

Independent Auditor's Report

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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MANDATORY PROVIDENT FUND SCHEMES COMPENSATION FUND

(Established in Hong Kong under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Compensation Fund (the "Fund") set out on pages 214 to 230, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024, and the income and expenditure account, statement of changes in capital and reserve and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 March 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the "Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Matter

The financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 31 March 2023, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on 17 May 2023.

Other Information

The Administrator is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Administrator and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, and for such internal control as the Administrator determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Administrator is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Administrator either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion solely to you in accordance with section 184 of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (General) Regulation, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Administrator.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Administrator's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong
25 June 2024

Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
INCOME			
Interest income on bank deposits		75,300,339	38,454,875
Net investment income	6	2,702,845	7,370,088
		78,003,184	45,824,963
EXPENDITURE			
Auditor's remuneration		100,000	117,700
Administrative service expense	11	1,133,020	1,213,267
Investment expenses		99,779	98,897
Other operating expenses		3,980	2,880
		1,336,779	1,432,744
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		76,666,405	44,392,219

The Fund had no components of comprehensive income other than "surplus for the year" in either of the years presented. Accordingly, no separate statement of comprehensive income is presented as the Fund's "total comprehensive income" was the same as the "surplus for the year" in both years.

Statement of Financial Position

At 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial investments	8	495,684,700	486,257,680
Interest receivable on bank deposits		10,736,139	16,707,391
Bank deposits		1,428,862,456	1,542,756,312
Cash and cash equivalents		187,108,754	100,518
		2,122,392,049	2,045,821,901
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accrued charges		1,254,351	1,350,608
		2,121,137,698	2,044,471,293
NET ASSETS			
CAPITAL AND RESERVE			
Seed money	10	600,000,000	600,000,000
Income and expenditure account		1,521,137,698	1,444,471,293
		2,121,137,698	2,044,471,293

The financial statements on pages 214 to 230 were approved and authorized for issue by the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, as the capacity of the administrator of the Fund, on 25 June 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

Cheng Yan-chee

Managing Director

of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority

Statement of Changes in Capital and Reserve

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Seed money HK\$	Income and expenditure account HK\$	Total HK\$
At 1 April 2022	600,000,000	1,400,079,074	2,000,079,074
Surplus for the year	–	44,392,219	44,392,219
At 31 March 2023	600,000,000	1,444,471,293	2,044,471,293
Surplus for the year	–	76,666,405	76,666,405
At 31 March 2024	600,000,000	1,521,137,698	2,121,137,698

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus for the year	76,666,405	44,392,219
Adjustments for:		
Interest income on bank deposits	(75,300,339)	(38,454,875)
Dividends from financial investments	(2,400,450)	(2,186,400)
Net other income on financial investments	(302,395)	(5,183,688)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	(1,336,779)	(1,432,744)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors and accrued charges	(96,257)	122,652
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(1,433,036)	(1,310,092)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends received from financial investments	2,400,450	2,186,400
Interest received on bank deposits	81,271,591	23,251,771
Proceeds on disposals of financial investments	447,000,000	434,000,000
Purchase of financial investments	(456,124,625)	(448,156,052)
Maturity of bank deposits (Note)	3,556,999,348	3,057,468,343
Placement of bank deposits (Note)	(3,443,105,492)	(3,067,440,312)
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	188,441,272	1,310,150
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	187,008,236	58
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	100,518	100,460
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR	187,108,754	100,518
ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Bank balances and deposits at or with original maturities of 3 months or less	187,058,754	50,518
Balances held at custodian	50,000	50,000
	187,108,754	100,518

Note: As at 31 March 2024, bank deposits with original maturities of more than 3 months amounted to HK\$1,428,862,456 (2023: HK\$1,542,756,312).

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Purpose and Claim for Payment

The Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Compensation Fund (the Fund) was established under section 17 of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (the Ordinance) which came into effect on 12 March 1999 for the purpose of compensating members of registered Mandatory Provident Fund schemes and other persons who have beneficial interests in those schemes for losses of accrued benefits that are attributable to misfeasance or illegal conduct committed by the approved trustees of those schemes or by other persons concerned with the administration of those schemes.

The application for compensation from the Fund has to be made to a court of law in accordance with the Ordinance. The administrator of the Fund (the Administrator) shall then make the compensation fund payment pursuant to the decisions of the court. The Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (the MPFA) continues to assume the role of the Administrator of the Fund and recoup the expenses incurred in administering the Fund on a cost recovery basis. The MPFA's office address was Level 8, Tower 1, Kowloon Commerce Centre, 51 Kwai Cheong Road, Kwai Chung, Hong Kong until 23 April 2023 and has been changed to Level 12, Tower 1, The Millennity, 98 How Ming Street, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong with effect from 24 April 2023.

The financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars, which is the same as the functional currency of the Fund.

2. Application of New and Amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs)

New and amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Fund has applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) relevant to the Fund for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Fund's annual period beginning on 1 April 2023 for the preparation of the financial statements:

HKFRS 17 (including the October 2020 and February 2022 Amendments to HKFRS 17)	Insurance Contracts
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies

The application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Fund's financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in the financial statements.

2. Application of New and Amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs) (continued)

New and amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year (continued)

Impacts on application of Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2 Disclosure of Accounting Policies

The Fund has applied the amendments for the first time in the current year. HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements is amended to replace all instances of the term “significant accounting policies” with “material accounting policy information”. Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in an entity’s financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements.

The amendments also clarify that accounting policy information may be material because of the nature of the related transactions, other events or conditions, even if the amounts are immaterial. However, not all accounting policy information relating to material transactions, other events or conditions is itself material. If an entity chooses to disclose immaterial accounting policy information, such information must not obscure material accounting policy information.

HKFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements (the Practice Statement) is also amended to illustrate how an entity applies the “four-step materiality process” to accounting policy disclosures and to judge whether information about an accounting policy is material to its financial statements. Guidance and examples are added to the Practice Statement.

There is no material impact on the Fund’s financial positions and performance but has affected the disclosure of the Fund’s accounting policies set out in Note 3 to the financial statements.

Impacts on application of Amendments to HKAS 8 Definition of Accounting Estimates

The Fund has applied the amendments for the first time in the current year. The amendments define accounting estimates as “monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty”. An accounting policy may require items in financial statements to be measured in a way that involves measurement uncertainty. In such a case, an entity develops an accounting estimate to achieve the objective set out by the accounting policy. The amendments to HKAS 8 clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates, and changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors.

The application of the amendments in the current year had no material impact on the financial statements.

2. Application of New and Amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs) (continued)

Amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

The Fund has not early applied the following amendments to HKFRSs relevant to the Fund that have been issued but are not yet effective:

Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020) ¹
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants ¹
Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements ¹
Amendments to HKAS 21	Lack of Exchangeability ²

1 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

2 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025.

The Fund anticipates that the application of all amendments to HKFRSs will have no material impact on the financial statements in the foreseeable future.

3. Material Accounting Policy Information

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values, and in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA.

Material accounting policy information

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

3.1 Revenue recognition

Levy fee consists of fees charged to the approved trustees of registered Mandatory Provident Fund schemes and is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the period covered. Refer to Note 9 for details.

Interest income received from a financial asset is accrued on a time proportionate basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset's net carrying amount. Interest income includes interest from bank deposits and interest from financial assets at fair value through income or expenditure, which is recognized as part of net investment income.

Dividend income from investments is recognized when the shareholders' rights to receive payment have been established.

3. Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)

Material accounting policy information (continued)

3.2 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized in the statement of financial position when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognized and derecognized on a trade-date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace. Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value are recognized immediately in the income and expenditure account.

3.3 Financial assets

(a) *Recognition and measurement*

The Fund's financial assets include financial assets at fair value through income or expenditure and financial assets measured at amortized cost.

At initial recognition, the Fund measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through income or expenditure, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

Effective interest method is used to calculate the amortized cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset, or, where appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount on initial recognition. Interest is recognized on an effective interest basis.

3. Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)

Material accounting policy information (continued)

3.3 Financial assets (continued)

(b) Classification

The Fund classifies its financial assets into the below categories based on the Fund's business model for managing the asset and, where required, subsequent analysis of cash flow characteristics on individual financial assets.

The business model reflects how the Fund manages particular groups of assets in order to generate future cash flows. Where the business model is to hold the assets to collect contractual cash flows the Fund subsequently assesses whether the financial assets cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. The Fund considers whether the cash flows represent basic lending arrangements. Where contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement the financial asset is classified and measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through income or expenditure

All the Fund's financial assets measured at fair value through income or expenditure, including financial investments and derivative financial instruments, are mandatorily measured at fair value. Gains or losses will be recorded in the income and expenditure account including any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the "net investment income" line item.

(ii) Financial assets at amortized cost

Financial assets at amortized cost are assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortized cost. Financial assets at amortized cost mainly consist of levy fee receivable, interest receivable on bank deposits, bank deposits and cash and cash equivalents. Any gain or loss on derecognition and impairment losses are recognized in the income and expenditure account.

3.4 Impairment of financial assets

The Fund measures the expected credit losses equal to 12 months expected credit loss, unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk by comparing the risk of a default as at the reporting date and the initial recognition date, in which case the Fund recognizes lifetime expected credit loss. The Fund assesses on forward looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its financial assets measured at amortized cost. Note 5.3 sets out information about the impairment of financial assets and the Fund's exposure to credit risk.

3. Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)

Material accounting policy information (continued)

3.5 Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definition of a financial liability. The Fund's financial liabilities are generally classified as other financial liabilities, and are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Effective interest method is used to calculate the amortized cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

3.6 Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the assets expire, or when the financial assets are transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial assets. On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognized in the income and expenditure account.

Financial liabilities are derecognized when, and only when, the obligation specified in the relevant contract is discharged, cancelled or expires. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid and payable is recognized in the income and expenditure account.

3.7 Cash and cash equivalents

In the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, cash in transit, cash at banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

3.8 Creditors and accrued charges

Creditors and accrued charges are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Creditors and accrued charges are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

4. Capital Management

The Fund's objectives when managing capital are:

- (a) to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, so that it continues to carry out its statutory functions; and
- (b) to support the Fund's stability and growth to provide benefits under its statutory function.

The Administrator of the Fund actively and regularly reviews and manages its capital and reserve to ensure optimal returns, taking into consideration the future resources requirements.

5. Financial Instruments

5.1 Categories of financial instruments

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Financial assets		
Measured at fair value through income and expenditure	495,684,700	486,257,680
At amortized cost	1,626,707,349	1,559,564,221
Financial liabilities		
At amortized cost	1,254,351	1,350,608

5.2 Financial risk management

The Fund's major financial instruments include bank deposits, cash and cash equivalents, financial investments and interest receivable on bank deposits. The strategic investment allocation was set using a statistical approach. A set of investment guidelines (the Investment Guidelines) approved by the MPFA's Finance Committee is in place to lay down limits and restrictions on currency risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and general activities. Regular reviews on the Investment Guidelines are conducted. The Finance Committee, one of the standing committees of the MPFA, is responsible for overseeing the investments of the Fund.

The Fund maintains a fairly high percentage of cash investment, i.e. HK dollar deposits. Debt securities investments are of short maturity and therefore are subject to relatively low price risk. The investment in equities accounted for less than 4% (2023: less than 4%) of the total investments (including bank deposits). Equity securities are managed with a passive investment style and their weightings are re-balanced to maintain the strategic asset allocation within the tolerance limit. The investment performance is reported to the Finance Committee and the Management Board on a regular basis.

5. Financial Instruments (continued)

5.3 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The Fund assesses credit risk and expected credit losses by considering probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Both historical and forward looking information are considered in assessing the expected credit loss.

The main concentration of credit risk to which the Fund is exposed arises from the Fund's investments in debt securities. The Fund is also exposed to counterparty credit risk on the transactions in bank deposits and cash and cash equivalents.

Permissible debt securities investments have to satisfy the requirements of the credit rating specified in the Investment Guidelines. The investment portfolio is managed by the Administrator.

To manage the credit risk, the portfolio must invest only in debt securities of investment grade. As at the reporting date, the credit risk profile as weighted by market value (including accrued interest) was:

Credit rating	2024		2023	
	HK\$	% of net assets	HK\$	% of net assets
AA ¹	427,964,450	20%	410,255,740	20%

1 AA means between AA- and AA+ by S&P and Aa3 and Aa1 by Moody's

All transactions in securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved counterparties. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the counterparty has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the counterparty. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

5. Financial Instruments (continued)

5.3 Credit risk (continued)

The Fund does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The Fund's credit risk exposure to bank deposits and cash and cash equivalents is limited because the counterparties are banks and other financial institutions with high credit ratings (investment grade or above) assigned by international credit rating agencies and are approved by the Finance Committee from time to time. In addition, the credit exposures are guarded by the Investment Guidelines which set out limits and restrictions on the total exposure to a single bank or an issuer of debt securities in order to mitigate concentration risk to a single counterparty. Moreover, the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their obligations in the near term and therefore the probability of default of the counterparties is considered to be close to zero. As a result, the expected credit losses for the assets subject to 12 months expected credit loss measurement is minimal. The maximum exposure to credit risk at year end is the carrying amount of the financial assets as shown on the statement of financial position.

5.4 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value and/or future cash flow of a financial asset will fluctuate due to changes in interest rates.

The exposure to interest rate risk on bank deposits and cash and cash equivalents carrying interest are limited to the impact of the interest rate fluctuations on the interest income. The Fund adopts a sensitivity test of 75 basis points (2023: 10 basis points) movement to measure such impact. If the interest rates on the bank deposits and cash and cash equivalents had moved up or down by 75 basis points (2023: 10 basis points) on average throughout the year, with all other variables being held constant, income for the year would have increased or decreased by HK\$12.2 million (2023: HK\$1.6 million).

The investment portfolio is exposed to the interest rate risk in relation to holdings in debt securities. Such risks may be mitigated by reducing the asset weighting and portfolio duration of the debt securities portfolio. The Fund invests mainly in short-term HK dollar debt securities with maturity up to two years (2023: up to two years).

As at the reporting date, the debt securities portfolio duration is set out below:

	2024 Years	2023 Years
Portfolio duration	0.44	0.46

5. Financial Instruments (continued)

5.4 Interest rate risk (continued)

The Fund measures the interest rate risks through Price Value of Basis Point (PVBP). PVBP is a sensitivity test to measure the fluctuation of potential gain or loss on interest rate positions upon a basis point movement.

The Fund adopts a sensitivity test of 75 basis points (2023: 10 basis points) movements. As at the reporting date, if interest rate had fluctuated by 75 basis points (2023: 10 basis points) and all other variables were held constant, the impact on the Fund's income would have been as follows.

	Increase/(decrease) in the Fund's income	
	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
If interest rate were 75 basis points lower in 2024 (10 basis points lower in 2023)	1,412,623	188,482
If interest rate were 75 basis points higher in 2024 (10 basis points higher in 2023)	(1,412,623)	(188,482)

5.5 Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the price of a security or a portfolio of securities will fluctuate due to market changes. Price risk consists of both systematic risk, which is also known as market return risk, and non-systematic risk, which can be largely eliminated by diversification in accordance with the Investment Guidelines.

As at 31 March 2024, if the Hong Kong stock market had increased or decreased by 10% (2023: 10%) with all other variables held constant and all the equity instruments moved according to the historical relationship with the Hong Kong stock market, income for the year would have increased or decreased by HK\$6.7 million (2023: HK\$7.6 million).

5.6 Currency risk

The Investment Guidelines permit only investments in HK dollars. There is therefore no currency risk taken by the Fund.

5.7 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the potential that the Fund will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet its cash commitments. Liquidity risk may result from the need to sell financial assets quickly at their fair values; counterparties' failure to settle a contractual obligation; or inability to generate cash flows as anticipated.

5. Financial Instruments (continued)

5.7 Liquidity risk (continued)

As at 31 March 2024, the Fund held cash and cash equivalents and deposits including interest receivable on bank deposits of HK\$1,626,707,349 (2023: HK\$1,559,564,221) that are highly liquid. In addition, the Fund held marketable securities of HK\$495,684,700 (2023: HK\$486,257,680), which could be readily realized to provide a further source of cash if the need arose. Therefore, liquidity risk is considered to be minimal.

As at 31 March 2024, the creditors and accrued charges of the Fund included substantially payable to the MPFA amounted to HK\$1,254,351 (2023: HK\$1,350,608) with the maturity of less than 3 months.

5.8 Fair values

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are determined as follows:

The fair values of listed investments and unlisted investments with standard terms and conditions are determined by reference to bid prices quoted in active markets.

The fair values of other financial assets and financial liabilities stated at amortized costs approximate the corresponding carrying amounts.

5.9 Fair value measurements recognized in the statement of financial position

The fair value measurements of financial assets and liabilities are categorized using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable.

- (a) Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities;
- (b) Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- (c) Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

5. Financial Instruments (continued)

5.9 Fair value measurements recognized in the statement of financial position (continued)

	2024			Total HK\$
	Level 1 HK\$	Level 2 HK\$	Level 3 HK\$	
Financial assets				
Equity securities	67,720,250	–	–	67,720,250
Debt securities	–	427,964,450	–	427,964,450
	67,720,250	427,964,450	–	495,684,700

	2023			Total HK\$
	Level 1 HK\$	Level 2 HK\$	Level 3 HK\$	
Financial assets				
Equity securities	76,001,940	–	–	76,001,940
Debt securities	–	410,255,740	–	410,255,740
	76,001,940	410,255,740	–	486,257,680

During the years ended 31 March 2024 and 2023, no financial assets were classified under Level 3 and there were no transfers between levels.

6. Net Investment Income

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Dividends from financial investments	2,400,450	2,186,400
Net realized gain on financial investments	12,879,911	906,099
Net unrealized (loss)/gain on financial investments	(12,577,516)	4,277,589
	2,702,845	7,370,088

7. Taxation

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made in the financial statements as the Fund is exempt from Hong Kong Profits Tax under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance.

8. Financial Investments

	2024 HK\$	2023 HK\$
Equity securities		
Listed	67,720,250	76,001,940
Debt securities		
Unlisted	427,964,450	410,255,740
Total		
Listed	67,720,250	76,001,940
Unlisted	427,964,450	410,255,740
	495,684,700	486,257,680

9. Exemption of Levy

Sections 191A & B of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (General) Regulation (Chapter 485A) provide for the exemption and revocation of exemption of approved trustee from payment of compensation fund levy, which was enacted in July 2012. In short,

- (a) The levy of 0.03% of the net asset value (NAV) of Mandatory Provident Fund schemes would be imposed if the NAV of the Fund as at the end of a financial year has fallen below HK\$1 billion; and
- (b) Exemption of the levy would be granted if the NAV of the Fund as at the end of a financial year has exceeded HK\$1.4 billion.

Given that the audited NAV of the Fund has exceeded HK\$1.4 billion as at the end of each financial year since 2012, the MPFA has granted exemption by notice published in the Gazette on 27 July 2012 to exempt the approved trustees of Mandatory Provident Fund schemes from paying the levy in relation to the financial periods of Mandatory Provident Fund schemes commencing on or after 1 September 2012.

10. Seed Money

On 12 March 1999, an amount of HK\$600 million was injected by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the Government) as seed money of the Fund.

11. Administrative Service Expenses

Administrative service expenses represent the expenses incurred by the MPFA for its services provided in administering the Fund.