

# 2008 Annual Results



# WHEELLOCK



## FY2008

# Results Highlights



WHEELLOCK AND COMPANY LIMITED

## Consolidation

- ❖ Wheelock & Co changed its financial year-end date from 31st Mar to 31st Dec at the end of 2007
- ❖ Accordingly, the Group's financial year 2008 covered 12 months ended 31.12.08, whereas the preceding financial period covered 9 months ended 31.12.07 (but consolidated financial statements for Wharf for full calendar year 2007)



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	2008 (HKD)	2007 *(9 months) (HKD)
Profit before exceptionals / IP surplus	3,095M	3,414M
Attributable impairment loss for investments	(811M)	(53M)
Attributable IP surplus (after deferred tax)	776M	4,254M
Attributable tax credit adj. on reduction of tax rate	372M	-
Profit attributable to shareholders	3,432M	7,615M
EPS	1.69	3.75
EPS (before exceptionals / IP surplus)	1.52	1.68
DPS	¢ 12.5	¢ 12.5

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\* Consolidated financial statements for Wharf for FY2007 (for 12 months)

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 <b>WHEELOCK AND COMPANY LIMITED</b>	As at 31.12.08	As at 31.12.07	% Change
Net Debt (Debt \$45.6B – cash \$22.9B)	22.7B	21.9B	+3.7%
Wharf – net debt	22.1B	23.6B	-6.3%
Net debt to Total Equity	18.4%	19.2%	-0.8 pts

Note: Wharf's net debt is without recourse to Wheelock.

# WHARF



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	FY08 (HKD)	FY07 (HKD)	% Change
❖ Turnover	15,940M	16,208M	-2%
❖ Operating profit	7,639M	9,516M	-20%
❖ Finance costs	(1,521M)	(1,142M)	+33%
❖ Taxation	(1,189M)	(4,247M)	-72%
❖ Net profit before property revaluation	4,194M	5,947M	-29%
❖ Revaluation surplus (net of Tax & MI)	2,053M	7,196M	-71%
❖ Profit attributable to shareholders	6,247M	13,143M	-52%
❖ EPS	2.28	5.17	-56%
❖ DPS	¢ 80.00	¢ 80.00	-

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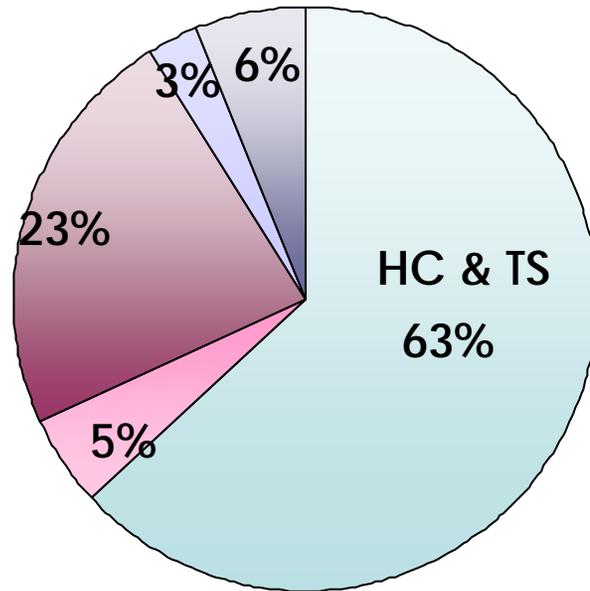


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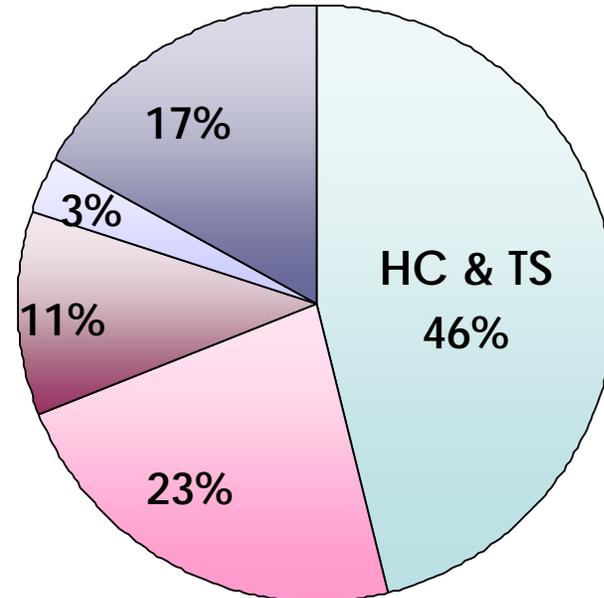
	FY08 (HKD)	FY07 (HKD)	% Change
❖ Net Debt	22.1B	23.6B	-6.4%
❖ Net Debt (excl. MTL's & HCDL's debt)	9.7B	12.7B	-23.6%
❖ Debt to Total Equity	20.9%	25.6%	-4.7 pts

# Group Businesses

% of Group Operating Profit



% of Group Asset



- Harbour City & Times Square
- China Properties
- Logistics
- CME
- Cash & Others



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# 1. Harbour City & Times Square – “Heart of the Group” put up stellar performances

Popular  
& Resilient

❖ Represent 46% of total assets & 63% of total operating profit

❖ Spectacular performance – popular & resilient

❖ Double-digit revenue growth

	Harbour City	Times Square
❖ Retail	+22% yoy to HKD2.2B	+13% yoy to HKD871M
❖ Office	+19% yoy to HKD1.6B	+21% yoy to HKD440M

❖ Outperformed HK retail sales growth (even in 4Q08)

	Harbour City	Times Square	HK Retail Market
❖ FY2008	+18.4% yoy	+10.8% yoy	+10.5% yoy
❖ 11-12/08	+6-7% yoy	+6-7% yoy	+1% yoy

# 1. Harbour City & Times Square – “Heart of the Group” put up stellar performances

Popular  
& Resilient

## ❖ Represents sizable portion of HK retail sales (HKRS)

✧ FY2008: represents about 7% of HKRS of goods (HC: 5%; TS: 2%)

✧ 12/08: represents 9-10% of HKRS of goods (HC: 7-8%; TS: >2%)

## ❖ Retail rentals continued to post positive rental growth on renewals and new letting in recent leasing transactions

## ❖ Proven track record

✧ Outperformed even during the last downturn in 2002 & 2003

	Harbour City (Retail Sales psf)	Times Square (Retail Sales psf)	HK Retail Market (Retail Sales)
2004	+25.3%	+20.4%	+10.8%
2003	+9.4%	+4.0%	-2.3%
2002	+2.0%	+3.0%	-4.1%

## 2. Strong Financial Position & Financing Strategy

Strong Position  
& Stability

### ❖ Strong financial position to weather the storm

- ❖ Net debt: HKD9.7B, if excluding MTL's & HCDL's debts non-recourse to Wharf
- ❖ Maintained ample surplus cash of HKD15.9B as at 31.12.08

### ❖ Have strong recurring cash flow & secured financing to cover the Group's outstanding commitments

### ❖ Attained stability of debt structure to ensure future build-up – All debts required for refinancing in 2009 have been arranged

### ❖ Project loans designed to support construction / development of Group's China projects to be arranged in China in accordance with development schedule – constantly reviewed in line with market conditions

- ❖ Encounters no difficulty in arranging bank loans, with excellent relationship with a host of banks
  
- ❖ Continuously been adopting various means to minimize and stabilize the cost of funding, including:
  - ✧ *A swap of a 10-year debt from USD to JPY:*  
To reduce interest cost cushioned by the RMB's long term appreciation potential against HKD & JPY
  
  - ✧ *A series of interest rate swaps:*  
To mitigate & stabilize the Group's overall cost of funding

### 3. Successful Sales of China Properties

#### ❖ Successful Sales for residential projects launched

- ❖ Proven track record
- ❖ Recent presales in Chengdu, Chongqing (since 4Q08), and Dalian (in late March 2009) have met with favourable responses
- ❖ GFA sold in 4Q08 -1Q09 (as at 23.03.09): 0.8M s.f.
- ❖ Expected presales in 2Q09 - 4Q09: 4.6M s.f.
- ❖ The Group will closely monitor market conditions to fine-tune the pre-sales and development schedule
- ❖ Only property sales for Wuhan TS and Wellington Garden (Shanghai) can be booked in FY08
- ❖ In accordance with Group's accounting policy, relevant profits for the Chengdu, Dalian, and Chongqing projects will only be recognized at project completion (expected 2009 onwards)

## 4. Highlights on China Properties

### ❖ China Properties

- ❖ Having assessed the outlook for all China projects, provisions have been made to a couple of projects after consultation with our JV partners and this has been reflected in the section on share of results of associates.
- ❖ New projects underway in China are expected to generate a satisfactory return to the Group in the next few years
- ❖ Will closely monitor the progress of development to be in tune with market conditions
- ❖ The Group will be funding these new projects both by equity and debt, as well as proceeds from operations and property pre-sales

## 4. Highlights on Logistics & CME

### ❖ Logistics

- ❖ To respond swiftly to the recent downturn, MTL is making all efforts to reduce its operating costs to stay competitive and to maintain its profitability
- ❖ HK solid business base continues to be the main profit driver while China's capacity is still in its early phase of deployment

### ❖ CME

- ❖ Strong balance sheet, low cost base & sound liquidity position puts the CME sector in a good position to stay competitive in a tough environment & to take on capex investment for future growth

# WHARF



## Business Review: PROPERTIES



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## SEGMENT PERFORMANCE

	Revenue		
	FY08 (HK\$M)	FY07 (HK\$M)	% Change
Retail	2,166	1,775	+22%
Office	1,585	1,336	+19%
Serviced Apartment	275	245	+12%
Hotel	1,042	972	+7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>4,328</b>	<b>+17%</b>



## RETAIL

Average committed occupancy: 99%

HC retail sales for FY08:	18% yoy	← amid adverse economic conditions
Shoppers' traffic for FY08:	+7% to 80M	
Total retail sales:	HKD13.4B	← New record
Average sales psf in 12/08:	HKD1,900	← Record high

- ❖ Further built up as a hub for international luxurious fashion brands and remained one of the most sought-after shopping malls for retailers
- ❖ A series of celebrated labels opened their respective first standalone shops in HK at HC (e.g. Stella McCartney, Stephen Webster)
- ❖ F&B further fine-tuned with recruitment of New York Fries, Mazazu Crepe, & BLT Steak which opened their respective first outlets in HK



## OFFICE

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Occupancy:	96%
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- ❖ About 55% of new lettings were in-house expansions, including Zurich Life, All Nippon Airways, AIA, etc
- ❖ Increasing trend of decentralization – HC attracted a host of commercial banks / airline companies to relocate from core districts (e.g. Taiwan Business Bank, Mitsubishi UFJ, Asiana Airlines, etc)
- ❖ Sony Corp. relocated its entire office from The Lee Gardens to HC, occupying ~48,000 s.f.
- ❖ Lease renewal retention rate: 73% with favourable rental increment (e.g. Mattel, Hasbro, Sun Life, Nike, etc)

## SERVICED APARTMENTS

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Occupancy:	87%
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- ❖ Large units of 2-bedroom & 3-bedroom apartments continued to enjoy full occupancy



## SEGMENT PERFORMANCE

	Revenue		
	FY08 (HK\$M)	FY07 (HK\$M)	% Change
Retail	871	774	+13%
Office	440	365	+21%
Total	1,311	1,139	+15%

### RETAIL

Average occupancy: 99%

- ❖ Tenant-mix at Basement floor further revamped to become a cluster of Fashion & Accessory and Cosmetics
- ❖ Audio-visual cluster and Food Forum further strengthened to stay competitive in the marketplace

### OFFICE

Occupancy: 98%

- ❖ Lease renewal retention rate: 84%, including Shell, Apple, Coca-Cola, etc.

# China Properties (23% of the Group's total assets)

## PROPERTY INVESTMENT

❖ 3 Times Squares (Shanghai, Beijing, & Chongqing) performed satisfactorily:

FY08 Revenue:	+22%
FY08 Operating profit:	+38%

❖ IPs opened in 2008:

A new hotel – Marco Polo Wuhan at Wuhan TS	Opened on 15.09.2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideally located at the edge of an urban riverfront park with panoramic views of the Yangtze River &amp; close to Wuhan CBD</li> <li>Houses a host of international brand name flagship stores, including LV, Ermenegildo Zegna, Tod's &amp; Glasstique</li> </ul>
180,000 s.f. retail podium at Dalian TS	Opened in late Nov 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>destined to become a shopping landmark in Dalian</li> <li>Houses a host of top-notch brands including LV, Zara, Dior, Gucci, Prada, Hermès, etc</li> </ul>

❖ IPs to be completed in 2009:

An outlet mall at Shuangliu Development Zone	1H09	• Construction of the 1 <sup>st</sup> phase is in progress
Shanghai Wheelock Square	4Q09	• Top quality Grade A office tower with retail

# China Properties (23% of the Group's total assets)

## PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

FY08 Property Development Revenue: **HKD710M**  
(2007: HKD1,619M)

- ❖ Revenue mainly attributable to sales of units at Wellington Garden in Shanghai and Wuhan Times Square
- ❖ Significant development profit from China properties in 2007 did not recur in 2008 owing to:
  - ❖ booking of fewer completed units in 2008
  - ❖ Presales of the following projects in 2008 cannot be recognised in 2008 according to current accounting policy:
    - Tian Fu Times Square (Chengdu)
    - Dalian Times Square (Dalian)
    - No. 10 Gaoxin District (Chengdu)
    - Danzishi (Chongqing)
- ❖ GFA sold in 2008: ~1.4M s.f. of which only about 0.47M s.f. was booked in 2008



# China Properties (23% of the Group's total assets)

## PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

### Property Sold (as at 19.03.09)

### Unit Price

Wellington Garden (Shanghai)	2 residential blocks (100% sold) 1 O/A block (50% sold)	Excellent price
Wuhan Times Square (Wuhan)	4 residential towers (98% sold) 1 O/A (31% sold)	Record unit price
Tian Fu Times Square (Chengdu)	1 <sup>st</sup> three residential towers (98% pre-sold)	Record unit price
Dalian Times Square (Dalian)	1 <sup>st</sup> residential tower (89% pre-sold)	Excellent price

	Launched	Period	Pre-sold	ASP (RMB psm)
No. 10 Gaoxin District (Chengdu)	1st 4 towers in phases	10/08	60%	6,000 (as at 19.03.09)
Danzishi (Chongqing)	1 <sup>st</sup> launch of 4 blocks	11/08	over 70%	4,600 (as at 19.03.09)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> launch of 3 blocks	late 2/09	over 63%	4,900 (as at 19.03.09)
Dalian TS (Dalian)	the 2nd tower (last)	on 20.03.09	13%	13,900 (as at 23.03.09)

# Other Properties

## Hong Kong Property Development

- ❖ Group's policy of disposing non-core assets will generate additional cash flow in the medium term

## Marco Polo Hotels

### Current Profile

- ❖ 9 operating hotels in the Asia Pacific region
- ❖ Marco Polo Wuhan at Wuhan Times Square opened on 15.09.08
  - ✧ Well-positioned to tap the growing influx of travelers to Wuhan's trade & economic centre and to be favoured hotel brand in the city
  - ✧ Houses a host of prestigious brands
- ❖ 2 additional Marco Polo hotels planned for Wuxi & Changzhou markets

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# Business Review: LOGISTICS



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# Logistics (11% of the Group's total assets & 23% of the Group's operating profit)

## LOGISTICS

FY08 Revenue:	HKD3,875M (+7%)
Operating profit:	HKD1,763M (-7.9%)

## MTL

- ❖ Revenue: HK\$3,446M, +7%
- ❖ Share of profits from Associates & JCEs: HK\$340M+29.3%



## HONG KONG

- ❖ Throughput: 5.9M TEUs, +3%
- ✧ Mainly due to an increase in Intra-Asia services & South America services being partially offset by the decline in Europe and Middle East volume
- ❖ Market share: 33.3%



## CHINA

- ❖ Da Chan Bay Phase I (65%): 5 berths, designed capacity: 2.5M TEUs
  - ✧ Commenced commercial operation in 7/08 when the Customs office was finally commissioned, after diligent efforts with Central & Province Government
  - ✧ With its berths coming on stream in stages, DCB has since been building up its business steadily.
- ❖ Taicang
  - ✧ Phase I (51%) & II (70%); 6 berths in total, capacity: 3.6M TEUs
  - ✧ Throughput: maintain at about 1M TEUs
- ❖ Shekou (currently 27%)
  - ✧ Throughput at Mega SCT: 4.1M TEUs, +24%
- ❖ Others
  - ✧ Chiwan (8% holding) – throughput: 3.9M TEUs



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## Business Review: CME



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## i-CABLE



- ❖ Sound liquidity position, with net cash HK\$690M as at 31.12.08 (2007: HK\$642M)
- ❖ With a special provision made for set-top-boxes and a loss booked relating to film investments, i-CABLE was turned to a net loss after tax of HK\$111M for FY08
- ❖ Building up a new defense system against piracy and gearing up for delivering new service such as HD TV
- ❖ Strong balance sheet & low cost base put i-CABLE in a good position to stay competitive in a tough environment

## Pay TV



- ❖ Pay TV subscribers grew to 917,000 by end 2008
- ❖ Secured exclusive media rights for
  - ❖ The UETA Champions League and UEFA Cup for 3 seasons starting 2009/10
  - ❖ 2010 FIFA World Cup
  - ❖ 16th Asian Games – take place in Guangzhou in 11/2010
  - ❖ London Olympics in 2012
- ❖ Coverage on the Sichuan earthquake won the prestigious TV (News) Prize granted by the Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union

## Internet & Multimedia

- ❖ Adhere to a strategy of maintaining yield



## Wharf T&T



- ❖ Continued to progress steadily in its business transformation and gained ground in both the telecom and IT sectors resulting in substantial improvement in profit
- ❖ Posted double-digit top line growth with earnings well exceeding expectations for 2008
- ❖ Fixed line installed base grew by 14,000 to 621,000, maintaining a market share of 13%.
- ❖ Turnover: HK\$1,641M, +12% (2007: 1,460M)  
Profit: HK\$140M, +198% (2007: HK\$47M)
- ❖ Positive cash flow increased to HK\$223M (2007: 80M)





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*Thank You*

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