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YUE DA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
悅達國際控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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Interim Results Announcement
For the Six Months Ended 30th June, 2024

INTERIM RESULTS

The board (the "**Board**") of directors (the "**Directors**") of Yue Da International Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") announces the unaudited interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "**Group**") for the six months ended 30th June, 2024 (the "**Period**").

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30th June, 2024

		Six months ended	
		30.6.2024	30.6.2023
	NOTES	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue			
Income from traditional factoring business	3	**21,990**	16,021
Income from communications factoring business		**16,309**	32,305
		38,299	48,326
Other income		**104**	150
Other gains and losses, net	4	**2,404**	5,337
Reversal of impairment losses under expected credit losses model, net		**2,069**	4,855
Guarantee and service fees for communications factoring business		**(3,974)**	(9,730)
Staff costs		**(2,665)**	(4,220)
Depreciation expenses		**(806)**	(362)
Other expenses		**(2,964)**	(5,692)
Finance costs	5	**(6,269)**	(10,429)
Profit before tax		**26,198**	28,235
Income tax expense	6	**(7,856)**	(11,569)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	7	**18,342**	16,666
Earnings per share			
– Basic	9	**RMB1.57 cents**	RMB1.43 cents

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30th June, 2024

	NOTES	30.6.2024 RMB'000 (unaudited)	31.12.2023 RMB'000 (audited)
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment		**12**	71
Right-of-use assets		**1,553**	3,351
Deferred tax assets		**1,338**	1,856
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10	**45,629**	41,338
Factoring receivables and other assets	11	**32,210**	61,039
		80,742	107,655
Current Assets			
Factoring receivables and other assets	11	**692,589**	576,827
Amounts due from related parties		**9,100**	8,676
Cash and cash equivalents		**11,038**	41,061
		712,727	626,564
Current Liabilities			
Other payables and liabilities	12	**14,908**	18,606
Amounts due to related parties		**121,690**	87,584
Amounts due to directors		**218**	227
Taxation payable		**4,325**	1,030
Bank and other borrowings	13	**120,000**	50,000
Obligations arising from asset-backed financing arrangements	14	**71,690**	76,490
Lease liabilities		**631**	3,387
Dividends payable		**–**	8,896
		333,462	246,220
Net Current Assets		**379,265**	380,344
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		**460,007**	487,999

	NOTE	30.6.2024	31.12.2023
	NOTE	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*
		(unaudited)	(audited)
Capital and Reserves			
Share capital		**105,965**	105,965
Reserves		**339,506**	325,733
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		**445,471**	431,698
Non-current Liabilities			
Obligations arising from asset-backed financing arrangements	14	**–**	42,095
Lease liabilities		**932**	60
Deferred tax liabilities		**13,604**	14,146
		14,536	56,301
		460,007	487,999

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30th June, 2024

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("**HKICPA**") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix D2 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") ("**Listing Rules**").

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis at the end of each reporting period.

Other than change in accounting policies resulting from application of new and amendments and interpretation to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("**HKFRSs**"), the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30th June, 2024 are the same as those applied in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

Application of amendments to HKFRSs

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group's annual period beginning on 1st January, 2024 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (2020)
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements

The application of the amendments to HKFRSs in the current interim period has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue

Revenue represents interest income received and receivable from provision of traditional and communications factoring services. An analysis of the Group's revenue is as follows:

	Six months ended	
	30.6.2024	30.6.2023
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
Income from traditional factoring business *(Note)*	**21,990**	16,021
Income from communications factoring business	**16,309**	32,305
	38,299	48,326

Note: Included in income from traditional factoring business is an amount of RMB4,497,000 (six months ended 30th June, 2023: RMB4,022,000) representing fees that are considered to form an integral part of the effective interest rate of the traditional factoring receivables and is treated as an adjustment to the effective interest rate. Such fees may include compensation for activities such as evaluating the borrower's financial condition, evaluating and recording guarantees, negotiating the terms of the instrument, preparing and processing documents and closing the transaction.

Segment information

Information reported to the chief operating decision maker of the Group, being the executive directors of the Company, for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment focuses on revenue analysis by traditional and communications factoring business. No other discrete financial information is provided other than the Group's result and financial position as a whole.

4. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES, NET

	Six months ended	
	30.6.2024	30.6.2023
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain	**(439)**	14
Loss on remeasurement of financial guarantee contracts	**(1,429)**	(3,376)
Gain from fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**4,291**	–
Gain on early settlements of obligations arising from assets-backed financing arrangements	**–**	8,699
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**(19)**	–
	2,404	5,337

5. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30.6.2024 RMB'000	30.6.2023 RMB'000
Interest on bank and other borrowings	**2,886**	2,060
Interest on obligations arising from asset-backed financing arrangements	**3,338**	8,344
Interest on lease liabilities	**45**	25
	6,269	10,429

6. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 30.6.2024 RMB'000	30.6.2023 RMB'000
Current tax		
– People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**") Enterprise Income tax	**7,880**	8,320
Deferred tax	**(24)**	3,249
	7,856	11,569

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group's income neither arises in, nor is derived from, Hong Kong.

Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the "**EIT Law**") and the Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the applicable income tax rate for the PRC subsidiary of the Group is 25% for both periods.

7. PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD

Profit and total comprehensive income for the period has been arrived at after charging (crediting) the following items:

	Six months ended 30.6.2024 RMB'000	30.6.2023 RMB'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	**47**	47
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	**759**	315
Interest income from bank deposits (included in other income)	**(48)**	(64)

8. DIVIDEND

	Six months ended 30.6.2024 RMB'000	30.6.2023 RMB'000
Dividends for shareholders of the Company recognised as distribution during the period:		
2023 final dividend of HK0.43 cents (six months ended 30th June, 2023: nil)	**4,569**	–

The directors of the Company have determined that no dividend will be paid in respect of the six months ended 30th June, 2024.

9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months ended 30.6.2024 RMB'000	30.6.2023 RMB'000
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic earnings per share	**18,342**	16,666
Number of shares	***Number***	*Number*
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	**1,168,626,516**	1,168,626,516

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

10. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT AND LOSS

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit and loss arising from:

	30.6.2024 RMB'000	31.12.2023 RMB'000
Subordinated tranche investments	**45,629**	41,338

Details of the subordinated tranche investments are disclosed in Note 14.

11. FACTORING RECEIVABLES AND OTHER ASSETS

	30.6.2024	31.12.2023
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
Factoring receivables:		
Traditional factoring business	**593,447**	449,642
Communications factoring business *(Note i)*	**122,816**	181,298
	716,263	630,940
Reimbursement assets *(Note ii)*	**2,896**	4,325
Other receivables and prepayments	**5,640**	2,601
	724,799	637,866
Analysed as:		
Current portion	**692,589**	576,827
Non-current portion	**32,210**	61,039
	724,799	637,866

Notes:

(i) As at 30th June, 2024, RMB66,476,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB97,225,000) of the Group's communications factoring receivables relate to the asset-back financing arrangements as disclosed in Note 14.

(ii) Reimbursement assets represent the amount that expected to be reimbursed by guarantors of the communications factoring receivables upon a default of settlement. The amount is recognised when, and only when it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received when there is a default and the amount can be measured reliably.

12. OTHER PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES

	30.6.2024	31.12.2023
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
Accrued staff costs	**1,730**	3,915
Other payables and accrued charges	**13,178**	14,691
	14,908	18,606

13. BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	30.6.2024	31.12.2023
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
Repayable within one year:		
Secured bank loan *(Note i)*	**50,000**	50,000
Other loans *(Note ii)*	**70,000**	–
	120,000	50,000

During the current interim period, total new borrowings of RMB100,000,000 are obtained by the Group (during the six months ended 30th June, 2023: RMB15,000,000).

Notes:

(i) The amount due is based on scheduled repayment date set out in the loan agreement.

As at 30th June, 2024, the bank loan carried fixed interest rate of 4.7% per annum (31st December, 2023: 5.5%). The maturity date of the bank loan was 31st August, 2024.

As at 30th June, 2024 and 31st December, 2023, the bank loan amounting RMB50,000,000 is secured by the Group's factoring receivables with carrying amount of RMB50,000,000 and guaranteed by Jiangsu Yue Da Group Company Limited ("**Jiangsu Yue Da**").

(ii) As at 30th June, 2024, the loans were secured by the Group's factoring receivables with carrying amount of RMB100,000,000 (31st December, 2023: nil) and guaranteed by Jiangsu Yue Da.

14. OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM ASSET-BACKED FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

	30.6.2024	31.12.2023
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
The carrying amounts of the above obligations are repayable:		
Within one year	**71,690**	76,490
More than one year but less than two years	**–**	42,095

During the year ended 31st December, 2023 and 2022, the Group entered into several asset-backed financing arrangements (the "**Financing Arrangements**"), which involved establishment of special purpose asset-backed vehicles through issuing agents ("**the SPVs**") or special purpose trust administered by trustees ("**the SPTs**"). Under the schemes, contractual rights of factoring receivables (the "**Transferred Assets**") are transferred to the SPVs/SPTs by the Group and a fellow subsidiary of the Company, except for one SPT scheme in which the Group is the sole transferor. The SPVs then issued asset-back securities to investors, the priority tranches of which were subscribed by independent investors whilst the subordinated tranches of which were subscribed by the Group and the fellow subsidiary proportional to the value of the Transferred Assets transferred by both parties. For the SPT scheme in which the Group is the sole transferor, the entire subordinated tranche was subscribed by the Group.

According to offering documents of the SPVs or trust agreements of the SPTs between the SPVs/SPTs and investors (holders of priority and subordinated tranches), the decisions of the relevant activities are controlled by the holders of the priority tranches until such tranches are fully settled. As at 30th June, 2024 and 31st December, 2023, the priority tranches of the SPVs are still not fully settled. Accordingly, the Group as holders of subordinated tranches could not exercise control over the SPVs thus the SPVs are not consolidated.

Furthermore, pursuant to the agreements between the SPVs/SPTs and the transferors (the Group or the Group and the fellow subsidiary), the Group are required to repurchase the factoring receivables transferred to SPVs/SPTs when they are identified as non-performing and the Group has also retained risks and rewards through subscription of the subordinated tranches. The Group assessed and concluded that the Group has retained substantially all risks and rewards of the Transferred Assets and accordingly continues to recognise the factoring receivables and recognise obligations arising from these Financing Arrangements. As at 30th June, 2024, RMB66,476,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB97,225,000) of the Group's communications factoring receivables relate to these Financing Arrangements.

At initial recognition, the obligations arising from these asset-backed Financial Arrangements were measured at fair value, taking into consideration the Group's borrowing rates and the estimated cash flows, which represent the cash consideration and the subordinated tranches received by the Group. These obligations are subsequently measured at amortised cost with effective interest rate at 6.73%. As at 30th June, 2024, the carrying amounts of obligations due to SPVs and SPTs amounted to RMB71,690,000 and nil respectively (31st December, 2023: RMB118,585,000 and nil). Priority tranches issued by the SPVs are listed in the Shenzhen Stock Exchange and the obligations payable to the priority tranches are guaranteed by the ultimate holding company of the Company.

The subordinated tranches subscribed and held by the Group constitute contractually linked instruments as the SPVs/SPTs prioritise payments to the holders of priority tranches prior to repaying the subordinated tranches. The Group has the right to payment only if the SPVs/SPTs have sufficient cashflow to satisfy the obligations payable to the holders of priority tranches. Accordingly, the contractual cash flows of the subordinated tranches are not solely payments of principal and interest and were measured at fair value at initial recognition and subsequently measured at fair value through profit and loss.

During the six months ended 30th June, 2023, several Financing Arrangements were early settled. Accordingly, a gain on early settlements of Financing Arrangements amounting to RMB8,699,000 were recognised in the profit or loss.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Group recorded an operating revenue of RMB38,299,000 for the Period (corresponding period of last year: RMB48,326,000) in the factoring business. The profit and total comprehensive income for the Period was RMB18,342,000 (corresponding period of last year: RMB16,666,000) and basic earnings per share was RMB1.57 cents (corresponding period of last year: RMB1.43 cents).

The decrease in operating revenue is mainly due to the recovery of the consumer market in China not being up to expectations. In order to reduce the operational risk, the Group adjusted the proportions of different factoring related businesses resulting in increase in income from traditional factoring ("**Traditional Factoring**") business and decrease in income from communications factoring ("**Communications Factoring**") business.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board of the Company does not recommend the payment of any interim dividend during the Period.

BUSINESS REVIEW

During the Period under review, the Group was principally engaged in factoring related business (the "**Factoring Operations**"), which offers factoring services, accounts receivable management and collection services.

FACTORING OPERATIONS

During the Period, the Factoring Operations recorded an operating revenue of RMB38,299,000 (corresponding period of last year: RMB48,326,000).

The Company will continue the Factoring Operations through Yueda (Shenzhen) Commercial Factoring Co., Limited ("**Yueda Commercial Factoring**"), (a company established in the PRC and a subsidiary of the Company, which is principally engaged in, among other things, commercial factoring).

Traditional Factoring

As at 30th June, 2024, under Traditional Factoring business, total principal financing receivables amounted to approximately RMB597,860,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB454,800,000), and recorded interest income and management fee income of approximately RMB17,493,000 (corresponding period of last year: RMB11,999,000) and RMB4,497,000 (corresponding period of last year: RMB4,022,000) respectively during the Period.

Being a state-owned enterprise in Jiangsu province, the Group mainly sourced its customers from contacts of its existing business network within the Yangtze River Delta Region. The business development department of the Group takes the main role in customer sourcing and coverage. Most of the customers of the Group's Traditional Factoring business consist of sizable companies, particularly state-owned enterprises, which are relatively stable and financially more resilient than other entities.

The Group adopts an organisation structure that is commonly used by banking institutions and other factoring services providers – general manager office, financing team, risk management department team, business development team, product development team and administration. As at 30th June, 2024, the Factoring Operations has 18 employees and is led by an experienced management team, including Mr. Pan Mingfeng, being an executive director of the Company, and the general manager of Yueda Commercial Factoring, who has more than 12 years' experience in marketing, risk control and management, and has previously worked for several renowned enterprises in the financial sector in the PRC. He is responsible for leading the promotion of several innovative factoring projects of Yueda Commercial Factoring, including the Communications Factoring.

Yueda Commercial Factoring conducts its factoring business in the PRC within the scope of its business license. Yueda Commercial Factoring (as the factor) provides accounts receivable management and collection services to its customers (as seller) in return for contractual interest and management fee income payments with comprehensive rates of return ranging from approximately 7.9% to 8.9%, composed of interest rate per annum (approximately 5.9% to 8.2%), and factoring management fee income per annum (approximately 0% to 2.0%).

Similar to other factoring services providers in the PRC, the Group maintains rigorous risk control measures to reduce risks associated with the Factoring Operations. To minimise risk exposure in factoring business, the Group intends to focus on providing factoring services to customers with sound financial position and reputable shareholders, in particular, state-owned listed entities with stable cashflow and relatively stable financial position.

Prior to the provision of factoring services and approval of the grant of revolving financing credit facilities to its factories, the factoring business team will conduct due diligence on the customer and the risk compliance department will perform a risk assessment on the proposed transaction. The due diligence report and risk assessment report together with the business application form approved by, among others, the heads of factoring business department and risk compliance department and the General Manager, will be submitted to the review committee of Yueda Commercial Factoring, comprising five members including the chairman, the directors and the chief risk officer of Yueda Commercial Factoring, for approval. No factoring contracts will be prepared unless approvals from the review committee of Yueda Commercial Factoring is obtained. The release of the factoring financing shall be approved by the head of factoring business department, the financial controller, the general manager and the chairman of Yueda Commercial Factoring.

The total gross principal financing receivables under Traditional Factoring business, in an aggregate amount of approximately RMB597,860,000 as at 30th June, 2024 (31st December, 2023: RMB454,800,000), were not past due. As at 30th June, 2024, all of the Traditional Factoring receivables are secured by receivables from the customers amounting to approximately RMB675,333,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB508,880,000). Save as the receivables from the customers, the Traditional Factoring receivables are not secured by any other collaterals. The following table sets forth the gross principal financing receivables amount of Traditional Factoring business categorised by industry and the relevant number of customers as of 30th June, 2024 and 31st December, 2023:

	Gross principal financing receivables		**%**		**Number of customers**	
	30.6.2024	31.12.2023	**30.6.2024**	31.12.2023	**30.6.2024**	31.12.2023
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*				
Properties development	**–**	44,800	**–**	9.9	**–**	1
Food processing	**50,000**	50,000	**8.4**	11.0	**1**	1
Trading of metal materials	**50,000**	50,000	**8.4**	11.0	**1**	1
Trading of industrial products	**50,000**	–	**8.4**	–	**1**	–
Engineering construction	**447,860**	310,000	**74.8**	68.1	**11**	7
	597,860	454,800	**100.0**	100.0	**14**	10

In order to minimise the credit risk in relation to Traditional Factoring receivables, credit limits and credit terms granted to customers are approved by delegated officers.

The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding Traditional Factoring receivables on an individual basis to minimise its credit risk. The management has a credit policy in place and the exposures to the credit risk are monitored on an ongoing basis. The policy includes evaluation of collectability and aging analysis of the factoring receivables based on management's judgement on creditworthiness of the borrowers and the guarantors, collaterals and past collection history.

Communications Factoring

During the Period, under Communications Factoring business, service fee income of approximately RMB16,309,000 (corresponding period of last year: RMB32,305,000) is recorded. As at 30th June, 2024, there were approximately 309,000 End Customers (as defined below) (31st December, 2023: 453,000) with outstanding gross financing receivables with the Group in an aggregate amount of approximately RMB126,788,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB187,602,000), of which approximately RMB9,592,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB14,524,000) is fully secured by bank deposits from individual customers and approximately RMB93,975,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB125,378,000) is guaranteed by guarantors. With the small amount of receivables (of approximately RMB2 to RMB9,533 (31st December, 2023: RMB2 to RMB6,833)) per End Customer, no analysis of the five largest End Customers is presented.

Under the Communications Factoring business, the Group would provide factoring services to the franchised store suppliers of the suppliers of communications operation ("**Suppliers**") and the Suppliers will transfer their accounts receivable ("**Accounts Receivable**") to the Group which will arise when the Suppliers' customers ("**End Customers**") purchase mobile phones and/or other products from the Suppliers. By utilising the factoring services of the Group, the End Customers may pay for the mobile phones and/or other products by instalments.

The Group has cooperated with and conducted the Communications Factoring business through the payment clearing and settlement platform ("**Payment Platform**") of some third-party payment institutions licensed in the PRC to offer a payment clearing and settlement platform. To the best knowledge of the Company, these third-party payment institutions are the group member of the communications operation services providers in the PRC. As a result, there are a number of Suppliers maintaining a settlement account at the Payment Platform and the End Customers can make payment to the Group through the Payment Platform. By cooperating with third-party payment institutions, the Group can on a mass scale reach out to and seek business opportunities with the Suppliers who are in need of factoring services.

Taking into consideration of the special nature of Communications Factoring business (i.e. a large number of End Customers with small amount of receivables per End Customer), the management reviewed the breakdown of the financing receivables and considered the significance of the aggregate outstanding amount in the financial statements of the Group, and identified that the most significant risk to the Communications Factoring business is default in payment by End Customers. The Group believes that such risk is mainly driven by two sources, namely malicious fraud by End Customers and termination of communications services by such End Customers. The Group minimises such risks by implementing the following control procedures during the inception of new End Customers.

Suppliers verify the identity of new End Customers and establish payment channel with End Customers' bank accounts. Such information is provided to the professional technology service companies for credit assessment that is operated by both artificial Intelligence ("**A.I.**") and manual resources.

The A.I. system assesses the historical default percentage of End Customers for each Supplier to screen out any unusual transactions. Besides, on the End Customers side, the A.I. system checks whether there is any overdue payment history, whether there are several outstanding balances owed by the same End Customer, whether they are blacklisted by other institutions, and other anomalies in the potential customer's credit history. The A.I. system then generates a default possibility in respect of each End Customer and those with high default possibility will be rejected.

The professional technology service companies also contact the emergency contact persons of End Customers manually to verify the other information of End Customers. Further, the professional technology service companies contact the End Customers manually after provision of factoring services to confirm whether the End Customers have been notified with the contractual relationship with the Group and notify them of their rights and obligations. A mobile text message will be sent to End Customers to remind them of the payment due date. Finally, the professional technology service companies will appoint professional and legal debt collectors to collect overdue payments and take legal action when necessary.

In order to ensure the professional technology service companies' quality control in adhering to the Group's policy, the Group keeps a back-up copy of all the data of the End Customers. The Group would verify such data before provision of services. Credit limits are set for each of the Suppliers to minimise the risk of malicious fraud by End Customers. In addition, the Group performs on-site inspection of professional technology service companies from time to time to ensure the credit assessment procedures are properly followed.

Factoring financing loss will be borne partly or wholly by professional technology service companies, depending on the detailed arrangement with each individual professional technology service company. Based on this arrangement, there will be incentive for these professional technology service companies to assess credit risk carefully to reduce the occurrence of overdue Accounts Receivables and collect the overdue Accounts Receivables.

Ageing analysis and impairment for Traditional Factoring and Communications Factoring businesses

The ageing analysis of the outstanding principal financing receivables from the date of granting the relevant factoring services as at 30th June, 2024 and 31st December, 2023 were as follows:

	Traditional Factoring business		Communications Factoring business		Total	
	30.6.2024	31.12.2023	**30.6.2024**	31.12.2023	**30.6.2024**	31.12.2023
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*
Aged with one year	**597,860**	454,800	**35,550**	134,005	**633,410**	588,805
Aged over one year but within two years	**–**	–	**59,696**	47,307	**59,696**	47,307
Aged over two years	**–**	–	**31,542**	6,290	**31,542**	6,290
	597,860	454,800	**126,788**	187,602	**724,648**	642,402

Note: The outstanding balance as at 30th June, 2024 and 31st December, 2023 was not due.

The Group performs impairment assessment under expected credit loss ("**ECL**") model on financial assets including factoring receivables. Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of the relevant financial instruments. In contrast, 12-month ECL ("**12m ECL**") represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

The movements in the allowance for impairment in respect of factoring receivables during the Period were as follows:

	12m ECL (not-credit impaired)		
	Traditional Factoring business	**Communications Factoring business**	**Total**
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*	*RMB'000*
As at 31st December, 2023	1,119	6,304	7,423
Recognition of (reversal of) impairment losses, net	263	(2,332)	(2,069)
As at 30th June, 2024	1,382	3,972	5,354

The basis of impairment assessment of Traditional Factoring business

The Group adopts individual assessment in estimating ECL factoring receivables for Traditional Factoring business. The credit losses expectations are based on the Group's historical loss experience, collaterals and guarantees that are integral to the contractual terms, financial condition of borrowers for the probability of default and loss given default, as well as forward-looking information.

Management performs ongoing credit evaluations of individual customers' financial condition. These evaluations focus on the customer's past history of making payments when due and current ability to pay, and take into account information specific to the customer as well as pertaining to the economic environment. The Group has policies to limit the credit exposure on receivables by taking into account the availability of guarantee from third parties and getting payment guarantee. The settlement patterns of customers are regularly monitored by the Group. As at 30th June, 2024, the expected loss rate for Traditional Factoring receivables of RMB597,860,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB454,800,000) is approximately 0.23% (31st December, 2023: 0.25%).

The basis of impairment assessment of Communications Factoring business

The Group adopts collective assessment in estimating ECL on factoring receivables for Communications Factoring business. The Group takes into consideration of internal credit rating of various debtors, which are grouped based on historical collection records, collaterals and forward-looking information that is reasonable, supportable and available without undue costs or effort. At the end of each reporting period, the historical observed default rates are reassessed and changes in the forward-looking information are considered. The default rates would be adjusted according to the actual loss rate incurred regarding the Communications Factoring receivables and the change of the global default rate published by the international credit-rating agency updated each year, both of which are affected by the change in the macroeconomic environment.

The following table provides information on the exposure to credit risk for Communications Factoring receivables which are assessed on a collective basis with 12m ECL. End Customers with gross financing receivables under 12m ECL are in an aggregate amount of approximately RMB126,788,000 as at 30th June, 2024 (31st December, 2023: RMB187,602,000).

Internal credit rating	**Average loss rate** *RMB'000*	**30th June, 2024 Communications Factoring receivables** *RMB'000*	Average loss rate *RMB'000*	31st December, 2023 Communications Factoring receivables *RMB'000*
Low risk	**3.04%**	**121,221**	3.30%	177,292
Watch List	**5.05%**	**5,567**	4.41%	10,310
		126,788		187,602

The estimated loss rates are estimated based on historical observed default rates of the debtors and are adjusted for forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. The grouping is regularly reviewed by management to ensure relevant information about specific debtors is updated.

BUSINESS PLAN

Regarding the Group's business plan, besides the further development in the existing factoring financial services, accounts receivable management and accounts receivable collection services, the Group will implement further development within Factoring Operations, namely (i) existing factoring financial services, (ii) Communications Factoring, and (iii) exploring potential investment opportunities.

Existing factoring financial services:

The Group believes that, being a stated-owned enterprise, having state-owned enterprises as its major customers will provide certain level of risk control on recovery and quality control on collaterals. In view of that, the Group intends to continue to utilise its network of state-owned enterprises in the PRC to expand its factoring business.

The Group has identified several potential new customers for its traditional factoring business. Due to slowdown of economy of China, due diligence on potential new customers was more stringent in order to improve the overall quality of customer base.

Communications Factoring:

The Group has established cooperation arrangements with three leading communications operation providers in the PRC in respect of the provision of Communications Factoring services. The income rate of the Communications Factoring services is higher than that of Traditional Factoring.

Exploring potential investment opportunities:

As at the date hereof, the Group is exploring potential investment opportunities which can further supplement and diversify the existing business of the Group. The Group is still exploring and has not identified any potential target, and no definitive agreement has been entered into in relation thereto.

Funding requirements:

The Group will continue to utilise its internal resources, bank loans and other borrowings to develop the Factoring Operations. On top of the existing banking facilities, several banking facilities are being negotiated. The Group will continue to consider the possibilities of using asset-backed financing arrangement in the future as another funding alternative.

PROSPECTS

Looking forward to the second half of 2024, the Group will focus on the factoring business in the future. After the pandemic crisis, the recovery of the world economy is slow which will remain a great challenge to the economy and our operations in 2024. As at the date of this announcement, we have not experienced any significant default in repayment of principal, interest and fee income from our customers. We will remain on high alert about the impact of the slow recovery in rest of the world on our operations and take any necessary measures to mitigate the impact. The Directors endeavor to seek more business opportunities in the financial industry as well as other industries to diversify the Group's existing business stream to enhance the long-term benefits of the Group and the shareholders as a whole.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 30th June, 2024, the Group's current assets were RMB712,727,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB626,564,000), of which RMB11,038,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB41,061,000) were cash and cash equivalents. As at 30th June, 2024, the net asset value of the Group amounted to RMB445,471,000, representing an increase of approximately 3.2% as compared to RMB431,698,000 as at 31st December, 2023. The gearing ratio (total liabilities/total assets) of the Group was approximately 43.9% (31st December, 2023: 41.2%).

As at 30th June, 2024, the share capital of the Company was RMB105,965,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB105,965,000). The Group's reserves were RMB339,506,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB325,733,000). As at 30th June, 2024, the Group had total current liabilities of RMB333,462,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB246,220,000), mainly comprising other payables and liabilities, amounts due to related parties, bank and other borrowings and obligations arising from asset-backed financing arrangements. The total non-current liabilities of the Group amounted to RMB14,536,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB56,301,000), which mainly represented obligations arising from asset-backed financing arrangements, lease liabilities and deferred tax liabilities.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE GROUP

The capital structure of the Group consists of debts, which include bank and other borrowings, obligations arising from asset-backed financing arrangements and amounts due to related parties and equity reserves attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued share capital and various reserves.

The Directors review the capital structure on a semi-annual basis. As part of this review, the Directors consider the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. Based on the recommendations of the Directors, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through new share issues and share buy-backs as well as the issue of new debts or the redemption of existing debts.

The Group's monetary assets, liabilities and transactions are mainly denominated in Renminbi and Hong Kong dollars. The Group was not engaged in any hedging by financial instruments in relation to exchange rate risk.

Borrowings

During the year ended 31st December, 2023 and 2022, the Group entered into several asset-backed financing arrangements (the "**Financing Arrangements**"), the Financing Arrangements involved establishment of special purpose asset-backed vehicles through issuing agents or special purpose trust administered by trustees. The principal activities of the Group are provision of factoring related business. The proceeds from the entrance into the Financing Arrangements are principally used as general working capital of factoring related business of the Group. The Board believes that the entrance into the Financing Arrangements can widen the fund- raising channels of the Group to access low-cost capital, which in turn is used to improve the financing structure of the Group and promote its operating activities and investments activities. The Directors are of the view that the terms of the entrance into the Financing Arrangements are fair and reasonable and are in the interests of the Company and the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

As at 30th June, 2024, bank and other borrowings and obligations arising from asset-backed financing arrangements amounted to RMB120,000,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB50,000,000) and RMB71,690,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB118,585,000) respectively. As at 30th June, 2024, bank and other borrowings and obligations arising from asset-backed financing arrangements are denominated in Renminbi.

Details of the bank and other borrowings and Financing Arrangements are set out in Notes 13 and 14 to the condensed consolidated financial statements respectively.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CHARGE ON THE GROUP'S ASSETS

The Group's credit facilities were secured by the Group's factoring receivables of RMB150,000,000 (31st December, 2023: RMB50,000,000) in aggregate as at 30th June, 2024 and the Group has the contractual obligations to transfer the cashflows relating to the Group's communications factoring receivables of RMB66,476,000 as at 30th June, 2024 (31st December, 2023: RMB97,225,000) under asset-backed financing arrangements.

Apart from above, the Group did not have any other guarantees and charges nor any other material contingent liabilities (31st December, 2023: nil).

EMPLOYEE AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30th June, 2024, the Group had a total of 25 employees (where they were located in Hong Kong and the PRC), engaged in management, administration and business factoring related business. The management reviewed the remuneration policy regularly on the basis of performance and experience of the employees as well as the prevailing industry practices. Social insurance contributions are made by the Group for its PRC employees in accordance with the relevant PRC regulations. Insurance and mandatory provident fund schemes are also maintained for its Hong Kong staff. During the Period, the Group provided various training courses on relevant business or skills for its management and staff at different levels. The Group did not experience any major difficulties in recruitment, nor did it experience any material loss in manpower or any material labour dispute.

REPURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries repurchased, sold or redeemed any of the securities of the Company during the Period.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

In the opinion of the Board, the Group has complied with all of the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code ("**Code**") as set out in Part 2 of Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules throughout the Period. All non-executive Directors are subject to retirement and rotation once every three years in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by the Directors of the Listed Issuers set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules (the "**Model Code**"). All the Directors, in response to specific enquiries made by the Company, confirmed that they complied with the requirements set out in the Model Code throughout the Period.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company's audit committee currently comprises Mr. Cheung Ting Kee (Chairman of the audit committee, independent non-executive Director), Dr. Liu Yongping (independent non-executive Director) and Ms. Zhang Yan (independent non-executive Director). Duties of the audit committee include reviewing all matters relating to the scope of audit, such as the financial statements and internal control, with an aim to safeguard the interest of the shareholders of the Company. At a meeting held on 30th July, 2024, the audit committee reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group, the unaudited interim results of the Group for the Period and discussed matters relating to audit, internal control and financial reporting with the management.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Company has set up a remuneration committee with written terms of reference, whose members are currently Ms. Zhang Yan (Chairman of the remuneration committee, independent non-executive Director), Dr. Liu Yongping (independent non-executive Director) and Mr. Pan Mingfeng (executive Director). Regular meetings are held by the committee to review and discuss matters relating to the remuneration policy, remuneration levels and the remuneration of executive Directors.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Company has set up a nomination committee with written terms of reference whose members are currently Mr. Wu Yinghau (Chairman of the nomination committee, executive Director and Chairman of the Board), Dr. Liu Yongping (independent non-executive Director) and Ms. Zhang Yan (independent non-executive Director). Duties of the nomination committee include reviewing the Board composition and identifying and nominating candidates for appointment to the Board such that it has the relevant blend of skills, knowledge and experience.

PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT ON THE WEBSITES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND THE COMPANY

The Company's interim report for the six months ended 30th June, 2024 will be published on the website of the Stock Exchange at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company's website at www.yueda.com.hk in due course.

By order of the Board
Yue Da International Holdings Limited
Wu Yinghua
Executive Director and Chairman of the Board

Hong Kong, 30th July, 2024

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises the following members: (a) as executive Directors, Mr. Wu Yinghua, Mr. Yu Guangshan, Mr. Pan Mingfeng and Mr. Wu Shengquan; (b) as non-executive Directors, Mr. Li Biao and Mr. Hu Huaimin; and (c) as independent nonexecutive Directors, Dr. Liu Yongping, Mr. Cheung Ting Kee and Ms. Zhang Yan.