

# Group Managing Director's Review



**John Witt, Group Managing Director**

The Group performed well in 2023 and, despite facing increasing headwinds in the second half of the year, achieved a new record level of profit.

We remain focussed on addressing the short-term challenges our businesses face from local and global economic pressures. As the pace of change increases, we are focussed on advancing our strategic priorities with urgency, as outlined below.

## ***Enhancing Leadership and Entrepreneurialism***

In the last year, the Group has made several significant senior appointments to enhance leadership and drive future growth, including the appointment of new chief executives at DFI Retail, Mandarin Oriental and Hongkong Land.

Scott Price succeeded Ian McLeod as Group Chief Executive of DFI Retail with effect from 1st August 2023. Scott is an experienced senior business executive with 25 years' international experience, mostly in Asia, spanning the retail, logistics and consumer packaged goods sectors.

Since joining DFI Retail, Scott has visited all its formats and markets to meet colleagues and learn about the group's business and customers. He has introduced a new strategic framework, which will support the group's capital allocation priorities and growth plans over the coming three to five years. The new framework is centred on putting the customer first – evolving the business at the same pace as customers' changing shopping behaviours; focussing on the group's people – embedding core values throughout the group, speeding up decision making and improving diversity, equity and inclusion to ensure local relevancy of decision-making to customers; and driving improved shareholder returns – through a disciplined capital and resource allocation approach.

Laurent Kleitman succeeded James Riley as Group Chief Executive of Mandarin Oriental with effect from 1st September 2023. Laurent joined the group from LVMH, where he was President and CEO of Parfums Christian Dior, and brings many years' experience in building iconic consumer brands across the beauty and broader FMCG sectors.

In his first few months at Mandarin Oriental, Laurent has visited the group's properties around the world, met with owners and partners and spent time listening to and learning from the group's many colleagues. Going forward, he aims to scale up the management business, further elevate the brand to become the reference point in luxury hospitality and enrich the group's service proposition to guests and owners.

In November 2023, we announced that Michael Smith will succeed Robert Wong as the new Chief Executive of Hongkong Land, effective 1st April 2024. Michael brings 30 years of real estate, capital markets and investment banking experience. He was most recently Regional Chief Executive Officer of Europe and the US at Mapletree Investments, a global real estate development, investment, capital and property management company. Michael grew Mapletree Investment's Europe and US businesses through his successful build-out of an entrepreneurial and high-performance organisation.

Elton Chan, currently the Chief Executive of Jardine Schindler Group and a non-Executive Director of Zhongsheng, will succeed Y.K. Pang as Chief Executive of the Jardine Pacific group of companies, with effect from 1st April 2024. Prior to his current role at Jardine Schindler Group, Elton was Managing Director of Zung Fu China. He joined Jardines in 2004 and has worked in a range of senior management roles across the Group.

I would like to thank Ian, James, Robert and Y.K. for their significant contributions to the Group.

A crucial part of building an entrepreneurial culture is finding, developing and keeping the right leadership talent, and this is a high priority for the Group and its companies. We also recognise the importance of having the right management structure to support the future development of our portfolio and identify new growth areas.

During the year, we have continued to invest in developing our leaders and giving them opportunities to advance their careers within different businesses across the Group, with multiple senior management progressions happening during the period.

We are also focussed on assessing and developing the next generation of leaders across our businesses. We offer colleagues the training and support they need to deal with the challenges and opportunities they face, both in the near- and the long-term. We supplement our talent planning with Group-wide leadership development programmes, co-designed with world-class institutions including IMD and INSEAD.

Jardines also continues to build a diverse and inclusive culture where anyone can succeed. Our strategy includes a five-year Inclusion, Equity and Diversity target, with an initial focus on gender representation. In addition, each Group business has set its own targets for improving Inclusion, Equity and Diversity in the workplace.

### **Evolving the Group Portfolio**

We see the evolution of the Group's portfolio as crucial to ensuring the long-term growth and sustainability of our business. We allocate capital towards strategic growth initiatives, both at the Group level and within our Group companies, while divesting non-strategic and lower-yielding assets.

Our diversified presence in China and South East Asia, as well as our balanced portfolio across sectors, has enabled us to perform well even in challenging market conditions. We continue to focus on further strengthening our position in the high-potential markets of Asia and in those industries where we can establish a leading position, to create long-term value and ensure sustainable growth.

Our primary goal is to expand our operations in areas with the greatest potential for future growth, including a number of emerging ASEAN markets. We aim to align ourselves with key trends in these markets, such as continuing urbanisation and the expanding middle class. We are actively seeking growth opportunities in markets like Indonesia and Vietnam, while also developing our business interests in China.

We also recognise the continuing growth opportunities in our established markets, such as Hong Kong and Singapore, which provide a stable foundation and strong cash flow.

Our capital allocation strategy prioritises organic investment in our portfolio to drive long-term growth and returns, while also aiming to increase dividends over time. We then focus on investing in new business opportunities and carrying out share buybacks in our companies as appropriate. Our strategy is supported by a strong balance sheet, and we are increasingly focussed on ensuring that our investment opportunities align with our sustainability goals.

During 2023 and, as we enter 2024, we have continued to progress the simplification of the Group's portfolio and lay the foundations for the next stage of its growth. In March 2023, we completed the sale of our Motors business in the United Kingdom for US\$402 million. In September 2023, the Group completed the sale of its 28.22% stake in Hong Kong-listed Greatview Aseptic Packaging Company for US\$128 million. In March 2024, the Group completed the sale of its 50% stake in Jardine Aviation Services Group.

In March 2023, DFI Retail sold its Malaysia Grocery Retail business and it completed the sale of several associated properties over the course of the second half of the year.

In line with Mandarin Oriental's strategy for driving future growth, primarily through developing its management business and realising capital, in 2023 the group sold its Jakarta hotel to Astra and signed an option to sell its Paris hotel, in each case retaining the management contract.

Against the backdrop of challenging market conditions in China, the Group continued to make strategic investments in South East Asia.

Astra continued its diversification into non-coal assets, as part of its commitment to a just transition, with United Tractors' acquisition of interests in two nickel mining and processing businesses: the acquisition of a 90% effective share ownership of PT Stargate Pasific Resources and PT Stargate Mineral Asia, for total consideration of US\$319 million; and the acquisition of a 19.99% interest in Nickel Industries, for US\$616 million.

Astra took further steps to deliver its commitment to transition away from coal and into renewables through the acquisition by its subsidiary United Tractors, in December 2023, of a 49.6% interest for US\$52 million in Supreme Energy Sriwijaya, which owns an operating geothermal project in South Sumatera with a total existing capacity of 98 MW.

Astra progressed its healthcare strategy by investing an additional US\$100 million in Halodoc, a leading digital health ecosystem platform in Indonesia, bringing its ownership to 21%.

The Group's commitment to South East Asia was reinforced with JC&C investment of a further US\$350 million in Truong Hai Group Corporation ('THACO') in Vietnam, through subscription for a five-year convertible bond. JC&C also increased its interest in Refrigeration Electrical Engineering ('REE') from 33.6% to 34.9% through a series of on-market purchases, for around US\$14 million. In Singapore, JC&C completed a sale and leaseback arrangement of its properties for US\$225 million.

The Company repurchased 4.4 million of its own shares for cancellation in 2023 for US\$209 million, primarily in order to cancel the impact of scrip issues during the year on overall share count and EPS. The Group also acquired 5.8 million shares in JC&C for US\$136 million during the year.

These examples illustrate the focus of the Group on implementing its capital allocation and portfolio strategy and on seizing opportunities when they arise to optimise our portfolio and prepare the Group for future growth.

### **Driving Innovation and Operational Excellence**

The Group continues to focus on delivering operational excellence in both its existing and new businesses, and 2023 saw strong progress in driving greater efficiency and productivity. Many of the Group's businesses progressed improvement initiatives in the year, with HACTL increasing its capacity to handle pallets by 30% by enhancing its use of robotics, as well as introducing automation more generally to increase efficiency. DFI Retail's transformation programme also continued to deliver real improvements in operating metrics across its banners. The Group is progressing its implementation of an in-house Global Business Services function to support the Group's businesses, while Mandarin Oriental has made encouraging progress in driving operational efficiency through modernising its systems and processes required to support evolving business needs.

The increased efficiencies which are being delivered across our businesses help them demonstrate adaptability and agility in addressing the challenges they face in delivering future growth.

The Group has continued to focus on driving innovation as a key strategic priority. In November 2023, Astra launched *bank saqu*, a digital banking service with a focus on small business owners and small entrepreneurs in Indonesia. In the automotive space, Astra acquired the leading online used car platform in Indonesia. This has been integrated

with Astra's existing used car business to create a preeminent position in both online/offline used car sales as the market grows. In June 2023, JC&C announced a used car and aftersales partnership with Carro, a leading online auto platform.

Mandarin Oriental is implementing its Guest Experience Programme, which will greatly improve the group's ability to recognise, understand and engage guests. A redesign of *Fans of M.O.* will enhance Mandarin Oriental's ability to attract and retain guests. Mandarin Oriental is also establishing a bespoke relationship management service, to build brand-level loyalty with ultra-high net worth guests.

We continue to seek new inorganic growth opportunities in the digital economy, emerging industries and new geographies. This is well illustrated by Astra's partnership with Equinix, one of the world's largest digital infrastructure companies, to develop data centres in Indonesia, as well as United Tractors' acquisition of interests in Supreme Energy Sriwijaya, Nickel Industries and Stargate.

### **Progressing Sustainability**

Sustainability remains a key strategic priority for the Group. In 2023, we continued to leverage and build on the work our Group companies are doing on sustainability, to create an aligned, focussed approach which maximises the impact Jardines has in its communities and on the environment, and enables us to create real scale in what we do.

In **Leading Climate Action**, we continue to build momentum on our net-zero strategy and our businesses have set decarbonisation targets to align with the trajectory needed to limit global warming to 1.5°C. All our businesses have also developed decarbonisation pathways to achieve their targets for reducing Scope 1 and 2 emissions. We are working towards understanding and reducing our Scope 3 emissions over time.

In **Driving Responsible Consumption**, most businesses have identified their material waste streams and set individual waste reduction/diversion targets, and we are looking for synergies and cooperation opportunities between our businesses on circular solutions. We are also building up expertise to understand our dependencies and impacts on biodiversity, so we can adopt industry-leading practices for biodiversity management.

The Group continues to operate some businesses in Indonesia which are the focus of stakeholders on environmental and biodiversity-related issues, but we believe that our businesses are taking appropriate and extensive steps to protect biodiversity and the environment, while at the same time supporting the communities where they operate.

In relation to **Shaping Social Inclusion**, we are prioritising the promotion of access to quality education and efforts to create greater awareness of mental health.

## Summary of Performance

The Group delivered a good performance in 2023, with a 5% increase (+7% at Constant Exchange Rates ('CER')) in underlying profit to US\$1,661 million, and 5% growth (+6% at CER) in underlying earnings per share to US\$5.74.

Growth was primarily driven by strong results from Astra and significantly improved contributions from DFI Retail and Mandarin Oriental. Growth continued in the second half in all three businesses, but saw a marked slowdown as market conditions weakened (and prior year comparables became tougher). There was a significantly lower contribution in 2023 from Zhongsheng and contributions from JC&C's other businesses (ex-Astra), Hongkong Land and Jardine Pacific were also lower. Further details of the individual businesses are provided below.

Net non-trading items were negative. The net non-trading losses in 2023 consisted primarily of the Group's fair value losses arising from the revaluation of the Group's investment properties portfolio of US\$1,066 million and impairment of goodwill of US\$172 million, offset by gain on sale of property interests of US\$105 million and the US\$101 million share of Zhongsheng's 2022 second half profit (resulting from a change in accounting policy as explained under the Zhongsheng section below).

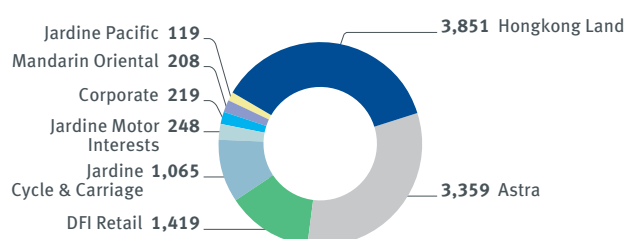
Cashflow remained strong both at Group and parent company level. The Group's cash flows from operating activities for the year was US\$4.6 billion and free cashflow at parent company<sup>1</sup> was US\$778 million, amply covering the Company's external dividend payments by 1.7x. The Group's balance sheet remains strong with gearing of 15%, slightly up from 13% at the end of 2022, despite significant capex and enhanced external dividend payments at Astra during the year.

The Group continued to focus during 2023 on making organic and strategic investments to sustain the businesses and drive future growth. The Group's organic capital expenditure in 2023, including expenditure on properties for sale, was US\$3.4 billion (2022: US\$3.8 billion), and strategic investments added a further US\$1.8 billion (2022: US\$1.5 billion) to capital expenditure in 2023. Additional capital investment within the Group's associates and joint ventures was over US\$5.2 billion (2022: US\$4.3 billion). The Group continues to invest for the long-term and ensure that its businesses have the resources to drive future growth.

These results demonstrate, once again, the value of our diversified portfolio, enabling Jardines to produce a resilient profit and cash performance, despite challenging conditions in a number of our sectors and markets.

The strong performance of the Group's businesses in Indonesia, together with the challenges faced by our businesses in Hong Kong and on the Chinese mainland, led to 56% of the Group's profit for the period coming from South East Asia and 37% from China.

## Total capital investment of US\$10.5 billion (US\$ million)



## Outlook

There was a very solid performance overall by the Group in 2023, exceeding pre-pandemic profit levels despite increasingly challenging conditions as the year progressed.

The Group enters 2024 facing continued market challenges in key segments in China and Vietnam, as well as lower market prices for a number of Astra's key commodity outputs in Indonesia.

We remain confident, however, in our long-term strategy across our core markets in Asia and will continue to focus on our strategic priorities in order to deliver growth and long-term value, benefitting from our diversified portfolio.

*Certain financial information of the Group's listed subsidiaries presented and referred to in the following individual business performance section represents the financial information of each respective business of the Group as reported within their own Annual Report ('100% basis'). References to profit attributable to shareholders is therefore the performance attributable to the shareholders of the respective business, which we believe provides the reader a better understanding of the relevant listed Group subsidiaries. The Jardine Matheson Group's attributable interest in each business is disclosed, where relevant, within the segmental information in Note 2 of the financial statements.*

<sup>1</sup> Free Cash Flow at parent company is defined as recurring dividends received from subsidiaries, associates, joint ventures and other investments, less corporate costs and net interest expenses.





# JARDINE PACIFIC

- Underlying net profit of US\$164 million, 10% lower than 2022
- Good performances by most businesses
- Consumer businesses impacted by weaker consumer sentiment in Hong Kong
- Jardine Schindler, Gammon and Transport Services saw improved performance

	2023	2022	Change (%)
Gross revenue (including 100% of associates and joint ventures) (US\$ billion)	<b>7.3</b>	6.6	10
Revenue (US\$ billion)	<b>2.1</b>	2.1	3
Underlying profit attributable to shareholders (US\$ million)	<b>164</b>	182	(10)

## Jardine Pacific

- Gammon
- HACTL
- Jardine Engineering Corporation ('JEC')
- Jardine Restaurants
- Jardine Schindler
- Zung Fu Hong Kong

The Jardine Pacific group of companies reported underlying profit of US\$164 million, 10% lower than 2022. There were good performances by most businesses, although the group's consumer businesses continued to be impacted by weaker consumer sentiment in Hong Kong. The lower underlying profit was primarily due to the absence of government support and subsidies received last year (US\$28 million), as well as the net loss incurred by Jardine Restaurants.

There was significant focus in the year across the group's businesses on driving operational improvements, and the benefits are now starting to be seen in better business performance.

Within Jardine Pacific's B2B businesses, Jardine Schindler produced a good performance with higher sales, although gross margins were impacted by mix. A stable contribution from the Existing Installation business helped offset the challenging New Installation market. JEC performed satisfactorily and its Hong Kong businesses reported solid performances. There were improvements from its regional businesses in Thailand and Singapore, and its order book remained strong.

Gammon reported higher profits, reflecting higher sales. Margins remained under pressure due to the timing of projects, but good cost control and higher financing income helped drive a better performance. Gammon's ongoing operational improvement projects continue to generate encouraging results.

### Gross revenue (US\$ billion)



### Underlying profit attributable to shareholders (US\$ million)



### Underlying profit by business (excluding corporate & other interests) (US\$ million)





In Transport Services, there was a satisfactory performance from HACTL, despite lower cargo volume being handled and higher financing costs. Jardine Aviation reported a net profit for the year, benefitting from higher flight volumes as the recovery in air travel continued, as well as improved pricing from contract renewals. In March 2024, the group completed the sale of its 50% stake in Jardine Aviation. HACTL continues to face labour shortages.

The group's consumer-facing businesses faced challenges. Jardine Restaurants incurred a net loss, with macro challenges seen across all markets and the absence of government support received in Hong Kong last year. In Hong Kong, weekend traffic has been impacted by the trend of Hong Kong locals increasingly visiting Shenzhen, and both Pizza Hut and KFC Hong Kong reported losses. The Taiwan operations performed well despite intensified competition, while the Vietnam businesses were impacted by the slow recovery in the Vietnamese economy.

Zung Fu Hong Kong reported a lower profit year on year. Despite higher Mercedes passenger cars deliveries and better aftersales performance, the overall contribution from Mercedes fell, driven by lower margins and commercial vehicles sales. Hyundai experienced supply constraints

which impacted the number of car deliveries and margin. The business also incurred start-up costs from its newly acquired *smart* and Denza car distributorships.

Jardine Pacific reported a net non-trading gain of US\$23 million in the year, compared to a net non-trading loss of US\$305 million in 2022. The 2022 non-trading loss included a decrease in the fair value of the group's investment properties and impairment of the group's investments.







# JARDINE MOTOR INTERESTS

- ❖ Contribution from Zhongsheng substantially lower due to challenging market environment and accounting change to better reflect current progress
- ❖ The sale of the Group's UK Motors business completed in 2023



### Zhongsheng Group's presence



The Group received a substantially lower underlying contribution of US\$139 million from its 21% interest in Zhongsheng in 2023 (2022 reported contribution from Zhongsheng was US\$263 million), as its new car business faced a challenging market environment for new luxury vehicle sales volumes and margins during the year, due to China's EV transition and intense auto market competition.

As noted last year, we have changed our accounting for Zhongsheng's results in 2023 to reflect an estimate of their results for the second half of the year, based on recent external analysts' forecasts. We believe this is a better way to ensure the Group's financial statements reflect current progress and developments at Zhongsheng, amid the fast-moving automotive market on the Chinese mainland. This change has been adopted prospectively from 1st January 2023 and, as such, the Group's share of Zhongsheng's estimated 2023 results is presented as underlying profit. Whereas, for the 2022 contribution from Zhongsheng, the Group reported its results with six months

in arrears. Had the current year accounting policy also applied in 2022, the drop in underlying contribution from Zhongsheng recognised in 2023 would have been approximately 40% smaller. The Group's share of its 2022 second half results is included as a non-trading item, so as not to distort the current year's underlying performance.

Despite the significant reduction in Zhongsheng's 2023 contribution and continuing challenging market conditions, we believe that Zhongsheng has strong market insight, deep relationships on the Chinese mainland premium vehicle segment, and superb capabilities to execute its well-developed strategy focussing on aftermarket auto services and used car business, which will deliver long-term value for the Group.

In March 2023, the sale of the Group's motors business in the United Kingdom was completed.



# HONGKONG LAND

- ❖ Underlying profit down 5% to US\$734 million
- ❖ Improved results from Investment Properties
- ❖ Lower development profits on the Chinese mainland
- ❖ Group financial position remains strong
- ❖ Dividend maintained, final dividend at US\$16 per share

	2023	2022	Change (%)
Underlying profit attributable to shareholders (US\$ million)	<b>734</b>	776	(5)
Gross assets (US\$ billion)	<b>37.4</b>	39.1	(4)
Net asset value per share (US\$)	<b>14.49</b>	14.95	(3)

Figures above are 100% Hongkong Land basis

**1.2** million sq. m.  
Area of operational  
commercial investment portfolio  
under management  
(including 100% of joint ventures)

Hongkong Land's underlying performance during the year was impacted by lower profits from Development Properties, which offset improved results from Investment Properties. Challenging market conditions impacted total contributions from Development Properties business on the Chinese mainland. Profits from the group's Investment Properties increased, mainly due to an improved performance from its luxury retail and Singapore office portfolios, offsetting reduced contributions from the Hong Kong office portfolio.

Underlying profit attributable to shareholders fell by 5% to US\$734 million. The loss attributable to shareholders was US\$582 million after including net non-cash losses of US\$1,317 million arising primarily from the revaluation of the group's Investment Properties portfolio. This compares to a profit attributable to shareholders of US\$203 million in 2022, which included net non-cash losses of US\$573 million from lower property revaluations. In both years, the net negative revaluation movements principally arose in Hong Kong, where there was a gradual decrease in valuations of the group's prime office portfolio, primarily due to a decline in market rents and a mild expansion of capitalisation rates.

### Investment Properties

In Hong Kong, the Central office market remained weak, reflecting subdued capital market sentiment, although the group's Central office portfolio remained resilient and continued to outperform the overall market. At the end of 2023, physical vacancy was 7.4%, while on a committed basis it was 6.8%, compared with 4.7% at the end of 2022. Vacancy was, however, well below the 9.9% vacancy for the Central Grade A office market overall. Average office

rents were HK\$106 per sq. ft. in 2023, decreasing from HK\$111 per sq. ft. in the prior year due to negative rental reversions.

The group's LANDMARK retail portfolio saw a steady recovery in tenant sales and footfall in 2023, following the relaxation of pandemic restrictions and the reopening of Hong Kong's borders. Average retail rents increased from HK\$177 per sq. ft. in 2022 to HK\$203 per sq. ft. in 2023, mainly due to mildly positive rental reversions and the removal of temporary rent relief. Vacancy, on both a physical and committed basis, remained low at 1.5%.

In Singapore, the group's office portfolio continued to perform well. Average office rents increased to S\$10.9 per sq. ft. in 2023, from S\$10.6 per sq. ft. in 2022. On a committed basis, vacancy in the group's office portfolio remained low at 0.9%, compared with 2.2% at the end of 2022.

Contributions from our luxury retail portfolio in Beijing and Macau were higher than the prior year, as footfall and retail sales improved following the lifting of pandemic restrictions.





In Shanghai, work continued to progress well on the West Bund development, the group's 43%-owned prime 1.1 million sq. m. mixed-use development. The project's first phase, consisting of a luxury residential tower and serviced apartments, completed construction at the end of 2023, with residential sales to be launched in 2024. The rest of the West Bund development is targeted to be completed in phases from 2024 to 2027.

The combined value of the group's prime Investment Properties portfolio reduced by 5% in 2023.

### Development Properties

As anticipated, the profit contribution from the group's Development Properties business on the Chinese mainland was lower than the prior year, due to a combination of lower sales, reduced profit margins and the impairment of some residential for sale assets, in particular two residential projects in Wuhan.

The group's attributable interest in contracted sales in 2023 increased to US\$1,530 million, from US\$1,300 million in 2022. At 31st December 2023, the group had an attributable interest of US\$2,031 million in sold but unrecognised contracted sales, compared with US\$2,087 million at the end of 2022.

In Singapore, Development Properties profits recognised were largely in line with the prior year. The group's attributable interest in contracted sales was US\$587 million, compared with US\$615 million in the prior year. During the year, the group launched sales for 638-unit Tembusu Grand – in which 59% was sold or reserved as at the end of the year. There was solid sales performance at the 638-unit Leedon Green and 407-unit Piccadilly Grand and Galleria developments, which are both effectively sold out.

The group's joint venture projects in the rest of South East Asia performed within expectations, producing a combined profit contribution in line with the prior year.

### Underlying profit attributable to shareholders (US\$ million)



### Net asset value per share (US\$)



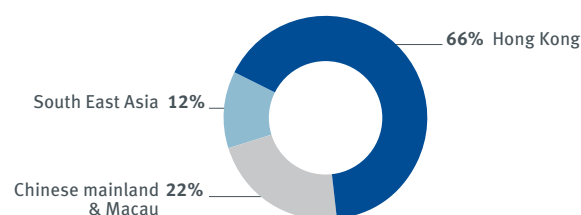
### Underlying operating profit by activity (before corporate costs) (US\$ million)



### Gross assets by activity



### Gross assets by location





# DFI RETAIL GROUP

- Substantial improvement in underlying profit
- Subsidiaries' performance driven by recovery in Health and Beauty and Convenience
- Associates' performance supported by Maxim's recovery
- Final dividend of US\$5.00 per share

	2023	2022	Change (%)
Revenue including 100% of associates & joint ventures (US\$ billion)	26.5	27.6	(4)
Revenue (US\$ billion)	9.2	9.2	–
Underlying profit attributable to shareholders (US\$ million)	155	29	437

Figures above are 100% DFI Retail basis



**13**  
Asian countries and  
territories



Some  
**11,000**  
Outlets



**10.9**  
million sq. m.  
Gross trading area

The past few years have been very challenging for DFI Retail, its customers, colleagues and shareholders. Following the pandemic, DFI Retail is resetting and aligning its business to a new 'Customer First, People Led, Shareholder Driven' strategic framework, which is crucial to supporting its capital allocation priorities and growth plans to improve performance over the coming years.

The group reported underlying profit after tax of US\$155 million for the full year, a substantial improvement from the US\$29 million reported in the prior year, supported by strong growth in profitability across subsidiaries and improved performance by associates. The group reported a non-trading loss of US\$123 million, predominantly due to the goodwill impairment in respect of the Macau Food business and Giant Singapore, and foreign exchange losses associated with the divestment of the Malaysia Grocery Retail business. These losses were partially offset by gains from property divestments, resulting in total reported profits of US\$32 million.

## Food

Sales revenue for the Food division in 2023 was US\$3.3 billion. Excluding the impact of the Malaysia Grocery Retail divestment, revenue for the division was 5% lower. Underlying operating profit for the division was US\$45 million for the year, compared to US\$91 million in the prior year.

Within North Asia, first half performance was impacted by the absence this year of the pantry-stocking seen during the fifth wave of COVID in Hong Kong in the equivalent period last year. North Asia's performance, however, improved in the second half and profit during that period also increased compared to the prior year. South East Asia Food sales performance was adversely affected by intense competition and weakening consumer sentiment caused by rising cost of living pressures.

## Convenience

Total Convenience sales were US\$2.4 billion, an increase of 8% compared to the prior year. Like-for-like ('LFL') sales grew by 5% compared to the prior year. Convenience underlying operating profit was US\$88 million for the year, an increase of 74% compared to the prior year.

Within Hong Kong, there were strong sales in the first half, with sales in the second half broadly in line with the prior year, as results were impacted by the rising frequency of outbound travel from Hong Kong residents, particularly during weekends. Operating profit improved strongly due to a favourable shift in mix away from cigarette sales, as well as ongoing strong cost control.

7-Eleven South China benefitted from the Chinese economy reopening. Profit increased significantly as a result of strong LFL sales growth, favourable margin impact from product mix shift and ongoing strong cost control. 7-Eleven Singapore also reported strong sales growth, as the business continued to benefit from the economy reopening and strong in-store execution, with profit almost doubling, despite labour and utility cost pressures.

## Health and Beauty

Health and Beauty division revenue increased by 21% to US\$2.4 billion, with LFL sales growing by over 20%. Underlying operating profit increased by 127% to US\$213 million for the year.

The Mannings business, particularly in Hong Kong, benefitted from the recovery in the economy and increased tourism traffic. LFL sales were consistently strong over the course of the year, which supported positive market share momentum. Healthcare as a category performed strongly, representing over 50% of Mannings' revenue. Mannings' profit increased significantly due to strong sales growth, gross margin expansion, operating leverage and ongoing strong cost control.



## Home Furnishings

IKEA reported sales revenue of US\$794 million, 5% behind the prior year. Overall, LFL sales reduced by 7% in 2023, due to reduced home renovation and furniture demand, as a result of a softening in property market sentiment. Operating profit was US\$19 million, US\$27 million behind the prior year, primarily as a result of the revenue shortfall.

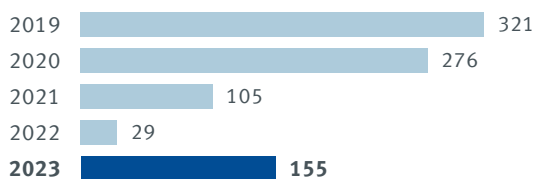
## Associates

Maxim's reported a strong recovery, as customers returned to dining out. Its contribution to the group's underlying profit more than doubled relative to the prior year, to US\$79 million.

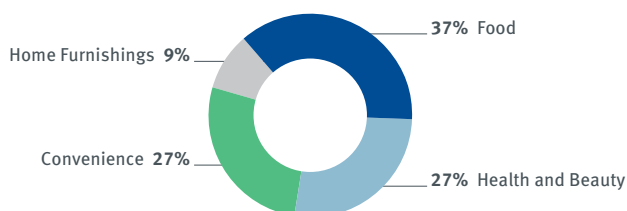
The group's share of Yonghui's underlying losses was US\$36 million for the year, compared to a US\$80 million share of underlying losses in the prior year. The reduction in losses was underpinned by an improvement in gross margin and cost optimisation. Yonghui's sales performance in the year continued to be impacted by challenging macroeconomic conditions and intense competition.

Robinsons Retail's underlying profit contribution reduced from US\$24 million to US\$15 million. Robinsons Retail continued to report strong sales and core net earnings growth. For reporting purposes, however, DFI Retail's share of Robinsons Retail's underlying profits was adversely impacted by foreign exchange losses and higher net financing charges reported by Robinsons Retail.

## Underlying profit attributable to shareholders (US\$ million)

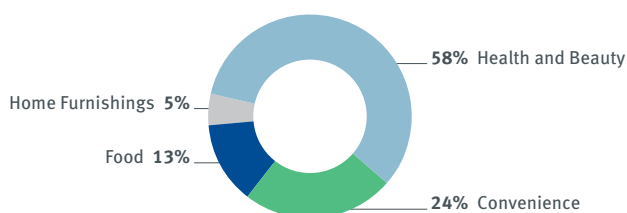


## Sales mix by format<sup>#</sup>



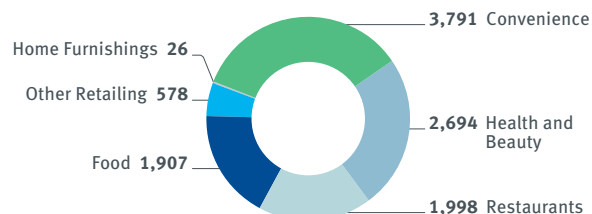
<sup>#</sup> Sales of goods.

## Profit mix by format<sup>†</sup>



<sup>†</sup> Based on operating profit before effect of adopting IFRS 16 and excluding selling, general and administrative expenses and non-trading items.

## Retail outlet numbers by format<sup>□</sup>



<sup>□</sup> Including 100% of associates and joint ventures.



# MANDARIN ORIENTAL

- Underlying profit increased to US\$81 million, from US\$8 million in 2022
- Strong operating and financial performance driven by record rates
- Management fees grew by 30%, with strong recovery by hotels in Asia
- Increased development pipeline with two new hotel openings and eight new management contracts announced
- Final dividend at US\$3.50 per share, resulting in total dividend of US\$5.00 per share

	2023 US\$m	2022 US\$m	Change (%)
Combined total revenue of hotels owned and under management*	<b>1,890</b>	1,568	21
Revenue	<b>558</b>	454	23
Underlying profit attributable to shareholders	<b>81</b>	8	966

Figures above are 100% Mandarin Oriental basis

\* Combined revenue includes turnover of the group's subsidiary hotels in addition to 100% of revenue from associate, joint venture and managed hotels.

In 2023, Mandarin Oriental's performance benefitted from consumers' robust appetite for luxury leisure travel. The group continued to provide the exceptional levels of service for which the brand is legendary and secured record room rates. The business also continued to build occupancy, which translated into substantial improvements in Revenue Per Available Room ('RevPAR') across almost all hotels.

Underlying profit increased to US\$81 million, from US\$8 million in 2022, with underlying earnings per share at US\$6.41, compared with US\$0.60 in 2022. Non-trading losses of US\$446 million primarily comprised a non-cash decrease in the valuation of the Causeway Bay site under development, resulting in a loss attributable to shareholders of US\$365 million.

Net debt fell to US\$225 million at the end of 2023, from US\$376 million at the end of 2022. This reflected significantly higher operating cashflow from the business, net of ongoing capital investment, as well as proceeds from disposals. Gearing as a percentage of adjusted shareholders' funds was 5%, compared to 8% at the end of 2022.

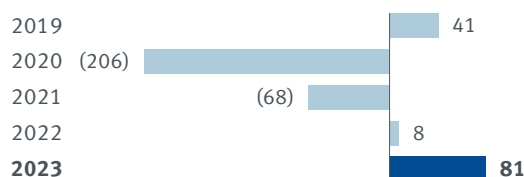
In 2023, the management business delivered strong operating performance, with a 30% increase in hotel management fees and a 55% improvement in EBITDA. Combined Total Revenue for hotels under management was US\$1.9 billion in 2023, 21% above 2022. This increase was driven primarily by a 29% increase in RevPAR, primarily due to a gradual recovery of occupancy across all geographies, a continuation of high rates in Europe, Middle East and Africa, and a solid rebound in rates in Asia. Food & Beverage ('F&B') revenue increased by 18% year-on-year.

Mandarin Oriental's 13 owned properties reported a combined EBITDA 63% higher than 2022, and most properties maintained or improved their earnings. There were materially improved contributions by Hong Kong and Tokyo, both of which were severely impacted by stringent travel restrictions in 2022. London and Geneva also delivered considerably improved results, driven by better RevPAR and F&B performance. There were lower earnings in 2023 from Singapore, due to its closure for renovation and repositioning, and Miami.

In 2023, the group opened two new hotels and completed one rebranding, expanding its portfolio to a total of 38 hotels and nine residences. Eight new hotel and residences projects were announced during the year. These projects will strengthen Mandarin Oriental's brand presence in a broader range of destinations and enrich its customer proposition in existing locations. At the end of 2023, the group's development pipeline had a total of 28 hotels and two standalone residences expected to open over the next five years, with four of these expected in 2024.

As part of Mandarin Oriental's regular review of its asset portfolio, the property in Jakarta was sold to Astra in June 2023, while retaining the management contract. The group has also announced the sale of the Paris hotel, while retaining a long-term hotel agreement. The Causeway Bay site in Hong Kong, which is being redeveloped as a mixed-use office and retail complex, remains on track to complete in the first half of 2025.

#### Underlying profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders (US\$ million)

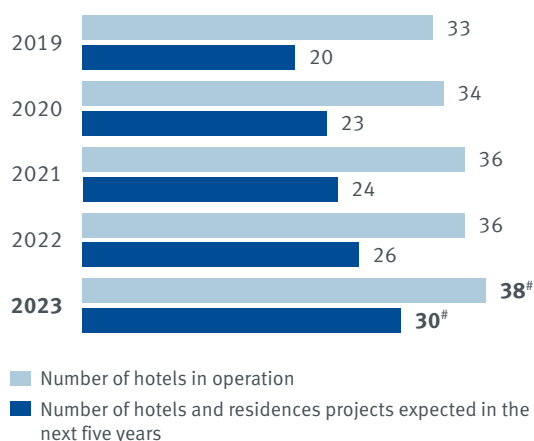


#### Net asset value per share\* (US\$)



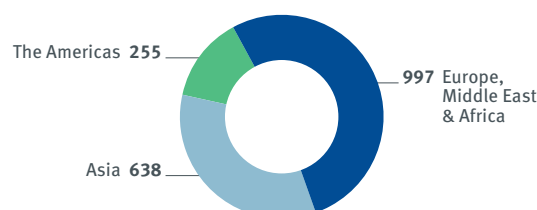
\* With freehold and leasehold properties at valuation.

#### Hotel and residences portfolio



<sup>#</sup> As of 7th March 2024.

#### Combined total revenue of US\$1,890 million of hotels under management by geographical area (US\$ million)







# JARDINE CYCLE & CARRIAGE

- Underlying profit of US\$1,160 million, 6% higher than 2022
- Improved performances from Astra and Direct Motor Interests
- THACO performance impacted by softer Vietnamese economy
- Stable contribution from Other Strategic Interests
- Proposed final dividend of US\$90 per share, total dividend of US\$118 for the year, 6% higher than 2022

	2023	2022	Change (%)
Revenue (US\$ billion)	<b>22.2</b>	21.6	3
Underlying profit attributable to shareholders (US\$ million)	<b>1,160</b>	1,096	6

Figures above are 100% Jardine Cycle & Carriage basis

## Jardine Cycle & Carriage

- **Astra**
- **Truong Hai Group Corporation ('THACO')**
- **Direct Motor Interests:**
  - ▶ Cycle & Carriage Bintang
  - ▶ Cycle & Carriage Myanmar
  - ▶ Cycle & Carriage Singapore
  - ▶ Tunas Ridean
- **Other Strategic Interests:**
  - ▶ Refrigeration Electrical Engineering Corporation ('REE')
  - ▶ Siam City Cement ('SCCC')
  - ▶ Vinamilk

JC&C's underlying profit attributable to shareholders increased by 6% to US\$1,160 million, mainly supported by record results from Astra. After accounting for non-trading items, the group's profit attributable to shareholders was US\$1,215 million, 64% higher than the previous year. The non-trading items recorded in the year mainly comprised a US\$81 million gain from the sale and leaseback of properties under Cycle & Carriage Singapore, partly offset by unrealised fair value losses of US\$20 million related to non-current investments.

Astra contributed US\$1,019 million to the group's underlying profit, 12% higher than the previous year, reflecting improved performances from most of its businesses.

Direct Motor Interests contributed US\$68 million, an increase of 8%, with higher profits from Tunas Ridean in Indonesia and Cycle & Carriage Bintang in Malaysia.

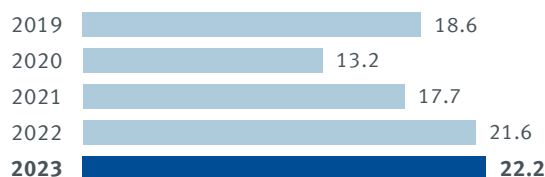
The contribution from the group's Other Strategic Interests was 2% down at US\$84 million, due to lower earnings reported by REE, offset by higher profits in SCCC.

## THACO

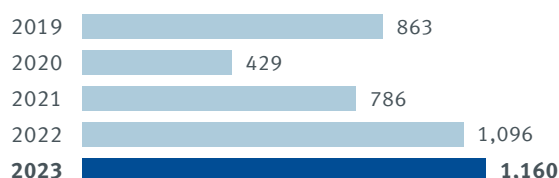
THACO contributed US\$36 million, 57% down from the previous year. This was mainly due to a significantly lower automotive profit, reflecting the slowdown of Vietnam's economy, weakened consumer sentiment and greater competitive pressure. Unit sales were 28% down, with a market share decline from 23% to 21%. Losses from its agricultural operations were, however, lower than the previous year.

The group's continued commitment to Vietnam and THACO was demonstrated by JC&C's investment of a further US\$350 million in THACO through its subscription for a five-year convertible bond.

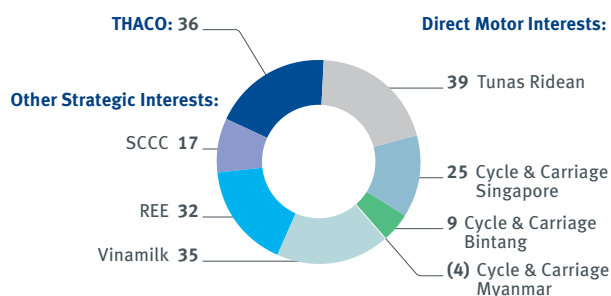
### Revenue (US\$ billion)



### Underlying profit attributable to shareholders (US\$ million)



### Underlying profit of US\$189 million (excluding Astra, DMI central overheads and corporate) by business (US\$ million)







# ASTRA

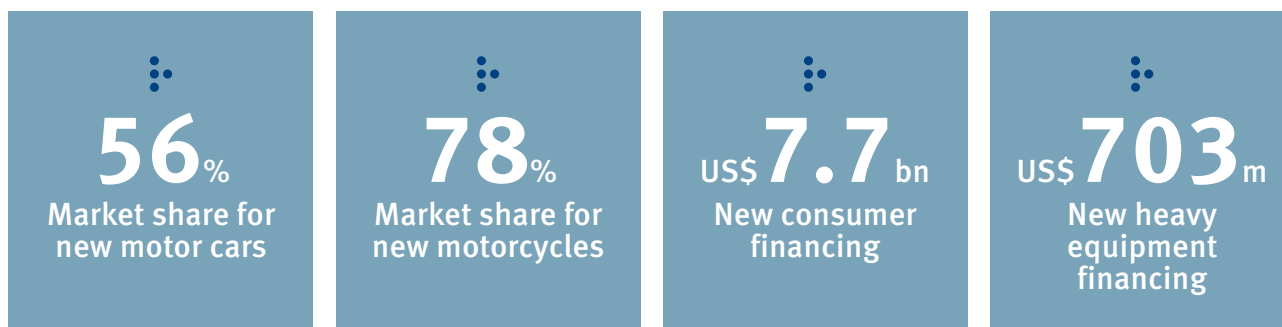
- ❖ Record earnings boosted by economic recovery, with strong performance across most businesses
- ❖ Motorcycle sales grew by 22%, with an increase in market share, while car market share increased in a soft market
- ❖ Enhanced final dividend of Rp421 per share will be proposed on the basis of record results and elevated coal prices in the first half of 2023
- ❖ The group's capex and investment for 2023 increased to US\$3.0 billion

	2023	2022	Change (%)
Revenue (US\$ billion)	<b>20.6</b>	20.0	3
Underlying profit attributable to shareholders (US\$ million)	<b>2,175</b>	1,991	9

Figures above are 100% Astra basis



## Astra



Astra's consolidated revenue of US\$20.6 billion and underlying net profit of US\$2,175 million under IFRS, were 3% and 9% higher than the previous year, respectively. This earnings growth reflected improved performances from most of the group's businesses, especially the automotive and financial services divisions.

The following performance review on Astra's businesses is based on results prepared under Indonesian accounting standards.

Under Indonesian accounting standards, Astra reported a record net income of Rp33.8 trillion, equivalent to US\$2.2 billion, 17% higher than 2022 in its reporting currency. Excluding the fair value loss on the group's investments in GoTo and Hermina, Astra's net profit of Rp34.0 trillion, or US\$2.2 billion, was 12% higher than the same period last year in its reporting currency.

### Automotive

Net income increased by 18% to US\$750 million, reflecting higher sales in the motorcycle and components businesses.

The wholesale car market decreased by 4% to 1.0 million units in 2023. Astra's car sales in 2023 were 2% lower, but market share increased from 55% to 56%. The wholesale motorcycle market grew by 19% in 2023. Astra Honda Motor's sales increased by 22% compared with the prior year and its market share increased from 77% to 78%.

The group's 80%-owned components business, Astra Otoparts, reported a 39% increase in net income to US\$121 million in 2023, mainly due to improved operating margin and higher contributions from its associates.

### Financial Services

Net income increased by 30% to US\$516 million in 2023, primarily due to higher contributions from its consumer finance businesses.

The group's consumer finance and heavy equipment-focussed finance businesses saw a 15% and 8% increase, respectively, in new amounts financed to US\$7.7 billion and US\$0.7 billion, respectively. The net income contribution from the heavy equipment-focussed finance businesses increased significantly by 75% to US\$12 million, mainly due to a larger loan portfolio.

General insurance company Asuransi Astra Buana reported a 14% increase in net income to US\$92 million, mainly due to higher insurance revenue. The group's life insurance company, Asuransi Jiwa Astra, recorded a 2% increase in gross written premiums to US\$401 million.



## Heavy Equipment, Mining, Construction and Energy

Net income was stable at US\$832 million, with improved performances from construction machinery and mining contracting offsetting lower contributions from the group's coal and gold mining businesses.

United Tractors reported a 2% decrease in net income to US\$1,354 million. Komatsu heavy equipment sales decreased by 8%, while revenues from the parts and service businesses were higher.

General contractor Acset Indonusa, 87.7%-owned by United Tractors, reported a lower net loss of US\$18 million, compared with a net loss of US\$30 million in the previous year.

## Agribusiness

Net income decreased by 39% to US\$55 million, largely due to lower selling prices of crude palm oil.

## Infrastructure and Logistics

Net income increased by 85% to US\$64 million, due to improved performance in its toll road, transportation solutions and logistics businesses.

The group has interests in 396km of operational toll roads along the Trans-Java network and in the Jakarta Outer Ring Road. The group's toll road concessions saw 7% higher daily toll revenue during the year.

Serasi Autoraya's net income increased by 26% to US\$14 million, mainly due to higher contributions from transportation solutions and logistics services, with vehicles under contract relatively stable at 25,800 units, which more than offset a lower contribution from used car earnings.

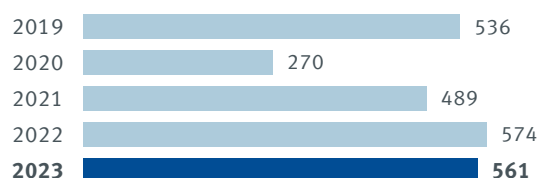
## Information Technology

The group's information technology division, represented by 76.9%-owned Astra Graphia, reported a 45% increase in net income to US\$7 million, primarily due to improved operating margin.

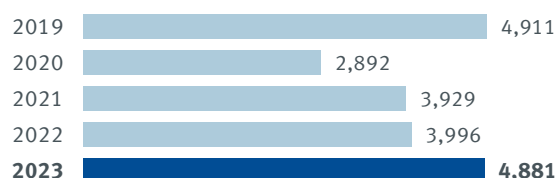
## Property

The group's property division saw a 10% increase in net income to US\$9 million, mainly due to an improvement in occupancy at Menara Astra.

### Motor vehicle sales including associates and joint ventures (thousand units)



### Motorcycle sales including associates and joint ventures (thousand units)



### Underlying profit attributable to shareholders of US\$2,175 million by business (US\$ million)

