財務狀況亦獲得市場高度信賴

The Group signed a five-year loan facility with 18 prime international and local banks. The credit facility received an overwhelmingly positive response from the banking community, oversubscribed five times of its initial amount. The final size of the syndicated loan amounted to HK\$27.5 billion, the largest ever for the Group.

Group Chairman and Managing Director Raymond Kwok said: "We are grateful for the strong support and vote of confidence shown by the participating banks in Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited (SHKP). With the full opening of the border and the lifting of all the Covid prevention measures, all social activities have resumed to full normalcy and the economy is also returning to its pre-Covid level. We have full confidence in the prospects of the country and believe that Hong Kong will continue to thrive under 'One Country, Two Systems'. We are also confident that with the strong support of the Central Government and Hong Kong's connectivity to the world, the future of Hong Kong will be very promising. The Group will continue to invest in Hong Kong and to take advantage of the growth arising from Greater Bay Area and the mainland, and to contribute to the continuous prosperity of Hong Kong and the mainland."

He added the Group has a strong pipeline of upcoming new projects for sale, and its growing property investment portfolio generates sizeable and reliable recurrent income. The Group will speed up sales of its residential units to satisfy the housing needs of the Hong Kong public. "We are excited about our recent wins in the tenders for the Artist Square Towers Project in the West Kowloon Cultural District and the large-scale integrated commercial project in Mong Kok, both of which we believe will create strong synergy with our existing properties in the vicinity and provide fresh impetus to the future growth of Hong Kong as a financial and innovation centre. The Group's recurrent income stream will be further strengthened upon completion of these two projects in Hong Kong and several integrated developments in Hong Kong and major mainland cities like the High Speed Rail West Kowloon Terminus Development in Hong Kong, ITC in Shanghai and IFC in Nanjing."

Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited is the facility and documentation agent. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and MUFG Bank, Ltd. are the publicity agents. They work together to coordinate this facility with the backing of the banks shown in the table.

The facility was signed by Sun Hung Kai Properties (Financial Services) Limited, with its parent, SHKP, providing a quarantee. It has a 30:70 split between a term loan and revolving credit tranches, and a maturity of five years. The proceeds will be used to finance some of its debts and extend the maturity profile which is in line with the Group's policy of arranging substantial committed facilities for its future development. SHKP has the highest credit ratings among property companies in Hong Kong, attaining an A1 and A+ rating with a stable outlook from Moody's and S&P respectively.

Banks that lend money include: 貸款銀行包括

Agricultural Bank of China Limited

中國農業銀行

DBS Bank Ltd

星展銀行

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited

中國工商銀行(亞洲)

Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited

華僑銀行

China Minsheng Banking Corporation

中國民生銀行

Hang Seng Bank Limited

恒牛銀行

Fubon Bank (Hong Kong) Limited

富邦銀行(香港)

Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited

渣打銀行(香港)

United Overseas Bank Limited

大華銀行

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

三井住友銀行

Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited

集友銀行

Citibank, N.A.

花旗銀行

BNP Paribas

法國巴黎銀行

Dah Sing Bank, Limited

大新銀行

Mizuho Bank, Limited

瑞穗銀行

集團早前與18家主要的國際及本地銀行簽署一筆五年期 貸款協議。銀行界對是次銀團貸款反應熱烈,錄得五倍 超額認購,最終總貸款額達275億港元,是集團歷來最 大額的銀團貸款。

集團主席兼董事總經理郭炳聯表示:「我們感謝參與銀 行對集團的支持。隨著全面通關和取消所有新冠防疫措 施,社會各項活動全面回復正常,經濟亦逐步回復至疫 情前的水平。我們對內地的前景充滿信心,深信香港會 繼續在『一國兩制』下蓬勃發展。我們亦深信憑藉中央 政府的支持,加上聯通世界的優勢,香港的前景將會十 分美好。集團將繼續在香港投資,以及把握大灣區和內 地帶來的發展機遇,為香港和內地的長期繁榮出一分 力。」

郭炳聯稱集團正發展多個可供出售項目,其物業投資組 合帶來可觀和穩妥的經常性收入, 並且持續加強。集團 亦會加快銷售住宅項目,以切合香港市民的住屋需求。 他表示:「集團很高興近期兩度中標,先後投得西九文 化區藝術廣場大樓項目和旺角洗衣街大型綜合商業項 目,相信兩個項目均能與集團在附近的現有物業產生強 大的協同效應, 並為香港作為金融和創科中心的未來發 展注入新動力。集團亦正在香港和內地主要城市發展多 個綜合項目,包括高鐵西九龍總站發展項目、上海ITC及 南京國金中心。上述項目相繼落成後,集團的經常性收 入將進一步提升。|

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