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ART GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

錦藝集團控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 565)

2024 INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Art Group Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (the “Interim Period”), which were reviewed by the auditor and the audit committee of the Company, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2023 are as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 31 December 2024

		Six months ended	
		31 December	
		2024	2023
	<i>NOTES</i>	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue	3	89,296	70,311
Cost of sales		(62,873)	(18,821)
Gross profit		26,423	51,490
Other income and other gain and loss		6,962	7,908
Administrative expenses		(17,468)	(11,380)
Reversal of allowance for expected credit loss on rental deposits		6,740	132
Reversal of allowance for expected credit loss/ (allowance for expected credit loss) on trade receivables		3,888	(393)
Reversal of allowance for expected credit loss on loan receivables		–	37,310

		Six months ended 31 December 2024		2023
	NOTES	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	HK\$'000 (unaudited)	
Loss on fair value changes of investment properties	9	(36,058)	(134,783)	
Loss on derecognition of investment properties	9	(276,087)	–	
Gain on termination of lease	11	302,912	–	
Gain on bargain purchase	12	10,576	–	
Finance costs	4	(12,951)	(18,964)	
Profit/(loss) before taxation		14,937	(68,680)	
Income tax credit	5	11,717	30,390	
Profit/(loss) for the period	6	26,654	(38,290)	
Other comprehensive expense: <i>Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>				
Exchange differences on translation from functional currency to presentation currency		(582)	(8,401)	
Other comprehensive expense for the period		(582)	(8,401)	
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period		26,072	(46,691)	
Profit/(loss) for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company		26,587	(38,290)	
Non-controlling interests		67	–	
		26,654	(38,290)	
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company		26,005	(38,290)	
Non-controlling interests		67	–	
		26,072	(38,290)	
EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE	8			
Basic (<i>HK cents</i>)		0.99	(1.42)	
Diluted (<i>HK cents</i>)		0.99	(1.42)	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2024

		31 December 2024	30 June 2024
	<i>NOTES</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
		(unaudited)	(audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		5,565	3,301
Right-of-use assets		6,053	3,592
Investment properties	<i>9</i>	406,702	568,817
Rental deposits		47,935	47,045
Deferred tax assets		4,185	—
		470,440	622,755
CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	<i>10</i>	30,231	29,793
Loan receivables		17,073	18,327
Bank balances and cash		35,974	40,239
		83,278	88,359
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other payables		53,428	57,932
Contract liabilities		18,099	11,301
Lease liabilities	<i>11</i>	61,174	66,138
Amount due to a substantial shareholder		13,500	4,164
Tax liabilities		—	18
		146,201	139,553
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(62,923)	(51,194)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		407,517	571,561

		31 December	30 June
		2024	2024
	<i>NOTES</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
		(unaudited)	(audited)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital		26,888	26,888
Reserves		(8,821)	(34,826)
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Equity/(deficit) attributable to owners of the Company		18,067	(7,938)
Non-controlling interests		72	–
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TOTAL EQUITY/(DEFICIT)		18,139	(7,938)
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NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	<i>11</i>	378,056	564,856
Deferred tax liabilities		925	4,638
Bonds		10,397	10,005
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		389,378	579,499
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		407,517	571,561
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NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 31 December 2024

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

Statement of compliance

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

Going concern

The directors of the Company have given careful consideration to the going concern status of the Group in light of the fact that as at 31 December 2024, the Group had net current liabilities of approximately HK\$62,923,000. This condition indicates the existence of material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern.

In order to improve the liquidity of the Group and ensure the Group’s ability to operate as a going concern, the directors of the Company have implemented measures as follows:

As at 31 December 2024, the Group has contract liabilities and receipts in advance in aggregated amount of HK\$35,001,000, which shall not result in any cash outflow of the Group eventually. Additionally, the Group also has deposits received from tenants of approximately HK\$13,663,000. The directors of the Company are confident that this level of deposits can be sustained in the short term, based on the existing lease agreements with tenants. The directors of the Company will continue to implement measures aiming at improving the working capital and cash flows of the Group including closely monitoring general administrative expenses and operating costs. The directors of the Company believe that the Group has sufficient operating cash inflow to cover operating cash outflow, which included lease payments for two shopping malls, namely the Jiachao’s Shopping Mall and the Zone C Shopping Mall, units in the industrial park, namely the Zhiyun City and office premises in Hong Kong in the next twelve months from the date of this report.

Moreover, the substantial shareholders of the Company have undertaken to provide adequate funds to enable the Group to meet its liabilities and to settle financial obligations to third parties as and when they fall due so that the Group can continue as a going concern and carry on its business without significant curtailment of operations for the next twelve months from the date of approval of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

The directors of the Company have reviewed the cash flow projections of the Group prepared by the management covering a period of not less than twelve months from the date of this report taking into account the impact of the above measures. The directors of the Company are confident that the Group has sufficient cash resources to be able to satisfy its future working capital and meet its financial obligations when they fall due in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties that are measured at fair values.

Other than additional accounting policies resulting from application of amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) and new operation of cargo aircraft charter segment, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2024 are the same as those presented in the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Application of new and amendments to HKFRSs

New and amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

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

HK Interpretation 5 (Revised)	Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that contains a Repayment on Demand Clause
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
Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

The application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current 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 represents (i) the lease payments received and receivable in the normal course of business, net of related taxes for the period; (ii) property management and related services fee received and receivable; and (iii) cargo aircraft chartering services fee received and receivable.

	Six months ended	
	31 December	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue from major business services:		
<i>Revenue within the scope of HKFRS 16</i>		
Rental income from leasing of properties	<u>20,267</u>	<u>30,089</u>
<i>Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of HKFRS 15</i>		
Property management fee income	25,819	39,395
Property management – other related services	942	827
Cargo aircraft chartering services fee income	<u>42,268</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>69,029</u>	<u>40,222</u>
	<u>89,296</u>	<u>70,311</u>
Disaggregated by timing of revenue recognition:		
<i>Over time:</i>		
Property management fee income	25,819	39,395
Property management – other related services	942	827
Cargo aircraft chartering services fee income	<u>42,268</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>69,029</u>	<u>40,222</u>
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Performance obligations for revenue from contracts with customers

Property management fee income

Property management fee income is recognised over the service period. The Group receives monthly property management fee payments from customers one to three months in advance under the contracts. Advance consideration allocated to the properties management services is recognised as a contract liability and is released over the period of services.

Cargo aircraft chartering services fee income

Cargo aircraft chartering services fee income is recognised over time as the performance obligation is satisfied. Advance consideration allocated to the cargo aircraft chartering services fee is recognised as a contract liability and is released over the period of services.

Segment information

Information are reported to the board of directors, being the chief operating decision maker (the “CODM”), for the purpose of resources allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of goods or services delivered or provided.

For the reporting period, the Group has two reportable segments: the property operating segment and the cargo aircraft charter segment (six months ended 31 December 2023: one reportable segment: the property operating segment). From a product perspective, management assesses the performance of both segments by considering the contributions of the property operating segment and the cargo aircraft charter segment.

Segment results represent profit or loss from the segment without allocation of income tax credit, loan interest income, reversal of allowance for expected credit loss on loan receivables and unallocated administrative expenses.

One single customer from cargo aircraft charter segment contributed 10 per cent or more of the Group’s revenue for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (six months ended 31 December 2023: One single customer from property operating segment). The total amount of revenue from the customer from cargo aircraft charter segment amounted to HK\$37,017,000 (six months ended 31 December 2023: the total amount of revenue from the customer from property operating segment amounted to HK\$13,495,000).

Six months ended 31 December 2024	Property operating HK\$'000	Cargo aircraft charter HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Revenue	47,028	42,268	89,296
Segment result	21,706	138	21,844
Income tax credit			11,717
Loan interest income			946
Unallocated administrative expenses			(7,853)
Profit for the period			26,654

Six months ended 31 December 2024	Property operating HK\$'000	Cargo aircraft charter HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<i>Amounts included in the measurement of segment profit or loss</i>				
Bank interest income	14	—	22	36
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(114)	—	(194)	(308)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(96)	—	(452)	(548)
Gain on bargain purchase	10,576	—	—	10,576
Gain on termination of lease	302,912	—	—	302,912
Interest expenses	(12,528)	—	(423)	(12,951)
Loss on derecognition of investment properties	(276,087)	—	—	(276,087)
Loss on fair value changes of investment properties	(36,058)	—	—	(36,058)
Reversal of allowance for expected credit loss on rental deposits	6,740	—	—	6,740
Reversal of allowance for expected credit loss on trade receivables	3,888	—	—	3,888
<i>Amount regularly provided to the CODM but not included in the measurement of segment profit or loss</i>				
Additions to non-current assets	152,689	—	2,603	155,292

Six months ended 31 December 2023	Property operating HK\$'000
Revenue	70,311
Segment result	(102,264)
Income tax credit	30,390
Reversal of allowance for expected credit loss on loan receivables	37,310
Unallocated administrative expenses	(3,726)
Loss for the period	(38,290)

Six months ended 31 December 2023	Property operating HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<i>Amounts included in the measurement of segment profit or loss</i>			
Bank interest income	24	12	36
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(114)	(5)	(119)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(96)	(246)	(342)
Interest expenses	(18,567)	(397)	(18,964)
Loss on fair value changes of investment properties	(134,783)	–	(134,783)
Reversal of allowance for expected credit loss on rental deposits	132	–	132
Allowance for expected credit loss on trade receivables	(393)	–	(393)
<i>Amount regularly provided to the CODM but not included in the measurement of segment profit or loss</i>			
Additions to non-current assets	–	63	63

	31 December 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	30 June 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Segment assets		
Property operating	484,217	652,213
Cargo aircraft charter	<u>10,595</u>	<u>—</u>
Total segment assets	494,812	652,213
Loan receivables	17,073	18,327
Bank balances and cash	35,974	40,239
Other unallocated assets	<u>5,859</u>	<u>335</u>
Consolidated assets	<u><u>553,718</u></u>	<u><u>711,114</u></u>
Segment liabilities		
Property operating	500,961	701,161
Cargo aircraft charter	<u>5,379</u>	<u>—</u>
Total segment liabilities	506,340	701,161
Amount due to a substantial shareholder	13,500	4,164
Bonds	10,397	10,005
Other unallocated liabilities	<u>5,342</u>	<u>3,722</u>
Consolidated liabilities	<u><u>535,579</u></u>	<u><u>719,052</u></u>

Geographical segments

The Group's property operating segment is operated in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), while the cargo aircraft charter segment is operated in Hong Kong.

The Group's revenue from external customers by location of operation and information about its non-current assets by location of assets are detailed below:

	Revenue from external customers		Non-current assets*	
	Six months ended			
	31 December	31 December	31 December	30 June
	2024	2023	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(audited)
The PRC	47,028	70,311	409,803	572,064
Hong Kong	42,268	–	–	–
	89,296	70,311	409,803	572,064

* Non-current assets excluded deferred tax assets, rental deposits, right-of-use assets and other unallocated non-current assets.

4. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended	
	31 December	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Interest on		
– Bonds	393	394
– Lease liabilities	12,558	18,570
	12,951	18,964

5. INCOME TAX CREDIT

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
<i>Income tax recognised in profit and loss</i>		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")		
– Current income tax	50	3,306
Deferred tax	(11,767)	(33,696)
	<u>(11,717)</u>	<u>(30,390)</u>

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit for both periods, except for the first HK\$2,000,000 of a qualified entity's assessable profit which is calculated at 8.25% in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rate regime.

PRC EIT is calculated at the rate of 25% of the profits for the PRC statutory financial reporting purpose for the period ended 31 December 2024 and the year ended 30 June 2024, adjusted for those items which are not assessable or deductible for the PRC EIT purpose.

As at 31 December 2024, no deferred tax liabilities (30 June 2024: Nil) were recognised in respect of the undistributed retained earnings of the PRC subsidiaries attributable to the Group under the EIT Law that are subject to withholding tax upon the distribution of such profits to the shareholders outside the PRC.

6. PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Profit/(loss) for the period has been arrived at after charging:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	308	119
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	548	342
Expenses related to short-term leases in respect of rented premises	1,824	66
Exchange losses, net	13	–
	<u>2,693</u>	<u>527</u>

7. DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid, declared or proposed during the interim period nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the interim period (six months ended 31 December 2023: Nil).

8. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Profit/(loss)		
Profit/(loss) for the period attributable to the owners of the Company for the purposes of basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share	26,587	(38,290)
	26,587	(38,290)
	Six months ended 31 December	
	2024	2023
	'000	'000
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings/(loss) per share	2,688,805	2,688,805
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares in respect of share options issued by the Company	10,204	—
	2,699,009	2,688,805
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings/(loss) per share	2,699,009	2,688,805

9. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

The Group takes on the lease of shopping malls and units in the industrial park; and subleases the retail stores of the shopping malls and the units in the industrial park, under operating leases with rentals payable monthly/quarterly. The subleases typically run for an initial period of 30 days to 20 years. Majority of the sublease contracts contain market review clauses in the event the tenant exercises the option to extend.

The Group is not exposed to foreign currency risk as a result of the sublease arrangements, as all subleases are denominated in the respective functional currency of group entities. The sublease contracts do not contain residual value guarantee and/or tenant's option to purchase the property at the end of the term of sublease.

	31 December	30 June
	2024	2024
	HK'000	HK'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Fair value		
Balance at the beginning of the period/year	568,817	995,699
Derecognition upon lease modification (<i>Note (i)</i>)	–	(170,652)
Derecognition upon termination of lease (<i>Note (ii)</i>)	(276,087)	–
Additions	119,754	–
Addition on acquisition of a subsidiary	32,935	–
Loss on fair value changes on investment properties	(36,058)	(260,870)
Exchange realignment	(2,659)	4,640
	406,702	568,817

Notes:

- (i) As described in the announcement of the Company dated 9 October 2024, since certain areas of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall was involved in litigation with a creditor of its landlord, Zhengzhou Jiachao Property Services Co., Ltd.* (鄭州佳潮物業服務有限公司) ("Zhengzhou Jiachao"), the rental area of 50,532.48 square meters of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall was deducted from the lease contract dated 26 April 2021 entered into by Zhengzhou Jiachao as the lessor and the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Zhengzhou Zhongyuan Jinyi Commercial Operation Management Co., Ltd.* (鄭州中原錦藝商業運營管理有限公司) ("Zhongyuan Jinyi") as the lessee in respect of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall with a leased area of 125,188.32 square meters (the "Jiachao's Lease Contract"), pursuant to the judgment of the People's Court of Zhongyuan District, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province ((2024) Yu 0102 Ming Chu No. 4142) (河南省鄭州市中原區人民法院(2024)豫0102民初4142號《民事判決書》). In light of the above, Zhongyuan Jinyi and Zhengzhou Jiachao entered into a supplemental agreement (the "Supplemental Agreement") to amend the leased area under the Jiachao's Lease Contract starting from 22 June 2024, which constituted a lease modification in the year ended 30 June 2024.

For the lease modification, the Group remeasured lease liabilities corresponding to the remaining leased area of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall. The remeasured amount that differed from the original lease liabilities was reduced from the Group's lease liabilities, which was calculated to be approximately RMB195 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$212,350,000). At the same time, the entering into of the Supplemental Agreement as tenant by Zhongyuan Jinyi required the Group to derecognise the amount from the Group's investment properties, because of the reduction of the leased area under the Jiachao's Lease Contract. The fair value derecognised by the Group under the Supplemental Agreement amounted to approximately RMB157 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$170,652,000). By doing so, the Group recognised a gain from lease modification of approximately HK\$41,698,000 in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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- (ii) As described in the announcement of the Company dated 21 February 2025, a notice dated 23 January 2025 was received from Zhengzhou Jiachao, notifying Zhongyuan Jinyi that, (a) from 1 October 2024, the rental area under the Jiachao's Lease Contract would no longer include the rental area of 30,595.51 square meters of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall (the "Reduced Area"), the title and ownership of which were transferred to Henan Construction Commercial Services Co., Ltd.* (河南建投商業服務有限公司) ("Henan Construction"); and (b) from 1 October 2024, the rental area under the Jiachao's Lease Contract should be amended to 44,060.33 square meters (the "Remaining Area") and the rental payment of the Remaining Area is amended to RMB23.5 per square meters per month, which shall be set-off against the deposits paid by Zhongyuan Jinyi to Zhengzhou Jiachao under the Jiachao's Lease Contract. On 26 January 2025, Zhongyuan Jinyi and Zhengzhou Jiachao further entered into a supplemental lease contract for the lease of the Remaining Area, which replaced the Jiachao's Lease Contract. Under these circumstances, the Jiachao's Lease Contract is considered terminated as of 30 September 2024.

For the termination of the original Jiachao's Lease Contract, the Group derecognised lease liabilities associated with the Jiachao's Lease Contract as of 30 September 2024, which were approximately RMB279 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$302,912,000). This amount is recognised as a gain on termination of lease in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Simultaneously, the termination of the Jiachao's Lease Contract required the Group to derecognise the associated amount from its investment properties as of 30 September 2024. The fair value of the investment properties derecognised by the Group amounted to approximately RMB254 million (equivalent to approximately HK\$276,087,000). Consequently, the Group recognised a loss on derecognition of investment properties of approximately HK\$276,087,000 in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for six months ended 31 December 2024.

The fair value of the Group's investment properties as at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024 has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out at the end of the period/year by International Valuation Limited (the "Valuer"), an independent qualified professional valuer not connected with the Group.

The Valuer has appropriate qualifications and recent experiences in the valuation of similar properties in the relevant locations. The Group's investment properties were valued individually, on market value basis, which conforms to Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Valuation Standards. The fair value was arrived at by reference to comparable sales transactions available in the relevant market together with income approach by capitalising the net rental income derived from the existing tenancies under various terms.

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10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	31 December 2024 <i>HK'000</i> (unaudited)	30 June 2024 <i>HK'000</i> (audited)
Trade receivables	10,908	16,802
Less: Allowance for expected credit loss ("ECL")	(680)	(4,533)
	<u>10,228</u>	<u>12,269</u>
Prepayment	6,215	1,226
Other receivables	<u>13,788</u>	<u>16,298</u>
	<u><u>30,231</u></u>	<u><u>29,793</u></u>

As at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024, all trade receivables of the Group were in the functional currency of the relevant group entities.

The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables before deducting the allowance for ECL presented based on date of rendering of services:

	31 December 2024 <i>HK'000</i> (unaudited)	30 June 2024 <i>HK'000</i> (audited)
0 – 60 days	3,658	3,614
61 – 90 days	1,453	3,704
Over 90 days	<u>5,797</u>	<u>9,484</u>
Trade receivables	<u><u>10,908</u></u>	<u><u>16,802</u></u>

The Group measures allowance for ECL on trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECL.

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11. LEASE LIABILITIES

The exposure of the Group's lease liabilities are as follows:

	31 December 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	30 June 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Current	61,174	66,138
Non-current	378,056	564,856
	439,230	630,994
– within one year	61,174	66,138
– more than one year but not more than two years	52,072	57,483
– more than two years but not more than three years	40,849	55,494
– more than three years but not more than five years	74,079	107,462
– more than five years	211,056	344,417
	439,230	630,994
Amounts due for settlement within one year (shown under current liabilities)	(61,174)	(66,138)
Amounts due for settlement after one year (shown under non-current liabilities)	378,056	564,856

The weighted average incremental borrowing rates applied to lease liabilities ranged from 3.95% to 6.77% (30 June 2024: 3.95% to 5.88%).

Reconciliation of the Group's lease liabilities are as follows:

	31 December	30 June
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Balance at the beginning of the period/year	630,994	893,626
Lease modification (<i>Note (i)</i>)	–	(212,350)
Offset with other receivables (<i>Note (iv)</i>)	(13,733)	–
Offset with rental deposits (<i>Note (ii)</i> ; <i>Note (v)</i>)	(6,753)	(24,088)
Reclassification to other payables (<i>Note (iii)</i>)	–	(10,722)
Termination of lease (<i>Note (vi)</i>)	(302,912)	–
Additions	122,796	375
Addition upon acquisition of a subsidiary	17,985	–
Interest expenses	12,558	38,683
Repayment	(19,075)	(57,384)
Exchange realignment	(2,630)	2,854
	<u>439,230</u>	<u>630,994</u>
Balance at the end of the period/year	439,230	630,994

Note (i): Please refer to note 9(i) to the condensed consolidated financial statements for the details of lease modification.

Note (ii): Zhengzhou Hanyuan Real Estate Co., Ltd.* (鄭州翰園置業有限公司), the landlord of Zone C Shopping Mall, agreed that the rental payment of approximately RMB22,161,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$24,088,000) was set-off with the rental deposit due from the landlord during the year ended 30 June 2024.

Note (iii): Pursuant to the judgment of the People's Court of Zhongyuan District, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province ((2024) Yu 0102 Ming Chu No. 4142)(河南省鄭州市中原區人民法院(2024)豫0102民初4142號《民事判決書》), Zhongyuan Jinyi was ordered to make the rental payment to the creditor of Zhengzhou Jiachao, the landlord of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall, amounting to approximately RMB9,864,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$10,722,000). Such amount was then reclassified from lease liabilities to other payables and presented as provision for litigation. As at 31 December 2024, the balance of provision for litigation was approximately HK\$10,494,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$10,607,000).

Note (iv): Zhengzhou Jiachao agreed that the rental payment of approximately RMB12,635,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$13,733,000) was set-off with other receivables due from the landlord during the period ended 31 December 2024.

Note (v): Zhengzhou Jiachao agreed that the rental payment of approximately RMB6,213,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$6,753,000) was set-off with the rental deposit due from the landlord during the period ended 31 December 2024.

Note (vi): Please refer to note 9(ii) to the condensed consolidated financial statements for the details of termination of lease.

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12. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY

On 2 September 2024, the Group further expanded its property operating business through the acquisition of the entire equity interests in Zhengzhou Yingrui Property Services Co., Ltd.* (鄭州英睿物業服務有限公司) (“Zhengzhou Yingrui”) from an independent third party by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Zhengzhou Xuqi Corporation Management Co., Ltd.* (鄭州旭啟企業管理有限公司), for a consideration of RMB200,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$217,000) (the “Acquisition”). Upon completion of the Acquisition, the Company held the entire issued share capital of Zhengzhou Yingrui.

Zhengzhou Yingrui is principally engaged in the property operating business. The Acquisition has been accounted for as a business acquisition using the acquisition method.

Assets acquired and liabilities recognised at the date of Acquisition:

	<i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Investment properties	32,935
Rental deposits	326
Trade and other receivables	1,487
Bank balances and cash	3,611
Other payables	(3,384)
Contract liabilities	(2,460)
Lease liabilities	(17,985)
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>(3,737)</u>
Identifiable net assets, at fair value	<u><u>10,793</u></u>

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Bargain purchase arose in the Acquisition:

	<i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Identifiable net assets, at fair value	10,793
Less: Consideration paid in cash	<u>(217)</u>
Gain on bargain purchase arising on the Acquisition	<u><u>10,576</u></u>

Gain on bargain purchase arising on the Acquisition amounting to approximately HK\$10,576,000, is recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Included in the profit for the period is approximately HK\$769,000 attributable to the additional property operating business generated by Zhengzhou Yingrui. Revenue for the period includes HK\$3,988,000 generated from Zhengzhou Yingrui.

13. EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 21 February 2025, Zhengzhou Yinghan Property Services Co., Ltd.* (鄭州英瀚物業服務有限公司) entered into a supplemental agreement (the “Yinghan’s Supplemental Agreement”) with the landlord to amend the lease term under the lease agreement dated 28 November 2024 in respect of the leasing of 7 premises with a gross floor area of approximately 41,385 square meters in the Zhiyun City to 15 years. It is considered that a long-term lease agreement enhances certainty of the Group’s rights on the premises and avoids negotiation costs and expenses in renewing the lease agreement. It also reduces unpredictable outcome, such as failure in reaching an agreement on renewal and drastic increase in rental. The terms of the Yinghan’s Supplemental Agreement were determined after arm’s length negotiations between the parties. The Board considers that the terms of the Yinghan’s Supplemental Agreement are on normal commercial terms, fair and reasonable and the entering into the Yinghan’s Supplemental Agreement is in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. Please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 21 February 2025 for details.

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Operational and Financial Review

During the six months ended 31 December 2024 (the “Interim Period”), the Group was principally engaged in property operating business and cargo aircraft charter business. The Group recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$89,296,000 (2023: HK\$70,311,000) and a profit for the period of approximately HK\$26,654,000 (a loss in 2023: HK\$38,290,000).

Property Operating Segment

The Group is engaged in property operating business through holding all equity interests in Zhengzhou Zhongyuan Jinyi Commercial Operation Management Co., Ltd.* (“鄭州中原錦藝商業運營管理有限公司”) (“Zhongyuan Jinyi”), Zhengzhou Jinfu Commercial Management Co., Ltd.* (“鄭州金福商業管理有限公司”) (“Zhengzhou Jinfu”) and Zhengzhou Xufu Commercial Operation Management Co., Ltd.* (“鄭州旭福商業運營管理有限公司”) (“Zhengzhou Xufu”) in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”). The principal activity of Zhongyuan Jinyi, Zhengzhou Jinfu and Zhengzhou Xufu is property operating business.

The Group leased part of the Jiachao’s Shopping Mall, situated in Zhengzhou City, Henan Province, the PRC, from a landlord with a rental period to expire in the mid of 2036. As a result of certain areas of the Jiachao’s Shopping Mall involved in the litigation with a number of creditors of its landlord, the Group could not generate any income on such areas, therefore, the Group’s leased area of the Jiachao’s Shopping Mall was reduced from 125,188.32 square meters to 44,060.33 square meters (the “Remaining Area”) from June 2024 up to the date of reporting. Since the Remaining Area is part of the Jiachao’s Shopping Mall, if it is operated and managed by the same entity, the Remaining Area will benefit from promotional activities and events organised for the entire mall. If the Jiachao’s Shopping Mall is split and operated by different entities, it may become challenging to hold promotional activities and events simultaneously or with a unified theme. The style and positioning of the Remaining Area may differ from those of other parts of the Jiachao’s Shopping Mall, raising concerns about its ability to attract customer traffic if it is operated and promoted independently. The directors believe that it would be in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole to sub-let the Remaining Area to the same management company who operates the other parts of the Jiachao’s Shopping Mall for purpose of a cohesive operation and promotion. Therefore, during the Interim Period, Zhongyuan Jinyi and the management company entered into a sub-lease agreement with a rental period to expire in the mid of 2036 whereby the Remaining Area is leased to that management company who would operate and manage the Remaining Area with the tenants while the Group would receive a fixed rental income from it without incurring operating and maintenance costs and expenses. Please also refer to the announcements of the Company dated 9 October 2024 and 21 February 2025 for details.

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The Group leased the whole Zone C Shopping Mall, situated in Zhengzhou City, Henan Province, the PRC, from a number of landlords with a rental period to expire in the mid of 2036. The Zone C Shopping Mall is a 5-storey integrated commercial mall built over one level of basement commercial space with a gross floor area of approximately 80,118 square meters. The Zone C Shopping Mall is a shopping mall located adjacent to the Jiachao's Shopping Mall. The Group promoted and further rented out the Zone C Shopping Mall to various independent tenants under the respective tenancy agreements with a remaining term ranging from one year to eight years. As of 31 December 2024, approximately 97 tenants and approximately 96.2% of the lettable area of the Zone C Shopping Mall had been leased out as retail shops and restaurants and/or for entertainment and leisure use. The Zone C Shopping Mall offers a wide range of services and goods including a cinema, an aquarium, a photo shop, a bookshop, jewelries, beauty shops, a electrical devices shop, car sales, international labels for fashion, fitness, lifestyle, casual wear/sport, kid's paradise, kid's learning and restaurants. Certain areas of the Zone C Shopping Mall are rented to tenants on short-term leases for use, including kiosks and booths of trendy and stylish items.

The Group further expanded its property operating business through its indirect wholly-owned PRC subsidiary which holds entire equity interests in Zhengzhou Yingrui Property Services Co., Ltd.* (“鄭州英睿物業服務有限公司”) (“Zhengzhou Yingrui”) during the Interim Period. Zhengzhou Yingrui leased 42 units with a rental period to expire in the first half of 2027 and with a gross floor area of approximately 130,873 square meters in an industrial park, the Zhiyun City, located in Xinmi City, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province, the PRC. The Group promoted and further rented out the Zhiyun City to approximately 79 tenants and approximately 73.2% of the lettable area had been leased out as production, processing and sales of men's and women's shoes, processing and sales of shoe accessories and wholesale of groceries as of 31 December 2024.

The Group also enlarges in property operating business through holding all equity interests in Zhengzhou Yinghao Property Services Co., Ltd.* (“鄭州英浩物業服務有限公司”) (“Zhengzhou Yinghao”) and Zhengzhou Yinghan Property Services Co., Ltd.* (“鄭州英瀚物業服務有限公司”) (“Zhengzhou Yinghan”) during the Interim Period. Zhengzhou Yinghao leased 9 units with a rental period to expire in the mid of 2027 and with a gross floor area of approximately 40,142 square meters in the Zhiyun City. As of 31 December 2024, the Group promoted and further rented out the area leased by Zhengzhou Yinghao to approximately 180 tenants and approximately 52.3% of the lettable area had been leased out as wholesale of snacks, stationery and toys. And Zhengzhou Yinghan leased 7 units with a rental period to expire in the first half of 2039 and with a gross floor area of approximately 41,385 square meters in the Zhiyun City. As of 31 December 2024, the Group promoted and further rented out the area leased by Zhengzhou Yinghan to approximately 198 tenants and approximately 44.3% of the lettable area had been leased out as wholesale of snacks, stationery, toys, sugar and machinery.

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The Group has an advantage of having an existing team of high-caliber and experienced management and staff to run the shopping mall and the industrial park together. As such, the extra costs for running the shopping mall and the industrial park have been minimal to the Group and the Group can generate considerable incomes from the provision of rental, management and operating services to tenants of the shopping mall and the industrial park. The larger the area of the shopping mall and the industrial park, the more the number of similar types of shops open, and thus more customers will be attracted by offering them a large diversity and well-known brand choices. Positive benefits and synergy effects on the customer flow and the tenant grade will be brought to the Group through management of the Zone C Shopping Mall and the Zhiyun City together, eventually contributing to affirmative revenue and profit margin of property operating business.

For the Interim Period, the Group recorded a revenue from the property operating business of approximately HK\$47,028,000 (2023: HK\$70,311,000), approximately 33.1% less than that in 2023 and the segment result of approximately HK\$21,706,000 (2023 segment loss: HK\$102,264,000). The decrease in revenue and the increase in segment result from the property operating segment during the Interim Period were due to certain areas of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall involved in the litigation with the landlord's creditors and that certain areas are relatively with low profit margin.

Cargo Aircraft Charter Segment

During the Interim Period, the Group set up a non-wholly-owned Hong Kong subsidiary, Hainan-Hong Kong-Macau Aviation Development & Investment Holdings Limited* (“瓊港澳航空發展投資有限公司”)(“HHM Aviation”) to operate and manage, certain specified cargo aircraft charter businesses including but not limited to cargo arrangement from Hong Kong to Miami and other locations (“Cargo Aircraft Charter Business”). The Group successfully provides cargo aircraft chartering services from Hong Kong to Miami for the transportation of air cargoes. During the Interim Period, the Cargo Aircraft Charter Business recorded revenue of approximately HK\$42,268,000 and segment results of approximately HK\$138,000. Due to the influence of U.S. tariff policies, the global economy and cargo aircraft operations are facing uncertainties. The Group will continue to strengthen our business by expanding routes to mitigate market uncertainties and address the demand driven by global trade and e-commerce. The Board believes that the implementation of the Cargo Aircraft Charter Business will become a new revenue stream for the Group.

Profit for the Interim Period

The Group’s profit incurred for the Interim Period was approximately HK\$26,654,000 (loss in 2023: HK\$38,290,000). The profit margin was approximately 29.8% for the Interim Period (loss margin in 2023: 54.5%). Both increased significantly for the Interim Period mainly because of (i) a one-off gain on termination of lease of approximately HK\$302,912,000 and release of deferred tax liabilities upon derecognition of investment properties of approximately HK\$15,741,000, off-set by loss on derecognition of investment properties of approximately HK\$276,087,000; and (ii) gain on bargain purchase of a PRC subsidiary of approximately HK\$10,576,000.

Other Income and Other Gain and Loss

Other income and other gain and loss for the Interim Period was approximately HK\$6,962,000 (2023: HK\$7,908,000), which comprised interest incomes and other kinds of incomes generated from property operating segment, such as car parking fees and other services provided to tenants. The decrease in other income and other gain and loss was mainly because interest income of rental deposits was reduced during the Interim Period.

Expenses

Administrative expenses amounted to approximately HK\$17,468,000 (2023: HK\$11,380,000), representing approximately 19.6% (2023: 16.2%) of revenue for the Interim Period. Administrative expenses increased during the Interim Period due to more operating expenses incurred for both new property operating and cargo aircraft charter markets development.

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Reversal of allowance for expected credit loss on rental deposits amounted to approximately HK\$6,740,000 (2023: HK\$132,000) for the Interim Period. Allowance for expected credit loss on rental deposits was provided in prior years due to the seizure and title transfer of certain areas of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall and the Zone C Shopping Mall by a number of banks and financial institutions as a result of the exercise of their rights under the pledges of the shopping malls created by their owners, which in turn increased the credit risk to a certain extent. Reversal of allowance for expected credit loss on rental deposits increased because during the Interim Period, the landlord of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall notified the Group that rental payment of the Remaining Area was offset by the rental deposit paid before.

The carrying value of the Group's investment properties, namely the Remaining Area of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall, the Zone C Shopping Mall and the Zhiyun City, as of 31 December 2024 of approximately HK\$406,702,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$568,817,000) was stated at fair value based on an independent valuation as at that date, which produced a loss on fair value changes of investment properties of approximately HK\$36,058,000 (2023: HK\$134,783,000). Decrease in the carrying value and the loss on fair value changes of investment properties was due to less areas of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall leased and operated by the Group and slow recovery of China's macro-economy during the Interim Period, particularly the real estate market. Some real estate companies still have financial pressure. Under the influence of multiple factors, the supply and demand ends of the commercial real estate market are still weak. As a result, the commercial rental performance decreased. The PRC government has made expanding domestic demand and increased customer consumption through some measures. In addition, customer consumption demands are constantly upgrading, and they pay more attention to consumption experience. The young customers (generation Z) prefer the integration of concepts such as green, health, humanities and art, which can fit their interests, hobbies and lifestyles. The Group has conducted large-scale marketing and promotional activities to fit and attract different kinds of customers.

Loss on derecognition of investment properties was approximately HK\$276,087,000 (2023: Nil) and gain on termination of lease was approximately HK\$302,912,000 (2023: Nil). As described above, since certain areas of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall were involved in litigation with a number of creditors of its landlord, the rental area of 81,127.99 square meters of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall was deducted during the Interim Period from the lease contract entered into with its landlord on 26 April 2021 in respect of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall with a rental area of 125,188.32 square meters. Simultaneously, the derecognition of investment properties and termination of lease was therefore caused during the Interim Period.

Gain on bargain purchase was approximately HK\$10,576,000 (2023: Nil) which was generated when a PRC subsidiary was acquired for less than its fair market value during the Interim Period, resulting in a gain to the Group.

Finance costs amounted to approximately HK\$12,951,000 (2023: HK\$18,964,000), representing approximately 14.5% (2023: 27.0%) of revenue for the Interim Period. Decrease in finance costs was mainly due to lease termination with respect to certain areas of the Jiachao's Shopping Mall involved in the litigation with a number of creditors of its landlord during the Interim Period.

Loan Receivables

On 28 April 2021, an indirect wholly-owned PRC subsidiary of the Company entered into a loan agreement with Fujian Qiancheng Lujingguan Engineering Co., Ltd.* (“福建千城綠景觀工程有限公司”), an independent third party, (the “Borrower”) pursuant to which, it was agreed to lend to the Borrower a loan in the principal amount of RMB250 million for a term of 12 months from the drawdown date at an interest of 7.5% per annum. During the year ended 30 June 2022, the principal amount was revised to RMB210 million, as well as the interest of 4.785% per annum. The Group keeps focusing its resources on property operating business and has no intention to commence money lending business. The Borrower approached the Group and looked for a source of financing. The entering into of the aforesaid loan agreement is due to (i) the surplus cash position of the Group; (ii) the interest income to be received by the Group; and (iii) the credit and repayment ability of the Borrower and its guarantor. On 29 June 2022, the parties agreed to extend the repayment date of the loan to 27 April 2023 (the “Renewed Loan”). Before extending the Renewed Loan, the Company has performed certain works to assess the credit risk and repayment ability of the Borrower and the guarantors and such works included (i) obtained and reviewed the latest management accounts of the Borrower then available; (ii) understood the updated business, operation and forecast of the Borrower; (iii) obtained and reviewed certain current business contracts of the Borrower and the guarantors; and (iv) conducted updated background and corporate searches of the Borrower and the guarantors.

During the year ended 30 June 2024, the Borrower settled RMB20 million and HK\$15 million after the maturity date on 27 April 2023. Since then, the Group had not received further payments of the remaining principal amount of approximately RMB145.7 million. In light of the deteriorating financial positions of the Borrower and the guarantors due to the weak property market and economy in the PRC, the directors consider that the credit risk of the Renewed Loan is high. Based on the advice of the PRC lawyer, legal actions will be taken against the Borrower and the guarantors. The litigation documents had filed to the competent court in the PRC in December 2024. The Company will make further announcement(s) on the updated status on the recovery of the Renewed Loan when and where appropriate. Please also refer to the announcements of the Company dated 28 April 2021, 13 May 2021, 19 November 2021, 27 May 2022, 29 June 2022, 23 February 2023, 6 December 2023 and 10 December 2024, as well as the circular of the Company dated 12 August 2022 for details.

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There was no allowance or reversal of allowance for expected credit loss on loan receivables for the Interim Period (reversal of allowance in 2023: HK\$37,310,000) because of settlements of RMB20 million and HK\$15 million made by the Borrower during the six months ended 31 December 2023. The Renewed Loan had not been settled on its maturity date; hence, the Borrower was considered to be in default as of 28 April 2023, and therefore, that loan receivable was transferred to stage 3 or written-off during the year ended 30 June 2023 where lifetime expected credit loss was recognised. Moreover, there was no allowance for expected credit loss of another loan receivable of approximately HK\$16 million arranged during the year ended 30 June 2024 because of its pledged securities and subsequent settlement made after the reporting period.

Dividend

The Board does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the Interim Period (2023: Nil).

Event after the Reporting Period

Please refer to note 13 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for details.

Future Plans and Prospects

In view of achieving the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole, the Group has been putting effort on developing and expanding its operations of property operating business and cargo aircraft charter business. Substantial resources have been placed to explore prospects and develop relevant markets.

The Group targets to engage in the provision of rental, management and operating services to more tenants of different kinds of properties in various locations. The Group persists in upgrading the tenants of the leased properties by offering tenancies to more popular brands and diversifying the types of tenants to meet the needs and interests of customers from different ages and backgrounds. To achieve these aims, the Group conducts marketing and promotion activities to raise the popularity of the leased properties, paying close attention to the business operations, helping key merchants in time and following closely with market trends to make appropriate management decisions in a timely manner so that a stable and constant stream of income and consistent cash flow can be continuously generated to the Group.

The world keeps changing due to geopolitical tensions, regulatory changes and the high-interest-rate environment, of which, global economy in the coming year would still be highly variable and its pace of recovery from economic uncertainties continues to fluctuate. This poses a tremendous challenge to the Group. Nevertheless, the Group has been striving to use all its resources on hand flexibly to cope with the difficulties. By leveraging on the Group's current strategic plan and established strengths, experience and foresight, the Group continues to seize opportunities to penetrate different areas of the property operating market, explore other new market potential and increase profit margin.

The Group will continue to deploy its resources on the property operating business including but not limited to (i) apart from the current caliber management and competent employees of its subsidiaries, recruit more candidates with high-caliber and experience in property operating business; (ii) explore suitable properties to expand the Group's property management and operating portfolio; (iii) possible merger and acquisition of asset-light property operating business in the PRC so as to further expand the Group's property management and operating portfolio; and (iv) keep implementing conservative and stringent cost control policies to maintain sufficient working capital and alleviate the financial pressure on the property operating business by imposing control over operating costs and capital expenditures and strengthening accounts receivable management.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics, gross domestic product in 2024 was approximately RMB134.9 billion, representing an increase of approximately 5% to the corresponding period in 2023. The PRC government also gradually implemented policies to expand domestic demand for goods and services and promote consumption, which is expected to continue effectively to stimulate consumption potential, in particular household, promote the release of consumer demand, and thereby enhance merchant confidence. The shop leasing market in different cities is expected to continue to recover.

Looking forward, the Group continues to place on its property operating business by enhancing the value and economic returns of the existing leased properties, expanding the properties the Group operates and diversify the Group's business when and where opportunities arise. Due to the influence of U.S. tariff policies, the global economy and cargo aircraft operations are facing uncertainties. The Group will continue to strengthen our business by expanding routes to mitigate market uncertainties and address the demand driven by global trade and e-commerce. The Board believes that the implementation of the Cargo Aircraft Charter Business will become new revenue streams for the Group. By continually capturing opportunities for expansion and diversifying the Group's business with extra prudence in flexibility and efficiency in the management, decision-making and long-term strategy formulation, the market value of the Company and the return to its shareholders will be maximised in the long term.

Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had net current liabilities and total assets less current liabilities of approximately HK\$62,923,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$51,194,000) and HK\$407,517,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$571,561,000), respectively. The Group had maintained its financial position by financing its operations with internally generated resources and issue of bonds. As at 31 December 2024, the Group had cash and bank deposits of approximately HK\$35,974,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$40,239,000). The current ratio of the Group was approximately 57.0% (30 June 2024: 63.3%).

Total equity of the Group as at 31 December 2024 was approximately HK\$18,139,000 (total deficit as at 30 June 2024: HK\$7,938,000). As at 31 December 2024, two bonds (30 June 2024: two bonds) measured at amortised cost was approximately HK\$10,397,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$10,005,000) in aggregate, the gross debt gearing ratio (i.e. bonds/shareholders' fund) was approximately positive 57.3% (30 June 2024: negative 126.0%). A substantial shareholder has agreed to provide the Company with sufficient financial support to enable the Company to meet its obligations to third parties as and when they fall due and to continue as a going concern.

Though the return of funds has slowed down since 2020 as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, the Group still has maintained and will continue to maintain a reasonable amount of working capital on hand in order to maintain its financial position, and sufficient resources are expected to be generated from its business operations and financial support from the substantial shareholder of the Company in meeting its short-term and long-term obligations.

Financing

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had no banking facilities (30 June 2024: Nil). In addition, two bonds (30 June 2024: two bonds) amounted to approximately HK\$10,397,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$10,005,000) in aggregate, measured at amortised cost, were arranged with one (30 June 2024: one) independent third party.

The Board believes that the existing financial resources will be sufficient to meet future expansion plans and, if necessary, the Group will be able to obtain additional financing with favourable term.

Capital Structure

As at 31 December 2024, the share capital of the Company comprised ordinary shares only.

Foreign Exchange Risk and Interest Rate Risk

During the Interim Period, the Group was not subject to any significant exposure to foreign exchange rates risk as most of its transactions were denominated in RMB and USD. Hence, no financial instrument for hedging was employed.

The Board monitors interest rate change exposure and may consider a hedging policy should the need arise.

Charge on Group's Assets

As at 31 December 2024, the Group did not pledge any assets to any banks or financial institutions (30 June 2024: Nil).

Staff Policy

The Group had 79 employees altogether in the PRC and Hong Kong as at 31 December 2024. The Group offers comprehensive and competitive remuneration, retirement schemes and benefit package to its employees. A discretionary bonus is offered to the Group's staff depending on their performance. The Group is required to make contribution to a social insurance scheme in the PRC. Moreover, the Group and its employees in the PRC are required to make respective contribution to fund the endowment insurance, unemployment insurance, medical insurance, employees' compensation insurance and birth insurance (for employers only) at the rates specified in the relevant PRC laws and regulations. The Group has adopted a provident fund scheme as required under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Chapter 485 of the Laws of Hong Kong) for its employees in Hong Kong.

The Group also provides periodic internal training to its employees.

Three independent non-executive directors are appointed by the Company for a term of one year commencing from 25 July, 19 September and 1 December each year respectively.

Contingent Liabilities

At the end of the reporting period, the Group and the Company did not have any significant contingent liabilities.

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

During the Interim Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to achieving the best corporate governance practices as a listed company. The Board believes that high standards and rigorous corporate governance practices can improve the accountability and transparency of the Company. Consequently, during the Interim Period, the Company complied with the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix C1 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules").

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED ISSUERS (THE "MODEL CODE")

The Group has adopted the Model Code set out in Appendix C3 of the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. All directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the Interim Period.

The Company has also established written guidelines (the “Employees Written Guidelines”) no less exacting than the Required Standard of Dealings for securities transactions by employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information of the Company. No incident of non-compliance of the Employees Written Guidelines by the employees was noted by the Company.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company comprises three independent non-executive directors of the Company. The principal duties of the audit committee include the review of the Group’s financial reporting procedures, risk management and internal control and financial results. The audit committee has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the Interim Period.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW

The results for the Interim Period are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the independent auditors of the Company in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 “Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT

This announcement is published on the website of the Stock Exchange at <https://www.hkexnews.hk> and on the website of the Company at <https://artgroup.etnet.com.hk>. An interim report for the six months ended 31 December 2024 will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company and available on the above websites in due course.

By order of the Board
Art Group Holdings Limited
Su Peixin
Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 February 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Su Peixin, Dr. Wong Ho Yin, Mr. Yao Linying and Mr. Chen Jinyan; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Chong Hon Wang, Ms. Chong Sze Pui Joanne and Ms. Wang Yuqin.