

#### **CHOW SANG SANG HOLDINGS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

# 周生生集團國際有限公司

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# 2023 Annual Results Presentation

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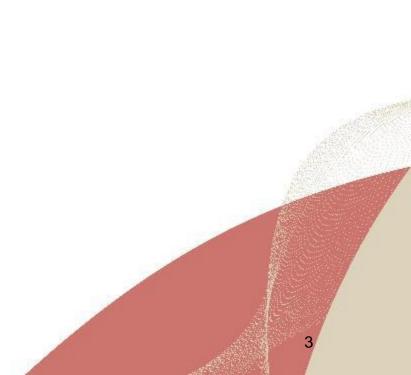
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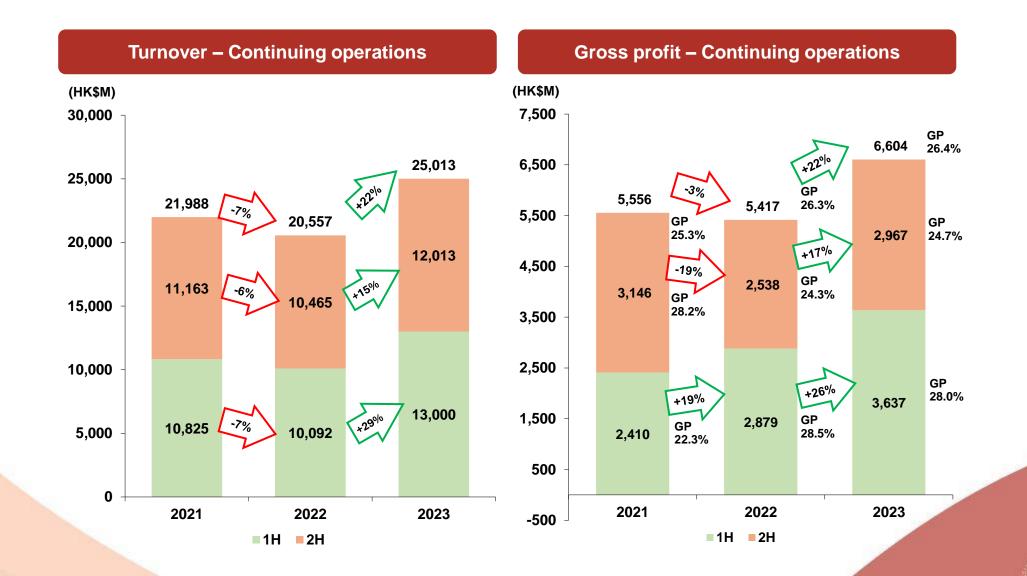
# I. Financial Highlights

# **Financial Highlights**

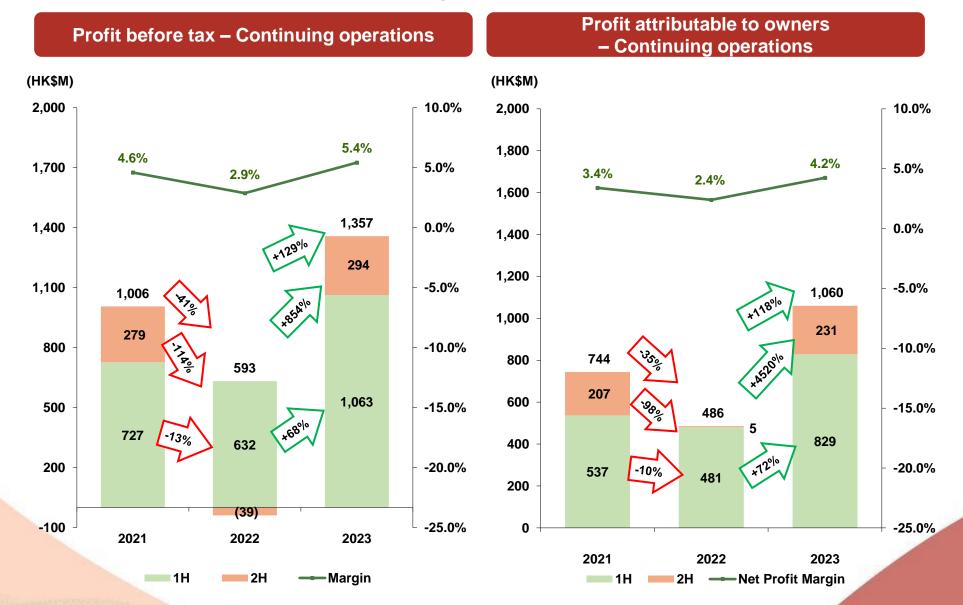
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	2021	2022	2023	23 vs 22
Turnover - Continuing operations	<b>21,9</b> 88	20,557	25,013	+22%
Retail of jewellery and watches	19,922	19,752	24,274	+23%
Wholesale of precious metals	2,033	766	711	-7%
Others	33	39	28	-28%
Gross profit - Continuing operations	5,556	5,417	6,604	+22%
Gross profit margin - Continuing operations	25.3%	26.3%	<b>26.4</b> %	
Total segment results - Continuing operations	976 (Restated)	82 <b>9</b>	1,438	+73%
Profit before tax - Continuing operations	1,006	593	1,357	+129%
Profit attributable to owners	643	452	1,013	+124%
Basic EPS (HK cents)	95.0	66.8	149.5	+124%
Dividend per share (HK cents)	42.0	30.0	60.0	+100%

# **II.** Financial Review

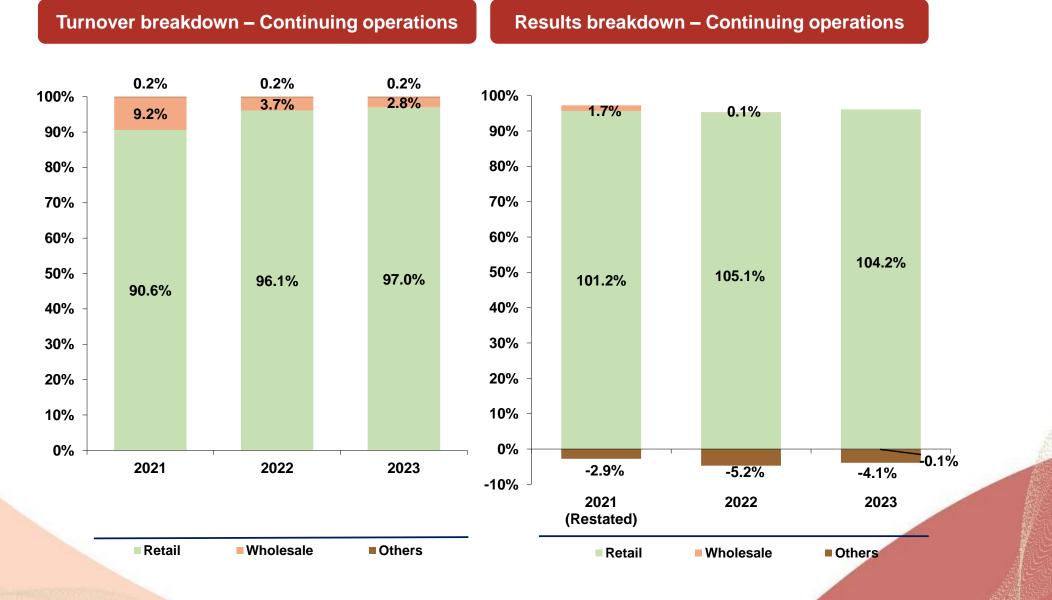
#### **Group Operating Performance**



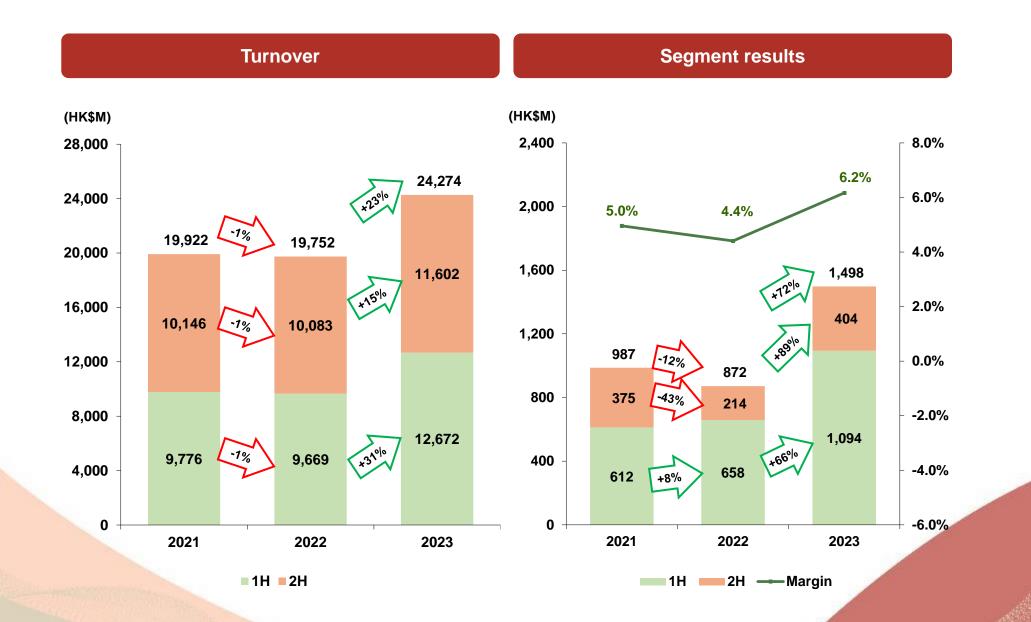
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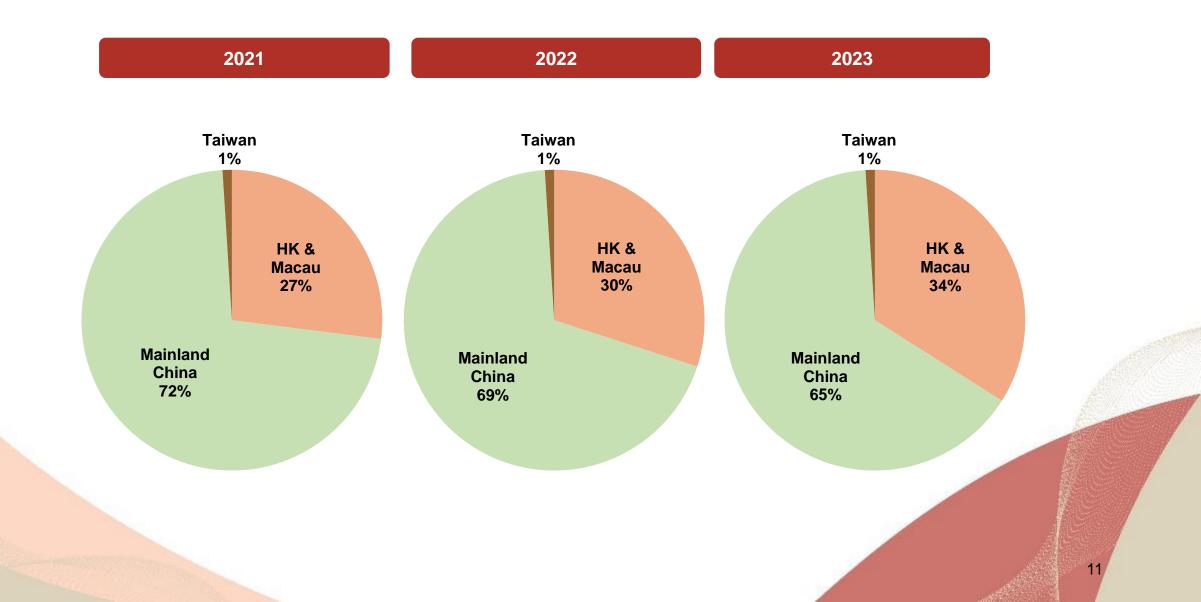
#### **Group Operating Results by Segment**



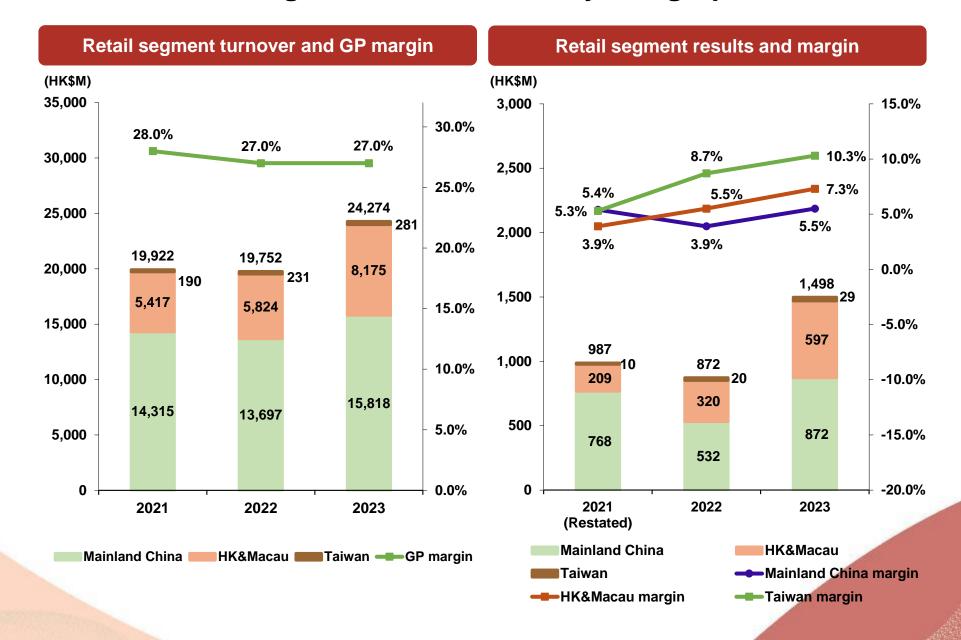
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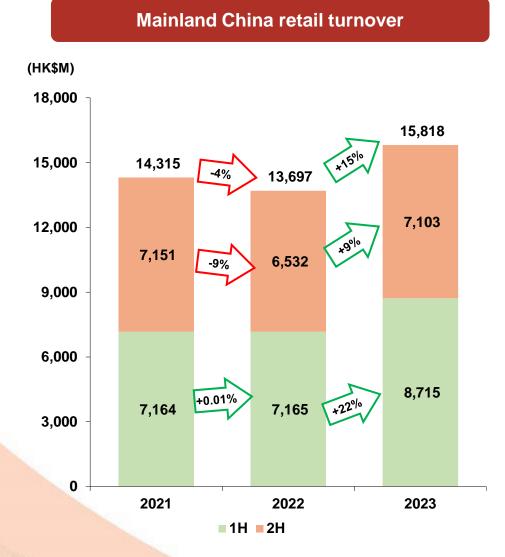
## **Retail Turnover by Geographical Area**



#### **Retail Segment Performance by Geographical Area**



#### Mainland China Retail: Turnover & Average Selling Price



#### Retail sales mix by product type

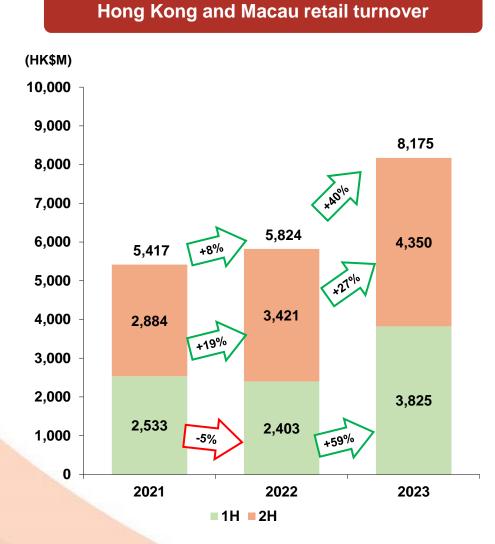
	2022		2023			
	1H	2H	Overall	1H	2H	Overall
Gold jewellery and products	74%	74%	74%	78%	80%	79%
Gem-set jewellery	14%	12%	13%	10%	8%	9%
Platinum/Karat gold jewellery	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Watches	7%	10%	9%	9%	9%	9%

Average selling price				
	2022 2023			23
RMB	Online	Physical store	Online	Physical store
Gold jewellery and products	1,700	3,400	1,800	3,500
Gem-set jewellery	3,000	8,600	3,100	7,700

#### (HK\$M) 3,500 **19.0%** 19.0% 20.0% 2,974 3,000 15.0% 16.0% \*1200 2,666 \*22010 12.0% 2,500 2,194 1,380 8.0% +9% 1,271 2,000 \*19°° 4.0% 1,071 1,500 0.0% 1,000 -4.0% 1,594 +14% 1,395 +24% 1,123 500 -8.0% 0 -12.0% 2021 2022 2023 1H 2H — Online sales %

#### **Online Sales as a Percentage of Mainland China Sales**

#### Hong Kong and Macau Retail: Turnover & Average Selling Price

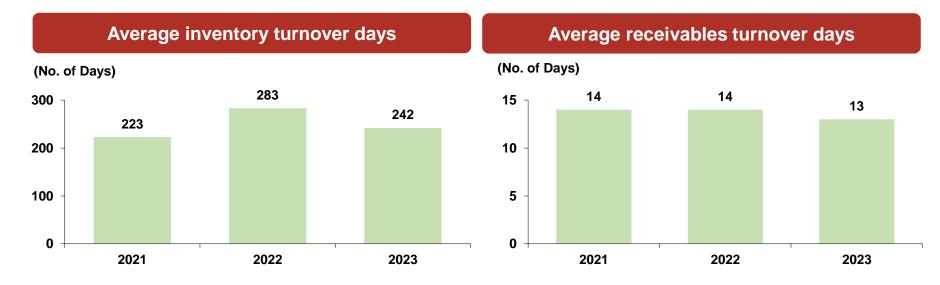


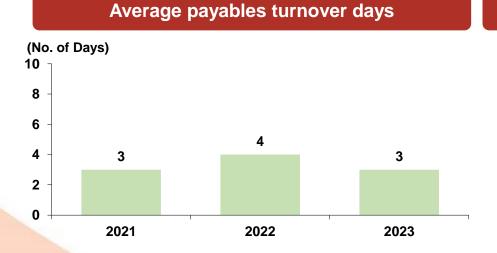
#### 2022 2023 2H 1H Overall 1H 2H Overall Gold jewellery and 60% 73% 70% 66% 70% 75% products Gem-set jewellery 14% 11% 12% 12% 10% 11% Platinum/Karat gold 4% 3% 4% 4% 4% 3% jewellery Watches 22% 15% 18% 14% 12% 13%

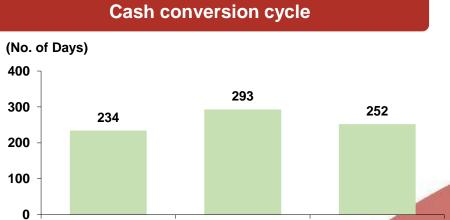
Retail sales mix by product type

Average selling price		
	2022	2023
нк\$	Physical store	Physical store
Gold jewellery and products	7,700	7,300
Gem-set jewellery	11,700	10,300

#### **Working Capital Trends**







## **Other Financial Information**

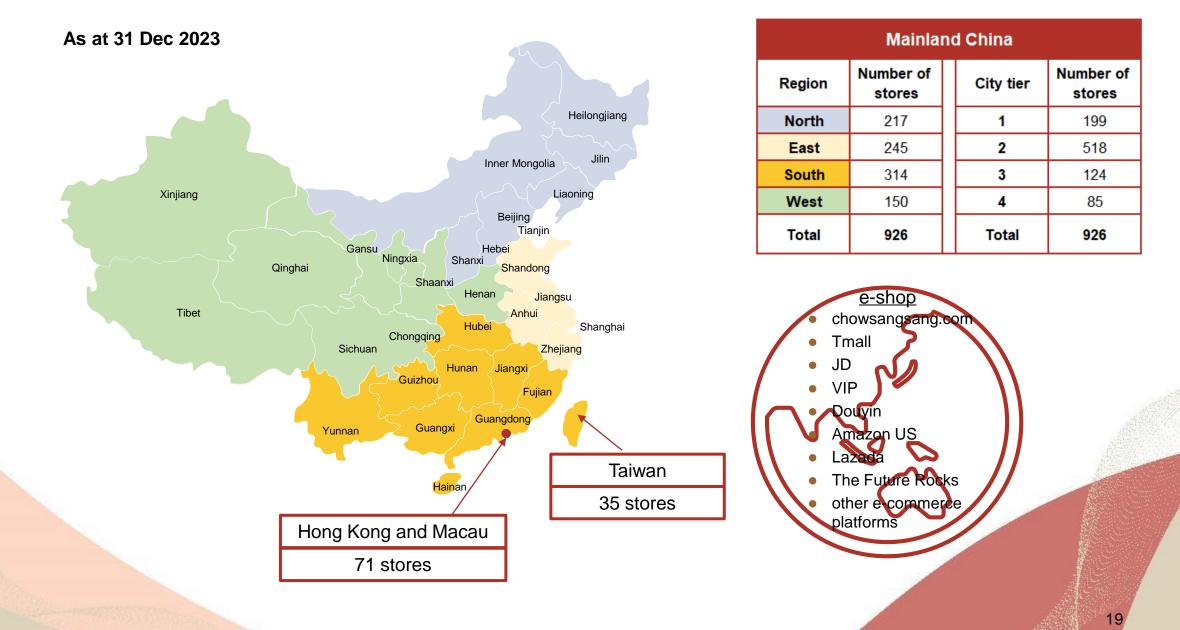
(HK\$'M)	As at				
	31 Dec	31 Dec	31 Dec		
	2021	2022	2023		
Inventories	11,343	12,112	12,257		
Cash and cash equivalents	672	749	1,096		
Long term listed investments*	1,515	1,122	892		
Equity attributable to owners	12,753	11,891	12,204		
Gearing <sup>#</sup>	25.2%	39.0%	37.4%		
Total banking facilities	6,418	8,772	10,910		
Unused banking facilities	3,038	3,879	6,111		
Capital expenditure	418	395	435		
(For the year ended 31 Dec)					

\* Long term listed investments represents HKEC shares which valued at quoted market prices

# Total borrowings to total equity attributable to owners of the Company. Total borrowings includes interest-bearing bank borrowings and bullion loans

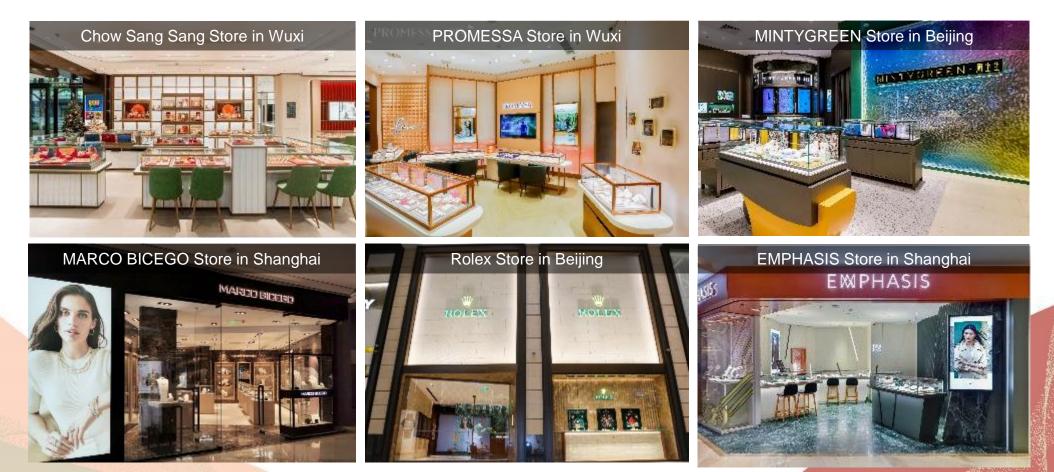
# **III.** Strategies and Future Plans

#### Jewellery and Watch Store Network Expansion



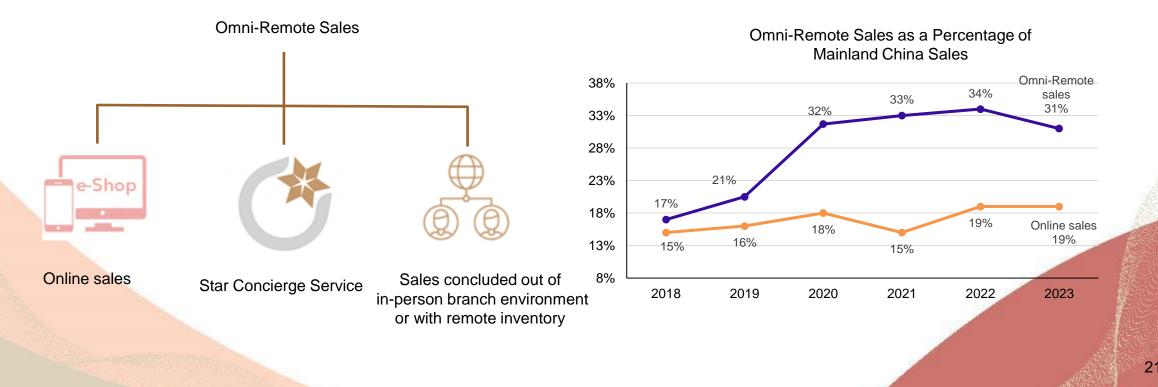
#### Jewellery and Watch Store Network Expansion (Continued)

- During 2023, 101 new Chow Sang Sang stores were opened in Mainland China.
- In Hong Kong, we added 3 Chow Sang Sang stores, one each in Tsim Sha Tsui, Kai Tak and Tin Shui Wai and 1 PROMESSA store in Tuen Mun in 2023. New stores are slated to open at THE SOUTHSIDE in Wong Chuk Hang, MOSTown in Ma On Shan and 11 SKIES in Chek Lap Kok in 2024.
- We will continue our expansion strategy, focusing on opening in strategic locations and continue with multi-brand strategy to enhance the Group's store portfolio, setting a guideline of 50 new stores located chiefly in second-tier cities and above in Mainland China.



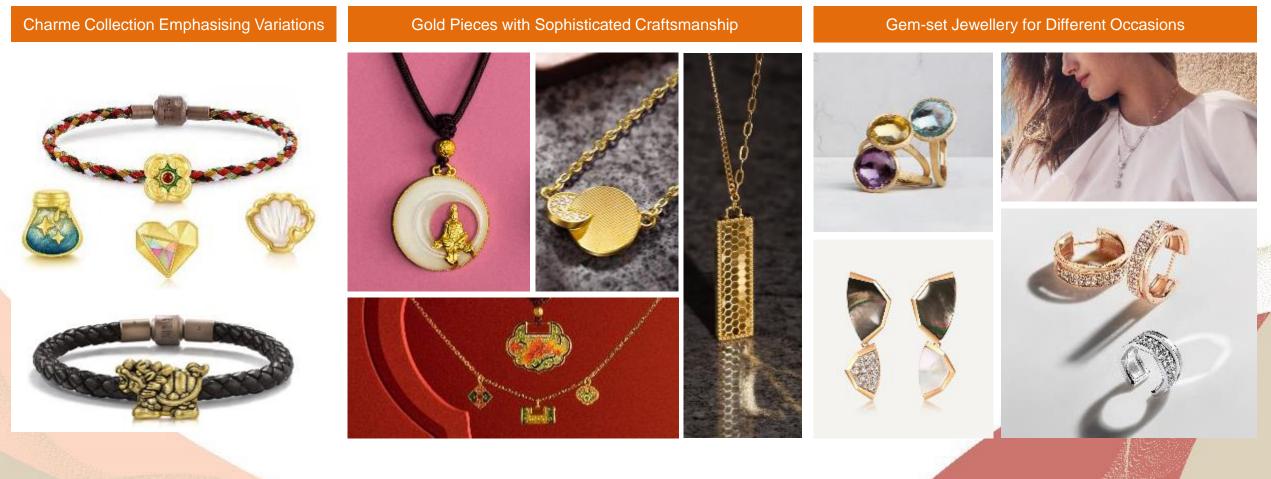
#### **Chow Sang Sang Omni-Channel Retailing**

- The Group's Omni-Remote Sales strategy encompasses online sales, Star Concierge Service and remote sales concluded outside-of-store with remote inventory. Omni-channel retailing remained strong even after the lifting of epidemic-related restrictions, bringing in 31% (2022: 34%) of total sales in Mainland China.
- The online sales in Mainland China maintained its growth momentum and accounted for approximately 19% of total Mainland China sales, the same as in 2022. Growth in sales of gold jewellery and products continued to outpace other categories.
- Online sales in Hong Kong, Taiwan and other regions continued to grow at a steady pace in 2023. This had been achieved by channel expansion and to other overseas markets through collaborators' e-commerce platforms and joint promotion with local partners.



#### **Product and Marketing**

• We will spare no efforts to create products that will command higher margins, such as jewellery set with gemstones, as well as gold pieces with higher design and workmanship value. We will put highlight on affordable luxury and daily-wear.



## **Product and Marketing (Continued)**

• Chow Sang Sang marks its 90th anniversary in 2024. We will make use of this milestone to strengthen our brand image. A series of marketing events is being planned, kicking off with an exhibition in March, showcasing our "Infini Love Diamond", in Chengdu .

Infini Love Diamond Immersive Exhibition Debut in Chengdu





90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year-round Happenings





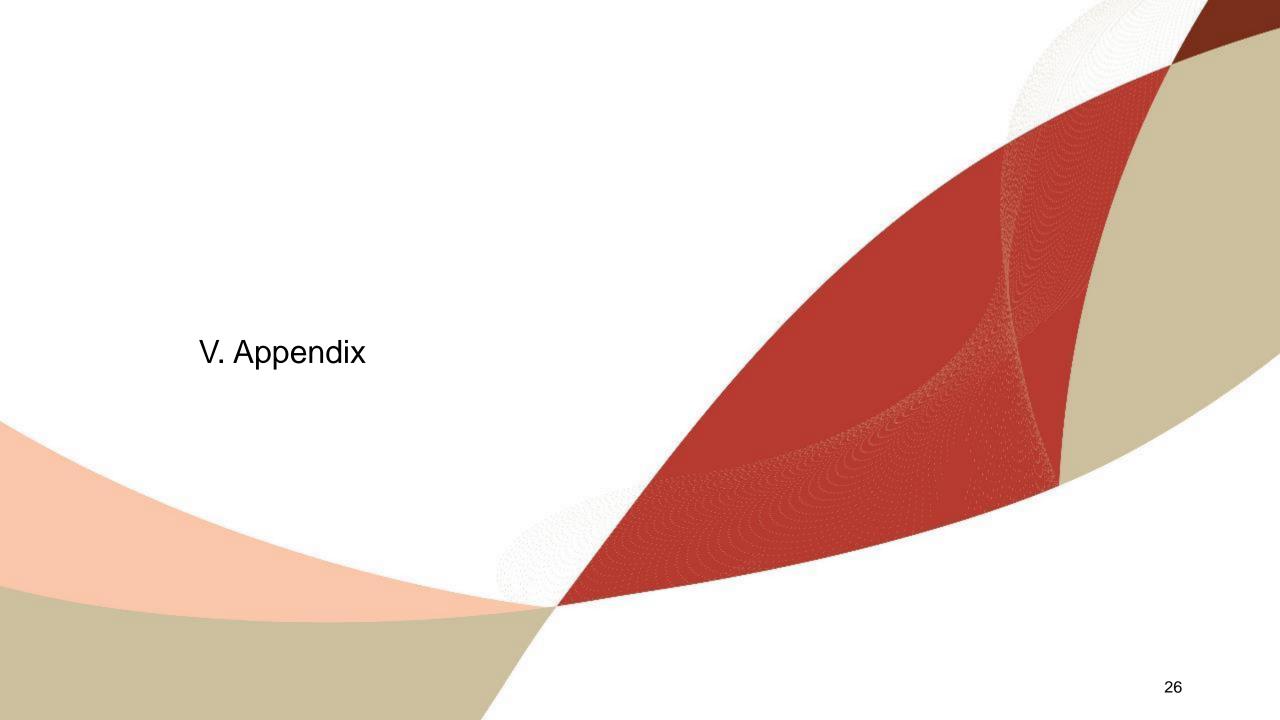


#### **Trading of Laboratory-grown Diamond and Gemstones**

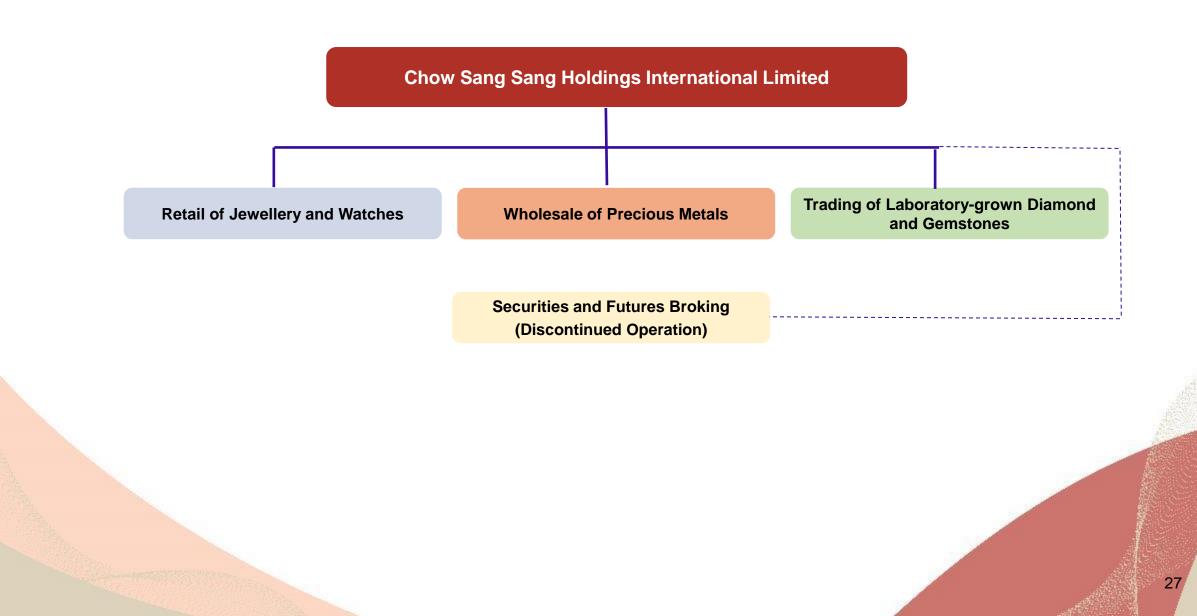
- The subsidiary "The Future Rocks Company Limited" was set up to explore the market for laboratory-grown diamond and gemstones ("LGD").
- It operates an e-commerce platform, with the business name "The Future Rocks", for the sale of LGD-set jewellery curated from around the world as well as those designed in-house.
- It has launched online stores in Mainland China, on portals Tmall International, Xiaohongshu and WeChat Mini Program in 2022.
- In 2023, "The Future Rocks" started its own live-streaming, launched pop up stores and conducted a series of online and offline
  promotion campaigns and marketing activities.



# IV. Q&A Session



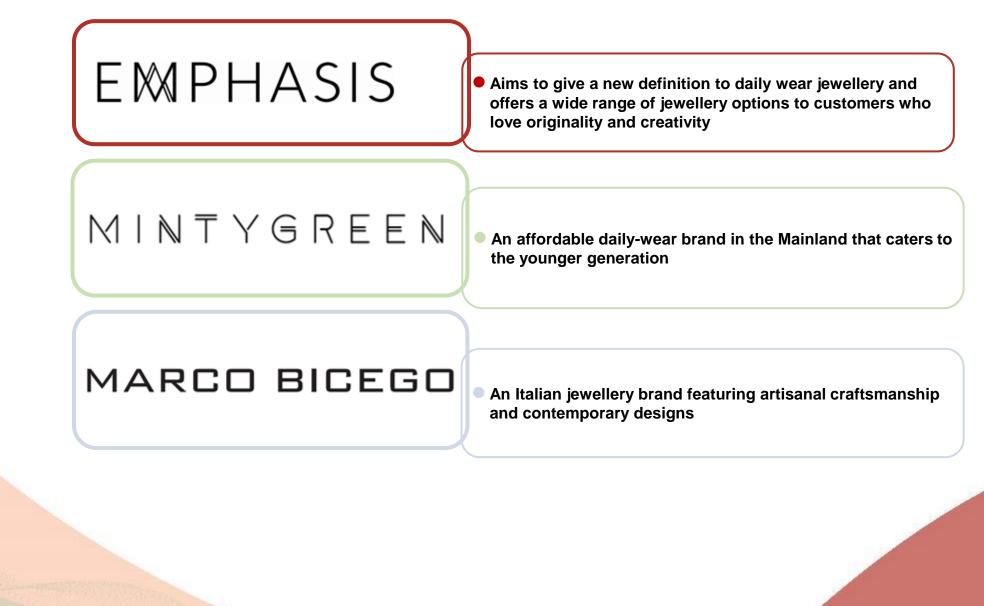
#### **Business Segments**



#### **Retail Store Brand Category**



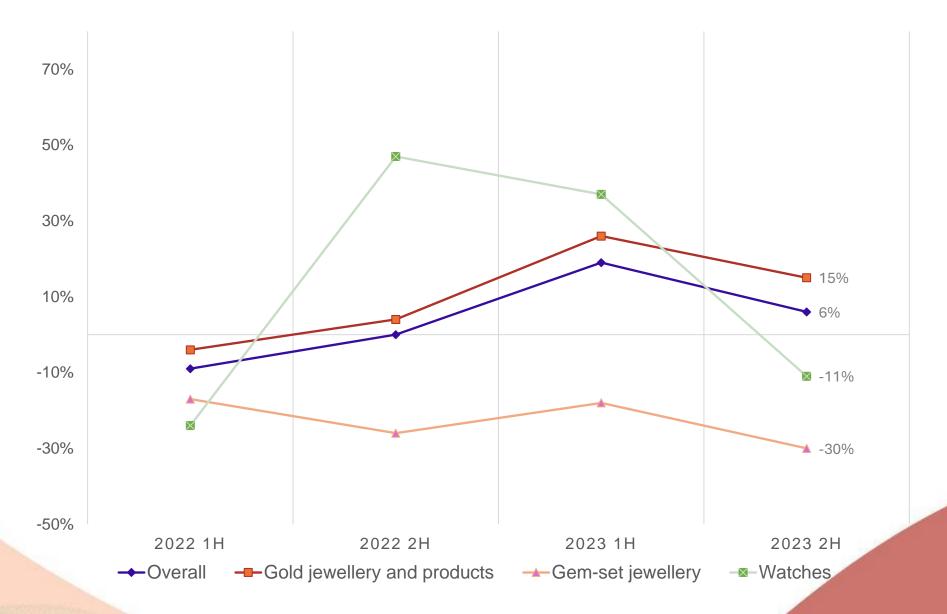
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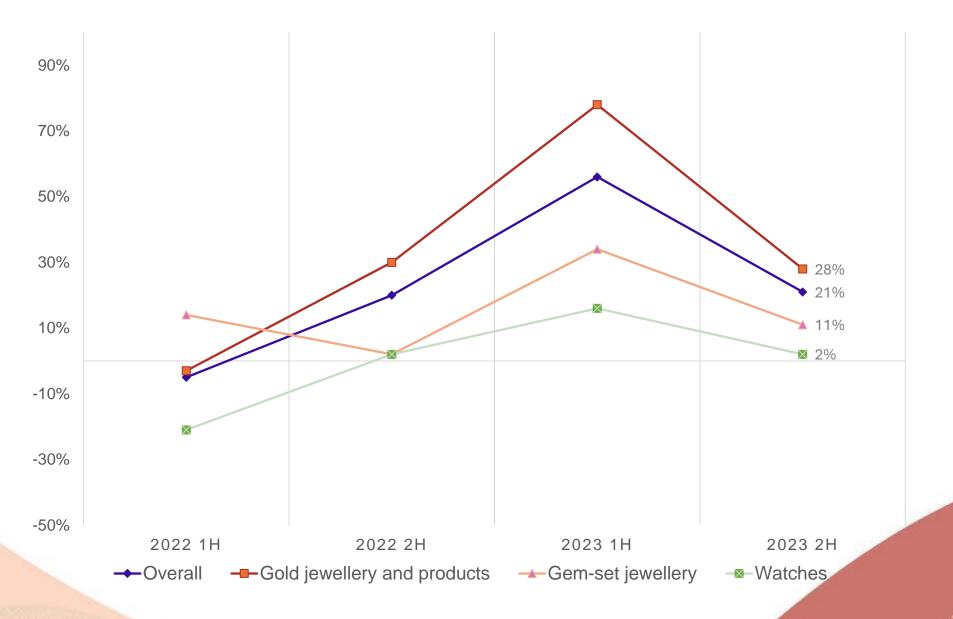
# Store Count by Brand

Region		As at 31 Dec 2022	Opening	Closure	Net change	As at 31 Dec 2023
	Chow Sang Sang	766	101	52	+49	815
	Rolex/Tudor	14	3	2	+1	15
Mainland	MINTYGREEN	50	9	3	+6	56
China	EMPHASIS	19	0	3	-3	16
	PROMESSA	24	7	8	-1	23
	MARCO BICEGO	1	0	0	0	1
Sub-total:		874	120	68	+52	926
	Chow Sang Sang	45	3	0	+3	48
Hong	Rolex/Tudor	10	0	1	-1	9
Kong	EMPHASIS	4	0	1	-1	3
	PROMESSA	2	1	0	+1	3
Sub-total:		61	4	2	+2	63
Macau	點睛品	8	1	1	0	8
Sub-total:		8	1	1	0	8
Taiwan	點睛品	30	1	1	0	30
	PROMESSA	4	2	1	+1	5
Sub-total:		34	3	2	+1	35
Total:		977	128	73	+55	1,032

#### Mainland China Retail: SSSG



### Hong Kong and Macau Retail: SSSG

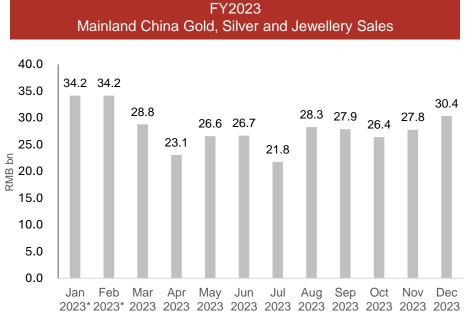


#### Industry Analysis – Mainland China and Hong Kong



Source: HK Census & Statistics

The value of retail sales of jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts in FY2023 was HKD60.12 billion, an increase of 54.59% compared with HKD38.89 billion in FY2022, according to HK Census and Statistics Department.



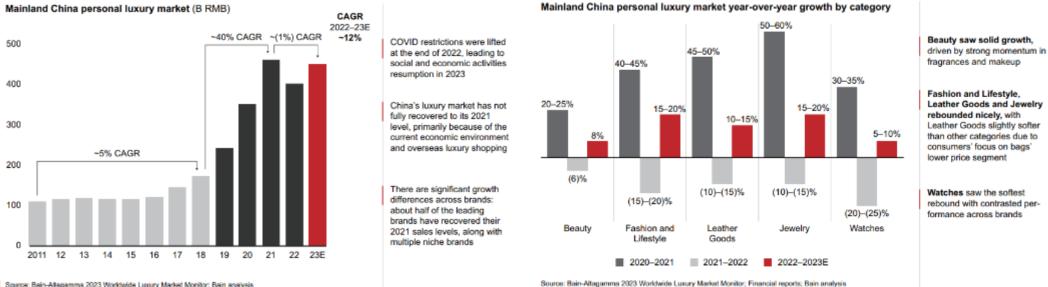
Source: National Bureau of Statistics of People's Republic of China

Retail sales for jewellery products in Mainland China were RMB331.0 billion in FY2023, an increase of 9.82%, compared with RMB301.4 billion in FY2022, according to the data from National Bureau of Statistics of People's Republic of China.

\* In order to eliminate the impact of the different date of the "Chinese New Year" (CNY) each year, and enhance the comparability of data, in accordance with the national statistical system, the data in January and February 2023 were investigated and released together. Here the data is evenly divided as RMB34.2 billion.

#### Industry Analysis – Mainland China Luxury Market Overview

- From 2017 to 2021, China's luxury market tripled in size. In 2023, China's luxury market saw a 12% yearly increase, recovering from the previous year's decline due to Covid-19, but landing slightly below 2021's record level due to challenging economic environment and increased overseas luxury shopping.
- All categories within the luxury market in China experienced a rebound in 2023. And the Jewellery category and the Fashion and Lifestyle category led the strong recovery with growth rates ranging from 15% to 20%.
- Bain & Company thinks that, although there are uncertainties in the near term regarding the speed of consumer confidence recovery and the growth of luxury shopping overseas, the fundamentals of luxury consumption in China remain strong in the long run. And it is expected that most of the trends witnessed in 2023 will continue or amplify, leading to a mid-single-digit growth rate in China's luxury market in 2024.



Source: Bain-Altagamma 2023 Worldwide Luxury Market Monitor; Bain analysis

#### Source :

Bain & Company

- "2023 China Luxury Goods Market: A Year of Recovery and Transition" https://www.bain.cn/pdfs/202401240428299453.pdf
- "China's luxury market expected to grow at mid-single-digit in 2024" https://www.bain.com/about/media-center/press-releases/2024/chinas-luxurv-market-expected-to-grow-at-mid-single-digit-in-2024/

## Definitions

#### In this presentation, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Board"	the board of Directors
"Company"	Chow Sang Sang Holdings International Limited
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"FY"	the full year, twelve months ended 31 December
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"HKEC"	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Macau"	the Macao Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Mainland China" or "Mainland"	PRC excluding, for the purpose of this presentation (unless otherwise indicated), Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan
"PRC" or "China"	the People's Republic of China
"SSSG"	same store sales growth
"Taiwan"	Taiwan region of the PRC
"YOY"	year-on-year
"1H"	the first half of a year, six months ended 30 June
"2H"	the second half of a year, six months ended 31 December
"1Q"	the first quarter of a year, three months ended 31 March
"2Q"	the second quarter of a year, three months ended 30 June
"3Q"	the third quarter of a year, three months ended 30 September
"4Q"	the fourth quarter of a year, three months ended 31 December
"%"	percent 35

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