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NOIZ GROUP LIMITED

聲揚集團有限公司

(formerly known as “Merdeka Financial Group Limited 領智金融集團有限公司”)

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 8163)

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

The board of directors (the “**Director(s)**”) of NOIZ Group Limited (the “**Company**”) hereby announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (the “**Interim Results**”). This announcement, containing the full text of the interim report 2023 of the Company, complies with the relevant requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM (the “**GEM Listing Rules**”) of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) in relation to information to accompany preliminary announcements of the Interim Results.

By order of the board
NOIZ GROUP LIMITED
Wong Hin Shek
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 14 August 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Wong Hin Shek (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and Ms. Tsang Kwai Ping, the independent non-executive Directors are Ms. Ng Ka Sim, Casina and Mr. Wong Wing Kit and Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann.

This notice, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this notice is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this notice misleading.

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) is pleased to announce that the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”) for the three months and the six months ended 30 June 2023, together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding periods in 2022, as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three and six months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
		2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Continuing operations					
Revenue	2	2,361	5,185	5,031	8,972
Other income and gains/ (losses)	4	61	671	1,573	648
Operating and administrative expenses		(6,627)	(7,573)	(13,743)	(15,119)
Reversal of impairment loss on trade receivables		—	300	300	300
Reversal of impairment loss/ (impairment loss) on loans receivable	16	123	(236)	123	(236)
Share of loss of associates		(23)	—	(292)	—
Finance costs	5	(3,255)	(3,406)	(6,409)	(6,694)
Loss before income tax	6	(7,360)	(5,059)	(13,417)	(12,129)
Income tax expense	7	(66)	(469)	(313)	(606)
Loss after income tax from continuing operations		(7,426)	(5,528)	(13,730)	(12,735)
Discontinued operation					
Loss for the period from discontinued operation	3	—	(294)	—	(516)
LOSS AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		(7,426)	(5,822)	(13,730)	(13,251)
Loss and total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		(7,426)	(5,822)	(13,730)	(13,251)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

For the three and six months ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
		2023 (Unaudited) HK\$ cent	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$ cent	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$ cent	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$ cent
LOSS PER SHARE					
ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY	9				
From continuing and discontinued operations					
Basic and diluted		(1.31)	(1.20)	(2.42)	(2.73)
From continuing operations					
Basic and diluted		(1.31)	(1.14)	(2.42)	(2.63)
From discontinued operation					
Basic and diluted		N/A	(0.06)	N/A	(0.10)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	1,321	1,903
Statutory deposit		510	510
Goodwill	11	5,600	5,600
Intangible assets	12	15,614	16,467
Right-of-use assets	13	4,773	6,562
Interests in associates		230	522
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	14	3,053	3,053
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		372	372
Rental deposits		1,354	1,354
Total non-current assets		32,827	36,343
Current assets			
Inventories		418	418
Trade receivables	15	1,339	2,383
Contract assets		591	349
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		2,836	627
Loans receivable	16	3,340	3,703
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		2,147	312
Tax recoverables		—	156
Bank balances — trust accounts	17	3,971	11,775
Bank balances and cash — general accounts	17	11,490	23,031
Total current assets		26,132	42,754
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	19	4,054	13,083
Contract liabilities		—	88
Other payables and accruals		1,004	2,495
Lease liabilities	18	3,583	3,830
Convertible bonds	20	13,846	12,935
Tax payables		177	—
Total current liabilities		22,664	32,431
Net current assets		3,468	10,323
Total assets less current liabilities		36,295	46,666

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Continued)

	Notes	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities		411	431
Convertible bonds	20	77,539	72,175
Lease liabilities	18	1,010	2,995
Total non-current liabilities		78,960	75,601
Net liabilities		(42,665)	(28,935)
EQUITY			
Share capital	21	56,673	56,673
Reserves		(99,338)	(85,608)
Total deficiency		(42,665)	(28,935)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Attributable to owners of the Company									
	Share capital (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Share premium* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Contributed surplus* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Equity component of convertible bonds* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Share option reserve* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Capital reduction reserve* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Fair value through other comprehensive income reserve* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Other reserve* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Accumulated losses* (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total equity (Unaudited) HK\$'000
As at 1 January 2022	48,506	1,114,228	66,710	51,928	25,518	163,191	185	(6,548)	(1,491,213)	(27,495)
Loss and total comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(13,251)	(13,251)
Lapsed of share options	—	—	—	—	(25,042)	—	—	—	25,042	—
As at 30 June 2022	48,506	1,114,228	66,710	51,928	476	163,191	185	(6,548)	(1,479,422)	(40,746)
As at 1 January 2023	56,673	1,124,344	68,873	9,998	461	163,191	(1,677)	(6,548)	(1,444,250)	(28,935)
Loss and total comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(13,730)	(13,730)
Lapsed of share options	—	—	—	—	(38)	—	—	—	38	—
As at 30 June 2023	56,673	1,124,344	68,873	9,998	423	163,191	(1,677)	(6,548)	(1,457,942)	(42,665)

* These reserve accounts comprised the reserve balance as presented in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Note	For the six months ended 30 June	
		2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Net cash used in operating activities		(9,335)	(7,918)
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		160	(2,726)
Net cash used in financing activities		(2,366)	(2,030)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(11,541)	(12,674)
Bank balances and cash — general accounts at the beginning of the period		23,031	36,360
Bank balances and cash — general accounts at the end of the period		11,490	23,686
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents:			
Bank balances and cash — general accounts	17	11,490	23,686



NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim results have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“**HKFRSs**”), which collective term includes all applicable individual HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“**HKASs**”) and Interpretations issued by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”).

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim results also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the GEM Listing Rules.

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim results have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for certain financial instruments which are measured at fair values. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim results should be read in conjunction with the Group’s audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (the “**2022 Annual Report**”). The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the 2022 Annual Report.

The Group has adopted the standards, amendments and interpretations that have been issued and effective for the accounting period beginning on 1 January 2023. The adoption of such standards, amendments and interpretations does not have any material financial effect on this interim results.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

2. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

2.1 Revenue represents income from financial services operations, income from corporate consulting operations and income from digital platform and entertainment operations during the three months and six months ended.

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Continuing operations				
Service income:				
Financial services business	727	3,610	2,097	5,990
Corporate consulting business	1,182	1,384	2,279	2,645
Digital business	332	—	409	—
Revenue from contract with customers	2,241	4,994	4,785	8,635
Interest income from financial services business	120	191	246	337
	2,361	5,185	5,031	8,972
Timing of revenue recognition:				
— At a point in time	13	289	154	470
— Over time	2,228	4,705	4,631	8,165
	2,241	4,994	4,785	8,635



NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

2. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

2.2 Segment reporting

(a) Reportable segments

The Group determines its operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the chief operating decision-maker that are used to make strategic decisions. The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Company's executive directors.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group has completed the disposal of the trading business. In accordance with HKFRS 5, the segment of trading business for the six months ended 30 June 2022 was presented as discontinued operation in the Group's consolidated financial statements. Further details regarding the results of the discontinued operation is set out in note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Group currently has three reportable segments. The segments are managed separately as each business offers different products and services and requires different business strategies as follows:

- (a) The financial services business includes the securities brokerage business, provision of corporate finance advisory services, asset management business and money lending business;
- (b) The corporate consulting business segment is engaged in the provision of company secretarial services, accounting and financial reporting services and management consulting services; and
- (c) The digital business segment is engaged to leverage blockchain, artificial intelligence, and immersive interaction technologies to create value and protection to individuals, creators, artists, businesses and brand owners and offer a wide range of possibilities in the development of entertainment sector. This business segment has been established by the Group during the year ended 31 December 2022.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

2. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

2.2 Segment reporting (Continued)

(b) Segment revenue and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable segments:

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

	Financial services business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Corporate consulting business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Digital business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Segment revenue	2,343	2,279	409	5,031
Segment profit/(loss)	414	1,511	(2,333)	(408)
Finance costs				(6,379)
Unallocated corporate expenses				(6,630)
Loss before income tax from continuing operations				(13,417)

For the six months ended 30 June 2022

	Financial services business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Corporate consulting business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Digital business (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Total (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Segment revenue	6,327	2,645	—	8,972
Segment profit	2,696	819	—	3,515
Finance costs				(6,645)
Unallocated corporate expenses				(8,999)
Loss before income tax from continuing operations				(12,129)

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

2. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

2.2 Segment reporting (Continued)

(c) Segment assets and liabilities

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by reportable segments:

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
Segment assets		
Financial services business	21,967	32,447
Corporate consulting business	7,010	6,511
Digital business	16,276	15,743
Total segment assets	45,253	54,701
Unallocated bank balances and cash	1,651	12,312
Unallocated corporate assets	12,055	12,084
Consolidated total assets	58,959	79,097
Segment liabilities		
Financial services business	5,968	15,295
Corporate consulting business	267	200
Digital business	117	229
Total segment liabilities	6,352	15,724
Convertible bonds	91,385	85,110
Unallocated corporate liabilities	3,887	7,198
Consolidated total liabilities	101,624	108,032

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

2. REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

2.2 Segment reporting (Continued)

(d) Geographical information

For the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022, the Group's revenue from external customers (including continuing and discontinued operations) is derived solely from its operations in Hong Kong (place of domicile), where all of the Group's non-current assets are located in Hong Kong. The geographical location of external customers is based on the location at which the goods are delivered and services rendered.

(e) Major customers

Revenues from customers contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Group are as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Customer A		
— financial services business	520	N/A
Customer B		
— financial services business	N/A	3,514
	520	3,514

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

3. DISCONTINUED OPERATION

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group has completed disposing the trading business to an independent third party.

Trading business represented the separate line of major business and is classified as discontinued operation for the three and six months ended 30 June 2022. For the purpose of presenting discontinued operation, the comparative condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income and the related notes have been represented.

The results of the trading business for the three and six months ended 30 June 2022 are as follows:

	Three months ended 30 June 2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	Six months ended 30 June 2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Revenue	718	2,534
Cost of sales	(566)	(2,147)
Other income	42	79
Operating and administrative expenses	(488)	(982)
Loss before income tax	(294)	(516)
Income tax	—	—
Loss for the period from discontinued operation	(294)	(516)

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

4. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS/(LOSSES)

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Continuing operations				
Interest income on bank deposit	22	2	160	4
Other operating income	—	206	1,301	183
Change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(40)	—	16	(38)
Government grants ^(Note 1)	—	440	—	440
Sundry income	79	23	96	59
	61	671	1,573	648

Notes:

- The government grants represented a one-off subsidy under Employment Support Scheme launched by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the six months ended 30 June 2022. There are no unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attached to the receipts of those subsidies.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

5. FINANCE COSTS

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Continuing operations				
Imputed interest on convertible bonds ^(Note)	3,193	3,300	6,275	6,471
Interest on lease liabilities	62	106	134	223
	3,255	3,406	6,409	6,694

Note: It represents the imputed interest on the liability component of the convertible bonds for both periods.

6. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX

Loss before income tax is arrived at after charging:

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Continuing operations				
Depreciation expenses in respect of:				
Right-of-use assets	894	895	1,789	1,790
Property, plant and equipment	291	292	582	587
Amortisation of intangible assets	426	57	853	114
Staff costs (including Directors' emoluments)	3,492	4,313	6,996	8,827

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2,000,000 of profits of qualifying corporations will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2,000,000 will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities in Hong Kong that are not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%.

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Hong Kong profits tax:				
— current	76	479	333	625
Deferred tax	(10)	(10)	(20)	(19)
	66	469	313	606

8. DIVIDEND

No interim dividend has been paid or declared by the Company during the six months ended 30 June 2023 (six months ended 30 June 2022: Nil).

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

9. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share attributable to owners of the Company are based on the following data:

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Loss attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of calculating basis and diluted loss per share:				
Continuing operations	(7,426)	(5,528)	(13,730)	(12,735)
Discontinued operation	—	(294)	—	(516)
Total loss attributable to owners of the Company from continuing and discontinued operations	(7,426)	(5,822)	(13,730)	(13,251)

	Number of shares			
	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 (Unaudited) '000	2022 (Unaudited) '000	2023 (Unaudited) '000	2022 (Unaudited) '000
Shares				
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted loss per share	566,729	485,062	566,729	485,062

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

9. LOSS PER SHARE (Continued)

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share for the six months ended 30 June 2023 is based on the loss attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company, and the weighted average number of 566,729,000 (six month ended 30 June 2022: 485,062,000) ordinary shares in issue.

Diluted loss per share amount for both periods were not presented because the impact of the exercise of the share options and convertible bonds was anti-dilutive. Potential ordinary shares are dilutive when and only when their conversion into ordinary shares would increase loss per share attributable to owners of the Company.

10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, the Group had no addition and disposal of property, plant and equipment (year ended 31 December 2022: additions of computer and office equipment of approximately HK\$26,000 and no disposal).

11. GOODWILL

	HK\$'000
COST:	
At 1 January 2022 (audited)	11,273
Acquisition of a subsidiary (<i>Note 22</i>)	130
At 31 December 2022 (audited), 1 January 2023 (audited) and 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	11,403
ACCUMULATED IMPAIRMENT LOSSES:	
At 1 January 2022 (audited), 31 December 2022 (audited), 1 January 2023 (audited) and 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	5,803
NET CARRYING AMOUNT:	
At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	5,600
At 31 December 2022 (audited)	5,600

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

12. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Trading right <i>(Note (a))</i>	Customer relationship <i>(Note (b))</i>	Blockchain technology <i>(Note (c))</i>	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
COST:				
1 January 2022 (audited)	5,705	1,140	—	6,845
Acquisition of a subsidiary <i>(Note 22)</i>	—	—	14,040	14,040
At 31 December 2022 (audited), 1 January 2023 (audited) and 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	5,705	1,140	14,040	20,885
ACCUMULATED AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT LOSSES:				
At 1 January 2022 (audited)	2,805	646	—	3,451
Amortisation for the year	—	228	739	967
At 31 December 2022 (audited) and 1 January 2023 (audited)	2,805	874	739	4,418
Amortisation for the period	—	114	739	853
At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	2,805	988	1,478	5,271
NET CARRYING AMOUNT:				
At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	2,900	152	12,562	15,614
At 31 December 2022 (audited)	2,900	266	13,301	16,467



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12. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

Notes:

- (a) The Group holds two trading rights of the business carrying on the regulated activities of Type 1 (dealing in securities), Type 4 (advising on securities) and Type 9 (asset management) as defined under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (“SFO”). Trading right have indefinite useful life and therefore no amortisation has been provided.
- (b) Customer relationship of HK\$1,140,000 represented the intangible asset arose from the acquisition of corporate consulting business and was valued as of the respective date of acquisition by an independent qualified valuer on the basis of the excess earnings method under the income approach. The management of the Group considered customer relationship has finite useful lives of 5 years and is amortised on a straight-line basis.
- (c) Blockchain technology of HK\$14,040,000 represented the intangible assets arose from the acquisition of digital business during the year ended 31 December 2022.

As at 30 June 2023, blockchain technology with the net carrying amount of HK\$12,562,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$13,301,000) is attributable to the cash-generating unit of digital business with which the goodwill amount is recognised. The management of the Group considered blockchain technology has finite useful lives and is amortised on a straight-line basis over 9.5 years.

No impairment loss was recognised during the six months ended 30 June 2023 and year ended 31 December 2022.

There was no addition of intangible assets for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

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13. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	HK\$'000
COST:	
At 1 January 2022 (audited), 31 December 2022 (audited), 1 January 2023 (audited) and 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	10,498
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION:	
At 1 January 2022 (audited)	356
Depreciation for the year	3,580
At 31 December 2022 (audited) and 1 January 2023 (audited)	3,936
Depreciation for the period	1,789
At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	5,725
NET CARRYING AMOUNT:	
At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	4,773
At 31 December 2022 (audited)	6,562

The right-of-use assets represent the Group's rights to use underlying leased premises under operating lease arrangements over the lease terms, which are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liabilities.

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14. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

On 22 February 2022, the Group acquired 43.75% of the issued share capital of a private company, with the aim of involving in special purpose acquisition company projects with 2.88% effective equity interest, at a consideration of US\$350,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$2,730,000). The investment was recognised as financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income and its carrying amount is HK\$1,265,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$1,265,000). No change in fair value has been dealt with in other comprehensive income and fair value through other comprehensive income reserve for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (year ended 31 December 2022: decrease in fair value of approximately HK\$1,465,000).

On 16 August 2019, the Group acquired 10% of the issued share capital of a private company, which is engaged in insurance technology industry, as financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income at cash consideration of HK\$2,000,000. As at 30 June 2023, the Group's shareholding in this private company was approximately 9.55% (31 December 2022: 9.55%) and the carrying amount of financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income is HK\$1,788,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$1,788,000). No change in fair value has been dealt with in other comprehensive income and fair value through other comprehensive income reserve for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (year ended 31 December 2022: decrease in fair value of approximately HK\$397,000).

15. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
Trade receivables	2,239	6,280
Less: Provision for impairment losses	(900)	(3,897)
	1,339	2,383

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15. TRADE RECEIVABLES (Continued)

An aged analysis of the trade receivables as at the end of the reporting date, based on the invoice date and net of impairment, are as follows:

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within 30 days	331	1,952
31 to 60 days	317	236
61 to 120 days	188	77
Over 120 days	503	118
	1,339	2,383

As at 30 June 2023, the balance of HK\$92,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$1,731,000) represented the trade receivables arising from securities brokerage services.

The aged analysis of the trade receivables that are not considered to be impaired is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
Not impaired	1,339	2,383

Receivables that were not impaired relate to customers for whom there were no recent history of default. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

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16. LOANS RECEIVABLE

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
Gross loan and interest receivables	4,303	4,789
Less: Provision for impairment loss	(963)	(1,086)
	3,340	3,703

As at 30 June 2023, loans receivable with gross principal amount of HK\$4,200,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$4,720,000) in aggregate and related gross interest receivables of HK\$103,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$69,000) were due from four (31 December 2022: three) independent third parties. These loans are interest-bearing at rates ranging from 8% to 15% (31 December 2022: 8% to 12%) per annum and was repayable within twelve months from the end of the reporting period and therefore were classified as current assets as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022.

As at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022, the Group hold no collateral over loans receivable. Reversal of impairment loss of HK\$123,000 (year ended 31 December 2022: impairment loss of HK\$814,000) has been recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

The movements in the expected credit loss for loans receivable for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and year ended 31 December 2022 are as follows:

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
At beginning of the period/year	1,086	272
(Reversal of impairment loss)/impairment loss for the period/year	(123)	814
At end of the period/year	963	1,086

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16. LOANS RECEIVABLE (Continued)

Reconciliation of gross carrying amount for loans receivable for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and year ended 31 December 2022 are as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2022 (audited)	1,007	4,407	5,414
New loans originated	5,084	886	5,970
Repayment	(5,084)	(1,511)	(6,595)
Transfer	(1,007)	1,007	—
At 31 December 2022 (audited) and 1 January 2023 (audited)	—	4,789	4,789
New loans originated	212	233	445
Repayment	(10)	(921)	(931)
At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	202	4,101	4,303

The movements in the expected credit loss in respect of loans receivable for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and year ended 31 December 2022 are as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2022 (audited)	29	243	272
Impairment loss for the year	—	814	814
Transfer	(29)	29	—
At 31 December 2022 (audited) and 1 January 2023 (audited)	—	1,086	1,086
Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment loss) for the period	1	(124)	(123)
At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	1	962	963

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17. BANK BALANCES AND CASH

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
Bank balances — trust accounts (<i>Note</i>)	3,971	11,775
Bank balances and cash — general accounts	11,490	23,031
	15,461	34,806

Note: The Group receives and holds money deposited by clients in the course of the conduct of the regulated activities. These clients money are maintained in one trust bank account and bear interest at commercial rates. The Group has recognised the corresponding trade payables to respective clients.

As at 30 June 2023, the Group's bank balances and cash — general accounts amounted to approximately HK\$11,490,000 (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$23,031,000), approximately HK\$80,000 was denominated in Renminbi and approximately HK\$11,410,000 was denominated in Hong Kong dollars (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$80,000 and approximately HK\$22,951,000 respectively).

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18. LEASE LIABILITIES

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
Minimum lease payments due		
— Within one year	3,719	4,056
— In second to fifth years, inclusive	1,014	3,043
	4,733	7,099
Less: Future finance charges	(140)	(274)
Present value of lease liabilities	4,593	6,825
	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within one year	3,583	3,830
In second to fifth years, inclusive	1,010	2,995
	4,593	6,825

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19. TRADE PAYABLES

An aged analysis of trade payables as at the end of reporting date based on the invoice date/contractual term, are as follows:

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
Within 30 days	4,054	12,979
31 to 60 days	—	—
61 to 120 days	—	104
Over 120 days	—	—
	4,054	13,083

As at 30 June 2023, the balance of HK\$4,054,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$12,778,000) represented the trade payables arising from securities brokerage services.

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20. CONVERTIBLE BONDS

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
2008 CBs (as defined below)	13,846	12,935
2022 CBs (as defined below)	77,539	72,175
	91,385	85,110

The movement of the liability component of the convertible bonds was as follows:

	As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2022 (Audited) HK\$'000
At beginning of the period/year	85,110	85,557
Interest charged	6,275	13,319
Issuance of convertible bonds	—	72,118
Redemption of convertible bonds	—	(3,494)
Modification of the terms of convertible bonds	—	(82,390)
At the end of the period/year	91,385	85,110

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20. CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Continued)

Notes:

1. On 14 November 2022, the Company entered into the subscription agreement with Team Sunny International Holdings Limited ("**Team Sunny**"), pursuant to which Team Sunny conditionally agreed to subscribe and the Company conditionally agreed to issue the convertible bonds (the "**2022 CBs**") in the principal amount of HK\$91,000,000 for the settlement of the outstanding debts due from the Company to Team Sunny in aggregate of HK\$91,000,000. The subscription amount payable by Team Sunny under the subscription agreement shall be satisfied by way of offsetting (i) the principal amount of HK\$55,000,000 under the convertible bonds as part of the consideration for the acquisition of forest concessions in Papua, Indonesia issued by the Company on 12 August 2008 ("**2008 CBs**") and payable by the Company to Team Sunny; and (ii) the outstanding principal amount of HK\$36,000,000 under the convertible bonds issued to Team Sunny by the Company on 10 January 2020 ("**Team Sunny CB**") and payable by the Company to Team Sunny.

The conversion price per conversion share for HK\$55,000,000 of the principal amount of the 2022 CBs for the period from the date of issue of the 2022 CBs up to and including 12 August 2023 shall be HK\$0.90 per conversion share and for the period from 13 August 2023 up to and including the maturity date shall be HK\$0.186 per conversion share; and the conversion price per conversion share for HK\$36,000,000 of the principal amount of the 2022 CBs for the period from the date of issue of the 2022 CBs up to and including 21 May 2023 shall be HK\$0.903 per conversion share and for the period from 22 May 2023 up to and including the maturity date shall be HK\$0.186 per conversion share.

On 28 December 2022, the subscription took place and the 2022 CBs in the principal amount of HK\$91,000,000 were issued to Team Sunny.

2. On 28 December 2022, upon the completion of the subscription and issue of 2022 CBs, the principal amount of HK\$55,000,000 of the 2008 CBs was offset and settled with the subscription price of 2022 CBs. The conversion price per conversion share for HK\$14,068,000 of the remaining principal amount of the 2008 CBs up to and including 13 August 2023 shall be HK\$0.90 per conversion share.
3. On 6 July 2022, 15 November 2022, 29 November 2022 and 13 December 2022 the Company made a partial redemption in the aggregated principal amount in aggregate of HK\$3,805,651 on part of the Team Sunny CB. On 28 December 2022, upon the completion of the subscription and issue of 2022 CBs, all the principal amount of Team Sunny CB was offset and settled with the subscription price of 2022 CBs.

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21. SHARE CAPITAL

	Notes	Number of shares in '000	Nominal values HK\$'000
Authorised:			
At 1 January 2022 (audited), 31 December 2022 (audited), 1 January 2023 (audited) and 30 June 2023 (unaudited)			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each		2,000,000	200,000
Issued and fully paid:			
At 1 January 2022 (audited)			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each		485,062	48,506
Issuance of consideration shares	1	66,667	6,667
Issuance of shares upon placing	2	15,000	1,500
At 31 December 2022 (audited), 1 January 2023 (audited) and 30 June 2023 (unaudited)			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each		566,729	56,673

Notes:

- On 4 July 2022, the Company allotted and issued 66,666,663 shares in respect of the acquisition of NOIZChain Limited ("NOIZ") pursuant to the sale and purchase agreement dated 13 June 2022.
- On 7 July 2022, the Company completed a share subscription with Oriental Watch Holdings Limited, the subscriber, by the allotment and issue of 15,000,000 shares at the subscription price of HK\$0.21 per subscription share.

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22. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY

On 4 July 2022, The Group completed the acquisition of the entire issued share capital in NOIZ at a consideration of approximately of HK\$15,133,000. The consideration (the “**Consideration**”) was satisfied by the Company by the allotment and issue of an aggregate of 66,666,663 consideration shares to the vendors at the issue price of approximately HK\$0.227 per consideration share. NOIZ is principally engaged in digital business. The Group has diversified its business into digital platform including Blockchain-as-a-Services that tailor made services and advice to businesses allowing them to use cloud-based solutions to manage and develop their applications and smart contracts without needing to develop and maintain their own blockchain environments.

The fair values of identifiable assets and liabilities arising from the acquisition of NOIZ as at the date of acquisition were as follows:

	Fair value
	HK\$'000
Property, plant and equipment	3
Intangible assets	14,040
Interest in an associate	146
Inventories	418
Trade receivables	360
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	1
Bank balances and cash	92
Deferred tax assets	90
Trade payables	(109)
Other payables and accruals	(91)
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Fair value of net assets acquired	14,950
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Net cash inflow from acquisition of a subsidiary:	
Cash consideration paid	—
Cash and cash equivalents in a subsidiary acquired	92
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Net cash inflow	92
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22. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY (Continued)

	HK\$'000
Total consideration satisfied by consideration shares issued at fair value	15,133
Less: Fair value of put option arising in the acquisition	(53)
Fair value of net assets acquired	(14,950)
Goodwill	130

Pursuant to the terms of the sale and purchase agreement dated 13 June 2022 entered into between Benefit Palace Limited (the “**Purchaser**”) and the six vendors (the “**Vendors**”), each of the Vendors hereby irrevocably and unconditionally grants the Purchaser (or its nominee(s) or its successor(s)) the put option (the “**Put Option**”), pursuant to which the Purchaser (or its nominee(s) or its successor(s)) shall be entitled to require the Vendors to buy back all the entire issued share capital in NOIZ held by the Purchaser (or its nominee(s) or its successor(s)) (the “**Repurchase**”). The consideration for the Repurchase will be the same as the Consideration.

The Purchaser (or its nominee(s) or its successor(s)) shall not exercise the Put Option unless NOIZ recorded audited consolidated negative cash flows from operating activities as calculated in accordance with HKFRSs for the year ending 31 December 2023 as shown in the audited consolidated financial statement of NOIZ for the year ending 31 December 2023.

At the completion date, the put option amount is determined by the Directors with reference to a valuation report issued by an independent qualified valuer. The put option is stated at fair value and presented as financial assets at fair value through profit of loss in the consolidated statement of financial position.

The goodwill of HK\$130,000, which is not deductible for tax purposes, comprises the acquired workforce and the expected future growth of digital business to diversify the revenue stream of the existing business of the Group.

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23. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Save as disclosed in elsewhere to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group has the following related party transactions.

Name of related party	Relationship	Nature of transaction	Three months ended		Six months ended	
			30 June		30 June	
			2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2022 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Mr. Wong Hin Shek	Director	Commission income from dealing in securities	2	32	7	75
Related companies	Common director	Corporate consulting service income	152	120	272	240

Total compensation paid to key management personnel during the six months ended 30 June 2023 amounted to HK\$1,570,000 (six months ended 30 June 2022: HK\$1,576,000).



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS REVIEW

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, the Group is principally engaged in (i) financial services business including securities brokerage services, provision of corporate finance advisory services, asset management business and money lending services; (ii) corporate consulting business including company secretarial services, accounting and financial reporting services and management consulting services; and (iii) digital business that leverages blockchain, artificial intelligence, and immersive interaction technologies to create value and protection to individuals, creators, artists, businesses and brand owners.

Since the performance of the trading business was unsatisfactory for the past years, on 23 September 2022, the Group disposed of the trading business to an independent third party. Upon the disposal, the Group ceased to have any interest in the trading business. The disposal allowed the Group to reallocate more resources on the remaining businesses.

For the six months ended 30 June 2023, the Group's continuing operations recorded revenue of approximately HK\$5.0 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: approximately HK\$9.0 million). Loss for the period attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$13.7 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: approximately HK\$13.3 million). Basic and diluted loss per share for continuing operations was approximately HK\$2.42 cents (six months ended 30 June 2022: approximately HK\$2.63 cents).

Financial services business

The revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2023 of the financial services business was approximately HK\$2.3 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: approximately HK\$6.3 million) and a segment profit of approximately HK\$0.4 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: approximately HK\$2.7 million).

The Group's money lending business was conducted through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Merdeka Credit Limited, to grant loans to individuals and enterprises. The Group strived to adhere to a set of comprehensive policy and procedural manual in respect of loan approval, loan renewal, loan recovery, loan compliance, monitoring and anti-money laundering.



FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS REVIEW (Continued)

Financial services business (Continued)

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had loans receivable with gross principal amount of approximately HK\$4.2 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$4.7 million). The Group recorded interest income from loans receivable of approximately HK\$0.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (six months ended 30 June 2022: approximately HK\$0.3 million).

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, the Group granted 1 loan to an individual, who is an independent third party. As at 30 June 2023, 5 loans were outstanding, with terms ranging from 6 months to 29 months, interest rate ranging from 8% to 15% per annum and with no collaterals. As at 30 June 2023, the principal amount outstanding from the four largest borrowers of the Group together amounted to approximately HK\$4.2 million (representing 100.0% to the total loans receivable of the Group) while the principal amount outstanding from the largest borrower amounted to approximately HK\$2.0 million (representing approximately 47.6% to the total loans receivable of the Group).

The Group has adopted a credit policy to manage its money lending business which includes compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, credit assessment on potential borrower and his/its assets, the credibility of the potential borrower, the necessity in obtaining collaterals and determination of suitable interest rate to reflect the risk level of the provision of loan.

The Group has performed background and credit risk assessment on the potential borrowers before granting the loans by (a) global searching on their identity and background; (b) reviewing and assessing their financial information; and (c) performing an assessment on their creditability.

The Group also assesses and decides the necessity and the value of security/collateral for granting of each loan, whether to an individual or enterprise, on a case by case basis considering factors, including but not limited to, the repayment history, results of public search towards the borrower, the value and location of the assets owned by the borrower and the financial condition of the borrower.

In order to monitor the risks associated with loans receivable, subsequent repayment record of each loan receivable will be closely monitored and periodic reviews on loan portfolio will be conducted by the Group. In the event of failure to repay interest or principal amount by the due date, the Group will issue overdue payment reminders to the relevant borrower, instruct its legal advisers to issue demand letters for loans overdue for a longer period of time, negotiate with the borrower for the repayment or settlement of the loan and/or commences legal actions against the borrower.

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS REVIEW (Continued)

Corporate consulting business

The performance of corporate consulting business remained stable that it recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$2.3 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: approximately HK\$2.6 million) and recorded a segment profit of approximately HK\$1.5 million (six months ended 30 June 2022: approximately HK\$0.8 million) during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

Digital business

Upon the completion of the acquisition of NOIZ on 4 July 2022, the Group has been diversified into the business area harnessing blockchain, artificial intelligence, and immersive interaction technologies to create value and protection to individuals, creators, artists and brand owners. NOIZ aims to create value by seizing novel growth opportunities in the creator economy in the entertainment industry, and at the same time to create diversified and innovative ways for audiences to enjoy immersive experiences.

The revenue and the segment loss for the six months ended 30 June 2023 was approximately HK\$0.4 million and HK\$2.3 million respectively.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

As at 30 June 2023, the Group managed a listed security investment with fair value of approximately HK\$0.3 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$0.3 million). In view of the fluctuations in the global and local financial markets, the Board is always cautious of the prospects of the trading performance of the Group's portfolio of listed securities investments.

Details of the listed security investment as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022 and gains/(losses) for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022 are as below:

Gains for the six months ended 30 June 2023

Name of listed securities	Stock code	Realised	Unrealised	Dividend
		gains	gains	received
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
ICO Group Limited	1460	—	16	—

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS REVIEW (Continued)

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss as at 30 June 2023

Name of listed securities	Stock code	Brief description of the business	Number of shares held	Proportion of shares held	Investment cost HK\$'000	Market value HK\$'000	Approximate Percentage to total assets value of the Group
ICO Group Limited	1460	Integrated IT service business	1,600,000	0.18%	312	328	0.6%
Evergrande Property Services Group Limited	6666	Integrated commercial properties service business	113,000	0.001%	995	—	—

Losses for the six months ended 30 June 2022

Name of listed securities	Stock code	Realised gains HK\$'000	Unrealised losses HK\$'000	Dividend received HK\$'000
Evergrande Property Services Group Limited	6666	—	(38)	—

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss as at 31 December 2022

Name of listed securities	Stock code	Brief description of the business	Number of shares held	Proportion of shares held	Investment cost HK\$'000	Market value HK\$'000	Approximate Percentage to total assets value of the Group
ICO Group Limited	1460	Integrated IT service business	1,600,000	0.18%	312	312	0.4%
Evergrande Property Services Group Limited	6666	Integrated commercial properties service business	113,000	0.001%	995	—	—



OUTLOOK

The Group has been seeking suitable investment and business opportunities in light of the market conditions to create value for its shareholders in a long term and sustainable manner.

Digital business

Following the completion of the acquisition of NOIZ in the second half of 2022 and entered into the entertainment industry in early 2023, the Group aims to leverage blockchain technology possessed by NOIZ to create value and protection to individuals, creators, artists and brand owners (collectively, being the “**Users**”). NOIZ aims to create value by seizing novel growth opportunities in the creator economy in the entertainment industry, and at the same time to create diversified and innovative ways for audiences to enjoy immersive experiences.

NOIZ is steadfastly committed to harnessing blockchain, artificial intelligence, and immersive interaction technologies to empower the Users. NOIZ is poised to reshape the horizon by integrating technology and introducing an all-encompassing creator management platform. The forthcoming platform’s novel features will empower the Users to connect directly with their fans, facilitating deep fan engagement, sponsorship opportunities, and a heightened sense of community. On top, the platform and ecosystem will equip the Users with the requisite tools to control their intellectual property, creations, and income streams, while harnessing the potential of emerging technologies to shape their future. The Company anticipates its strategic rebranding and transformation to invigorate Hong Kong and Asia, guiding these regions towards embracing the new market dynamics.

The Company has stepped into the entertainment industry in the 1st quarter of 2023 through its wholly-owned subsidiary, NOIZ Entertainment Limited, aiming to capture the potential rebound of the entertainment market as the novel coronavirus pandemic reaches its end. NOIZ Entertainment Limited has co-organised several concerts which were successfully held in Hong Kong and Macau. It is anticipated that NOIZ Entertainment Limited will continue participating in various entertainment events in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.



OUTLOOK (Continued)

Financial services business

The Group will continue to expand the clients base and establish a strong track record in order to strengthen the businesses of corporate financial advisory services, asset management services and money lending services in the coming future.

Corporate consulting business

Given the worldwide awareness of corporate governance, the Group anticipates the demand from Hong Kong listed issuers requesting for professional services in relation to corporate governance matters and compliance with the appropriate local rules governing the listed companies in Hong Kong and other relevant legal and regulatory requirements will persist.

CONVERTIBLE BONDS

2008 Convertible Bonds

On 10 January 2020, the Company and the holders of the 2008 CBs (the “**CB Holders**”) entered into the fourth supplemental deed, pursuant to which the Company and the CB Holders conditionally agreed to amend certain terms of the 2008 CBs such that (a) the maturity date of the 2008 CBs be extended for a further term of three years from 13 August 2020 to 12 August 2023; and (b) the conversion price of the 2008 CBs be revised from HK\$0.95 per conversion share to HK\$0.110 per conversion share with effect from 13 August 2020 (subject to adjustments). Save for the above amendments, all other terms of the 2008 CBs shall remain unchanged and valid. The amendments on 2008 CBs took effect on 18 May 2020.

On 29 June 2020, the Company made a partial redemption in the principal amount of HK\$55,000,000 on part of the 2008 CBs.

On 17 June 2021, upon the effective of the share consolidation on the basis that every ten issued and unissued shares of par value of HK\$0.01 each in the share capital of the Company be consolidated into one consolidated share of par value of HK\$0.10 each, the conversion price of 2008 CBs adjusted to HK\$1.10 per conversion share.



CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Continued)

2008 Convertible Bonds (Continued)

On 22 July 2021, the Company completed rights issue and allotted and issued 346,310,897 shares, on the basis of five (5) rights share for every two (2) shares held on 28 June 2021 at the subscription price of HK\$0.15 per rights share. Upon the completion of the 2021 Rights Issue, the conversion price of 2008 CB was adjusted to HK\$0.90 per conversion share.

On 28 December 2022, upon the completion of the subscription and issue of 2022 CBs, the principal amount of HK\$55,000,000 of 2008 CBs was offset and settled with the subscription price of 2022 CBs.

As at 30 June 2023, the Company had 2008 CBs with principal amount of HK\$14.1 million conferring rights to convert into a total of 15,631,111 shares with the conversion price of HK\$0.90 per conversion share.

2022 Convertible Bonds

On 14 November 2022, the Company entered into the subscription agreement with Team Sunny, pursuant to which Team Sunny conditionally agreed to subscribe and the Company conditionally agreed to issue the 2022 CBs in the principal amount of HK\$91,000,000 for the settlement of the outstanding debts due from the Company to Team Sunny in aggregate of HK\$91,000,000. The subscription amount payable by Team Sunny under the subscription agreement shall be satisfied by way of offsetting (i) the principal amount of HK\$55,000,000 under the 2008 CBs and payable by the Company to Team Sunny; and (ii) the outstanding principal amount of HK\$36,000,000 under Team Sunny CB and payable by the Company to Team Sunny.

The conversion price per conversion share for HK\$55,000,000 of the principal amount of the 2022 CBs for the period from the date of issue of the 2022 CBs up to and including 12 August 2023 shall be HK\$0.90 per conversion share and for the period from 13 August 2023 up to and including the maturity date shall be HK\$0.186 per conversion share; and the conversion price per conversion share for HK\$36,000,000 of the principal amount of the 2022 CBs for the period from the date of issue of the 2022 CBs up to and including 21 May 2023 shall be HK\$0.903 per conversion share and for the period from 22 May 2023 up to and including the maturity date shall be HK\$0.186 per conversion share.

On 28 December 2022, the subscription took place and the 2022 CBs in the principal amount of HK\$91,000,000 were issued to Team Sunny.

CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Continued)

2022 Convertible Bonds (Continued)

As at 30 June 2023, the Company had 2022 CBs with principal amount of HK\$91.0 million, of which the principal amount of HK\$55.0 million conferring rights to convert into 61,111,111 shares with the conversion price of HK\$0.90 per conversion share and the principal amount of HK\$36.0 million conferring rights to convert into 39,867,109 Shares with the conversion price of HK\$0.186 per conversion share.

DIVIDENDS

The Board resolved not to recommend the payment of any dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (six months ended 30 June 2022: nil).

FINANCIAL RESOURCES, LIQUIDITY AND GEARING

As at 30 June 2023, the Group recorded cash and bank balances (included trust accounts) amounting to approximately HK\$15.5 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$34.8 million) and the net current assets value was approximately HK\$3.5 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$10.3 million).

The Group's gearing ratio as at 30 June 2023 was approximately 1.55 (31 December 2022: approximately 1.08), being a ratio of total interest-bearing debts, included convertible bonds of approximately HK\$91.4 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$85.1 million) to the total assets of approximately HK\$59.0 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$79.1 million).

USE OF PROCEEDS FROM SHARE SUBSCRIPTION

The Company completed a share subscription on 7 July 2022, pursuant to which the Company has issued and allotted 15,000,000 shares at a subscription price of HK\$0.21 per subscription share. The gross proceeds from the share subscription was HK\$3.15 million and the net proceeds after deducting relevant expenses was approximately HK\$3.0 million. The net subscription price per subscription share based on the net proceeds is HK\$0.20.

As at 30 June 2023, the intended and actual use of the net proceeds from the share subscription is stated as below:

Amount HK\$ million	Intended use	Actual use
3.0	General working capital of NOIZ	Fully utilised as intended



PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had no pledged assets (31 December 2022: Nil).

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The Company had no changes in capital structure during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

INVESTMENT POSITION AND PLANNING

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, the Group had no material acquisition and disposal.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had no significant contingent liabilities (31 December 2022: Nil).

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As at 30 June 2023, the Group employed 27 staff (31 December 2022: 29). The Group's remuneration policy is based on principle of equality, motivating performance-oriented and market-competitiveness. Remuneration packages are normally reviewed on an annual basis. Apart from salary payments, other staff benefits included provident fund contributions, medical insurance coverage and performance related bonuses. A share option scheme is also established to reward and motivate the employees of the Group.

CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

Saved as disclosed, the Company did not have any other connected transactions which were subject to the reporting requirements under Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules for six months ended 30 June 2023.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "**Share Option Scheme**") approved and adopted by the shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholder**") at an extraordinary general meeting held on 30 December 2020. Unless otherwise cancelled or amended, the Share Option Scheme will remain in force for a period of 10 years from the date of its adoption. Apart from the Share Option Scheme, the Company has no other share option scheme currently in force.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

During the period for the six months ended 30 June 2023, a total of 567,567 Share Options were lapsed. Save and except for the aforesaid, no Share Option was granted, exercised, cancelled, expired or lapsed during the period. The number of share options available for grant under the Share Option Scheme as at 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023 was 48,506,228 shares, representing approximately 8.56% of the total number of issued shares as at 30 June 2023. No service provider sub-limit was set under the Share Option Scheme.

No shares of the Company that may be issued in respect of options and awards granted under the Share Option Scheme during the period ended 30 June 2023, and divided by the weighted average number of shares of 566,728,946 shares of the Company for the period ended 30 June 2023, is nil.

Details of the movements of the Share Options under the Share Option Scheme during the period were as follows:

Grantees/Capacity	Number of Share Options					Outstanding as at 30 June 2023	Date of grant	Price of the shares before Exercise the date of grant ^(Note 2) Per share	Exercise price ^(Note 1) Per share
	Outstanding as at 1 January 2023	Granted during the period	Exercised during the period	Cancelled/ Lapsed during the period	Outstanding as at 30 June 2023				
Independent non-executive Directors									
Ms. Ng Ka Sim, Casina	113,513	—	—	—	113,513	20/1/2021	20/1/2021– 19/1/2026	0.014	0.132
Mr. Wong Wing Kit	113,513	—	—	—	113,513	20/1/2021	20/1/2021– 19/1/2026	0.014	0.132
Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann	113,513	—	—	—	113,513	20/1/2021	20/1/2021– 19/1/2026	0.014	0.132
Employees and other eligible participants									
Employees of the Group	2,610,809	—	—	(567,567)	2,043,242	20/1/2021	20/1/2021– 19/1/2026	0.014	0.132
Other eligible participants ^(Note 3)	4,009,296	—	—	—	4,009,296	20/1/2021	20/1/2021– 19/1/2024	0.014	0.132
	6,960,644	—	—	(567,567)	6,393,077				



SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

Notes:

1. The exercise price of the Share Options is subject to adjustment in the case of capitalisation issue, rights issue, subdivision or consolidation of the shares of the Company, or other similar changes in the Company's share capital.
2. The price of the shares of the Company before the date of the grant of the Share Options is the closing price of the shares of the Company as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the trading day immediately before the date on which the Share Options were granted.
3. The consultants possess extensive experience in, including but not limited to, private and public equity investments, crypto and blockchain technology development and accounting and financial management respectively. The grant of Share Options to the consultants is to provide them an incentive to (i) optimize their performance for the benefit of the Group; (ii) share of their respective relevant experience, knowledge and network to improve of the business operating system of the Group; and (iii) introduce or refer viable business opportunities to the Group, in order to achieve a long term growth for the Group.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 June 2023, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange under Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including any interests or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings by Directors as referred to in rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules, were as follows:

Long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares of the Company

Name of Director	Nature of interest/ Capacity	Number of Shares held	Number of underlying Shares held	Total	Approximate percentage of the total issued share capital of the Company ^(Note 3) (%)
Mr. Wong Hin Shek ^(Note 1)	Controlled corporation	136,755,500	254,659,498 ^(Note 2)	391,414,998	69.07
Ms. Tsang Kwai Ping	Beneficial owner	900,000	—	900,000	0.19
Ms. Ng Ka Sim, Casina	Beneficial owner	—	113,513	113,513	0.02
Mr. Wong Wing Kit	Beneficial owner	—	113,513	113,513	0.02
Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann	Beneficial owner	—	113,513	113,513	0.02

Notes:

1. The interest is held by Team Sunny, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands owned as to 100% by Mr. Wong Hin Shek. Mr. Wong is also the sole director of Team Sunny.
2. The underlying shares are convertible shares to be issued and allotted upon conversion of the 2022 CBs with an aggregated principal amount of HK\$91,000,000 which are held by Team Sunny.
3. The percentage has been calculated based on 566,728,946 Shares in issue as at 30 June 2023.

Save as disclosed above and so far as is known to the Directors, at 30 June 2023, none of the Directors and chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in the Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange under Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings by Directors as referred to in rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed under the sections headed "Directors' and Chief Executive's Interests in Securities of the Company" and "Share Option Scheme" above, at no time during the period for the six months ended 30 June 2023 was the Company or any of its subsidiaries or associated corporations, a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors and chief executive of the Company (including their respective spouse and children under 18 years of age) to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of the shares or underlying shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any of its associated corporations.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSON'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 June 2023, the following persons (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO:

Long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares of the Company:

Name of Shareholder	Nature of interest/ Capacity	Number of Shares held	Number of underlying Shares held	Total	Approximate percentage of the total issued share capital of the Company ^(Note 3)
					(%)
Team Sunny ^(Note 1)	Beneficial owner	136,755,500	254,659,498 ^(Note 2)	391,414,998	69.07

Notes:

- The interest is held by Team Sunny, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands owned as to 100% by Mr. Wong Hin Shek. Mr. Wong is also the sole director of Team Sunny.
- The underlying shares are convertible shares to be issued and allotted upon conversion of the 2022 CBs with an aggregated principal amount of HK\$91,000,000.
- The percentage has been calculated based on 566,728,946 Shares in issue as at 30 June 2023.

Save as disclosed above, the Directors and chief executive of the Company are not aware that there is any party who, as at 30 June 2023, had an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO.



DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS

Ms. Tsang Kwai Ping, an executive Director, is a director of Bridgeharbour (HK) Management Service Company Limited (“**BMSCL**”), a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability which is principally engaged in the provision of company secretarial services for non-listed Hong Kong companies in Hong Kong. The business of BMSCL competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly of the company secretarial services business of the Group. To safeguard the Group’s interest, Ms. Tsang has irrevocably and unconditionally provided the Company an undertaking in accordance with the terms and conditions under outside interests and non-competition undertaking set out in her service agreement.

As the Board is independent of the board of the aforesaid company and maintains three independent non-executive Directors, the Group operates its businesses independently of, and at arm’s length from, the businesses of the aforesaid company.

For the six months ended 30 June 2023, save as disclosed above, no other Directors or their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in a business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group.

UPDATE ON DIRECTOR(S)' INFORMATION

The following change in the information of the director(s) occurred on or after the date of the 2022 Annual Report which is required to be disclosed pursuant to rule 17.50A(1) of the GEM Listing Rules.

On 1 June 2023, Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann, an independent non-executive Director, has resigned as independent non-executive director of E Lighting Group Holdings Limited (stock code: 8222), a company listed on the GEM of the Stock Exchange.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has not adopted a code of conduct nor established written guidelines regarding the securities transactions by the Directors and relevant employees of the Company but has applied the principles of the required standard of dealings set out in rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules (the “**Required Standard of Dealings**”).

All Directors have confirmed, following the specific enquiry by the Company, that they have complied with the Required Standard of Dealings throughout the period and up to the date of this report.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company’s listed securities during the period for the six months ended 30 June 2023.



COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

Throughout the period ended 30 June 2023, to the best knowledge of the Board, the Company has applied the principles and complied with all the applicable code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code in Appendix 15 of the GEM Listing Rules (the “**CG Code**”) except for the deviation as mentioned below.

Code Provision C.2.1

Pursuant to the code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

Mr. Wong Hin Shek currently assumes the roles of both the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer. This is at variance with code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, which provides that the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The Board considered that the powers and authorities have not been concentrated due to no separation of the positions of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer as all major decisions of the Company have been made in consultation with the Board and appropriate Board committees, as well as senior management. In addition, there are three independent non-executive Directors offering their experience, expertise, independent advice and views from different perspectives. Therefore, the Board is of the view that there are adequate balance of power and safeguards in place. The Board will regularly review the effectiveness of the structure of the Board to ensure that it is appropriate to the Group’s circumstances.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established the audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”) with specific written terms of reference formulated in accordance with the requirements of the GEM Listing Rules. The main duties of the Audit Committee include: (i) reviewing the quarterly, half-yearly and annual results of the Group; (ii) reviewing the risk management and internal control systems, the effectiveness of the internal audit function of the Group; (iii) reviewing the effectiveness of the internal audit function of the Company; (iv) ensuring the objectivity and credibility of the Company’s financial reporting and internal control procedures as well as to maintain an appropriate relationship with the external auditor of the Company; and (v) reviewing and investigation of reports of the whistleblowing policy and systems.

As at the date of this report, the Audit Committee comprises of three independent non-executive Directors, namely Ms. Ng Ka Sim, Casina, Mr. Wong Wing Kit and Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann, with at least one of whom has professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise as required in rule 5.05(2) of the GEM Listing Rules.



AUDIT COMMITTEE (Continued)

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the senior management of the Company the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2023 and this report, and was of the opinion that such results and this report had complied with the applicable accounting standards, the requirements under the GEM Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements and that adequate disclosures had been made.

By order of the Board
NOIZ GROUP LIMITED
Wong Hin Shek
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 14 August 2023

As at the date of this report, the executive Directors are Mr. Wong Hin Shek (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and Ms. Tsang Kwai Ping, the independent non-executive Directors are Ms. Ng Ka Sim, Casina and Mr. Wong Wing Kit and Ms. Yeung Mo Sheung, Ann.

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