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MI MING MART HOLDINGS LIMITED

彌明生活百貨控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock Code: 8473)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2024, operating results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "**Group**") were as follows:

- the Group's revenue decreased by approximately HK\$16.9 million or approximately 21.8% from approximately HK\$77.5 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately HK\$60.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024.
- the Group recorded a gross profit of approximately HK\$37.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$49.3 million), representing a decrease of approximately 24.5% as compared to that for the corresponding period in 2023.
- profit attributable to the owners of the Company for the six months ended 30
 September 2024 amounted to approximately HK\$5.7 million (six months ended 30
 September 2023: approximately HK\$10.6 million), representing a decrease of approximately 46.1% as compared to that for the corresponding period in 2023.
- the Board declared an interim dividend of HK0.4 cent per share for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (six months ended 30 September 2023: an interim dividend of HK0.8 cents per share), in aggregate amounting to approximately HK\$4.5 million (six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately HK\$9.0 million).

As disclosed in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024, a final dividend of HK0.8 cent per share, in an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$9.0 million, (the "**2024 Final Dividend**") was recommended by the Board (2023: HK0.8 cent per share, in an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$9.0 million) to the shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**") whose names appears in the register of members of the Company at the close of business on Friday, 23 August 2024. The payment of the 2024 Final Dividend was approved by the Shareholders in the 2024 annual general meeting held on Thursday, 1 August 2024 (the "**2024 AGM**"). The 2024 Final Dividend was paid on or about Friday, 20 September 2024.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

		Six months 30 Septe	
		2024	2023
	NOTES	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue	3	60,600	77,452
Cost of sales		(23,357)	(28,128)
Gross profit		37,243	49,324
Other income, gains or losses, net		2,010	439
Selling and distribution expenses		(15,764)	(18,742)
Administrative and operating expenses		(16,789)	(17,921)
Finance costs		(239)	(331)
Profit before income tax	5	6,461	12,769
Income tax expense	6	(735)	(2,155)
Profit for the period		5,726	10,614
Other comprehensive income			
Item that will be reclassified subsequently to profit of loss			
Fair value gain on debt investments at fair valu	le		
through after comprehensive income		614	
Other comprehensive income for the period,			
net of tax		614	
Total comprehensive income for the period		6,340	10,614
Farnings par share	8		
Earnings per share – basic (Hong Kong cent)	0	0.51	0.95

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	NOTES	As at 30 September 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	58,874	59,440
Investment properties	10	5,467	5,544
Right-of-use assets	9	8,149	10,351
Deferred tax assets		975	975
Other financial assets		20,691	6,483
Other non-current assets		1,589	2,407
		95,745	85,200
Current assets			
Inventories		8,964	11,542
Trade receivables	11	1,344	2,396
Financial assets at fair value through			
profit or loss		5,961	2,244
Other financial assets		-	14,069
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		4,578	3,828
Tax recoverable		536	206
Pledged bank deposits		305	305
Time deposits with original maturity of more than three months		780	780
Bank balances and cash		39,280	45,017
		(1 749	20.227
		61,748	80,387
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	12	1,236	668
Accrued expenses and other payables		5,644	9,255
Contract liabilities		2,738	2,967
Lease liabilities	13	7,343	8,178
		16,961	21,068

	NOTES	As at 30 September 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	As at 31 March 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Net current assets		44,787	59,319
Total assets less current liabilities		140,532	144,519
Non-current liabilities Lease liabilities Deferred tax liabilities	13	1,100 187 1,287	2,467 187 2,654
Net assets		139,245	141,865
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital Reserves	14	11,200 128,045	11,200 130,665
Total equity		139,245	141,865

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Merger reserve HK\$'000	Fair value reserve – recycling HK\$'000	Retained earnings HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 April 2023 (audited) Profit and total comprehensive income for	11,200	26,967	(37,316)	_	144,066	144,917
the period Dividend recognised as distribution		(8,960)		-	10,614	10,614 (8,960)
At 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	11,200	18,007	(37,316)		154,680	146,571
At 1 April 2024 (audited) Profit for the period Other comprehensive	11,200	9,047	(37,316)	(52)	158,986 5,726	141,865 5,726
income for the period				614		614
Total comprehensive income for the period Dividend recognised as	-	-	-	614	5,726	6,340
distribution (Note 7)		(8,960)				(8,960)
At 30 September 2024 (unaudited)	11,200	87	(37,316)	562	164,712	139,245

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	12,060	9,596
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of property, plant and equipment Placement for time deposits with original maturity of	(1,409)	(422)
more than three months Refund of time deposit with original maturity of	-	(8,740)
more than three months Payments for rental deposits Refunds of rental deposits Interest received	(419) 206 1,048	8,020 (218) 273 882
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Payment for acquisition of financial assets at fair value	481	521
through profit or loss Payments for acquisition of financial assets at fair value	(4,134)	_
through other comprehensive income Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at amortised cost	(13,335) 14,211	_
Payment for acquisition of financial assets at amortised cost		(13,547)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(3,351)	(13,231)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Dividend paid Repayment of lease liabilities Interests paid	(8,960) (5,247) (239)	(8,960) (4,998) (331)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(14,446)	(14,289)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(5,737)	(17,924)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	45,017	62,822
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD represented by bank balances and cash	39,280	44,898

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated on 4 November 2016 in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Act of the Cayman Islands. The Company's registered office address is Windward 3, Regatta Office Park, P.O. Box 1350, Grand Cayman, KY1-1108, Cayman Islands and principal place of business in Hong Kong is 16th Floor, Guangdong Tours Centre, 18 Pennington Street, Hong Kong.

The Company is an investment holding company and the Group is principally engaged in the retail of multi brand beauty and health products in Hong Kong. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("**HK\$**"), which is same as the functional currency of the Company. These condensed consolidated financial statements have not been audited.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("**HKFRSs**") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("**HKICPA**"). In addition, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the applicable disclosures required by the GEM Listing Rules and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the audit committee ("Audit Committee") of the Company and were approved for issue by the Board.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The accounting policies and the method of computation used in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 except for the adoption of the standards, amendments and interpretations issued by the HKICPA mandatory for the annual periods beginning on 1 April 2024. The effect of the adoption of these standards, amendments and interpretations is results of operations and financial position.

3. **REVENUE**

The revenue of the Group arose from sales of goods, consignment commission income and provision of beauty services for the six months ended 30 September 2024.

An analysis of the Group's revenue from the transfer of goods recognised at a point in time and services recognised at a point in time and over time for the six months ended 30 September 2024 are set out as below:

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2024	2023	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Sales of goods			
Retail stores	46,772	60,679	
Online shops	11,508	13,375	
Consignment sales	1,993	2,344	
Distributors	20	30	
Subtotal	60,293	76,428	
Consignment commission income			
Retail stores	45	49	
Online shop	1	1	
Consignment sales	2	78	
Subtotal	48	128	
Provision of beauty services	259	896	
Total	60,600	77,452	

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group has one operating segment based on information reported to the chief operating decision maker of the Group (the executive Directors of the Company) (the "**CODM**"), for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment, which is the aggregate results of the Group including all income, expenses (excluding donation). As a result, there is only one operating and reporting segment of the Group.

The accounting policies of the operating segment are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment results represents profit earned from the operating segment without allocation of donation. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment.

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by its operating segment.

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue – external sales	60,600	77,452
Segment results	5,734	10,624
Less: Donation	(8)	(10)
Profit for the period	5,726	10,614

No analysis of segment assets or segment liabilities is presented as such information is not regularly provided to the CODM.

Revenue from major products and service

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue from its major products and service:

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2024	2023	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Skincare products	41,146	50,547	
Cosmetics	3,043	4,616	
Food and health supplements	13,473	18,111	
Other products	2,631	3,154	
Consignment commission income	48	128	
Provision of beauty services	259	896	
Total	60,600	77,452	

Geographical information

The Group's non-current assets (other than deferred tax assets, other non-current assets and other financial assets) are divided into the following geographical areas:

	Non-current assets	
	As at	As at
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Hong Kong (domicile)	37,127	39,337
Japan	23,465	23,890
The United States of America ("USA")	11,898	12,108
Total	72,490	75,335

The Group's revenue from external sales are divided into the following geographical areas:

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Hong Kong (domicile)	60,339	77,297
USA	258	140
Macau	3	15
Total	60,600	77,452

5. **PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX**

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Profit before income tax has been arrived at after charging/ (crediting):		
Directors' emoluments	3,026	3,252
Other staff salaries and allowances	11,541	13,628
Retirement benefits schemes contributions, excluding those		
of Directors	521	604
Total employee benefits expenses	15,088	17,484
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,975	2,029
Depreciation of investment properties	77	320
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	5,422	4,942
Cost of inventories and services recognised as expenses		
(included in cost of sales)	22,071	26,645
Exchange (gains)/losses (included in other income,		
gains and losses)	(625)	1,097
Interest on lease liabilities	239	331
Fair value loss/(gain) of financial assets at fair value		
through profit or loss	109	(60)
Interest income	(1,212)	(1,196)
Dividend income	(133)	_

6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Current tax:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax	735	2,155

7. DIVIDENDS

At the meeting of the board of directors held on 25 November 2024, the directors of the Company declared an interim dividend of HK0.4 cent per share for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (six months ended 30 September 2023: an interim dividend of HK0.8 cent per share), in aggregate amounting to approximately HK\$4.5 million (six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately HK\$9.0 million). The proposed interim dividend has not been recognised as dividend payable in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2024.

As disclosed in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024, a final dividend of HK0.8 cent per share, in an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$9.0 million, was recommended by the Board (2023: HK0.8 cent per share, in an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$9.0 million) to the Shareholders whose names appear in the register of members of the Company at the close of business on Friday, 23 August 2024. The payment of the 2024 Final Dividend was approved by the Shareholders in the 2024 AGM. The 2024 Final Dividend was paid on or about Friday, 20 September 2024.

8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the following data:

	Six months ended	30 September
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Earnings:		
Earnings attributable to owners of the Company for the		
purposes of calculating basic earnings per share	5,726	10,614
	Six months ended	30 September
	2024	2023
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Number of shares:		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose		
of calculation of basic earnings per share in thousand	1,120,000	1,120,000

No diluted earnings per share for both periods was presented as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares in issue for both periods.

9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT/RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Group incurred total expenditure of approximately HK\$1,409,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$422,000 (unaudited)) on acquisition of property, plant and equipment, including HK\$1,294,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$156,000 (unaudited)) on the acquisition of leasehold improvement, HK\$7,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$108,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$47,000 (unaudited)) on the acquisition of machinery and equipment.

During the current interim period, the Group entered into several new lease agreements for the use of premises for one to two years. The Group is required to make fixed monthly payments and additional turnover rental payments on lease commencement. The Group recognised approximately HK\$3,220,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$5,587,000) of right-of-use assets and approximately HK\$3,045,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$5,517,000) of lease liabilities.

10. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
At the beginning of the period/year	5,544	30,437
Transferred to property, plant and equipment	-	(24,496)
Depreciation of investment properties	(77)	(397)
At the end of the period/year	5,467	5,544

During the year ended 31 March 2024, the Group's residential property in Japan, which was previously used as a rental property generating income through operating lease, has undergone a change in usage. Start from July 2023, it is now being utilised as a Director's premises. As such, the Group reclassified the property at net carrying amount of HK\$24,496,000 from investment properties to owned properties.

All of the Group's investment properties are held under a leasehold interest to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or both. The investment properties are measured using the cost model and are classified and accounted as investment properties.

11. TRADE RECEIVABLES

The following is an aging analysis of trade receivables, net of expected credit losses allowance, from sales of goods and services presented based on the revenue recognition date at the end of the reporting period.

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Within 30 days	780	2,102
31 to 60 days	390	273
61 to 90 days	121	4
Over 90 days	53	17
	1,344	2,396

The Group's revenue, including the sales of goods, consignment commission income and provision of beauty services, is generated mainly from cash, credit card and electronic payment sales, sales through other e-commerce platforms, cash vouchers from landlords of retail stores and consignment sales. The credit periods of credit card and electronic payment sales, sales through other e-commerce platforms, cash vouchers from landlords of retail stores, sale through other e-commerce platforms, cash vouchers from landlords of retail stores, sale to distributors and consignment sales are 2 days, ranging from 8 to 14 days, ranging from 30 to 45 days, 30 days and ranging from 30 to 90 days, respectively.

As at 30 September 2024, included in the Group's trade receivables balance are primarily debtors from credit card and electronic payment sales, sales through other e-commerce platforms, cash vouchers from landlord of retail stores and consignment sales, in which the carrying amount of approximately HK\$84,000 (31 March 2024: HK\$13,000) has past due as at the reporting date. No past due balances are considered as in default (31 March 2024: nil) because the trade receivables are of good credit quality and those debtors do not have any default payment history. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

Trade receivables for the overdue debtors are provided for allowance based on estimated irrecoverable amounts from the sale of goods, determined by reference to past default experience, if any.

12. TRADE PAYABLES

The following is an aging analysis of trade payables based on invoice date at the end of reporting period.

As at	As at
30 September	31 March
2024	2024
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(unaudited)	(audited)
1,236	620
	48
1,236	668
	30 September 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited) 1,236

13. LEASE LIABILITIES

During the current interim period, interest expense of HK\$239,000 (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$331,000) has been charged to profit or loss.

14. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	HK\$'000
	shares	ΠΚΦ 000
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		
Authorised:		
At 31 March 2024 (audited) and 30 September 2024		
(unaudited)	2,000,000,000	20,000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 31 March 2024 (audited) and 30 September 2024		
(unaudited)	1,120,000,000	11,200

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) During the period, the Group entered into the following transactions with its related parties:

Relationship	Nature of transactions	2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	2023 <i>HK\$`000</i> (unaudited)
Directors of the Company	Sales of finished goods	12	31

Six months ended 30 September

(b) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2024 2	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Salaries, fees, allowances and benefit in kinds	3,614	3,869
Performance related incentive payments	81	81
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	36	36
	3,731	3,986

The remuneration of Directors and other member of key management personnel of the Company are determined having regard to the performance of the individuals.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

The Group is a multi-brand retailer, which operates nine retail stores under the brand of "MI MING MART" ("彌明生活百貨") (the "**Brand**") in Hong Kong. The Group offers a wide range of beauty and health products, which can mainly be categorised into (i) skincare products; (ii) cosmetics products; and (iii) food and health supplements.

Driven by the Brand's philosophy "defining clean beauty" ("擇善美麗"), the Group endeavours to select and offer products that do not contain any ingredients that, in its view, would adversely affect or impair the health of its customers. The Group targets to serve and offer its products to customers who are ingredient conscious and aspire to the betterment of their health.

The Group mainly sells products at its retail stores, with a portion through its online shop at www.mimingmart.com and other e-commerce platforms operated by independent third parties, consignees and distributors. The Group also acts as the consignee for some suppliers on a consignment basis whereby the Group is entitled to consignment commissions based on the amount of sales of the consignors' products and the predetermined percentage as agreed between the consignors and the Group. The Group also provides beauty services to its customers.

The Directors believe that the Group's success is attributable to the brand image of the Brand, which emphasizes its offer of quality beauty and health products selected by its senior management team, reinforcing its customers' confidence in the Group's products and building up its customers' loyalty to the Group's Brand. The Group believes its marketing strategy, established network of retail stores and the quality products offered by the Group will continue to strengthen its brand image and customer base.

The Group aims to expand its product portfolio and e-commerce business to enhance its competitiveness. Leveraging the Group's extensive knowledge in both the skincare and cosmetics market and the health supplements market in Hong Kong, the Directors believe the Group is well-positioned to remain resilient in the challenging business environment.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group's revenue decreased by approximately HK\$16.9 million to approximately HK\$60.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$77.5 million for the corresponding period in 2023, representing a decrease of approximately 21.8%. The Directors believe that the decrease in revenue was primarily due to the decrease in the Group's retail sales in general mainly as a result of the decrease in sales of the Group's skincare products and food and health supplements.

Cost of sales

The Group's cost of sales primarily consists of cost of inventories sold, cost of services, commission expenses, and incoming shipping, freight and delivery charges. The cost of sales decreased by approximately HK\$4.7 million to approximately HK\$23.4 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$28.1 million for the corresponding period in 2023, representing a decrease of approximately 17.0%. Despite a decrease in sales for the six months ended 30 September 2024, the decrease in the cost of sales during the period was relatively lesser as compared to the decline in sales revenue primarily due to (i) products of certain exclusive brands were sold at a higher discount rate during the period, while their inventory costs remained similar to those of the corresponding period in 2023; and (ii) an increase in the sales of beauty devices launched in the December 2023 and February 2024, respectively, which had a relatively higher cost as compared to other products.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

The Group's gross profit decreased by approximately HK\$12.1 million to approximately HK\$37.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$49.3 million for the corresponding period in 2023, representing a decrease of approximately 24.5%, whilst the Group's gross profit margin decreased from approximately 63.7% to approximately 61.5% for the respective periods. The decrease in the gross profit margin was mainly attributable to a relatively lesser decrease in the cost of sales as compared to the decline in sales due to the factors mentioned above.

Other income, gains and losses, net

The Group's other income, gains and losses increased by approximately HK\$1.6 million to approximately HK\$2.0 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$0.4 million for the corresponding period in 2023, representing an increase of approximately 357.9%. The increase in other income, gains, and losses was mainly due to an exchange gain of approximately HK\$0.6 million recognised upon the translation of the Group's financial assets and bank deposits denominated in foreign currencies as a result of the appreciation of those foreign currencies against the Hong Kong dollar during the period. In contrast, the Group experienced an exchange loss of approximately HK\$1.1 million for the corresponding period in 2023.

Selling and distribution expenses

The Group's selling and distribution expenses decreased by approximately HK\$2.9 million to approximately HK\$15.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$18.7 million for the corresponding period in 2023, representing a decrease of approximately 15.9%. The decrease was primarily due to the (i) a decrease in staff costs for sales staff of approximately HK\$1.0 million; (ii) a decrease in marketing expenses of approximately HK\$0.9 million; (iii) a decrease in depreciation expenses of retail stores of approximately HK\$0.5 million; and (iv) a decrease in rental related expenses of retail stores of approximately HK\$0.4 million.

Administrative and operating expenses

The Group's administrative and operating expenses decreased by approximately HK\$1.1 million to approximately HK\$16.8 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 from approximately HK\$17.9 million for the corresponding period in 2023, representing a decrease of approximately 6.3%. Such decrease was primarily due to the decrease in salaries and allowances for administrative staff of approximately HK\$1.1 million.

Interest on lease liabilities

Interest on the lease liabilities remained relatively stable at approximately HK\$0.2 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024 as compared to that of approximately HK\$0.3 million for the corresponding period in 2023.

Income tax expense

For the six months ended 30 September 2023 and 2024, the Group's income tax expense was approximately HK\$2.2 million and HK\$0.7 million, representing an effective tax rate of approximately 16.9% and 11.4%, respectively. The lower effective tax rate for the six months ended 30 September 2024 was mainly due to a higher bank interest income in proportion and exchange gain recognised during the period which were not taxable for taxation purpose.

Net profit for the period

As a result of the foregoing, the Group's net profit decreased by approximately HK\$4.9 million or approximately 46.1% from approximately HK\$10.6 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately HK\$5.7 million for the six months ended 30 September 2024, whilst the Group's net profit margin decreased from approximately 13.7% for the six months ended 30 September 2023 to approximately 2023 to approximately 9.4% for the six months ended 30 September 2024.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND TREASURY POLICY

	As at	As at
	30 September	31 March
	2024	2024
Current ratio (Note)	3.6	3.8

Note: Current ratio is calculated by dividing current assets by current liabilities as at the end of each respective period/year.

The Group's financial position remains healthy. As at 30 September 2024, the Group's bank balances and cash and time deposits with original maturity of more than three months amounted to HK\$40.1 million (31 March 2024: HK\$45.8 million). The current ratio remained relatively stable at 3.6 as compared to that to the 31 March 2024.

The Group's management closely monitors the Group's cash flow position to ensure that the Group has sufficient working capital to meet its operational needs. The management takes into account the trade receivables, trade payables, bank balances and cash, time deposits with original maturity of more than three months, accrued expenses and other payables, administrative and capital expenditures of the Group when preparing the cash flow forecast to assess the Group's liquidity.

The Group has generally financed its capital expenditure and operational requirements through cash generated from operations.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

As at 30 September 2024, the Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currencies, primarily with respect to bank deposits and financial assets denominated in the United States dollars, Australian dollars and Japanese Yen. For the bank deposits denominated in the United States dollars and Australian dollars, the Directors consider that maintaining the said foreign currencies for settlement of purchase costs for at least six months and keeping of about three months' inventory, with reference to its historical purchases, will provide the Group with a sufficient buffer to minimise the Group's exposure to the fluctuation in those foreign currencies. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management closely monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Group has acquired several US Treasury bonds and a US Treasury note (collectively, the "US Treasury Medium to Long Term Wealth Management Products") at a cost of approximately USD0.9 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$7.3 million) in order to maximise the utilisation of its surplus cash received from its business operations, with a view to achieving balanced yields whilst maintaining high liquidity and reasonable levels of risks. During the six months 30 September 2024, approximately USD1.4 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$10.9 million) US Treasury bills acquired during the year ended 31 March 2024 were matured and redeemed.

The salient terms of the US Treasury Medium to Long Term Wealth Management Products as at 30 September 2024 are as below:

Date of subscription	Issuer	Type of return	Date of maturity	Face value	Subscription price	Fair value	% of total assets
7 December 2023 (Note)	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2043	USD 300,000	USD 312,000	USD 324,000	1.6%
12 January 2024 (Note)	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2033	USD 100,000	USD 104,000	USD 106,000	0.5%
7 February 2024 (Note)	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2043	USD 200,000	USD 209,000	USD 216,000	1.1%
8 March 2024 (Note)	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2043	USD 200,000	USD 210,000	USD 216,000	1.1%
15 April 2024 (Note)	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2043	USD 200,000	USD 201,000	USD 216,000	1.1%
20 May 2024	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2033	USD 100,000	USD 101,000	USD 106,000	0.5%
2 July 2024	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2043	USD 100,000	USD 101,000	USD 108,000	0.5%
15 July 2024	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2043	USD 100,000	USD 104,000	USD 108,000	0.5%
22 July 2024	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2043	USD 100,000	USD 104,000	USD 108,000	0.5%
15 August 2024	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2043	USD 200,000	USD 215,000	USD 216,000	1.1%
20 August 2024	Government of the United States	Fixed and guaranteed return	15 November 2043	USD 100,000	USD 107,000	USD 108,000	0.5%

Note: the principal terms have been provided in the announcement of the Company dated 15 April 2024.

The aggregated fair value of these US Treasury Medium to Long Term Wealth Management Products was approximately USD1.8 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$14.2 million), which constituted 9.0% of the total assets of the Group as at 30 September 2024. For the six months ended 30 September 2024, (i) the interest income associated with the US Treasury Medium to Long Term Wealth Management Products recorded and (ii) the fair value gain of the US Treasury Medium to Long Term Wealth Management Products classified as debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income amounted to approximately USD29,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$0.2 million) and approximately USD71,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$0.6 million), respectively.

Save as disclosed above, we did not hold any other significant investment as at 30 September 2024. As at 30 September 2023, there was no significant investment held by the Group.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The shares of the Company (the "**Shares**") were successfully listed on the GEM on 12 February 2018 (the "**Listing**"). There has been no change in the capital structure of the Company since then. The equity of the Company only comprises ordinary shares.

As at the date of this interim report, the issued share capital of the Company was HK\$11.2 million and the number of issued ordinary shares was 1,120,000,000 of HK\$0.01 each.

CAPITAL COMMITMENT

As at 30 September 2024, the Group did not have any significant capital commitments.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group did not have any material contingent liability as at 30 September 2024.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There is no significant event relevant to the business or financial performance of the Group that has come to the attention of the Directors after the six months ended 30 September 2024 and up to the date of this announcement.

DIVIDEND

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on 25 November 2024, the Directors declared an interim dividend of HK0.4 cent per share for the six months ended 30 September 2024 (six months ended 30 September 2023: an interim dividend of HK0.8 cent per share), in aggregate amounting to approximately HK\$4.5 million (six months ended 30 September 2023: approximately HK\$9.0 million). The proposed interim dividend has not been recognised as dividend payable in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2024.

As disclosed in the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024, a final dividend of HK0.8 cent per share, in an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$9.0 million, was recommended by the Board (2023: HK0.8 cent per share, in an aggregate amount of approximately HK\$9.0 million) to the Shareholders whose names appear in the register of members of the Company at the close of business on Friday, 23 August 2024. The payment of the 2024 Final Dividend was approved by the Shareholders in the 2024 AGM. The 2024 Final Dividend was paid on or about Friday, 20 September 2024.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

The Group recognises the importance of maintaining a good relationship with its employees. The Directors believe that the work environment and benefits offered to the employees have contributed to building good staff relations and retention. The Group is committed to employee development and has implemented various training programs to strengthen management and industry and product knowledge of the employees. The Directors believe such training programs will equip the employees with skills and knowledge to enhance the Group's services to its customers.

A Remuneration Committee has been set up since the Listing for reviewing the Group's emolument policy and structure of all the remuneration of the Directors and senior management of the Group, having regard to the Group's operating results, individual duties and responsibilities, individual performance and comparable market practices.

The remuneration policy of the Group to reward its employees and executives is based on their performance, qualifications, competence displayed and market comparable. Employee remuneration packages are typically comprised of salary, sales commission, contribution to pension schemes and discretionary bonuses relating to the profit of the Group. The remuneration package of the Group's Executive Directors and the senior management is, in addition to the above factors, linked to the return to the Shareholders. The Remuneration Committee will review the remuneration of all the Group's Executive Directors and senior management annually to ensure that it is attractive enough to attract and retain a competent team of executive members.

As at 30 September 2024, the Group employed a total of 78 (as at 30 September 2023: 84) full-time employees and 12 (as at 30 September 2023: 14) part-time employees. The staff costs, including Directors' emoluments, of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2024 was approximately HK\$15.1 million (six months ended 30 September 2023: HK\$17.5 million). The Company maintains a share option scheme for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to the participants for their contributions to the Group. As at the date of this announcement, no option has been granted under the share option scheme.

MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES

The Group had no material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries and affiliated companies during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

As at 30 September 2024, the Group did not have any plan for material investments and capital assets.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at 30 September 2024, the interests and short positions in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) (the "**SFO**") held by the Directors and chief executives of the Company which had to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which were taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions of the SFO) or which as entered in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or otherwise required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules are set out as follows:

(a) Interests in the Shares of the Company

Name of Directors	Capacity/ nature of interest	Number of Shares interested (Note 1)	Percentage of shareholding in the Company
Ms. Yuen Mi Ming Erica (" Ms. Erica Yuen ") (<i>Note 2</i>)	Interest in controlled corporation	562,000,000 (L)	50.18%
Mr. Lam Yue Yeung Anthony (" Mr. Anthony Lam ") (Note 3)	Interest of spouse	562,000,000 (L)	50.18%
Ms. Yuen Mimi Mi Wahng (" Ms. Mimi Yuen ") (Note 4)	Interest in controlled corporation	47,000,000 (L)	4.20%
Mr. Cheung Siu Hon Ronald (" Mr. Ronald Cheung ") (Note 5)	Interest of spouse	47,000,000 (L)	4.20%

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(b)	Interests in the Shares	of the associated	corporation of the	Company
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Name of Director	Capacity/ nature of interest	Name of associated corporation	Number of share interested (Note 1)	Percentage of shareholding in the associated corporation
Ms. Erica Yuen	Beneficial owner	Prime Era Holdings Limited (" Prime Era ")	1 (L)	100%
Ms. Mimi Yuen	Beneficial owner	Webber Holdings Limited (" Webber ")	1 (L)	100%

Notes:

- (1)The letter "L" denotes long position in the relevant share interests.
- Prime Era held direct interests of 562,000,000 Shares. Prime Era is wholly and beneficially (2)owned by Ms. Erica Yuen. Therefore, Ms. Erica Yuen is deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Prime Era under the SFO.
- Mr. Anthony Lam is the spouse of Ms. Erica Yuen. Mr. Anthony Lam is deemed to be (3) interested in the same number of Shares in which Ms. Erica Yuen is interested by virtue of the SFO.
- Webber held direct interests of 47,000,000 Shares. Webber is wholly and beneficially owned (4)by Ms. Mimi Yuen. Therefore, Ms. Mimi Yuen is deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Webber under the SFO.
- Mr. Ronald Cheung is the spouse of Ms. Mimi Yuen. Mr. Ronald Cheung is deemed to be (5) interested in the same number of Shares in which Ms. Mimi Yuen is interested by virtue of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2024, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company had any interest or short position in the Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations which was required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which were taken or deemed to have taken under the SFO), or which were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules relating to securities transactions by Directors to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 September 2024, the following persons (not being a Director or chief executive of the Company) had or were deemed or taken to have an interest or short position in the Shares or underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which would be recorded in the register of the Company required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO who, are directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the Shares:

Name of shareholder	Capacity/nature of interest	Number of Shares held (Note 1)	Percentage of shareholding in the Company
Prime Era (Note 2)	Beneficial owner	562,000,000 (L)	50.18%
Ms. Ying Ka Kwok Tania	Beneficial owner	224,530,000 (L)	20.05%

Notes:

- (1) The letter "L" denotes the long position in the share interest.
- (2) Prime Era is wholly and beneficially owned by Ms. Erica Yuen. She is deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Prime Era under the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2024, none of the Directors was aware of any other person (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company as disclosed in the section headed "Directors' and chief executives' interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations" above) who had any interest or short position in the Shares or underlying Shares which would have to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which would be recorded in the register of the Company required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO, who are directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the Shares.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company has a share option scheme (the "**Scheme**") which was approved and adopted by the written resolutions of the then sole shareholder of the Company passed on 23 January 2018. A summary of the principal terms of the Share Option Scheme is set out in Appendix IV of the Prospectus dated 30 January 2018 published by the Company.

Since the date of the adoption of the Scheme on 23 January 2018, no share option has been granted, exercised, expired, cancelled or lapsed and there is no outstanding share option under the Scheme. Therefore the weighted average closing price of the shares immediately before the dates on which the options were exercised or vested pursuant to Rule 23.07(1)(d) of the GEM Listing Rules is not available.

Pursuant to Rule 23.07(2) of the GEM Listing Rules, the total number of share options available for grant under the Scheme as at 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2024 were 112,000,000 and 112,000,000 respectively.

Pursuant to Rule 23.09(3) of the GEM Listing Rules, the total number of share options available for grant under the Scheme as at 30 September 2024 and as at the date of this announcement was 112,000,000 shares, representing approximately 10% of the ordinary shares of the Company at issue on 12 February 2018, the date of the Listing.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the required standard of dealings as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules ("**Required Standard of Dealings**") as the code for securities transactions by the Directors. Further, the Company had made specific enquiry with all Directors and each of them has confirmed his/her compliance with the Required Standard of Dealings during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

DIRECTORS' INTEREST IN COMPETING BUSINESS

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, none of the Directors or the controlling shareholders or their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company had any interest in a business which competed with or might compete with the business of the Group.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board of the Company is committed to achieving good corporate governance standards. The Board believes that good corporate governance standards are essential in providing a framework for the Group to safeguard the interests of Shareholders, enhance corporate value, formulate its business strategies and policies, and enhance its transparency and accountability. The Company has applied the principles and practices as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "**CG Code**") contained in Appendix C1 to the GEM Listing Rules and has adopted the CG Code as the code to govern the Company's corporate governance practices.

During the six months ended 30 September 2024, the Company had complied with the CG Code except for the following deviation:

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. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and chief executive should be clearly established and set out in writing.

Ms. Erica Yuen is the founder, chairlady, Executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Group to have Ms. Erica Yuen taking up both roles for effective management and business development of the Group. Therefore, the Directors consider that the deviation from the code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code is appropriate in such circumstance.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September 2024.

RELEVANT DATES FOR INTERIM DIVIDEND

Ex-entitlement date	Tuesday, 17 December 2024
Latest time to lodge share transfer	4:30 p.m., Wednesday, 18 December 2024
Closure of register of members	From Thursday, 19 December 2024 to Friday, 20 December 2024, both dates inclusive
Record date	Friday, 20 December 2024
Payment date	Friday, 10 January 2025

In order to qualify for the abovementioned interim dividend, all share transfer forms, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with Tricor Investor Services Limited, the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 18 December 2024.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established an audit committee ("Audit Committee") with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 5.28 of the GEM Listing Rules and code provision D.3.3 of the CG Code. The Audit Committee consists of three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Ms. Tsang Wing Yee, Ms. Chan Sze Lai Celine and Ms. Wong Yuen Kwan. Ms. Tsang Wing Yee possesses the appropriate professional accounting qualifications and related financial management expertise as required in Rule 5.05(2) of the GEM Listing Rules, and she serves as the chairlady of the Audit Committee.

The primary duties of the Audit Committee are to assist the Board in providing an independent review of the effectiveness of the Group's financial reporting process, internal control and risk management systems, and to oversee the audit process. The Audit Committee had reviewed the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2024 and this announcement.

By order of the Board **Mi Ming Mart Holdings Limited Yuen Mi Ming Erica** Chairlady, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 25 November 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors are Ms. Yuen Mi Ming Erica and Ms. Yuen Mimi Mi Wahng; the Non-executive Directors are Mr. Cheung Siu Hon Ronald and Mr. Lam Yue Yeung Anthony; and the Independent Non-executive Directors are Ms. Chan Sze Lai Celine, Ms. Tsang Wing Yee and Ms. Wong Yuen Kwan.

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