

MIDLAND HOLDINGS

2023 Annual Results

Annual 2023 RESULTS



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2023 Annual Results Highlights

2023 Final Results Highlights

	2023 (HK\$' 000)	2022 (HK\$' 000)	YoY
Revenue	4,082,694	3,115,143	+ 31.1%
Operating Costs*	4,121,854	3,720,313	+ 10.8%
Operating Loss	(33,896)	(591,572)	- 94.3%
Loss for the Year	(41,916)	(533,971)	- 92.2%

^{*} Excluded other income and gains, but included the interest on lease liabilities.







Reasons for the Narrowing of Loss

Sharp Narrowing of Loss

- Loss sharply narrowed by over 92%
- Market transaction value fell 4.5%

Reasons for the sharp decline in loss

01

The Group's stable market share in Hong Kong

Efforts towards streamlining the Group's businesses in Hong Kong while maintaining the strength of the local frontline operations.

03

In response to the extremely difficult business conditions for the operations in Mainland China, the Group has promoted a new sales management team and initiated a series of new measures in the final quarter of 2023 (such as repositioning of business model and retrenchment of Mainland operations), and narrowed its loss from Mainland operations substantially in the final quarter of 2023.

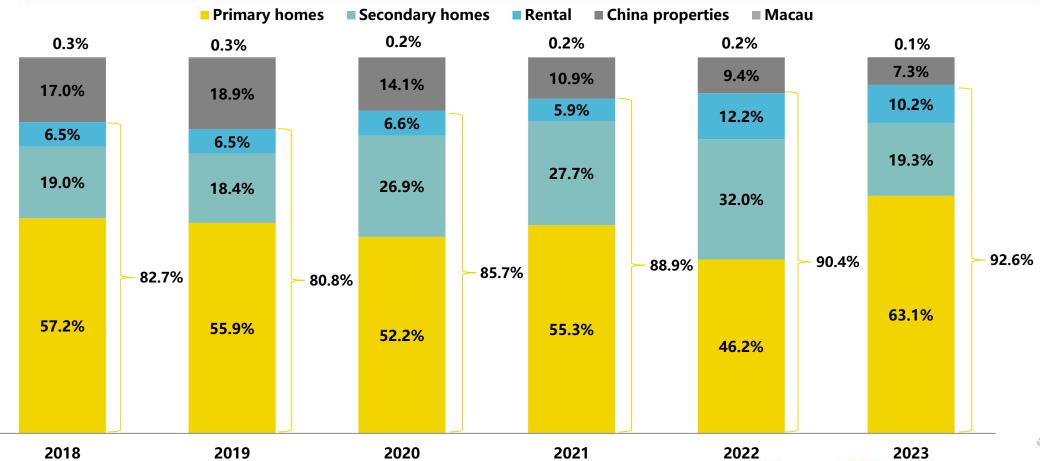




Key Financial Highlights – Revenue

Year 2023 vs 2022

- Revenue of the HK residential market increased 34% while that from Mainland operation (agency fee only) increased 2%
- Revenue from secondary markets decreased

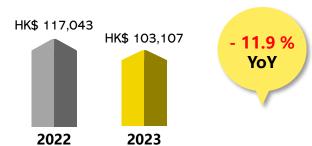




Changes in Costs

Advertisements & Promotions

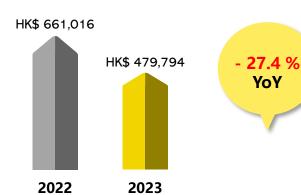
(HK\$'000)



Expenses on digital areas unchanged but that on traditional platform continued to drop

Rental Expenses*

(HK\$'000)

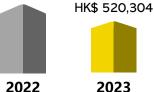


- 1. Negotiated more favorable terms
- 2. Continuous downsizing

Frontline Staff Salaries

(HK\$'000)



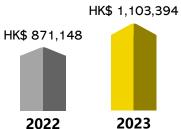




Decrease in average of frontline number staff

Staff Commissions

(HK\$'000)

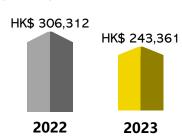


+ 26.7% YoY

- 1. Revenue increased did so and commission expenses
- 2. Payout rate of our HK operations increased.

Non Sales Salaries

(HK\$'000)





- Number of non-sales staff went down
- No salary increment

* Rental expenses represented the operating lease charges, the amortization of right-of-use assets and interest expenses on lease liabilities.

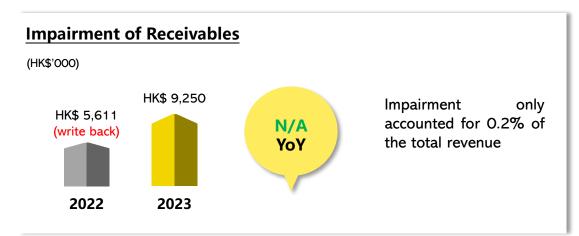
YoY





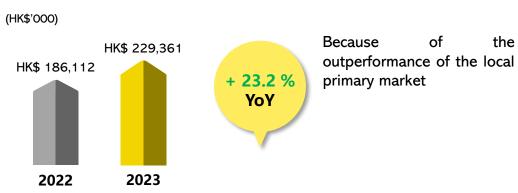


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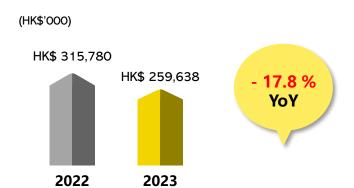




Rebate Incentives: To Co-operative Estate Agents



Depreciation, Amortization and Other Operating Costs*



The decrease mainly came from the followings:

- 1. Contraction in branch network
- 2. Drop in staff number which led to decrease in premium of employees compensation insurance.

*Excluding gains from disposal of properties

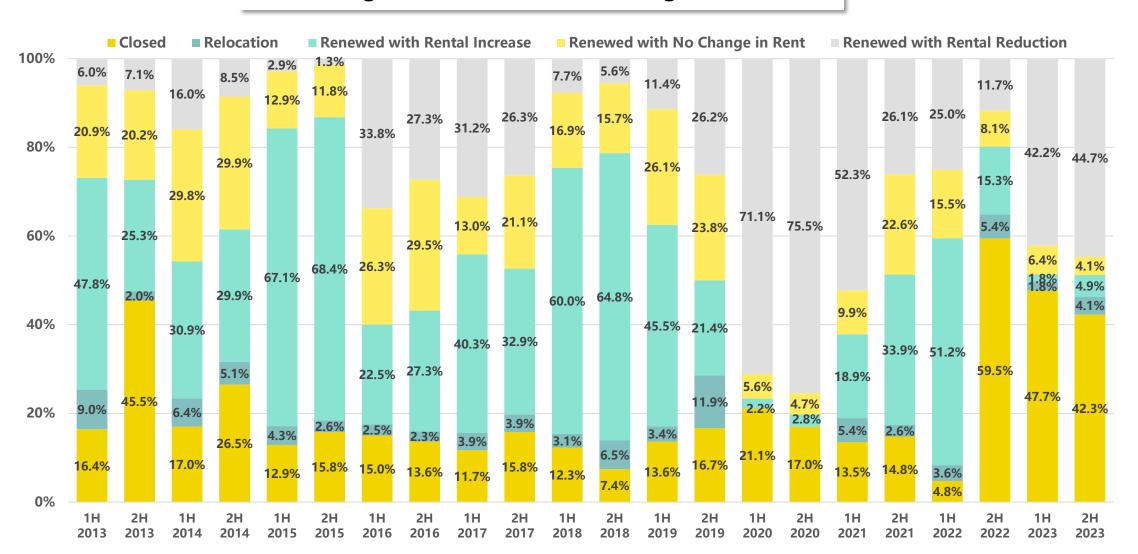




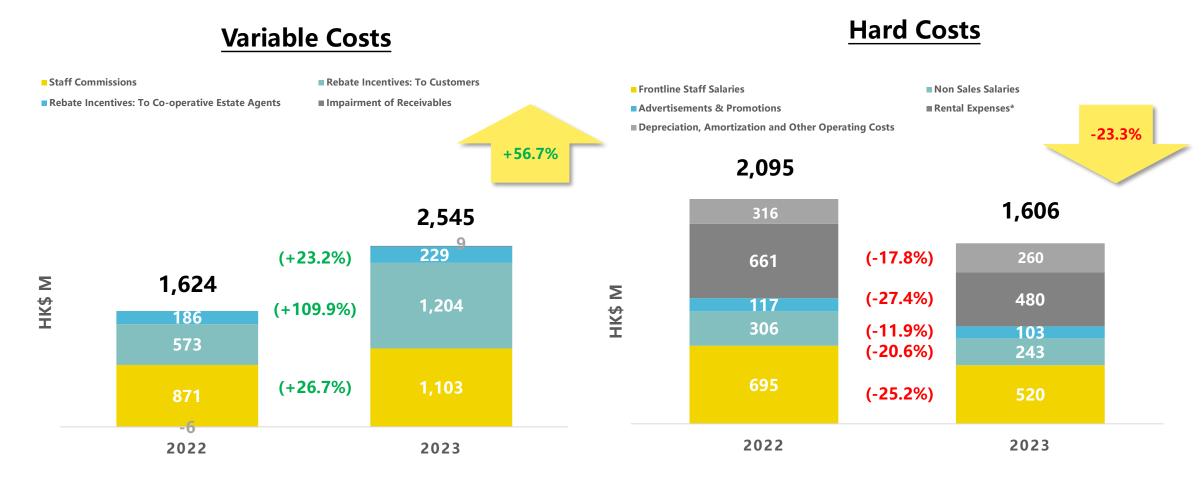


HK Operation : Negotiations on Leases

Negotiated favorable leasing terms

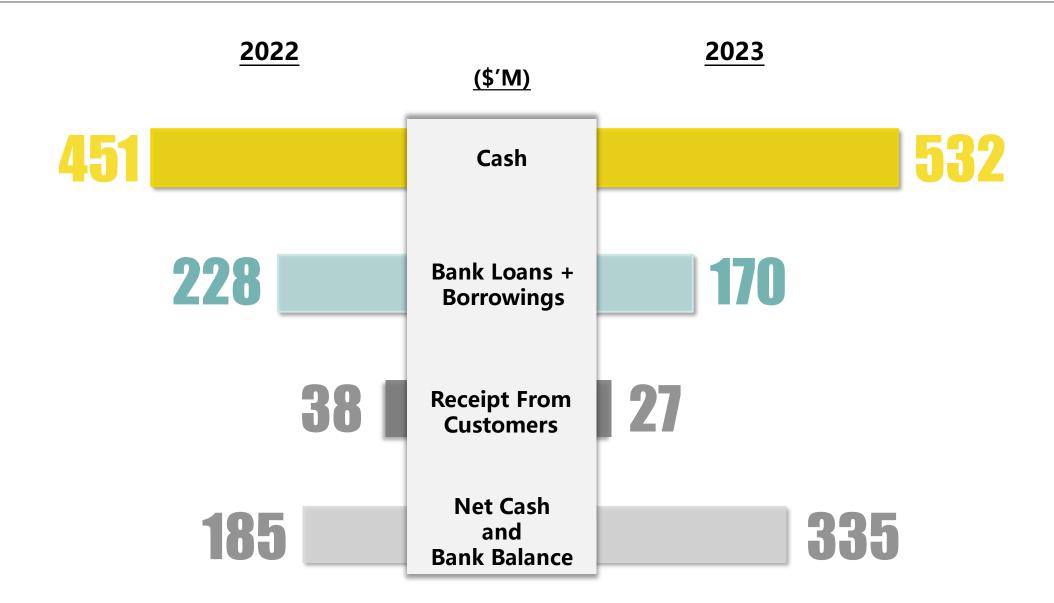


Key Financial Highlights – Variable Vs Hard



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Increase in Net Cash

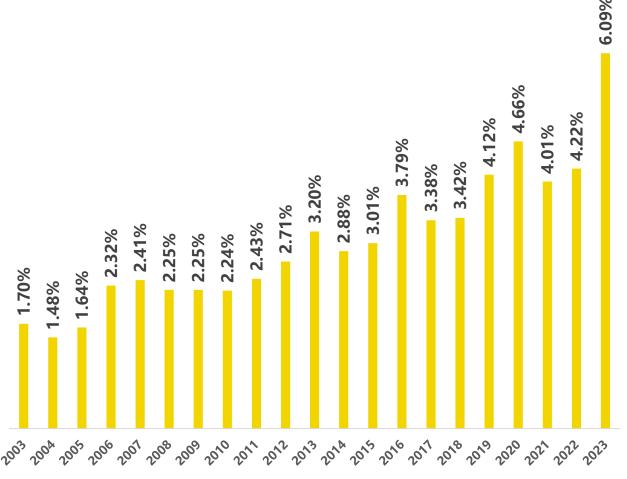


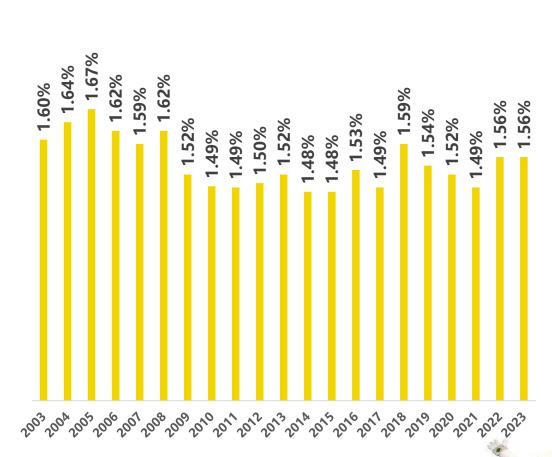
Business Overview

Gross Commission Rate*

As a % of New Property Price



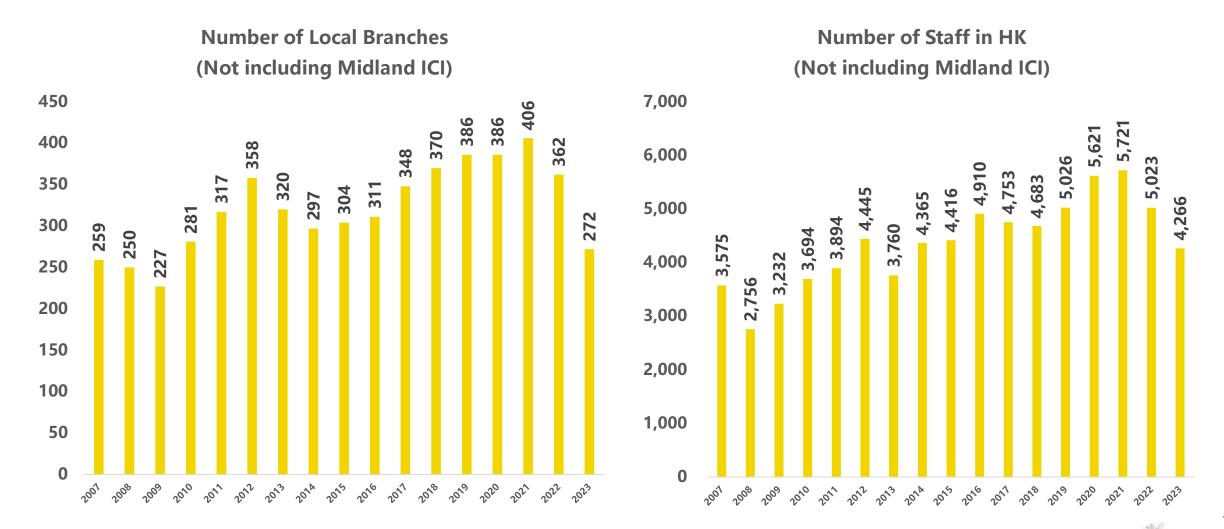








Contraction in HK

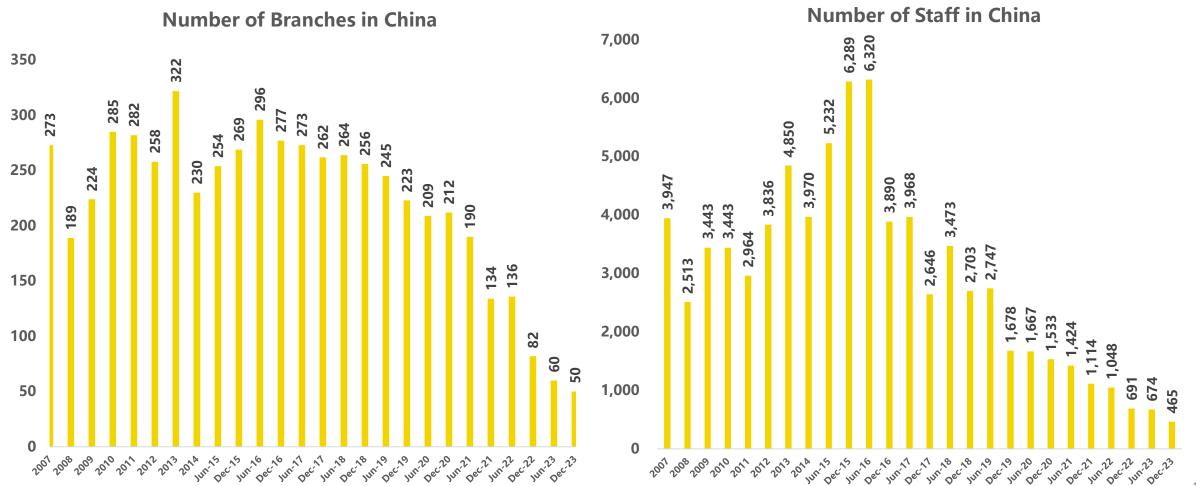






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China Division: Continuous Cost Control









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Initiatives

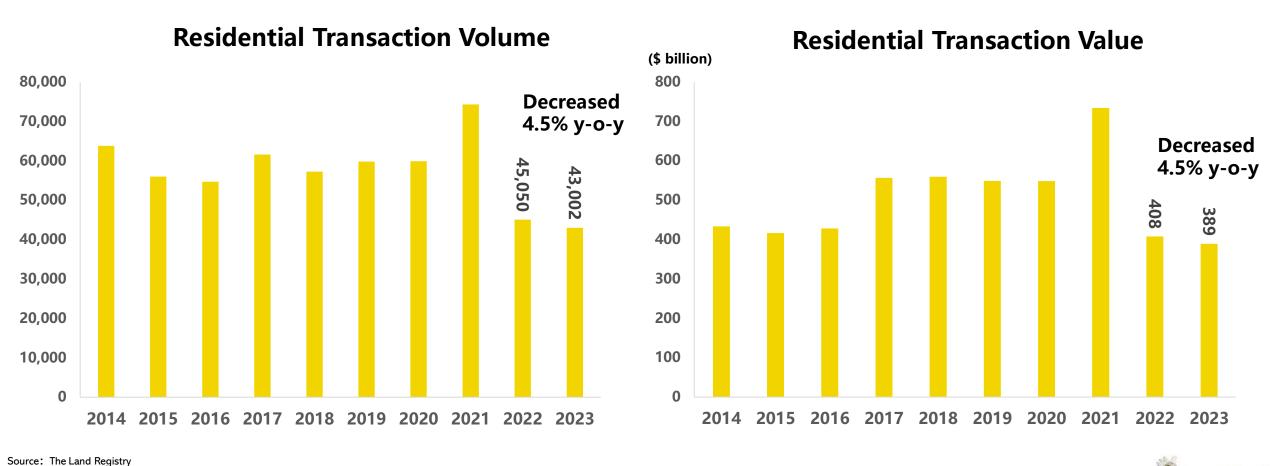
- 1 Downsized branch network, negotiated favorable lease terms, and optimized frontline staffing levels.
- 2 Initiated changes to the composition of the board of directors being effected with the goal of injecting fresh perspectives and expertise.
- For the Mainland operations, the Group has promoted a new sales management team and appointed a new chief executive officer who has a proven track record of success in the Hong Kong estate agency industry over the past years and has experience in optimising operations, restructuring processes and maximising performance.
- To strengthen our holistic platform which provides comprehensive services to the Mainland elites in working visa application and renewal, school application, and property search.
- The Group continuously updates and enhances the features of its online platforms





Prospects

2023: Decline in both Transactions volume and value









Demand is expected to strengthen

Cancellation of all demand-side management measures

	Rate	Implications
Buyer's Stamp Duty (BSD)	7)56%	All buyers now pay the same concessionary stamp duty rate of HK\$100-4.25% regardless of
New Residential Stamp Duty (NRSD)	7)5%	residency status, and regardless of whether they are first time buyers
Special Stamp Duty (SSD)	10%	In theory, favorable to short term speculation





Scale of Stamp Duty

Transact	Ad Valorem Stamp duty (AVD)	
More than	Not more than	Au valorem Stamp duty (AVD)
\$0	\$3,000,000	\$100
\$3,000,000	\$3,528,240	\$100 + 10% of excess over \$3,000,000
\$3,528,240	\$4,500,000	1.5%
\$4,500,000	\$4,935,480	\$67,500 + 10% of excess over \$4,500,000
\$4,935,480	\$6,000,000	2.25%
\$6,000,000	\$6,642,860	\$135,000 + 10% of excess over \$6,000,000
\$6,642,860	\$9,000,000	3%
\$9,000,000	\$10,080,000	\$270,000 + 10% of excess over \$9,000,000
\$10,080,000	\$20,000,000	3.75%
\$20,000,000	\$21,739,120	\$750,000 + 10% of excess over \$20,000,000
\$21,739,120		4.25%





Long-Term Supply will be undermined



Budget Speech

Bond Issuance

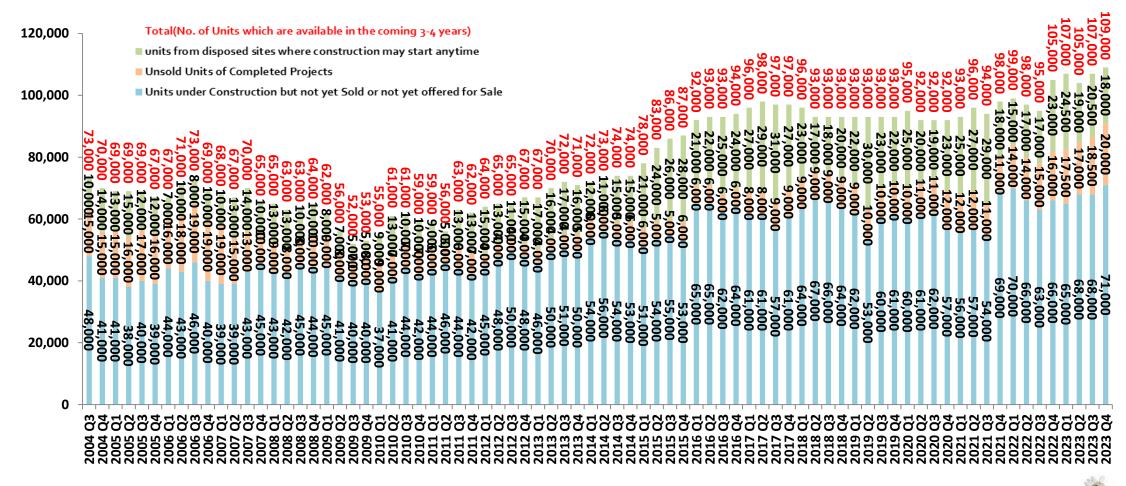
- 240. The issuance of Government bonds is conducive to the development of the bond market and allows the use of the capital raised from the market to drive green/sustainable and infrastructure projects. I emphasise that proceeds from bond issuance will not be used for funding government recurrent expenditure.
- 241. The Committee on the Financing of Major Development Projects led by me has reviewed how to adopt an orderly and phased approach in developing the Northern Metropolis. We plan to issue bonds of about \$95 billion to \$135 billion per annum in the next five years to drive the development of the Northern Metropolis and other infrastructure projects. For the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands project, we will continue to conduct relevant studies, and in considering its concrete implementation timetable, we will take into account various factors including the public finance position.
- 242. The Government will continue to adhere strictly to fiscal discipline and keep the government debt at a prudent level. It is expected that the ratio of Government debt to GDP will be in the range of about 9 to 13 per cent from 2024-25 to 2028-29, which is much lower than most of the other advanced economies.







Private Housing Supply exceeded 100K

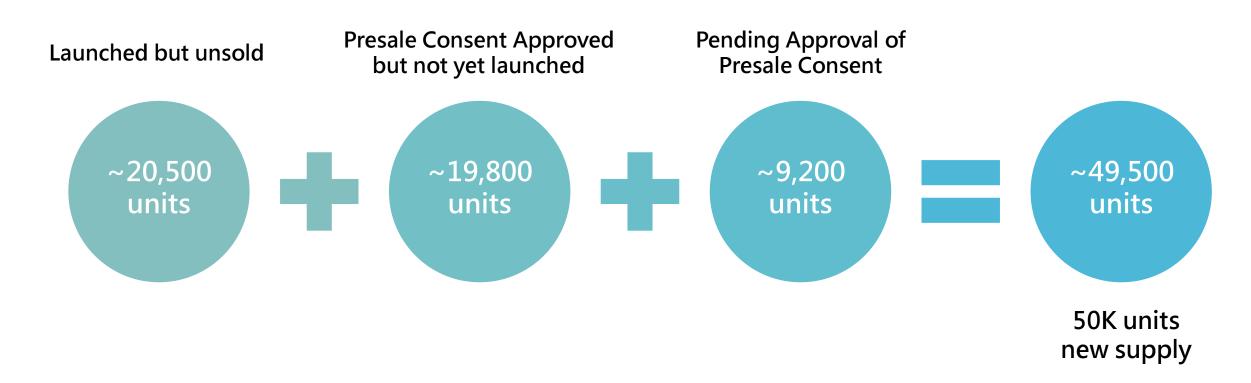


Source: Housing Bureau





Upcoming Supply



Source: Midland Research Centre, Lands Department Presale consent information is as of the end of Feb 2024 Information of launched but unsold units as of end of Mar 2024





Loosening of Mortgage Conditions

Suspension of the interest rate stress testing requirement for property mortgage lending that assumes a 200-basis-point rise in the mortgage rate.

		Before 28.2.2024		28.2.2024 and after
Self-Use Residential properties	\$15M or below	70%	\$15M or below	70%
	\$15M – \$17.5M	60%-70% (max \$10.5M)	\$15M – \$17.5M	70%
	\$17.5M - \$30M	60%	\$17.5M – \$30M	70%
	\$30M - \$36M	50%-60% (max \$18M)	\$30M - \$35M	60%-70% (max \$21M)
	\$36M or above	50%	\$35M or above	60%
non-self-use residential properties		50%		60%
non-residential properties		60%		70%







Sales activities have responded strongly to the relaxation

Primary Market

About 2 months before the announcement of 24/25 Budget

(1.1.24-27.2.24)

~626 cases

~11 cases per day

About 1 month after the announcement of 24/25 Budget

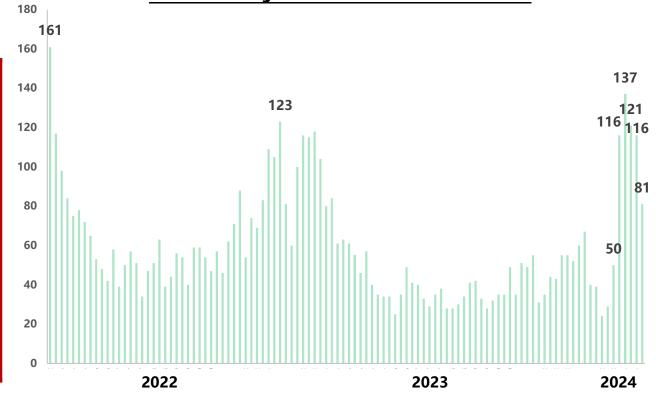
(28.2.24-31.3.24)

~4,235 cases

~128 cases per day

Increased by 11 times

Secondary Market of 35 Estates

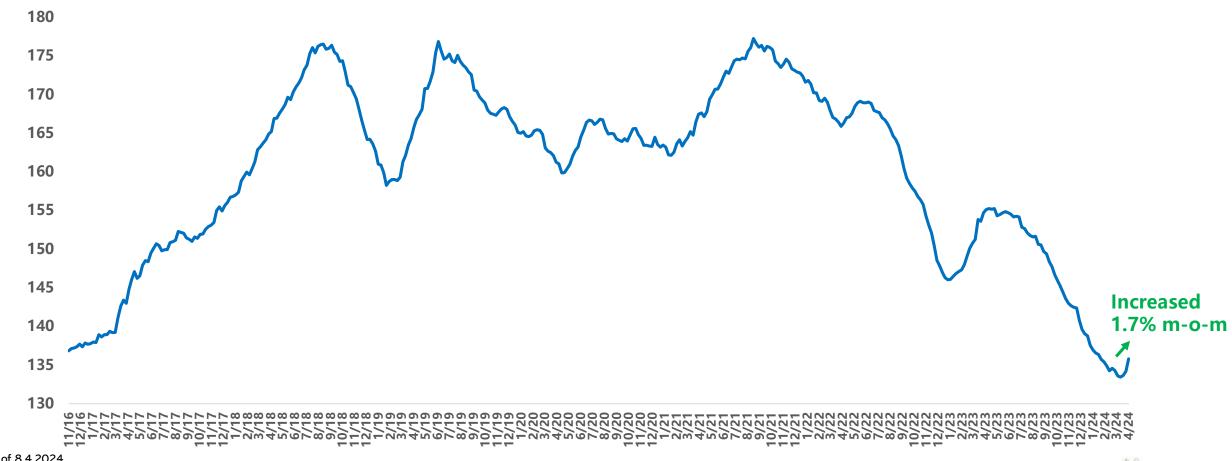








Price stabilization



* As of 8.4.2024

Source: Midland Research Centre









TALENTS RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS







Numbers of Dependants coming through various talent scheme in the first 10 month of 2023

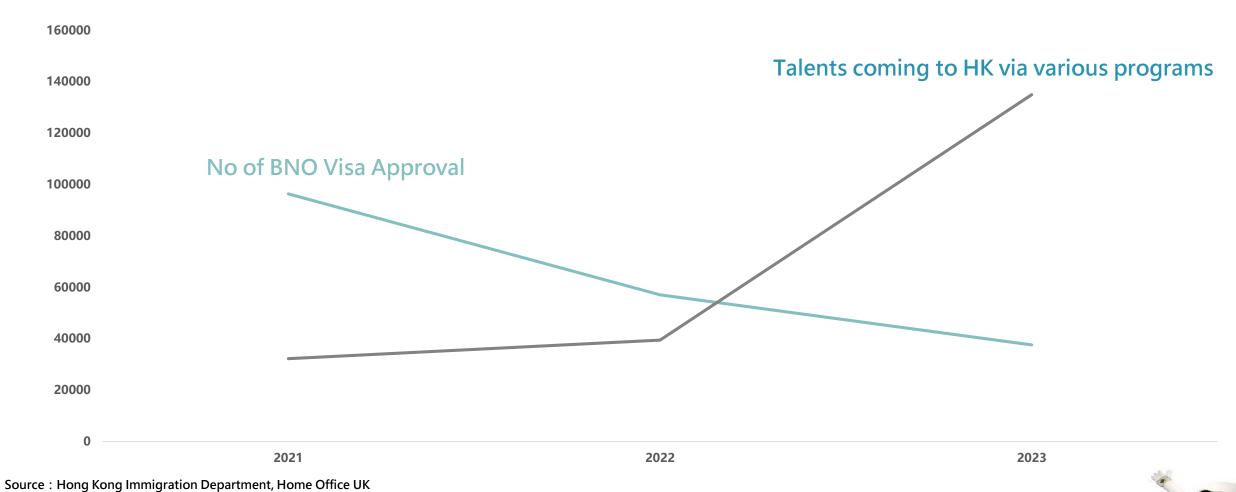
	Number of dependants (under the age of 18) through various talent scheme in the first 10 month of 2023
Top Talent Scheme Pass	24,815 (52.25%)
Quality Migrant Admission Scheme	12,711 (26.76%)
Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals	4,908 (10.33%)
General Employment Policy	2,891 (6.09%)
Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates	2,113 (4.45%)
Technology Talent Admission Scheme	50 (0.11%)
Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents	5 (0.01%)
Total	47,493 (100%)

Reference: Hong Kong Immigration department





Moving in VS Moving Out







Rental Market already benefited last year

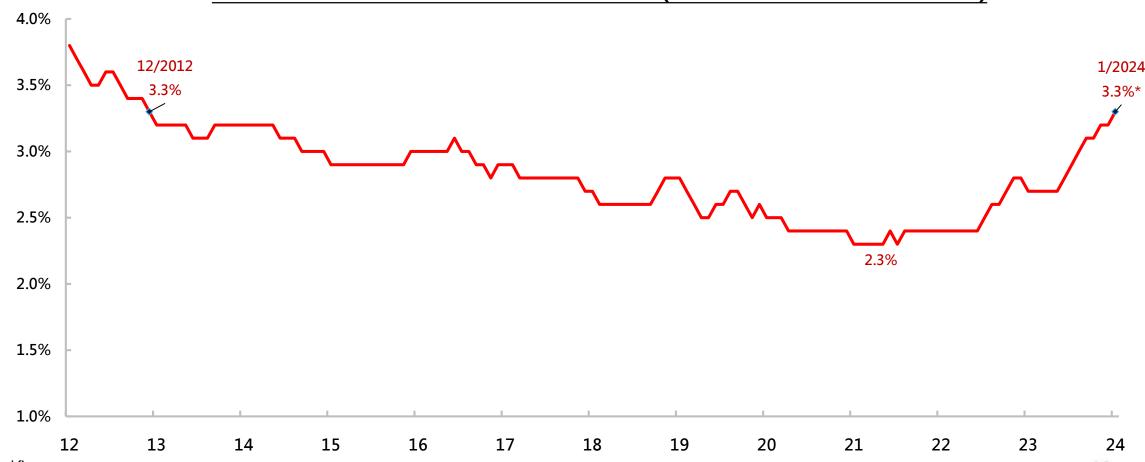
	Change in Prices	Change in Rents
1997	+19.0%	+0.9%
1998	-38.2%	-17.2%
1999	-2.4%	-5.5%
2000	-18.6%	-5.2%
2001	-8.2%	-3.7%
2002	-11.3%	-14.2%
2003	+3.4%	-6.7%
2004	+29.0%	+14.3%
2005	+2.7%	+13.3%
2006	+2.9%	+2.8%
2007	+21.3%	+20.2%
2008	-12.5%	-16.0%
2009	+26.9%	+22.6%
2010	+22.4%	+12.4%
2011	+7.7%	+3.1%
2012	+23.3%	+15.8%
2013	+3.1%	+1.9%
2014	+12.6%	+6.9%
2015	+2.5%	-0.7%
2016	+6.4%	+4.3%
2017	+13.8%	+7.2%
2018	+2.5%	+1.8%
2019	+2.5%	-1.3%
2020	-0.9%	-5.8%
2021	+5.0%	+1.7%
2022	-14.9%	-4.1%
2023	-5.8%	+6.8%





Rental yield has significantly improved





* Provisional figures

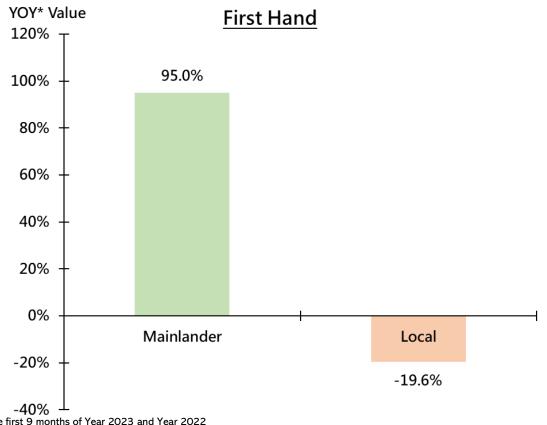
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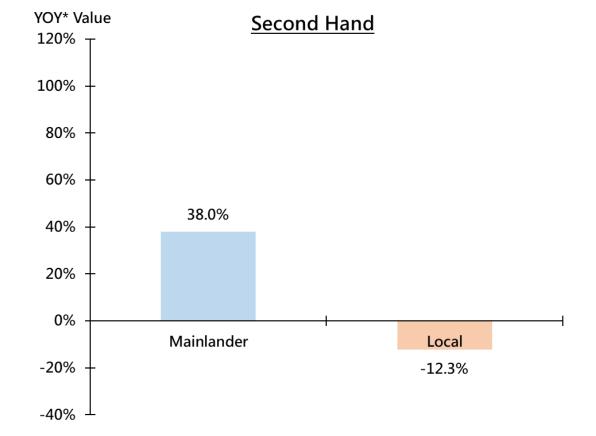






Property Demand: Mainlander Vs Local





*Comparison between the first 9 months of Year 2023 and Year 2022

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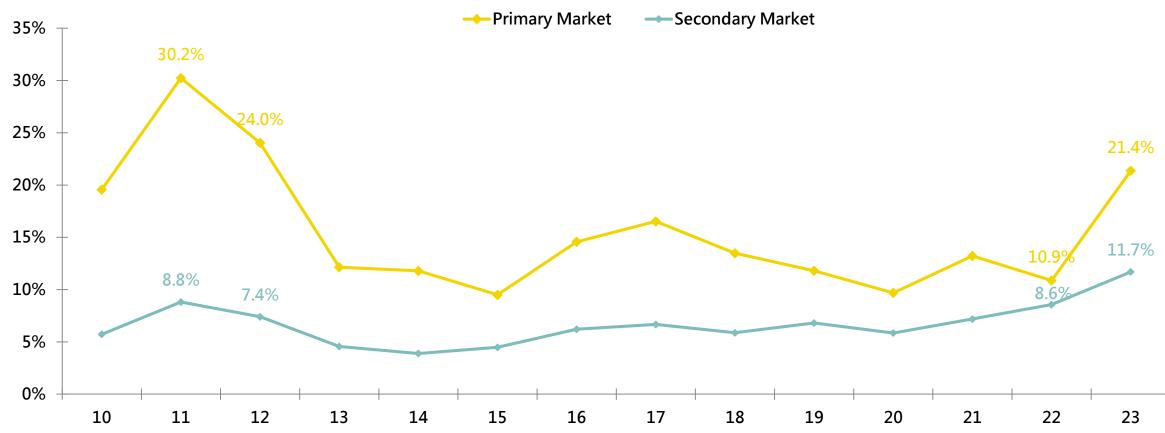
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Involvement of Mainlanders by Volume



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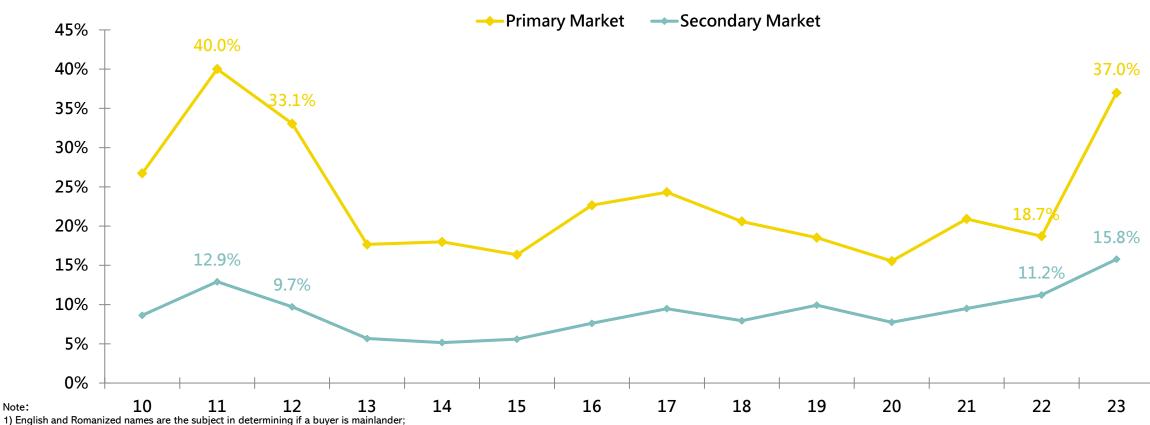
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Involvement of Mainlanders by Value



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