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Corporate Information

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Management Discussion and Analysis

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

We are a leading Chinese digital payment solution provider, leveraging a global licensing strategy, proprietary technology platform, and extensive partnerships to deliver digital payment and value-added services to merchants and enterprises. Our digital payment offerings include pay-in, pay-out, acquiring, foreign exchange, virtual card, and payment aggregation services, while our value-added services encompass payment-related business and technology services.

Among China-based digital payment service providers, we have one of the most extensive global footprints and are the only provider holding all state-level money transmitter licenses in the United States. As of June 30, 2025, our global licensing portfolio includes 65 payment licenses and qualifications, along with a virtual asset trading platform (VATP) license from the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (SFC). We operate in over 100 countries and regions, supporting transaction settlement in more than 130 currencies. This comprehensive global licensing and robust regulatory compliance framework have earned the trust of regulators, customers, and partners, enabling our clients to succeed in the digital transformation of global commerce.

We focus on serving global small and medium-sized enterprises and merchant customers while building partnerships with key players in the e-commerce ecosystem. This approach allows us to gain deep insights into customer needs, market trends, and industry developments. Coupled with our advanced technology platform and innovative product solutions, it has enabled us to develop unique and hard-to-replicate competitive advantages.

In the first half of 2025, we steadily advanced our globalization strategy, leveraging an “internal and external coordination” mechanism to drive performance growth. By strengthening compliance, improving product and service capabilities, and expanding our customer base, we achieved a total digital payment transaction volume (TPV) of RMB2.1 trillion, a 32.0% year-on-year increase. Total revenue reached RMB782.7 million, up 26.8% year-on-year, with digital payment revenue accounting for RMB684.0 million, a 26.2% increase. We have cumulatively served 7.90 million customers.

Global Payment

Our global payment business is anchored by a robust compliance framework and global license network. We strengthened operational capabilities through strategic resource integration and upgraded our payment infrastructure with enhanced technical architecture and vertical scenario adaptation. With strong risk management, compliance framework, and comprehensive account system capabilities, we help customers optimize fund management and reduce operating costs, providing modular digital payment solutions to a diversified client base.

Building on our success in established markets, we expanded our geographic footprint beyond Europe and the United States to capture growth opportunities in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and other emerging markets. Supported by local licenses, we established overseas offices and localized operation teams, integrating global local payment services with regional ecosystems and creating sustainable long-term value for partners. For the six months ended June 30, 2025, our global TPV reached RMB198.5 billion (up 94.0% year-on-year) and revenue totalling RMB472.8 million (increasing by 27.0% year-on-year).

Domestic Payment and Value-added Service

In the domestic payment sector, we focus on building industry-specific end-to-end payment ecosystems, delivering integrated digital solutions that cover the full spectrum of commercial scenarios. In payment services, we empower private-domain e-commerce platforms by delivering innovative, SaaS-based payment and related solutions, enhancing their system capabilities and driving end-to-end digital transformation across their value chain.

In value-added services, in the first half of the year, our digital marketing services expanded into areas such as traffic services and cross-border communications, enriching our ecosystem and supporting sustainable growth. Meanwhile, our corporate wallet business achieved all-round improvements in functionality, client coverage and strategic partnerships.

For the six months ended June 30, 2025, domestic payment TPV reached RMB1.9 trillion, a 27.6% year-on-year increase. Domestic payment revenue was RMB211.2 million, up 24.6% year-on-year. The total revenue from value-added services grew by 34.2% year-on-year to RMB89.6 million.

Outlook

Looking ahead, we will deepen our global compliance advantages and enhance synergies across our licensing portfolio. Our strategic development will focus on building more efficient cross-border fund flow systems and comprehensive digital infrastructure to serve our clients worldwide. We are committed to integrating advanced AI capabilities throughout our platform while exploring innovative applications of blockchain technology and digital asset exchange models in cross-border payments. By leveraging our global network and e-commerce ecosystem, we will further enhance our multi-currency fund handling capabilities.

Our ultimate goal remains to empower Chinese enterprises to optimize their operating costs, transcend traditional trade boundaries, and strengthen their competitive position in global markets. Through these efforts, we aim to drive the strategic transformation from cost advantage to technological leadership and industry standard-setting in the international digital economy.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

Our revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2025 was RMB782.7 million, representing an increase of 26.8% compared with the same period last year, primarily attributable to (i) an increase in revenue generated from our digital payment services of RMB142.1 million; and (ii) an increase in revenue generated from value-added services of RMB22.8 million.

The following table sets forth the breakdown of our revenue for the periods indicated:

Revenue	Six months ended June 30,			
	2025	2024	Change	Change in
	(RMB in thousands)			%
Digital payment services	683,980	541,888	142,092	26.2
– Global payment ⁽¹⁾	472,804	372,374	100,430	27.0
– Domestic payment ⁽²⁾	211,176	169,514	41,662	24.6
Value-added services	89,588	66,773	22,815	34.2
Others⁽³⁾	9,151	8,726	425	4.9
Total	782,719	617,387	165,332	26.8

Notes:

- (1) Refers to payment transactions that occur across borders or outside China.
- (2) Refers to payment transactions that occur in China.
- (3) In addition to our core business of offering digital solutions, we also operate certain other businesses, primarily including property rental.

Digital Payment Services

A Substantial majority of our revenue is generated from our digital payment services, including global payment and domestic payment services. Our revenue generated from digital payment services for the six months ended June 30, 2025 was RMB684.0 million, representing an increase of RMB142.1 million, or 26.2%, compared with the same period last year. The increase is mainly attributable to: (i) revenue from global payment increased by RMB100.4 million, representing an increase of 27.0% compared with the same period last year, driven by the continued growth of TPV for the global payment services; and (ii) revenue from domestic payment increased by RMB41.7 million, representing an increase of 24.6%, mainly due to the substantial increase in TPV of domestic payment services of 27.6%, compared with the same period last year.

Value-Added Services

Our revenue generated from value-added services for the six months ended June 30, 2025 was RMB89.6 million, representing an increase of RMB22.8 million or 34.2% compared with the same period last year, mainly due to the robust growth of the virtual card business.

Others

We also generated a small amount of revenue from other sources including rental income from providing property rental services with respect to our self-owned properties. Other revenue recorded a slight increase for the six months ended June 30, 2025.

Cost of Sales

Our cost of sales for the six months ended June 30, 2025 was RMB376.5 million, representing an increase of RMB84.0 million or 28.7% compared with the same period last year; primarily attributable to (i) an increase of RMB60.7 million, or 25.6%, in the cost of digital payment services, mainly driven by a 32.0% growth in TPV compared with the same period last year; and (ii) an increase of RMB23.0 million, or 47.1%, in the cost of value-added services, primarily attributable to the increase in service charge paid to channel partners resulting from the rapid expansion of virtual card business and digital marketing services.

Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

As a result of the above, our gross profit for the six months ended June 30, 2025 was RMB406.2 million, representing an increase of 25.0% compared with the same period last year; the gross profit margin was 51.9%, generally in line with the same period last year. Among which: (i) the gross profit from global payment services was RMB343.6 million, representing an increase of RMB73.4 million or 27.2% compared to the same period last year, with a gross profit margin of 72.7%; (ii) the gross profit from domestic payment services was RMB42.0 million, representing an increase of RMB7.9 million or 23.3% compared to the same period last year, with a gross profit margin of 19.9%; and (iii) the gross profit from value-added services was RMB17.8 million, with a gross profit margin of 19.8%, decreased by 7.0 percentage points compared to the same period last year, primarily due to the virtual card business with relatively lower gross profit margin still being in the ramp-up stage.

Selling and Marketing Expenses

Six months ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	Change	Change in
	(RMB in thousands)			%
Selling and marketing expenses	128,785	108,883	19,902	18.3
Less:				
Share-based compensation expenses	8,945	7,497	1,448	19.3
Adjusted selling and marketing expenses (Non-IFRS measure) ⁽¹⁾	119,840	101,386	18,454	18.2

Note:

(1) Refers to selling and marketing expenses (Non-IFRS measure) after excluding share-based compensation expenses.

Our selling and marketing expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2025 were RMB128.8 million, representing an increase of RMB19.9 million or 18.3% compared with the same period last year; after excluding share-based compensation expenses, the adjusted selling and marketing expenses were RMB119.8 million, representing an increase of RMB18.5 million or 18.2% compared with the same period last year, mainly due to an increase in expenses for promotional activities across platforms to further expand customer acquisition and industry coverage, payroll costs for sales staff also increased slightly.

General and Administrative Expenses

Six months ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	Change	Change in
	(RMB in thousands)			%
General and administrative expenses	299,857	290,244	9,613	3.3
Less:				
Share-based compensation expenses	105,000	93,075	11,925	12.8
Listing expenses	–	7,799	(7,799)	(100)
Adjusted general and administrative expenses (Non-IFRS measure) ⁽¹⁾	194,857	189,370	5,487	2.9

Note:

- (1) Refers to general and administrative expenses (Non-IFRS measure) after excluding (i) share-based compensation expenses and (ii) listing expenses.

Our general and administrative expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2025 were RMB299.9 million, representing an increase of RMB9.6 million or 3.3% compared to the same period last year; after excluding share-based compensation expenses and listing expenses related to the Global Offering in compliance with international accounting standards, the adjusted general and administrative expenses were RMB194.9 million, representing an increase of RMB5.5 million or 2.9% compared with the same period last year; mainly due to the increase in strategic investment in blockchain by the Company including its subsidiary DFX Labs Company Limited, partially offset by the absence of additional one-off listing expenses during the Reporting Period.

Research and Development Expenses

Six months ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	Change	Change in
	(RMB in thousands)			%
Research and development expenses	186,972	147,469	39,503	26.8
Less:				
Share-based compensation expenses	29,978	26,281	3,697	14.1
Adjusted research and development expenses (Non-IFRS measure) ⁽¹⁾	156,994	121,188	35,806	29.5

Note:

- (1) Refers to research and development expenses (Non-IFRS measure) after excluding share-based compensation expenses.

Our research and development expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2025 were RMB187.0 million, representing an increase of RMB39.5 million after excluding share-based compensation expenses, adjusted research and development expenses were RMB157.0 million, representing an increase of RMB35.8 million or 29.5% as compared to the same period last year, which was mainly due to (i) continued investment in innovative businesses, particularly in enhancing technological capabilities and expanding application scenarios in areas such as blockchain and AI; and (ii) a one-off severance payment of RMB6.7 million to optimize the set-up of our R&D function.

Other Income

Our other income for the six months ended June 30, 2025 were RMB141.3 million, representing an increase of RMB51.8 million, or 57.8%, compared with the same period last year. This is primarily due to the increase in interest income and gains on funds segregated for customers driven by the continuous and stable growth of our TPV.

Other Gains/(Losses) – Net

Our other gains for the six months ended June 30, 2025 were RMB2,047.5 million, compared with other losses of RMB2.4 million for the same period last year. Our other gains were mainly due to: (i) a disposal gain of RMB1,601.5 million recognized in an equity transfer and capital increase transaction with American Express with the transaction agreement entered in December 2024, and closing completed during the Reporting Period; and (ii) a dilution gain of approximately RMB452.2 million resulting from the decrease in our shareholding in LianTong following the capital injection by American Express.

Provision for Impairment on Financial Assets

Our impairment on financial assets refers to the credit loss assessment and movement in allowance for the impairment of trade receivables and other receivables. The impairment loss of financial assets for the six months ended June 30, 2025 was RMB5.9 million, representing an increase of RMB2.5 million compared with the same period last year, which was in line with the increase of the Company's trade receivables.

Finance Cost – Net

Our finance cost – net for the six months ended June 30, 2025 was RMB2.0 million, representing a decrease of RMB4.3 million compared with the same period last year, mainly due to a decrease in interest costs as a result of the repayment of a relatively large amount of borrowings during the Reporting Period.

Share of Net Loss of Associates Accounted for Using the Equity Method

Our share of the net loss of associates accounted for using the equity method for the six months ended June 30, 2025 was RMB51.2 million, representing a decrease of RMB151.5 million or 74.7% compared with the same period last year; primarily due to the narrowed share of loss in LianTong as our equity interest in LianTong decreased from 45.2% to 17.6%.

Income Tax Expenses

Our income tax expense for the six months ended June 30, 2025 was RMB408.8 million, representing an increase of RMB405.9 million compared with the same period last year, mainly due to the reversal of deferred tax assets of RMB400.3 million, which had been recognized at the end of last year in relation to deductible temporary differences arising from accumulated net losses of subsidiaries and investments in LianTong, following the completion of the partial disposal of the Company's equity interest in LianTong.

Non-IFRS Measures

We define EBITDA (Non-IFRS measure) as profit/(loss) for the periods adjusted by adding back (i) income tax expenses, (ii) finance costs – net, and (iii) depreciation and amortization, which are non-cash in nature. We define adjusted EBITDA (Non-IFRS measure) as EBITDA (Non-IFRS measure) adjusted by adding back (i) listing expenses, which relate to the Global Offering, and (ii) share-based compensation expenses, which are non-cash in nature. We have made such adjustments consistently during the Track Record Period complying with Chapter 3.11 of the Guide for New Listing Applicants issued by the Stock Exchange. We believe that Non-IFRS measures facilitate the comparisons of operating performance from period to period and company to company and provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating performance in the same manner as it helps our management. However, our presentation of Non-IFRS measures for the periods may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies. The use of Non-IFRS measures has limitations as an analytical tool, and investors should not consider it in isolation from, or as a substitute for analysis of, our results of operations or financial condition as reported under IFRS Accounting Standards.

The following tables reconcile Non-IFRS measures for the periods presented in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards:

Reconciliation	Six months ended June 30,	
	2025	2024
	(RMB in thousands)	
Profit/(Loss) for the Reporting Period	1,511,315	(349,957)
Add:		
Income tax expenses	408,829	2,943
Finance cost – net	2,041	6,366
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	5,564	6,827
Depreciation of right-of use assets	6,307	5,904
Depreciation of investment properties	2,010	2,012
Amortization of intangible assets	2,441	2,041
EBITDA (Non-IFRS measure)⁽¹⁾	1,938,507	(323,864)
Add:		
Share-based compensation expenses ⁽²⁾	144,865	127,641
Listing expense	–	7,799
Adjusted EBITDA (Non-IFRS measure)⁽³⁾	2,083,372	(188,424)
Non-IFRS Measure		
Profit/(Loss) for the Reporting Period	1,511,315	(349,957)
Add:		
Share-based compensation expenses	144,865	127,641
Listing expense	–	7,799
Adjusted profit/(loss) for the Reporting Period (Non-IFRS measures)⁽⁴⁾	1,656,180	(214,517)

Notes:

- (1) EBITDA (Non-IFRS measure) refers to loss for the Reporting Period adjusted by adding back (i) income tax expenses, (ii) finance costs – net, and (iii) depreciation and amortization, which are non-cash in nature.
- (2) Our share-based compensation expenses consist of share options granted under the equity-settled share option schemes and incentive shares or shares granted to our employees. Such expenses in any specific period are not expected to result in future cash payments.
- (3) Adjusted EBITDA (Non-IFRS measure) refers to EBITDA (Non-IFRS measure) adjusted by adding back (i) listing expenses, which relate to the Global Offering, and (ii) share-based compensation expenses, which are non-cash in nature.
- (4) Adjusted profit/(loss) for the Reporting Period (Non-IFRS measures) refers to profit/(loss) for the Reporting Period adjusted by adding back (i) listing expenses, which relate to the Global Offering, and (ii) share-based compensation expenses, which are non-cash in nature.

Profit/(Loss) for the Period

In summary, the Company recorded a profit of RMB1,511.3 million during the Reporting Period, representing an increase of RMB1,861.3 million compared to the profit for the same period last year. After excluding share-based compensation expenses of RMB144.9 million, the adjusted profit for the period (Non-IFRS measure) was RMB1,656.2 million.

Liquidity and Financial Resources, Treasury Policies and Capital Structure

	Six months ended June 30,	
	2025	2024
	(RMB in thousands)	
The following table sets forth our cash flows for the period indicated:		
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(21,142)	(102,890)
Net cash generated from/(used in) from investing activities	1,505,628	(106,916)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(446,632)	590,270
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,037,854	380,464
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	522,250	189,840
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	618	5,284
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	1,560,722	575,588

During the Reporting Period, our net cash used in operating activities was RMB21.1 million, mainly due to the profit before income tax of RMB1,920.1 million mainly including: (i) net gains of RMB2,002.4 million from the disposal and dilution of our equity interest in associates and investment loss calculated using the equity method; (ii) share-based compensation expenses of RMB144.9 million; and (iii) a net cash outflow of RMB102.6 million resulting from changes in working capital, mainly reflecting increases in trade receivables and other receivables.

Net cash generated from investing activities was RMB1,505.6 million, mainly due to (i) the RMB1,601.5 million proceeds obtained from the partial disposal of equity interest in LianTong; and partially offset by (ii) a net cash outflow of RMB90.8 million for the purchase of fix rate certificates of deposit and other financial investment products; and (iii) a net cash outflow of RMB5.1 million for the purchase and construction of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets.

Net cash used in financing activities amounted to RMB446.6 million, which mainly includes (i) RMB278.8 million mainly injected into a Trust set up under the First Award and Trust Scheme compensation of fund; (ii) a net cash outflow of RMB160.6 million used for repayment of borrowings; and (iii) RMB7.2 million in principal and interest payments on lease liabilities.

As of June 30, 2025, the Company's bank loans was RMB326.5 million.

As of June 30, 2025, the total amount of long-term bank borrowings was RMB134.3 million, with an interest rate of 3.4% (as of December 31, 2024: 4.0%), which are due for repayment by September 20, 2037. The total amount of short-term bank borrowings was RMB192.2 million, with maturities of one year or less and an annual interest rate ranging from 2.35% to 3.90% (as of December 31, 2024: 3.15% to 4.05%). As of June 30, 2025, the unutilized credit facilities were approximately RMB1,053.8 million. All bank borrowings are denominated in RMB. The Group has complied with its loan covenants during the Reporting Period. The Company has not used any financial instruments for hedging purposes. The Group maintains sufficient liquidity to meet its daily administrative and capital expenditure requirements and is able to manage its internal operating cash flow effectively.

We have adopted a treasury and investment policy which sets out overall principles as well as detailed approval processes of our investment activities. Such activities include, among other things, wealth management products, short or long-term loans, investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures, and other equity investments.

During the Reporting Period, there has been no change in the capital structure of the Company. The capital of the Company comprises ordinary shares of the Company including H Shares and Unlisted Shares.

Capital Expenditures

During the Reporting Period, the capital expenditure of the Group was RMB5.1 million, which mainly includes the purchase of property and equipment and the purchase of intangible assets, such as computer software. The Company intends to use the Company's existing cash balances, bank and other borrowings and proceeds from the Global Offering to finance the Company's future capital expenditures and long-term investments. The Company may reallocate funds for capital expenditure and long-term investment based on continuing business needs.

Funds Segregated for Customers and Restricted Cash

Our funds segregated for customers mainly refer to (i) funds collected and awaiting disbursement at request; (ii) service fees earned by the Group arising from completed digital payment services which has not been withdrawn from such segregated accounts; and (iii) deposits made by the Group to meet requests from customers seeking expedited disbursements. Other restricted cash is mainly performance guarantee for the payment business. As of June 30, 2025, our funds segregated for customers and restricted cash amounted to RMB16,038.4 million, representing an increase of RMB3,431.6 million compared with December 31, 2024, mainly due to an increase of RMB3,431.3 million in funds segregated for customers brought about by the increase in TPV and revenue.

Accruals and Other Payables

Our accruals and other payables mainly include payables to merchants and other customers, staff costs and welfare accruals. As of June 30, 2025, our accruals and other payables amounted to RMB16,069.4 million, representing an increase of RMB3,377.9 million compared with December 31, 2024, among which 98.8% was payables to merchants and other customers, which was in line with the growth trend of funds segregated for customers.

Trade Receivables

Our trade receivables primarily represent amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business. The increase in trade receivables was primarily driven by our revenue growth and the need to cooperate with more commercial banks and large enterprises to develop our business due to changes in our customer portfolio. The settlement cycles of such customers are relatively longer, resulting in the increase in the balance of trade receivables. We have made adequate provisions for commercial banks and large enterprises based on their overall reputation and credit ratings.

Trade Payables

Our trade payables primarily consist of payables for service charge and payables for processing fees to financial institutions and payment networks. As of June 30, 2025, our trade payables amounted to RMB93.0 million, representing an increase of RMB18.3 million compared to December 31, 2024, primarily due to the increase in service charge and processing fees payable in line with revenue growth.

Prepayments, Other Receivables and Other Current Assets

Our prepayments, other receivables and other current assets primarily include prepaid expenses, prepayments to suppliers, value-added tax recoverable and deposits for payment channels and rentals. As of June 30, 2025, the balance was RMB185.5 million, representing an increase of RMB27.1 million as compared to December 31, 2024, mainly due to the growth in transaction volume of the global payment business, which led to an increase in request of security deposits for payment channels by card issuing institutions.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As of June 30, 2025, the Group pledged (i) investment properties with net book value of RMB159.0 million, (ii) buildings with net book value of RMB98.3 million, and (iii) land use rights of RMB2.7 million for the Group's bank borrowings of RMB145.5 million. These borrowings are for general business operation purposes.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As of June 30, 2025, we did not have any contingent liabilities.

SHARE PLEDGE

During the Reporting Period, there was no pledge by our Controlling Shareholders of their interests in the H Shares to secure the Company's debts, guarantees or other obligations which would give rise to a disclosure obligation under Rule 13.21 of the Listing Rules.

In addition, during the Reporting Period, 20,200,560 Unlisted Shares, representing approximately 1.87% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue, held by Mr. Lu Zhonglin, one of the controlling shareholders of the Company, were subject to judicial freezing which was executed by Yuhang District People's Court of Hangzhou City and other institutions in connection with civil case disputes involving Mr. Lu Zhonglin himself. Another 72,115,995 Unlisted Shares, representing approximately 6.68% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue, held by Mr. Lu Zhonglin, were subject to judicial freezing, which was executed by Xihu District People's Court of Hangzhou City in connection with civil case disputes involving Mr. Lu Zhonglin himself. For further details, please refer to the relevant announcements of the Company dated April 10, 2025 and May 20, 2025.

GEARING RATIO

As of June 30, 2025, our gearing ratio, calculated as total borrowings divided by the total equity as of the end of the period, was approximately 12.5%.

MATERIAL ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

Disposal of Equity Interest in LianTong

During the Reporting Period, the Group disposed part of the equity interest in LianTong, and its shareholding in LianTong was reduced to 17.63% subsequent to the disposal transaction and the related capital increased as part of the same transaction. The disposal was completed in February 2025 and the capital increase was completed in March 2025.

On December 25, 2024, the Company entered into the equity transfer and capital increase agreement (the "**Agreement**") with American Express Travel Related Services Company ("**Amex TRS**"), American Express Marketing & Development Corp. ("**AEMD**", together with Amex TRS, the "**Purchasers**") and LianTong.

Pursuant to the Agreement, (i) the Purchaser Amex TRS agrees to purchase from the Company a total amount of registered capital of RMB1,154,618,100, representing 14.27% of the equity interest in LianTong immediately after completion of the Capital Increase (as defined below) for a consideration of RMB1,569,430,688, and (ii) the Purchaser AEMD agrees to purchase from the Company a total amount of registered capital of RMB23,563,719, representing 0.29% of the equity interest in LianTong immediately after completion of the Capital Increase for a consideration of RMB32,029,312.

Pursuant to the Agreement, simultaneously with the disposal of equity interest in LianTong by the Company to the Purchasers (the “**Disposal**”), LianTong intends to increase its registered capital by RMB2,330,181,818 with its total registered capital increased to RMB8,090,181,818. Each of Amex TRS and AEMD agrees to subscribe for RMB2,283,578,019 and RMB46,603,799 of the increased registered capital with a consideration of RMB3,103,985,139 and RMB63,346,861, respectively (the “**Capital Increase**”).

Immediately upon completion of the Disposal and the Capital Increase, LianTong was owned as to 80.72% by Amex TRS, 17.63% by the Company and 1.65% by AEMD.

As one or more of the applicable percentage ratios calculated pursuant to Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules was more than 5% but less than 25%, the Disposal constituted a discloseable transaction of the Company under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules and is subject to the reporting and announcement requirements, but was exempted from the Shareholders’ approval requirement under Chapter 14 of the Listing Rules. For further details, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated December 25, 2024 and January 3, 2025.

Save as the above-mentioned disposal of equity interest in LianTong, during the Reporting Period, we did not have any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Save as disclosed in the section headed “Future Plans and Use of Proceeds” in the Prospectus, as of June 30, 2025, we did not have plans for material investments and capital assets.

EXPOSURE TO FLUCTUATIONS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

The Group operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risk. Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognized assets and liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries. The functional currency of most of the Group’s subsidiaries outside the PRC is US dollars. For the foreign exchange risk derived from the future settlement of funds segregated for customers from the global payment services of the Group, which are reflected on the balance sheet as funds segregated for customers and other payables at the end of the Reporting Period, the Group considers that the businesses in the PRC or overseas are not exposed to any significant foreign exchange risk as funds segregated for customers and other payables of these subsidiaries are mainly denominated in their respective functional currency.

In addition, we may face foreign exchange risk arising from fluctuations in exchange rates within the interval between a customer initiates a foreign exchange transaction and our execution of the order with relevant banks and other financial institutions outside of China. In order to mitigate the potential risk, we leverage our platform with real-time reference quotations to implement the so-called “back-to-back” trading strategy to promptly execute the corresponding order to shorten such interval and accordingly avoid exchange rate fluctuation risks.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT AND MATERIAL EVENT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

As of June 30, 2025, the Group did not make any significant investments (including any investment in an investee company with a value of 5% or more of the Group's total assets as of June 30, 2025).

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As of June 30, 2025, we had a total of 1,025 employees, 91% of which were based in the PRC and 9% were based overseas, primarily in Southeast Asia, Europe and the United States. For the six months ended June 30, 2025, the total employee benefits (including directors' remuneration) amounted to RMB467.9 million.

Our success depends on our ability to attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel, and we believe that our high-quality talent pool is one of the core strengths of our Company. We adopt high standards and strict procedures in our recruitment, including campus recruitment, online recruitment, internal recommendation and recruitment through executive search, to meet the needs of our Company. We enter into standard contracts and agreements regarding confidentiality, intellectual property, employment, commercial ethics and non-competition with all of our executive officers and the vast majority of our employees. We enter into standard employment contracts and confidentiality agreements with our employees. We also enter into non-competition agreements with certain key employees. We place great emphasis on providing our employees with platforms and opportunities for self-improvement. We provide regular and specialized training tailored to the needs of our employees in different departments. We have also launched an online learning platform to complement our existing offline training initiatives. In addition to our internal training programs, we also engage external trainers. All training sessions are conducted periodically and in stages to ensure our employees' continuous learning and development.

As required by PRC laws and regulations, we participate in various employee social security schemes organized by municipal and provincial government, including pension, maternity insurance, unemployment insurance, work-related injury insurance, health insurance and housing provident fund.

As of June 30, 2025, we established labor unions in China, which may represent employees for the purpose of collective bargaining. We believe that we maintain a good working relationship with our employees, and we have not experienced any material labor dispute or any difficulty in recruiting staff for our operations during the Reporting Period.

PRE-IPO SHARE OPTION SCHEMES

Our Company adopted a Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme on February 1, 2021 which was further amended and approved on June 8, 2023 (the “**2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme**”). On the same date, our Company also adopted a new Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme on June 8, 2023 (the “**2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme**”, together with the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme, the “**Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes**”). The following is a summary of the principal terms of the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme and the 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme:

Objectives

The Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes are to improve the Company’s incentive mechanism, attract and retain talents and to motivate employees to ensure the achievement of the Company’s development goals.

Participants

The eligible participants of the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes are the Directors, senior management, core technical personnel and core business personnel of the Company, as well as other employees who contribute to the future development and operating of the Company which the Company believes should be incentivized, excluding (i) any shareholder who holds more than 5% of the Company’s issued share capital, either individually or collectively; (ii) the actual controller of the Company and his or her spouse, parents and/or children; (iii) independent Directors of the Company; or (iv) Supervisors of the Company.

Each eligible participant under the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes should have signed an employment contract or service contract with the Company or any of the subsidiaries of the Company. The Directors and senior management under the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes should have been elected by the Shareholders’ meeting of the Company or duly appointed by the Board.

Maximum Number of Shares

The maximum number of Shares to be granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes shall not exceed 10% of the total issued share capital of the Company at the time when the scheme is considered and approved by the Shareholders’ meeting. Accordingly, the maximum number of Shares to be granted under the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme and the 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme shall not exceed 40,339,000 Shares and 56,125,300 Shares, respectively. The maximum number of Shares which may be granted to a selected participant under the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme at any one time or in aggregate shall not exceed 1% of the total issued share capital of the Company as of the date of the adoption of the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme. There is no restriction on the maximum entitlement of each participant under the 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes.

Validity

The 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for the period of six years commencing on the date of grant. The 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for the period five years commencing on the date of grant. As of June 30, 2025, the remaining life of the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option and the 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option is 1.3 years and 1.3 years, respectively.

Exercise Period

The options granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes can be exercised after vesting on any trading day but no later than the 30 months after the Listing Date.

Exercise Price and Basis of Determination of the Exercise Price

The exercise price of the options under the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme and the 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme is RMB2.96 per Share and RMB5.00 per Share, respectively.

The exercise price of the options granted under the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme shall not be lower than the net asset value per Share of the Company as of December 31, 2020. The exercise price of the options granted under the 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme shall not be lower than the net asset value per Share of the Company as of December 31, 2022. During the period from the option grant date to the option exercise date, the exercise price of the option will be adjusted accordingly if the Company has capitalization of the capital reserves, distribution of stock dividends, allotment of shares or dividends.

Vesting Schedules

The vesting schedules of the options granted under the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme are as follows: (i) 50% (wholly or partially) to be vested after six months after the Listing Date; and (ii) the remaining 50% (wholly or partially) to be vested after 18 months after the Listing Date. The options granted under the 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme will be vested (wholly or partially) after 18 months after the Listing Date. The actual amount of options to be vested under the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes are subject to the achievement of certain performance targets of the relevant grantees as further described below.

Performance Targets and Vesting Conditions

The Remuneration and Assessment Committee of the Board will assess the performance indicators of the participants under the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes each year, and the performance results are of four grades: (i) S, which represents outstanding performance; (ii) A, which represents good performance; (iii) B, which represents average level of performance; and (iv) C, which indicates performance should be improved. The vesting conditions of the options granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes are as follows: (a) 100% of the options granted can be vested if the performance result is S or A; (b) 80% of the options granted can be vested if the performance result is B; and (c) options granted will be cancelled by the Company if the performance result is C.

Management Discussion and Analysis

As of June 30, 2025, (i) the number of underlying Shares pursuant to the outstanding share options granted under the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme amounted to 13,713,000 Shares, and (ii) the number of underlying Shares pursuant to the outstanding share options granted under the 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme amounted to 53,508,800 Shares, representing approximately 1.27% and 4.96%, respectively of the issued Shares as of June 30, 2025. No further options are expected to be granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes.

Details of share options granted to Directors and connected persons of our Company or other grantees during the Reporting Period are as follows:

Name of grantee	Date of grant	Exercise price per share	Vesting period	Exercise period	Number of Shares as of January 1, 2025	Granted during the Reporting Period	Exercised during the Reporting Period	Cancelled during the Reporting Period	Lapsed during the Reporting Period	Number of Shares as of June 30, 2025
Directors										
Mr. Xin Jie (辛潔)	June 12, 2023	RMB5.00	Note 2	Note 3	10,000,000	–	–	–	–	10,000,000
Ms. Wei Ping (魏萍)	June 12, 2023	RMB5.00	Note 2	Note 3	3,000,000	–	–	–	–	3,000,000
Mr. Zhu Xiaosong (朱曉松)	February 4, 2021	RMB2.96	Note 2	Note 3	850,000	–	–	–	–	850,000
	June 12, 2023	RMB5.00	Note 2	Note 3	1,850,000	–	–	–	–	1,850,000
Mr. Wang Yu (王愚)	February 4, 2021	RMB2.96	Note 2	Note 3	750,000	–	–	–	–	750,000
	June 12, 2023	RMB5.00	Note 2	Note 3	1,450,000	–	–	–	–	1,450,000
Connected Persons (other than Directors)										
Mr. Sun Dali (孫大利)	February 4, 2021	RMB2.96	Note 2	Note 3	750,000	–	–	–	–	750,000
	June 12, 2023	RMB5.00	Note 2	Note 3	1,950,000	–	–	–	–	1,950,000
Mr. Qing Huang	February 4, 2021	RMB2.96	Note 2	Note 3	750,000	–	–	–	–	750,000
	June 12, 2023	RMB5.00	Note 2	Note 3	1,450,000	–	–	–	–	1,450,000
Ms. Lin Yin (林銀)	February 4, 2021	RMB2.96	Note 2	Note 3	315,000	–	–	–	–	315,000
	June 12, 2023	RMB5.00	Note 2	Note 3	1,385,000	–	–	–	–	1,385,000
Other Employees										
	February 4, 2021	RMB2.96	Note 2	Note 3	10,668,000	–	–	370,000	–	10,298,000
	June 12, 2023	RMB5.00	Note 2	Note 3	33,308,800	–	–	885,000	–	32,423,800

Notes:

- (1) There is no consideration paid for the acceptance of the options.
- (2) The options granted under the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme and/or the 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme will be vested (wholly or partially) after 18 months after the Listing Date.
- (3) The options granted under the 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme and/or the 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme can be exercised after vesting on any trading day but no later than the 30 months after the Listing Date.
- (4) The average fair value of the options granted on February 4, 2021 was RMB12.23 per Share at the date of grant.
- (5) The average fair value of the options granted on June 12, 2023 was RMB11.13 per Share at the date of grant.
- (6) Save as disclosed above, there were no other material matters relating to the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes that were required to be reviewed for approval by the Remuneration and Assessment Committee of the Company during the Reporting Period in accordance with Rule 17.07A of the Listing Rules.

For details of fair value of the underlying Shares pursuant to the outstanding share options at the date of grant and the accounting standard and policies adopted, please refer to note 27 to the interim condensed consolidated financial information.

Rule 17.07(3) is not applicable as during the Reporting Period, no share options were granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Schemes.

FIRST AWARD AND TRUST SCHEME

Our Company proposed and approved the adoption of the First Award and Trust Scheme (the “**First Award and Trust Scheme**”) at the extraordinary general meeting held on December 31, 2024. The First Award and Trust Scheme was contemplated and adopted to be funded solely by the existing Shares to be purchased through the Trustee. The Scheme constitutes a share scheme under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules and shall be subject to the applicable disclosure requirements under Rule 17.12 of the Listing Rules. The following is a summary of the principal terms of the First Award and Trust Scheme:

Purpose of the First Award and Trust Scheme

The purpose of the First Award and Trust Scheme is to improve the Company’s incentive mechanism, attract, motivate, and retain selected employees through the grant of Awards. The First Award and Trust Scheme aims to enhance the motivation and creativity of Participants, ensuring the achievement of the Company’s long-term development goals, and promoting the sustained growth of the Company’s performance, thereby benefiting both the Company and the Participants.

Management Agency of the First Award and Trust Scheme

The general meeting of the Shareholders as the highest authority of the Company can authorize the Board to handle matters pertaining to the First Award and Trust Scheme within the scope of its authority.

In order to implement the First Award and Trust Scheme, the general meeting of the Shareholders authorizes the Board and the scheme administrators as authorized by the Board to serve as the management agency of the First Award and Trust Scheme (the “**Management Agency of the First Award and Trust Scheme**”), which are responsible for reviewing and approving the implementation, changes and termination of the First Award and Trust Scheme, and handling other related matters of the First Award and Trust Scheme within the scope as authorized by the general meeting of the Shareholders.

Participants and the Basis of Determining the Eligibility of the Participants

The Participants who may participate in the First Award and Trust Scheme shall be the persons who have the right to receive the Award Shares as determined by the Board in accordance with the terms of the First Award and Trust Scheme, and the scope of the Participants include: (i) Directors (excluding independent non-executive directors), senior management and key employees of the Company; (ii) key employees of the Company’s wholly-owned subsidiaries, holding subsidiaries or associated companies; and (iii) other persons as determined by the Board.

The Participants must meet the following basic qualifications or other conditions as approved by the Board: (i) have signed with the Company a labor contract, confidentiality agreement, non-competition agreement or service contract/consulting service agreement or other agreements as required by the Board; and (ii) other conditions that meet the award criteria established by the Management Agency of the First Award and Trust Scheme.

Source of the Awards

The Board shall entrust a qualified trust manager to act as the Trustee under the First Award and Trust Scheme to establish a trust plan with the objective of implementing equity incentives. The Participants will be granted the Awards and thus indirectly hold the interest of the Company's shares through the Trust. The Awards will be vested upon the fulfilment of certain conditions. The Awards granted to the Participants shall be subject to the terms of the First Award and Trust Scheme and the restrictive terms as agreed in the Trust Deed. The Participants shall be entitled to the corresponding rights and interests in accordance with the terms agreed in the Trust Deed.

The Board instructs the Trustee to purchase existing H Shares on the Stock Exchange or off the Stock Exchange from existing Shareholders. Should the Shares be purchased by the Trustee off the Stock Exchange from existing Shareholders, the purchase price must not be higher than the closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotations sheets of Stock Exchange on the date of purchase. As of the end of the Reporting Period, the Trustee had purchased an aggregate of 28,608,000 H Shares under the First Award and Trust Scheme.

Life of the First Award and Trust Scheme

Subject to any early termination of the First Award and Trust Scheme pursuant to the terms of the First Award and Trust Scheme, the First Award and Trust Scheme shall be valid and effective for ten (10) years commencing from the Adoption Date (i.e. December 31, 2024 which is the day on which the First Award and Trust Scheme is approved by the Shareholders). Upon termination or early termination of the First Award and Trust Scheme, the Company may not grant any Awards, but the Awards that have been granted will continue to be valid until they become vested or lapsed.

Maximum Number of Shares

The maximum number of H Shares that the Trustee can acquire and hold from time to time under the First Award and Trust Scheme throughout the life of such scheme shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares as defined under the Listing Rules) as of the Adoption Date (the "**Scheme Mandate Limit**"). As of the Adoption Date, the total number of the issued shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares as defined under the Listing Rules) was 1,079,060,000 Shares, and the Scheme Mandate Limit will be 107,906,000 Shares (representing 10% of the total number of the issued shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares as defined under the Listing Rules) as of the Adoption Date).

Maximum Entitlement to Each Participant

According to the First Award and Trust Scheme, the maximum entitlement of the Awards to be granted to any Participant under the First Award and Trust Scheme shall not exceed 1% of the total number of the issued shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares as defined under the Listing Rules) unless approved by way of special resolution at the general meeting.

Date of Grant

The date on which the Awards are granted to the Participants is the date when the Company signs and issues the Award Letter to the Participants. The date of grant shall be determined by the Board.

Consideration for the Grant of the First Award and Trust Scheme

According to the provisions of the First Award and Trust Scheme, the incentive consideration (if any) of the Participants shall be determined by the Board and shall be agreed in the Award Letter.

The Participant should use their personal lawful remuneration, personal and family property, and other self-funded resources in accordance with laws and regulations. The Company will not provide loans or any other form of financial assistance to the Participants, including providing guarantees for their loans.

The Participant shall, in accordance with the First Award and Trust Scheme, pay the full amount of the purchase price, if any, corresponding to the Awards received by the Participant to the Company or such other entity as the Company may designate by wire transfer prior to satisfying the vesting conditions and instruct the Trustee to sell its Awards in the open market.

Vesting Period

The vesting period of the Awards granted under the First Award and Trust Scheme shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Board, with a minimum vesting period of 12 months from and including the date of grant. The vesting conditions and the performance targets, if any, shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Board in the Award Letter.

Vesting Conditions of the First Award and Trust Scheme

The Awards granted to a Participant shall be vested to the Participant during the vesting period upon satisfaction of the vesting conditions and the performance targets, if any, set forth in the First Award and Trust Scheme. The vesting conditions and the performance targets, if any, shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Board in the Award Letter.

The performance targets, if any, will be determined based on the specific circumstances of the particular Participants. Depending on the circumstances, the performance targets may include, but are not limited to: (i) annual performance of the Group or members of the Group; (ii) achievement of milestones for major projects of the Group; (iii) key performance indicators of the department and/or business unit to which the Participant belongs; and (iv) the Participant's position and the annual performance appraisal results, etc.

At the end of the performance period of the relevant performance target, the Board will evaluate the actual performance of the Participant against the pre-agreed target and determine, at its sole discretion, whether or not the relevant performance target has been achieved.

If the Participant fails to fulfil the vesting conditions applicable to the relevant Awards, all the relevant Awards which may otherwise be vesting during the respective vesting period shall not be vested and become immediately lapsed with respect to such Participant. In such case, the Company will give notice about the forfeiture to the Trustee, who will dispose of the relevant forfeited shares within a reasonable time after receipt of the notice of forfeiture, including, but not limited to, by (i) selling the lapsed Shares in the open market at fair market value and adding the proceeds to the Trust pool for further purchases of the Award Shares during the term of the First Award and Trust Scheme; or (ii) retaining the forfeited Award Shares in the Trust pool for further grants to other Participants during the life of the First Award and Trust Scheme.

After vesting and during the life of the First Award and Trust Scheme, the Participants can instruct the Trustee to sell the vested Award Shares in the open market through the Company or the Company's designated ESOP platform or system. The Trustee will use the proceeds from the sale after deducting relevant taxes and other related expenses, and the funds will be transferred to the bank account under the name of the Participants to redeem the corresponding cash returns.

Claw back Mechanism

The First Award and Trust Scheme has established a claw back mechanism where any of the following events occurs prior to the vesting of the Awards: (i) Participant's resignation for any reasons; (ii) Participant's retirement and loss of working ability; and (iii) Participant's death.

During the life of the First Award and Trust Scheme, if the Participant has resigned, the vested Awards shall continue to be enjoyed by the original Participants; the unvested Awards shall become forfeited Awards, and the Participants no longer have rights. The unvested Awards shall be disposed of by the Board or the scheme administrators as authorized by the Board, including but not limited to instructing the Trustee to: (i) sell the lapsed Shares on the open market at the market price and consolidate the proceeds therefrom into the Trust pool, which can be used to further purchase the Awards during the life of the First Award and Trust Scheme; or (ii) retain the lapsed Awards in the Trust pool for further grants to other Participants during the life of the First Award and Trust Scheme.

During the life of the First Award and Trust Scheme, if the Participant has retired, lost working ability, or died, the vested Awards shall continue to be enjoyed by the original Participant; the unvested Awards shall either continue to be enjoyed by the Participants or their successors or become forfeited Awards at the discretion of the Board or the scheme administrators as authorized by the Board. If the Awards become forfeited, the disposal method shall be determined at the discretion of the Board or the scheme administrators as authorized by the Board, including but not limited to instructing the Trustee to: (i) sell the lapsed Shares on the open market at the market price and consolidate the proceeds therefrom into the Trust pool, which can be used to further purchase the Awards during the life of the First Award and Trust Scheme; or (ii) retain the lapsed Awards in the Trust pool for further grants to other Participants during the life of the First Award and Trust Scheme.

In the event of other matters not agreed upon, the disposal of the Awards held by the Participants shall be determined by the Board or the scheme administrators as authorized by the Board.

Rights on Voting and Dividends

Neither the Participants nor the Trustee may exercise any voting rights attached to any Shares held by the Trustee under the Trust Deed. Subject to the provision of the First Award and Trust Scheme, dividends payable on Award Shares corresponding to unvested Award Shares (other than the lapsed Awards) shall belong to the Participants and shall be paid to the Participants at the time of vesting and shall be paid by the Trustee to the account of the Participants; and dividends payable in respect of current Awards for which the vesting conditions have not been satisfied shall be retained by the Trustee and added to the Trust pool to be used for further purchases of the Award Shares, and the Participant shall have no further rights.

Restrictions and Limitations

A Grant or any instruction from the Board to the Trustee to acquire or sell H Shares may not be made after a price sensitive event or inside information has occurred or a price sensitive matter or inside information has been the subject of a decision until such price sensitive information or inside information has been published in accordance with the Listing Rules. In particular, during the period preceding the publication of financial results in which the Directors are prohibited from dealing in Shares pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as prescribed by the Listing Rules or any corresponding code or securities dealing restrictions adopted by the Company and up to the date of publication of the relevant financial results, no Grant may be made to the Directors or connected persons, and the Board shall not give any instruction to the Trustee to purchase or sell the H Shares.

Upon the sale or purchase of the Awards by the Participants, such person shall comply with restrictive requirements under relevant laws and regulations, including but not limited to the restrictions on inside information and compliance with the restrictions (if any) in the number of Shares to be sold.

Issuance of Shares and Rights of Shares

During the life of the First Award and Trust Scheme, if the Company issues H Shares or other securities to the Shareholders for subscription by way of rights issues, options or warrants, the Trustee may, with the consent of the trustor, exercise, or take action to underwrite, purchase and/or subscribe for, any rights, options or warrants allocated to the Shares of the Company and held for purposes of implementing the First Award and Trust Scheme provided that no additional funds need to be paid for the subscription; otherwise, the Trustee shall not exercise such rights.

Termination of the First Award and Trust Scheme

The First Award and Trust Scheme will terminate on the earlier of: (i) the expiration of the life of the First Award and Trust Scheme; or (ii) the date determined by the Board or approved by the Shareholders to terminate the First Award and Trust Scheme.

Upon termination, ungranted Awards will lapse, and the Trustee will sell the underlying Shares in the market.

Save as disclosed above, during the Reporting Period, the Trustee did not purchase any Shares on the Stock Exchange or off the Stock Exchange for the purpose of the First Award and Trust Scheme. No Awards had been granted to any Participants under the First Award and Trust Scheme as of June 30, 2025.

Rule 17.07(3) is not applicable as during the Reporting Period, no awards were granted under the First Award and Trust Scheme.

EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE REPORTING PERIOD

Save as disclosed in Note 34 to the condensed consolidated financial information in this interim report, the Group is not aware of any significant events which could have a material impact on our operating and financial performance after the Reporting Period.

Corporate Governance and Other Information

The Board is pleased to present Corporate Governance and Other Information for the six months ended June 30, 2025.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICE

The Company is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance to safeguard the interests of the Shareholders and to enhance corporate value and accountability. The Company has adopted the principles and code provisions of the CG Code as set out in Part 2 of the Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules as its own code of corporate governance.

During the Reporting Period, the Company has complied with all the principles and applicable code provisions of the CG Code.

In addition, the balance of power and authority is ensured by the operation of the senior management and the Board, which comprises experienced and high-caliber individuals. The Board currently consists of four executive Directors and three independent non-executive Directors. Therefore, we consider that the Board has a fairly strong independence element in its composition.

The Directors will continue to review the corporate governance policies and compliance with the CG Code and other applicable legal and regulatory requirements so as to maintain a high standard of corporate governance of the Company.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as its own securities dealing code to regulate all dealings by the Directors, the Supervisors and relevant employees of securities in the Company and other matters covered by the Model Code. Having made specific enquiry with all the Directors and Supervisors as well as the relevant employees of the Company, they confirmed that they have strictly complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code during the Reporting Period.

No incident of non-compliance of the Model Code by the Company's relevant employees was noted by the Company during the Reporting Period.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from the Global Offering (after deducting the underwriting fees and commissions and related cost and expenses) amounted to approximately HK\$548.0 million on the Listing Date. There is no change to the intended use of net proceeds and the expected implementation timetable as previously disclosed in the section headed "Future Plans and Use of Proceeds" in the Prospectus.

As of June 30, 2025, the Company had utilized approximately HK\$278.9 million of net proceeds from the Global Offering, representing approximately 50.9% of the total net proceeds from the Global Offering, in accordance with the intended use set out in the Prospectus.

The following table sets out breakdown of the use of proceeds from the Global Offering:

Use of net proceeds	Percentage of net proceeds	Estimated net proceeds allocated as disclosed in the Prospectus (HK\$ million)	Allocated net proceeds from the Global Offering (HK\$ million)	Net proceeds utilized since the Listing and up to the June 30, 2025 (HK\$ million)	Expected timeline of full utilization of net proceeds	Remaining Amount (HK\$ million)
To enhance our technological capabilities	60.0%	291.0	328.8	251.5	By March 31, 2029	77.3
(i) To invest in the development of advanced technologies that are pivotal to our business operation, future growth and our ability to remain competitive in the industry	30.0%	145.5	164.4	164.4	By March 31, 2029	–
(ii) To develop, iterate and promote innovative solutions, which can help us to cater additional customer needs besides current digital payment services and diversify our value-add services	20.0%	97.0	109.6	32.3	By March 31, 2029	77.3
(iii) For maintenance and improvement of our existing technology infrastructure to ensure reliability and security	10.0%	48.5	54.8	54.8	By March 31, 2029	–
To expand our business operations globally	30.0%	145.5	164.4	–	By March 31, 2029	164.4
(iv) To enhance our market presence in overseas markets, notably in Southeast Asia, the Middle East and South America, and to build and expand our overseas team to broaden our customer base and strengthen our service capability	20.0-25.0%	97.0-121.3	109.6-137.0	–	By March 31, 2029	109.6-137.0
(v) To apply and obtain additional licenses globally	5.0-10.0%	24.3-48.5	27.4-54.8	–	By March 31, 2029	27.4-54.8
For future strategic investment and acquisitions to enrich our service and product offerings, enhance our technology capabilities and strengthen our international operations	5.0%	24.3	27.4	–	By March 31, 2029	27.4
For general corporate purposes and working capital needs	5.0%	24.3	27.4	27.4	By March 31, 2029	–
Total	100.0%	485.1	548.0	278.9	–	269.1

The Company does not have any intention to change the purposes of the net proceeds from the Global Offering as set out in the Prospectus, and will gradually utilize the net proceeds from the Global Offering with the intended purposes.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

For the six months ended June 30, 2025, the Company repurchased a total of 771,000 H Shares (the “**Repurchased Shares**”) on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange at an aggregate consideration of HK\$4,679,872.85. As of June 30, 2025, such 771,000 H Shares were held as treasury Shares as defined under the Listing Rules or deposited with the Central Clearing and Settlement System operated by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited.

Particulars of the Repurchased Shares are summarized as follows:

Month of Repurchase	No. of Shares Repurchased	Price Paid per Share		Aggregate Consideration
		Highest HK\$	Lowest HK\$	
April, 2025	13,500	6	5.97	80,985.15
May, 2025	757,500	6.3	5.94	4,598,887.70
Total	771,000			4,679,872.85

The Repurchased Shares during the Reporting Period was effected by the Directors, pursuant to the mandates granted by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting held on June 7, 2024, with a view to benefiting the Company and creating value for the Shareholders.

Save as the Repurchased Shares disclosed above, the Company and its subsidiaries did not purchase, sell or redeem any of the listed securities of the Company (including sales of treasury shares as defined under the Listing Rules) during the six months ended June 30, 2025.

MATERIAL LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

During the Reporting Period, no member of the Group was involved in any litigation, arbitration or claim of material importance, and no litigation, arbitration or claim of material importance was known to the Directors to be pending or threatened against any member of the Group.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Board has established the Audit Committee, which comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Wong Chi Kin (chairperson), Mr. Chun Chang and Ms. Lin Lanfen. The Audit Committee has also adopted written terms of reference which clearly set out its duties and obligations (the terms of reference are available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange).

The Audit Committee has considered and reviewed, with no disagreement, with the management of the Company and the Auditor, the applicable accounting principles, standards and practices adopted by the Group.

The Audit Committee has reviewed this interim report including the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Group for the six months ended June 30, 2025 and is of the opinion that the 2025 interim report complies with the applicable accounting standards and relevant laws and regulations, and contains adequate disclosures.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

Having due regard to the long-term interests of the Shareholders and the Company, the Board did not recommend any payment of dividends for the Reporting Period (six months ended June 30, 2024: Nil).

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

As of June 30, 2025, the interests or short positions of the Directors, Supervisors and chief executives of the Company in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which was required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which was required pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO to be entered in the register referred to therein or which was otherwise required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code were as follows:

				Number of Shares held (including Shares underlying the outstanding options)	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the relevant class of Shares ⁽¹⁾	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the total share capital of the Company ⁽²⁾
Name of Director/ Supervisor/Chief Executive	Position	Nature of Interest	Class of Shares			
Mr. Zhang Zhengyu (章徵宇) ⁽³⁾	Chairman of the Board and executive Director	Beneficial interest	Unlisted Shares	117,428,375	17.78%	10.88%
		Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	172,217,799	26.08%	15.96%
		Sub-total	Unlisted Shares	289,646,174	43.86%	26.84%
Mr. Xin Jie (辛潔) ⁽⁴⁾	Executive Director and chief executive officer	Beneficial interest	H Shares	10,000,000	2.39%	0.93%
Ms. Wei Ping (魏萍) ⁽⁵⁾	Executive Director and financial director	Beneficial interest	H Shares	3,000,000	0.72%	0.28%
Mr. Zhu Xiaosong (朱曉松) ⁽⁶⁾	Executive Director	Beneficial interest	H Shares	2,700,000	0.64%	0.25%
Mr. Wang Yu (王愚) ⁽⁷⁾	Executive Director, deputy general manager and chief technology officer	Beneficial interest	H Shares	2,200,000	0.53%	0.20%

Notes:

- (1) The calculation is based on a total number of 660,391,236 Unlisted Shares in issue and a total number of 418,668,764 H Shares in issue as of June 30, 2025.
- (2) The calculation is based on the total number of 1,079,060,000 Shares in issue as of June 30, 2025.
- (3) As of June 30, 2025, Mr. Zhang Zhengyu directly holds 10.88% interest in our Company. By virtue of SFO, Mr. Zhang Zhengyu is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Chuanglianzhixin which represents 15.96% interest of our Company as of June 30, 2025. Therefore, Mr. Zhang Zhengyu is deemed to be interested in a total of 26.84% interest of our Company under SFO as of June 30, 2025.
- (4) As of June 30, 2025, Mr. Xin Jie was granted 10,000,000 options by our Company, upon the exercise of which the same number of H Shares will be issued to him.
- (5) As of June 30, 2025, Ms. Wei Ping was granted 3,000,000 options by our Company, upon the exercise of which the same number of H Shares will be issued to her.
- (6) As of June 30, 2025, Mr. Zhu Xiaosong was granted 2,700,000 options by our Company, upon the exercise of which the same number of H Shares will be issued to him.
- (7) As of June 30, 2025, Mr. Wang Yu was granted 2,200,000 options by our Company, upon the exercise of which the same number of H Shares will be issued to him. Mr. Wang Yu resigned as an executive Director, deputy general manager and chief technology officer with effect from July 28, 2025. For further details, see announcement of the Company dated July 28, 2025.
- (8) All interests stated are long positions.

Save as disclosed above, as of June 30, 2025, none of the Directors, Supervisors or the chief executives of the Company had or was deemed to have any interests or short positions in the Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) that was required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions of the SFO), or required to be recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PURCHASE OF SHARES OR DEBENTURES

At no time during the Reporting Period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement that would enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate, and none of the Directors or any of their spouse or children under the age of 18 had any right to subscribe for the equity or debt securities of the Company or any other body corporate or had exercised any such right.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As of June 30, 2025, to the best knowledge of the Directors, the following persons (other than a Director, Supervisor or chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares which fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO:

Name of Substantial Shareholders	Nature of Interest	Class of Shares	Number of Shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the relevant class of Shares ⁽¹⁾	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the total share capital of the Company ⁽²⁾
Mr. Lu Zhonglin (呂鐘霖) ⁽³⁾	Beneficial interest	Unlisted Shares	92,316,555	13.98%	8.56%
Hangzhou Chuanglianzhixin Investment L.P. (杭州創連致新投資合夥企業(有限合伙)) ⁽⁴⁾ ("Chuanglianzhixin")	Beneficial interest	Unlisted Shares	172,217,799	26.08%	15.96%
Hangzhou Yudao Investment Management Co., Ltd. (杭州宇道投資管理有限公司) ⁽⁴⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	172,217,799	26.08%	15.96%
Hangzhou Fuyu Investment Management Co., Ltd. (杭州福宇投資管理有限公司) ⁽⁴⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	172,217,799	26.08%	15.96%
Tianjin Everbright Innovation Technology Investment Center L.P. (天津光大創新科技投資中心(有限合伙)) ⁽⁵⁾ ("Everbright Investment")	Beneficial interest	Unlisted Shares	39,964,800	6.05%	3.70%
	Beneficial interest	H Shares	25,545,800	6.10%	2.37%
Everbright Industrial Capital Management Co., Ltd. (光大實業資本管理有限公司) ⁽⁵⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	39,964,800	6.05%	3.70%
	Interest in controlled corporation	H Shares	25,545,800	6.10%	2.37%
Everbright No. 2 Venture Capital (Shenzhen) L.P. (光大二號創業投資(深圳)合夥企業(有限合伙)) ⁽⁵⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	39,964,800	6.05%	3.70%
	Interest in controlled corporation	H Shares	25,545,800	6.10%	2.37%

Name of Substantial Shareholders	Nature of Interest	Class of Shares	Number of Shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the relevant class of Shares ⁽¹⁾	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the total share capital of the Company ⁽²⁾
China Everbright Industrial (Group) Co., Ltd. (中國光大實業(集團)有限責任公司) ⁽⁵⁾ ("Everbright Industrial")	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	39,964,800	6.05%	3.70%
	Interest in controlled corporation	H Shares	25,545,800	6.10%	2.37%
China Everbright Group Co., Ltd. (中國光大集團股份公司) ⁽⁵⁾ ("Everbright Group")	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	39,964,800	6.05%	3.70%
	Interest in controlled corporation	H Shares	25,545,800	6.10%	2.37%
Central Huijin Investment Co., Ltd. (中央匯金投資有限責任公司) ⁽⁵⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	39,964,800	6.05%	3.70%
	Interest in controlled corporation	H Shares	25,545,800	6.10%	2.37%
China Investment Corporation (中國投資有限責任公司) ⁽⁵⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	39,964,800	6.05%	3.70%
	Interest in controlled corporation	H Shares	25,545,800	6.10%	2.37%

Name of Substantial Shareholders	Nature of Interest	Class of Shares	Number of Shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the relevant class of Shares ⁽¹⁾	Approximate percentage of shareholding in the total share capital of the Company ⁽²⁾
Zhejiang Saizhibole Equity Investment Management Co., Ltd. (浙江賽智伯樂股權投資管理有限公司) ⁽⁷⁾ ("Saizhibole")	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	60,818,971	9.21%	5.64%
	Interest in controlled corporation	H Shares	70,411,456	16.82%	6.53%
Hangzhou Saizhi Investment Co., Ltd. (杭州賽智投資有限公司) ⁽⁶⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	60,818,971	9.21%	5.64%
	Interest in controlled corporation	H Shares	70,411,456	16.82%	6.53%
Mr. Chen Bin (陳斌) ⁽⁶⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	60,818,971	9.21%	5.64%
	Interest in controlled corporation	H Shares	70,411,456	16.82%	6.53%
Mr. Huang Xin (黃昕) ⁽⁶⁾	Interest in controlled corporation	Unlisted Shares	60,818,971	9.21%	5.64%
	Interest in controlled corporation	H Shares	70,411,456	16.82%	6.53%

Notes:

- (1) The calculation is based on a total number of 660,391,236 Unlisted Shares in issue and a total number of 418,668,764 H Shares in issue as of June 30, 2025.
- (2) The calculation is based on the total number of 1,079,060,000 Shares in issue as of June 30, 2025.
- (3) Mr. Lu Zhonglin has informed the Company that 20,200,560 Unlisted Shares held by him were subject to the Freezing. The Freezing period will last until March 27, 2028 at the latest. The Freezing was executed by Yuhang District People's Court of Hangzhou City and other institutions, and was caused by civil case disputes which involved Mr. Lu Zhonglin himself. Mr. Lu Zhonglin has further informed the Company that 72,115,995 Unlisted Shares held by him were subject to the Freezing. The Freezing period will last until April 27, 2028 at the latest. The Freezing was executed by Xihu District People's Court of Hangzhou City, and was caused by civil case disputes which involved Mr. Lu Zhonglin himself. For further details, please refer to the relevant announcements of the Company dated May 20, 2025 and April 10, 2025.
- (4) The general partner of Chuanglianzhixin is Hangzhou Yudao Investment Management Co., Ltd. (杭州宇道投資管理有限公司), which is owned as to 99.9025% by Mr. Zhang and 0.0975% by Mr. Zhu Xiaosong (朱曉松). The limited partner which holds more than one third of partnership interests of Chuanglianzhixin is Hangzhou Fuyu Investment Management Co., Ltd. (杭州福宇投資管理有限公司), which is wholly owned by Mr. Zhang and holds as to 82.67% of the partnership interests of Chuanglianzhixin. Therefore, by virtue of SFO, each of Hangzhou Yudao Investment Management Co., Ltd. (杭州宇道投資管理有限公司), Hangzhou Fuyu Investment Management Co., Ltd. (杭州福宇投資管理有限公司) and Mr. Zhang is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Chuanglianzhixin.
- (5) The general partner of Everbright Investment is Everbright Industrial Capital Management Co., Ltd. (光大實業資本管理有限公司), which is wholly owned by Everbright Industrial. The limited partner which holds more than one third of partnership interests of Everbright Investment is Everbright No. 2 Venture Capital (Shenzhen) L.P. (光大二號創業投資(深圳)合夥企業(有限合夥)) which holds as to 53.16% of the partnership interests of Everbright Investment. Everbright No. 2 Venture Capital (Shenzhen) L.P. (光大二號創業投資(深圳)合夥企業(有限合夥)) is owned as to 70.59% by Everbright Industrial which is wholly owned by Everbright Group. Everbright Group is owned as to 63.16% by Central Huijin Investment Co., Ltd. (中央匯金投資有限責任公司), 33.43% by the MOF and 3.4% by National Council for Social Security Fund (全國社會保障基金理事會). Central Huijin Investment Co., Ltd. (中央匯金投資有限責任公司) is in turn wholly owned by China Investment Corporation (中國投資有限責任公司) and the State Council.

Therefore, by virtue of SFO, each of Everbright Industrial Capital Management Co., Ltd. (光大實業資本管理有限公司), Everbright No. 2 Venture Capital (Shenzhen) L.P. (光大二號創業投資(深圳)合夥企業(有限合夥)), Everbright Industrial, Everbright Group, Central Huijin Investment Co., Ltd. (中央匯金投資有限責任公司) and China Investment Corporation (中國投資有限責任公司) is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Everbright Investment.
- (6) Saizhibole is the general partner of each of Hangzhou Hangshi Sailian Investment L.P. (杭州杭實賽連投資合夥企業(有限合夥)), Hangzhou Sailian Phase II Investment L. P. (杭州賽連貳期投資合夥企業(有限合夥)), Hangzhou Saizhi Yunsheng Investment L.P. (杭州賽智雲昇投資合夥企業(有限合夥)) and Hangzhou Sailian Phase I Investment L.P. (杭州賽連壹期投資合夥企業(有限合夥)), which directly holds 3.17%、3.07%、3.15% and 2.77% interests of our Company respectively. Saizhibole is wholly owned by Hangzhou Saizhi Investment Co., Ltd. (杭州賽智投資有限公司) which is held by Hangzhou Saishenggu Equity Investment Management Co., Ltd. (杭州賽聖谷股權投資管理有限公司) as to 42.08%, Mr. Chen Bin (陳斌) as to 40.54% and Mr. Huang Xin (黃昕) as to 17.37%. Hangzhou Saishenggu Equity Investment Management Co., Ltd. (杭州賽聖谷股權投資管理有限公司) is controlled by Mr. Chen Bin (陳斌) as to 70% and Mr. Huang Xin (黃昕) as to 30% respectively.

Therefore, by virtue of SFO, each of Saizhibole, Hangzhou Saizhi Investment Co., Ltd. (杭州賽智投資有限公司), Hangzhou Saishenggu Equity Investment Management Co., Ltd. (杭州賽聖谷股權投資管理有限公司), Mr. Chen Bin (陳斌) and Mr. Huang Xin (黃昕) is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Hangzhou Hangshi Sailian Investment L.P. (杭州杭實賽連投資合夥企業(有限合夥)), Hangzhou Sailian Phase II Investment L. P. (杭州賽連貳期投資合夥企業(有限合夥)), Hangzhou Saizhi Yunsheng Investment L.P. (杭州賽智雲昇投資合夥企業(有限合夥)) and Hangzhou Sailian Phase I Investment L. P. (杭州賽連壹期投資合夥企業(有限合夥)) together.

CHANGES TO DIRECTORS' INFORMATION

Pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, the changes in information of the Directors during the Reporting Period and up to the date of this interim report are set out below.

On July 28, 2025, Mr. Wang Yu resigned as an executive Director, deputy general manager and chief technology officer of the Company due to personal work arrangements. For details, please refer to the relevant announcement of the Company dated July 28, 2025.

In addition, on July 28, 2025, the Board approved the appointment of the following senior management and company secretaries with effect from the same date: (i) Ms. Leung Hoi Yan as a joint company secretary of the Company; (ii) Ms. Xu Yedan as a joint company secretary of the Company. Ms. Chan Yuen Mui and Mr. Yan Hao ceased to serve as joint company secretaries with effect from the same date.

Save as disclosed above, the Company is not aware of any changes to information in respect of the Directors, Supervisors and senior management of the Company during the Reporting Period that are required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B (1) of the Listing Rules.

CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS' AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS

For the year ended 31 December 2024 and the six months ended 30 June 2025, neither our Controlling Shareholders nor any of our Directors are considered to have interests in a business, apart from the business of our Group, which competes or is likely to compete, directly or indirectly, with our business, which would require disclosure under Rule 8.10 of the Listing Rules.

In addition, we recognize the importance of good corporate governance in protecting our Shareholders' interests. Our independent non-executive Directors are of the view that, for the year ended 31 December 2024 and the six months ended 30 June 2025, there is no conflict of interests between our Group and our Controlling Shareholders that need to be disclosed to the Shareholders.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

During the Reporting Period, no amendments were made to the Company's Articles of Association.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On July 12, 2025, the Company entered into a placing agreement with China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Securities Limited and Deutsche Bank AG, Hong Kong Branch. Pursuant to the placing agreement, the Company allotted and issued an aggregate of 38,400,000 new H Shares (the **"Placing Shares"**), each with a nominal value of RMB1.00, under the general mandate. The Placing Shares were issued to not less than six placees who are professional, institutional and/or other investors and who are independent of, and not connected with, the Company and its connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules), at a placing price of HK\$10.25 per H Share. The market price of the H Shares on 11 July 2025, being the date on which the placing price was fixed, was HK\$11.40 per H Share. The Directors have considered various ways of raising funds and believe that the Placing represents an opportunity to raise capital for the Company while broadening its Shareholders and capital base. The Directors are of the view that the Placing would strengthen the financial position of the Group and accelerate innovations in the Group's global payment business and development of technology capability. The aggregate gross proceeds from the Placing amounted to approximately HK\$393.60 million and the aggregate net proceeds (after deduction of commissions and expenses) amounted to approximately HK\$387.25 million, representing a net price per H Share of approximately HK\$10.08, which will be used by the Group for the following purpose: (i) 50% for innovation and application of innovative technologies such as blockchain in the global payment field; (ii) 30% for global business and license expansion; and (iii) 20% for general corporate purposes. For further details, please refer to the relevant announcement of the Company dated July 12, 2025.

Save as otherwise disclosed in this interim report, there were no other significant events affecting the Group which occurred after June 30, 2025 and up to the date of this interim report.

Supplementary Information in Relation to the 2024 Annual Report

Reference is made to the annual report of Company for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Company would like to provide the following additional information in relation to the Company's independent non-executive director's annual review on whether there are any conflict of interest between the Group and the Controlling Shareholders for the year ended 31 December 2024 pursuant to Rule 8.10 of the Listing Rules.

In addition, we recognize the importance of good corporate governance in protecting our Shareholders' interests. Our independent non-executive Directors are of the view that, for the year ended 31 December 2024 and the six months ended 30 June 2025, there is no conflict of interests between our Group and our Controlling Shareholders that need to be disclosed to the Shareholders.

Report on Review of Interim Financial Information

To the Board of Directors of Lianlian DigiTech Co., Ltd.
(incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

INTRODUCTION

We have reviewed the interim financial information set out on pages 40 to 78, which comprises the interim condensed consolidated balance sheet of Lianlian DigiTech Co., Ltd. (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together, the "Group") as at 30 June 2025 and the interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the interim condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity and the interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and selected explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of a report on interim financial information to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity". A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

CONCLUSION

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial information of the Group is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 26 August 2025

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the six months ended 30 June 2025

		(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June	
	Notes	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Revenue	5	782,719	617,387
Cost of sales	6	(376,498)	(292,462)
Gross profit		406,221	324,925
Selling and marketing expenses	6	(128,785)	(108,883)
General and administrative expenses	6	(299,857)	(290,244)
Research and development expenses	6	(186,972)	(147,469)
Other income	8	141,256	89,489
Other gains/(losses) - net	9	2,047,468	(2,378)
Provision for impairment on financial assets		(5,938)	(3,391)
Operating profit/(loss)		1,973,393	(137,951)
Finance income	10	6,408	4,121
Finance costs	10	(8,449)	(10,487)
Finance costs – net		(2,041)	(6,366)
Share of net loss of associates accounted for using the equity method	17	(51,208)	(202,697)
Profit/(loss) before income tax		1,920,144	(347,014)
Income tax expenses	11	(408,829)	(2,943)
Profit/(loss) for the period		1,511,315	(349,957)
Profit/(loss) for the period attributable to:			
– Owners of the Company		1,510,810	(351,294)
– Non-controlling interests		505	1,337
		1,511,315	(349,957)
Earnings/(loss) per share for profit/(loss) for the period attributable to the owners of the Company			
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (in RMB per share)	12(a)	1.42	(0.34)
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (in RMB per share)	12(b)	1.39	(0.34)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)			
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		6,095	(956)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss			
Changes in the fair value of equity investment at FVOCI		–	1,578
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of income tax		6,095	622
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period		1,517,410	(349,335)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period attributable to:			
– Owners of the Company		1,516,756	(350,931)
– Non-controlling interests		654	1,596
		1,517,410	(349,335)

The notes on pages 45 to 78 are an integral part of the interim condensed consolidated financial information.

Interim Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2025

	Notes	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000 (Audited)
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	13	117,215	119,557
Right-of-use assets	14(a)	23,795	29,202
Investment properties	15	159,002	161,012
Intangible assets	16	18,196	19,359
Deferred income tax assets	31	22,550	425,252
Investments accounted for using the equity method	17	400,973	–
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI")	21	50,840	50,840
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL")	20	69,363	69,363
Long-term investments measured at amortized cost	23	101,003	–
Total non-current assets		962,937	874,585
Current assets			
Prepayments, other receivables and other current assets	18	185,479	158,402
Trade receivables	19	124,528	93,038
Financial assets at FVPL	20	275,084	283,639
Funds segregated for customers and restricted cash	22	16,038,446	12,606,903
Cash and cash equivalents	22	1,560,722	522,250
Total current assets		18,184,259	13,664,232
Total assets		19,147,196	14,538,817
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	30	134,300	136,850
Lease liabilities	14(b)	9,009	14,562
Deferred income		–	12,640
Total non-current liabilities		143,309	164,052

Interim Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (Continued)

As at 30 June 2025

	Notes	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000 (Audited)
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	28	93,035	74,710
Contract liabilities		11,822	10,407
Income tax payables		5,788	7,277
Borrowings	30	192,195	342,463
Lease liabilities	14(b)	12,627	12,893
Accruals and other payables	29	16,069,426	12,691,508
Total current liabilities		16,384,893	13,139,258
Total liabilities		16,528,202	13,303,310
Equity			
Share capital	24	1,079,060	1,079,060
Treasury Shares		(4,320)	–
Shares held by trustee	25	(274,468)	–
Other reserves	26	3,148,883	2,998,072
Accumulated losses		(1,337,986)	(2,848,796)
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		2,611,169	1,228,336
Non-controlling interests		7,825	7,171
Total equity		2,618,994	1,235,507
Total equity and liabilities		19,147,196	14,538,817

The notes on pages 45 to 78 are an integral part of the interim condensed consolidated financial information.

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial information on pages 40 to 78 were approved by the board of directors (the “Board”) on 26 August 2025 and were signed on its behalf.

Xin Jie
Director

Wei Ping
Director

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 30 June 2025

		(Unaudited) Attributable to owners of the Company						Non- controlling interests RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
		Share capital RMB'000	Treasury Shares RMB'000	Shares held by trustee RMB'000	Other reserves RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000	Total RMB'000		
Notes									
Balance as at 1 January 2024		1,014,760	–	–	2,255,086	(2,680,545)	589,301	4,343	593,644
Loss/(profit) for the period		–	–	–	–	(351,294)	(351,294)	1,337	(349,957)
Other comprehensive income		–	–	–	363	–	363	259	622
Total comprehensive income/(loss)		–	–	–	363	(351,294)	(350,931)	1,596	(349,335)
Transactions with equity holders of the Company:									
Issue of ordinary shares upon global offering	24, 26	64,300	–	–	498,709	–	563,009	–	563,009
Share-based compensation	27	–	–	–	127,641	–	127,641	–	127,641
Balance as at 30 June 2024		1,079,060	–	–	2,881,799	(3,031,839)	929,020	5,939	934,959
Balance as at 1 January 2025		1,079,060	–	–	2,998,072	(2,848,796)	1,228,336	7,171	1,235,507
Profit for the period		–	–	–	–	1,510,810	1,510,810	505	1,511,315
Other comprehensive income		–	–	–	5,946	–	5,946	149	6,095
Total comprehensive income		–	–	–	5,946	1,510,810	1,516,756	654	1,517,410
Transactions with equity holders of the Company:									
Additions of shares held by trustee	25	–	–	(274,468)	–	–	(274,468)	–	(274,468)
Purchase of own shares		–	(4,320)	–	–	–	(4,320)	–	(4,320)
Share-based compensation	27	–	–	–	144,865	–	144,865	–	144,865
Balance as at 30 June 2025		1,079,060	(4,320)	(274,468)	3,148,883	(1,337,986)	2,611,169	7,825	2,618,994

The notes on pages 45 to 78 are an integral part of the interim condensed consolidated financial information.

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the six months ended 30 June 2025

		(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 June	
	Notes	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash used in operations		(118,614)	(183,324)
Interests received		107,578	91,255
Income tax paid		(10,106)	(10,821)
Net cash used in operating activities		(21,142)	(102,890)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at FVPL	20	3,113,847	79,802
Proceeds from disposal of investments accounted for using the equity method	9	1,601,460	–
Payments for financial assets at FVPL	20	(3,104,002)	(176,561)
Payments for acquisition of long-term investments measured at amortized cost	23	(100,591)	–
Payments for acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(3,642)	(7,637)
Payments for acquisition of intangible assets		(1,444)	(2,522)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		–	2
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		1,505,628	(106,916)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		221,000	726,614
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares upon global offering		–	563,009
Repayments of borrowings		(373,504)	(679,609)
Payments for shares held by trustee	25	(274,468)	–
Interests of borrowings paid		(8,108)	(9,976)
Principal and interests of lease payments	14(b)	(7,232)	(6,863)
Payments for treasury shares		(4,320)	–
Payments for listing expenses		–	(2,905)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities		(446,632)	590,270
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,037,854	380,464
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		522,250	189,840
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		618	5,284
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	22	1,560,722	575,588

The notes on pages 45 to 78 are an integral part of the interim condensed consolidated financial information.

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1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Lianlian DigiTech Co., Ltd. (The “Company”) was incorporated in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC” or China) on 2 February 2009. The address of the Company’s registered office is B3, 12/F, Building 1, No. 79 Yueda Lane, Binjiang District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, the PRC. In December 2020, the Company was converted into a joint stock limited company.

The Company is an investment holding company. The Company and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) are principally engaged in provision of digital payment services and value-added services worldwide. The ultimate controlling party of the Group is Mr. Zhang Zhengyu.

The Company completed its initial public offering and listed its shares on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong on 28 March 2024.

The interim condensed consolidated financial information is presented in Renminbi (“RMB”) and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand RMB (RMB’000), unless otherwise stated. The interim condensed consolidated financial information has been approved for issue by the Board on 26 August 2025.

The interim condensed consolidated financial information has not been audited.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim condensed consolidated financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2025 has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34, “Interim Financial Reporting”. The interim condensed consolidated financial information does not include all of the notes normally included in annual consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, this condensed consolidated financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, which has been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 as described in those annual financial statements except that income tax is accrued using the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings and the adoption of new and amended standards as set out below.

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2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

(a) New and amended Standard adopted by the Group

The Group has applied the following new and amended standards for its interim period commencing 1 January 2025:

New/amended standards		Effective date
Amendments to IAS 21	Lack of exchangeability	1 January 2025

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

(b) New and amended standards and interpretations not yet adopted

Certain amendments to accounting standards and interpretation have been published that are not mandatory for the period ended 30 June 2025 and have not been early adopted by the Group. Except for IFRS 18 which will mainly impact the presentation of statement of profit and loss, these amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

New/amended standards		Effective date
Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7	Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments	1 January 2026
IFRS 18	Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 January 2027
IFRS 19	Subsidiaries without Public Accountability	1 January 2027

3 ESTIMATES

The preparation of interim condensed consolidated financial information requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing this interim condensed consolidated financial information, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

4.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, cash flow and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

This interim condensed consolidated financial information does not include all financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements as at 31 December 2024.

There have been no significant changes in the risk management policies since 31 December 2024.

4.2 Fair value estimation

(a) Fair value hierarchy

This section explains the judgements and estimates made in determining the fair values of the financial instruments that are recognised and measured at fair value in the interim condensed consolidated financial information. To provide an indication about the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value, the Group has classified its financial instruments into the three levels prescribed under the accounting standards.

Level 1: The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market at each of the reporting dates. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in level 1.

Level 2: The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined using valuation techniques which maximise the use of observable market data and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

Level 3: If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3. This is the case for unlisted equity securities.

As at 30 June 2025 and 31 December 2024, none of the Group's financial liabilities are measured at fair value. The following tables present the Group's financial assets at FVPL and FVOCI as at 30 June 2025 and 31 December 2024.

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4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

4.2 Fair value estimation (continued)

(a) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

Recurring fair value measurements at 30 June 2025

	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Financial assets				
Financial assets at FVPL				
– Unlisted equity investments (Note 20)	–	–	248,228	248,228
– Treasury investments (Note 20)	–	–	82,285	82,285
– Listed equity securities (Note 20)	13,934	–	–	13,934
	13,934	–	330,513	344,447
Financial assets at FVOCI				
– Unlisted equity investments (Note 21)	–	–	50,840	50,840
	13,934	–	381,353	395,287

Recurring fair value measurements at 31 December 2024

	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Financial assets				
Financial assets at FVPL				
– Unlisted equity investments (Note 20)	–	–	248,228	248,228
– Treasury investments (Note 20)	–	–	87,970	87,970
– Listed equity securities (Note 20)	16,804	–	–	16,804
	16,804	–	336,198	353,002
Financial assets at FVOCI				
– Unlisted equity investments (Note 21)	–	–	50,840	50,840
	16,804	–	387,038	403,842

There were no transfers between levels 1, 2 and 3 for recurring fair value measurements during the six months ended 30 June 2025.

4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

4.2 Fair value estimation (continued)

(b) Valuation techniques used to determine fair values

Specific valuation techniques used to value financial instruments include:

- Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments; and
- Other techniques, such as discounted cash flow analysis, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments.

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets include cash and cash equivalents, funds segregated for customers and restricted cash, trade and other receivables (excluding non-financial assets), long-term investments measured at amortized cost and financial liabilities including trade and other payables (excluding non-financial liabilities), borrowings and lease liabilities approximate their fair values due to their short maturities or interest bearing.

(c) Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

The following table presents the changes in level 3 instruments for the six months ended 30 June 2025 and 2024:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Opening balance at 1 January	387,038	313,772
Additions (Note 20)	3,104,002	151,003
Fair value change recognised in consolidated statements of comprehensive income under "Other gains/(losses) - net" (Note 20)	4,160	(9,419)
Fair value change recognised in consolidated statements of comprehensive income under other comprehensive income (Note 21)	–	1,857
Foreign currency translation	–	549
Disposal (Note 20)	(3,113,847)	(79,802)
Closing balance at 30 June	381,353	377,960

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5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

(a) Revenue

The principal activities of the Group are digital payment services, value-added services and others.

Breakdown of revenue by business lines is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Revenue from contracts with customers:		
Digital payment services	683,980	541,888
Value-added services	89,588	66,773
	773,568	608,661
Revenue from other sources		
Over time – Rental income	9,151	8,726
Total	782,719	617,387
Revenue from contracts with customers:		
At a point in time	764,241	600,219
Over time	9,327	8,442
	773,568	608,661

(b) Segment information

The Group's chief operating decision-maker ("CODM") consisting of the executive directors and the other key management, examines the Group's performance from a product perspective. Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by CODM that are used to make strategic decisions. On this basis, the Group evaluated its operating segments separately or aggregately, and determined that it has reportable segments as follows:

- Global payment
- Domestic payment
- Value-added services
- Others

5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**(b) Segment information (continued)**

The unallocated amount in segment assets and liabilities mainly includes the long-term equity investments in Express (Hangzhou) Technology Services Company Limited (“LianTong”), the equity investments in Hangzhou Hyperchain Technology Co., Ltd. (“Hyperchain Technology”), the investments in treasury investments, the investments in listed equity securities and the investments in long-term investments measured at amortized cost. The unallocated amount in profit/(loss) mainly includes gains on disposal of investments accounted for using the equity method, dilution gains, investment gains or losses, deferred income tax expenses and share based compensation expenses of senior management.

(i) Segment results, assets and liabilities

Segment information as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2025 is as follows:

	Global payment RMB'000	Domestic payment RMB'000	Value-added services RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Unallocated amounts RMB'000	Inter- segment elimination RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Revenue	472,804	211,176	89,588	9,151	–	–	782,719
Cost of sales	(129,189)	(169,134)	(71,815)	(6,360)	–	–	(376,498)
Segment gross profit	343,615	42,042	17,773	2,791	–	–	406,221
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges included in segment cost	(5,265)	(6,397)	(1,751)	(2,909)	–	–	(16,322)
Finance income	2,476	970	1	2,961	–	–	6,408
Finance costs	(3,003)	(2,610)	–	(2,836)	–	–	(8,449)
Share of losses of investments accounted for using the equity method	–	–	–	–	(51,208)	–	(51,208)
Profit/(loss) before income tax	130,476	(22,325)	(9,203)	(32,929)	1,854,125	–	1,920,144
Income tax (expense)/credits	(3,369)	(4,228)	(255)	(612)	(400,365)	–	(408,829)
Profit/(loss) for the period	127,107	(26,553)	(9,458)	(33,541)	1,453,760	–	1,511,315
Segment assets	13,848,625	3,485,984	173,670	1,552,194	4,374,169	(4,287,446)	19,147,196
Segment liabilities	14,458,120	3,148,713	88,956	1,158,991	792,264	(3,118,842)	16,528,202

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5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Segment information (continued)

(i) Segment results, assets and liabilities (continued)

Segment information as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2024 is as follows:

	Global payment RMB'000	Domestic payment RMB'000	Value-added services RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Unallocated amounts RMB'000	Inter- segment elimination RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Revenue	372,374	169,514	66,773	8,726	–	–	617,387
Cost of sales	(102,198)	(135,407)	(48,827)	(6,030)	–	–	(292,462)
Segment gross profit	270,176	34,107	17,946	2,696	–	–	324,925
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges included in segment cost	(3,613)	(7,200)	(1,206)	(4,765)	–	–	(16,784)
Finance income	949	289	3	2,880	–	–	4,121
Finance costs	(3,258)	(4,044)	–	(3,185)	–	–	(10,487)
Share of losses of investments accounted for using the equity method	–	–	–	–	(202,697)	–	(202,697)
Profit/(loss) before income tax	56,488	(41,449)	(5,299)	(24,633)	(332,121)	–	(347,014)
Income tax (expense)/credits	(7,612)	2,294	(333)	231	2,477	–	(2,943)
Profit/(loss) for the period	48,876	(39,155)	(5,632)	(24,402)	(329,644)	–	(349,957)
Segment assets	8,057,175	3,115,062	88,102	982,978	2,465,763	(2,885,209)	11,823,871
Segment liabilities	8,505,622	2,587,982	75,760	440,040	1,085,681	(1,806,173)	10,888,912

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6 EXPENSES BY NATURE

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Employee benefits (Note 7)	467,917	385,701
Processing fees to financial institutions and payment networks	226,011	154,431
Service charge to channel partners	136,493	116,699
Marketing and promotion expenses	40,778	32,038
Professional service expenses	35,181	52,586
Travelling expenses	17,469	18,230
Office and telecommunication expenses	10,057	9,817
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Note 14(a))	6,307	5,904
Outsourcing labour costs	5,685	4,771
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 13)	5,564	6,827
Other taxes and surcharges	2,620	2,715
Auditors' remuneration		
– Audit services	2,500	2,500
– Non-audit services	54	293
Property management expenses	2,512	2,153
Amortisation of intangible assets (Note 16)	2,441	2,041
Depreciation of investment properties (Note 15)	2,010	2,012
Expense relating to short-term leases	1,298	1,777
Listing expenses	–	7,799
Others	27,215	30,764
Total cost of sales, selling and marketing expenses, general and administrative expenses and research and development expenses	992,112	839,058

7 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSES

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Wages, salaries and bonuses	253,117	207,042
Share-based compensation expenses (Note 27)	144,865	127,641
Employee social security plans, medical insurances, other social insurances obligations and housing benefits	48,643	39,319
Welfare and other benefits	21,292	11,699
	467,917	385,701

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8 OTHER INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Interest income and gains on funds segregated for customers	127,509	87,134
Government grants (i)	13,747	2,355
	141,256	89,489

- (i) The amounts represent grants received from the local government, which are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the Group have met these attached conditions and the related expenses have incurred. There were no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies relating to these grants.

9 OTHER GAINS/(LOSSES) - NET

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Gains on disposal of investments accounted for using the equity method (i)	1,601,460	—
Dilution gains (i)	452,181	—
Gains on disposal of financial assets at FVPL (Note 20)	4,351	894
Fair value losses of financial assets at FVPL (Note 20)	(2,999)	(15,921)
Foreign exchange (losses)/gains, net	(6,106)	12,754
Losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment	—	(80)
Others	(1,419)	(25)
	2,047,468	(2,378)

- (i) In December 2024, the Company entered into an equity transfer and capital increase agreement (the "Agreement") with American Express. Under the Agreement, American Express agrees to purchase from the Company 14.56% of the equity interests in LianTong at a cash consideration of RMB1,601,460,000 (the "Disposal") immediately after completion of the capital injections (as mentioned below). Besides, pursuant to the Agreement, American Express will also make capital increase of RMB2,330,182,000 to LianTong (the "Capital Increase"). The Disposal and Capital Increase were approved by PBOC in December 2024. The Disposal was completed in February 2025 and the Capital Increase was completed in March 2025.

A disposal gain of RMB1,601,460,000 was recognised upon the completion of the Disposal (the carrying amount of the investment in LianTong as at disposal date is nil).

After the completion of the Disposal and Capital Increase, the total board seats of LianTong will change to four, of which the Company will hold one and continue to have significant influence over LianTong. Such change of equity holding structure results in a deemed disposal of the Company's partial interest in LianTong and, consequently, a dilution gain of RMB452,181,000 was recognised upon the completion of such capital injection, and a corresponding amount will increase the carrying amount of the investment in LianTong.

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10 FINANCE COSTS – NET

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Finance income:		
Interest income on cash and cash equivalents	6,408	4,121
Finance costs:		
Interest expense on bank and other borrowings	(7,936)	(9,970)
Interest expense on lease liabilities (Note 14(b))	(513)	(517)
	(8,449)	(10,487)
Finance costs – net	(2,041)	(6,366)

11 INCOME TAX EXPENSES

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Current income tax expenses	6,127	8,827
Deferred income tax expenses/(credits) (i)	402,702	(5,884)
	408,829	2,943

PRC corporate income tax

The Group's subsidiaries established and operated in Mainland China are subject to the EIT on the taxable income as reported in their respective statutory financial statements adjusted in accordance with the Enterprise Income Tax Law ("EIT Law"). Pursuant to the EIT Law, the Group's subsidiaries established in Mainland China are generally subject to EIT at the statutory rate of 25%.

Lianlian Yintong Electronic Payment Co., Ltd. ("Lianlian Yintong") and Lianlian (Hangzhou) Information Technology Co., Ltd. ("Lianlian Hangzhou") entitled High and New Technology Enterprises ("HNTE") status in 2023 and 2024 with a preferential CIT rate of 15% for a three-year period since the qualification day.

Lianlian Bao (Hangzhou) obtained the High-Tech Enterprise qualification in 2021, and successfully renewed the qualification every year. Accordingly, it is entitled to a preferential EIT rate of 15% for the six months ended 30 June 2025 (six months ended 30 June 2024: 15%).

According to the relevant laws and regulations promulgated by the State Administration of Taxation of the PRC, enterprises engaging in research and development activities are entitled to claim 200% of their research and development expenses incurred as tax deductible expenses when determining their assessable profits for the year ("Super Deduction").

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11 INCOME TAX EXPENSES (CONTINUED)

Hong Kong profits tax

Under the current Hong Kong Inland Revenue Ordinance, the Company's subsidiaries incorporated in Hong Kong are subject to a two-tiered profits tax rates regime. Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25%, and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%.

Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands corporate income tax

Under the current laws of Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands, the entities incorporated in the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands are not subject to tax on income or capital gain.

Other countries

Corporate income tax in other jurisdictions income tax on profit arising from other jurisdictions, including the United States, Europe countries, Japan and Southeast Asian, etc, had been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the year at the respective rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions, ranging from 12.5% to 34.0% for the six months ended 30 June 2025 (six months ended 30 June 2024: 12.5% to 34.0%).

- (i) In 2024, The Group recognised a deferred tax asset of RMB294,545,000 for deductible temporary differences arising from the cumulated share of net loss of RMB1,178,182,000 related to the investment in a subsidiary and LianTong, to the extent, that the temporary difference will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised, in consideration of the disposal of the equity interests in LianTong (Note 17). In 2025, as the taxable profit related to the disposal of the equity interests in LianTong is available against the temporary difference arising from the cumulated share of net loss, the deferred tax asset of RMB294,545,000 recognised in 2024 was debited to profit or loss.

12 EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE**(a) Basic earnings/(loss) per share**

Basic earnings/(loss) per share is calculated by dividing the profit/(loss) attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (excluding treasury shares and shares held by trustee) during the respective periods.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Profit/(loss) attributable to the owners of the Company	1,510,810	(351,294)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for basic earnings per share ('000)	1,061,827	1,048,153
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (in RMB per share)	1.42	(0.34)

(b) Diluted earnings/(loss) per share

Diluted earnings/(loss) per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. During the six months ended 30 June 2025 and 2024, the Company had one category of potential ordinary shares: share options granted under the ESOP plans.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Profit/(loss) attributable to the owners of the Company	1,510,810	(351,294)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for basic earnings per share ('000)	1,061,827	1,048,153
Adjustments for the impacts of share options granted ('000)	23,469	–
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for calculation of diluted earnings per share ('000)	1,085,296	1,048,153
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (in RMB per share)	1.39	(0.34)

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13 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings RMB'000	Vehicles RMB'000	Electronic equipment RMB'000	Furniture and office equipment RMB'000	Leasehold improvement RMB'000	Total RMB'000
As at 1 January 2024						
Cost	162,086	2,593	79,733	9,578	460	254,450
Accumulated depreciation	(55,987)	(1,136)	(69,057)	(7,202)	(295)	(133,677)
Net book value	106,099	1,457	10,676	2,376	165	120,773
Six months ended 30 June 2024						
Opening net book value	106,099	1,457	10,676	2,376	165	120,773
Additions	669	–	4,888	243	2,795	8,595
Disposals	(82)	–	–	–	–	(82)
Depreciation charge (Note 6)	(3,065)	(226)	(3,024)	(369)	(143)	(6,827)
Closing net book value	103,621	1,231	12,540	2,250	2,817	122,459
As at 30 June 2024						
Cost	162,646	2,593	84,621	9,821	3,172	262,853
Accumulated depreciation	(59,025)	(1,362)	(72,081)	(7,571)	(355)	(140,394)
Net book value	103,621	1,231	12,540	2,250	2,817	122,459
As at 1 January 2025						
Cost	162,830	2,289	87,381	10,062	4,040	266,602
Accumulated depreciation	(61,916)	(1,298)	(74,876)	(7,984)	(971)	(147,045)
Net book value	100,914	991	12,505	2,078	3,069	119,557
Six months ended 30 June 2025						
Opening net book value	100,914	991	12,505	2,078	3,069	119,557
Additions	198	–	1,467	256	1,301	3,222
Depreciation charge (Note 6)	(2,797)	(225)	(1,744)	(348)	(450)	(5,564)
Closing net book value	98,315	766	12,228	1,986	3,920	117,215
As at 30 June 2025						
Cost	163,028	2,289	88,848	10,318	5,341	269,824
Accumulated depreciation	(64,713)	(1,523)	(76,620)	(8,332)	(1,421)	(152,609)
Net book value	98,315	766	12,228	1,986	3,920	117,215

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14 LEASES

(a) Right-of-use assets

	Offices RMB'000	Land use rights RMB'000	Data Centre RMB'000	Total RMB'000
As at 1 January 2024				
Cost	18,936	3,865	17,157	39,958
Accumulated depreciation	(8,686)	(1,044)	(10,847)	(20,577)
Net book value	10,250	2,821	6,310	19,381
Six months ended 30 June 2024				
Opening net book value	10,250	2,821	6,310	19,381
Additions	10,711	–	–	10,711
Depreciation charge (Note 6)	(3,898)	(38)	(1,968)	(5,904)
Closing net book value	17,063	2,783	4,342	24,188
As at 30 June 2024				
Cost	26,045	3,865	17,157	47,067
Accumulated depreciation	(8,982)	(1,082)	(12,815)	(22,879)
Net book value	17,063	2,783	4,342	24,188
As at 1 January 2025				
Cost	32,749	3,865	17,157	53,771
Accumulated depreciation	(8,664)	(1,122)	(14,783)	(24,569)
Net book value	24,085	2,743	2,374	29,202
Six months ended 30 June 2025				
Opening net book value	24,085	2,743	2,374	29,202
Additions	900	–	–	900
Depreciation charge (Note 6)	(5,650)	(38)	(619)	(6,307)
Closing net book value	19,335	2,705	1,755	23,795
As at 30 June 2025				
Cost	32,229	3,865	3,716	39,810
Accumulated depreciation	(12,894)	(1,160)	(1,961)	(16,015)
Net book value	19,335	2,705	1,755	23,795

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14 LEASES (CONTINUED)

(b) Lease liabilities

The carrying amounts of the Group's lease liabilities as at 30 June 2025 and 31 December 2024 and the movements for the six months ended 30 June 2025 and 2024 are as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Carrying amounts at the beginning of the period	27,455	17,473
Additions	900	10,711
Accretion of interest recognized (Note 10)	513	517
Payments	(7,232)	(6,863)
Carrying amounts at the end of the period	21,636	21,838
	As at	
	30 June 2025 RMB'000	31 December 2024 RMB'000
Lease liabilities		
Current	12,627	12,893
Non-current	9,009	14,562
	21,636	27,455

15 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Opening net book amount	161,012	165,039
Depreciation of investment properties (Note 6)	(2,010)	(2,012)
Closing net book value	159,002	163,027
At end of the period		
Cost	195,819	195,819
Accumulated depreciation	(36,817)	(32,792)
Net book value	159,002	163,027

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16 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Trademarks and Patent RMB'000	Software RMB'000	Licenses RMB'000	Goodwill RMB'000	Total RMB'000
As at 1 January 2024					
Cost	664	28,914	2,892	3,650	36,120
Accumulated amortization	(351)	(18,578)	–	–	(18,929)
Net book value	313	10,336	2,892	3,650	17,191
Six months ended 30 June 2024					
Opening net book value	313	10,336	2,892	3,650	17,191
Additions	–	2,232	–	–	2,232
Amortization charge (Note 6)	(15)	(2,026)	–	–	(2,041)
Closing net book value	298	10,542	2,892	3,650	17,382
As at 30 June 2024					
Cost	664	31,146	2,892	3,650	38,352
Accumulated amortization	(366)	(20,604)	–	–	(20,970)
Net book value	298	10,542	2,892	3,650	17,382
As at 1 January 2025					
Cost	664	35,214	2,892	3,650	42,420
Accumulated amortization	(382)	(22,679)	–	–	(23,061)
Net book value	282	12,535	2,892	3,650	19,359
Six months ended 30 June 2025					
Opening net book value	282	12,535	2,892	3,650	19,359
Additions	–	1,278	–	–	1,278
Amortization charge (Note 6)	(15)	(2,426)	–	–	(2,441)
Closing net book value	267	11,387	2,892	3,650	18,196
As at 30 June 2025					
Cost	664	36,492	2,892	3,650	43,698
Accumulated amortization	(397)	(25,105)	–	–	(25,502)
Net book value	267	11,387	2,892	3,650	18,196

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17 INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD

The amounts recognised in the consolidated balance sheets are as follows:

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
LianTong (a)	400,973	–
Zhejiang Zhong Pu Lian Technology Co., Ltd. ("Zhong Pu Lian Technology")	–	–
	400,973	–

The share of loss recognised in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income are as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June 2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
LianTong (a)	(51,208)	(201,500)
Zhong Pu Lian Technology	–	(1,197)
	(51,208)	(202,697)

The Group also has unrecognised share of losses of associates of RMB474,000 related to Zhong Pu Lian Technology for the six months ended 30 June 2025 and RMB2,419,000 cumulatively because the carrying value of the investments accounted for using the equity method is nil as at 30 June 2025.

(a) Investment in LianTong

Set out below are the investment in LianTong as at 30 June 2025 and 31 December 2024.

Name of entity	Place of business/ country of establishment	% of ownership interest		Nature of relationship	Measurement method	Carrying amount	
		As at	As at			As at	As at
		30 June 2025 %	31 December 2024 %			30 June 2025 RMB'000	31 December 2024 RMB'000
LianTong	The PRC	17.6	45.2	Associate	Equity method	400,973	—

17 INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD (CONTINUED)**(a) Investment in LianTong (continued)**

Set out below are the movement of LianTong for the six months ended 30 June 2025 and 2024.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Carrying amounts at the beginning of the period	–	291,157
Dilution gains (Note 9)	452,181	–
Share of net loss accounted for using the equity method	(51,208)	(201,500)
Carrying amounts at the end of the period	400,973	89,657

- (i) The Group entered into a joint venture agreement with affiliates of American Express Company to establish LianTong in 2017. LianTong obtained its bankcard clearing business license in June 2020, and provides bankcard clearing and settlement services to issuing banks and merchant acquirers in its network, and offers cardholder benefits to Chinese consumers.

The Company holds 17.6% of the equity interests in LianTong as at 30 June 2025 (31 December 2024: 45.2%). The Group has significant influence over LianTong through board representation. Accordingly, LianTong was accounted for as an associate of the Group by using the equity method during the Reporting period.

- (ii) Based on the impairment assessment performed by the Group, the recoverable amount of investment in LianTong as at 30 June 2025 and 31 December 2024 was higher than the respective carrying amount of the investment, and the directors of the Company considered that there was no impairment in the carrying values of the Group's investments in LianTong.

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18 PREPAYMENTS, OTHER RECEIVABLES AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Included in current assets		
Prepayments:		
Prepaid expenses	33,411	24,337
Other current assets:		
Value-added tax recoverable	9,226	16,582
Prepaid income tax	4,759	1,895
Inventories	605	615
	14,590	19,092
Other receivables:		
Advances paid on behalf of customers (i)	71,040	65,927
Deposits for payment channels and rentals	62,836	45,596
Others	4,759	4,426
	138,635	115,949
Less: loss allowance	(1,157)	(976)
	137,478	114,973
	185,479	158,402

(i) Advance paid on behalf of customers

Advance paid on behalf of customers will usually be settled on a quarterly basis.

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19 TRADE RECEIVABLES

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Trade receivables	140,397	103,149
Less: loss allowance	(15,869)	(10,111)
	124,528	93,038

The carrying amounts of the Group's trade receivables are mainly denominated in RMB and USD at approximate their fair values. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying value of trade receivables mentioned above.

The aging analysis of the trade receivables based on invoice date is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Within 3 months	97,423	84,013
3 months to 6 months	26,863	10,963
6 months to 1 year	9,939	2,796
More than 1 year	6,172	5,377
	140,397	103,149

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20 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVPL

Financial assets measured at FVPL include the following:

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Included in current assets		
Unlisted equity investments (i)	178,865	178,865
Treasury investments (ii)	82,285	87,970
Listed equity securities (iii)	13,934	16,804
	275,084	283,639
Included in non-current assets		
Unlisted equity investments (iv)	69,363	69,363
	344,447	353,002

The details of the investments in unlisted investments, wealth management products and listed equity securities are as follows:

- (i) The Group held 4.84% of the equity interests of Hangzhou Hyperchain Technology Co., Ltd. ("Hyperchain Technology") as at 30 June 2025 and 31 December 2024. The Group does not participate in or influence the financial and operating policy decisions of Hyperchain Technology, as a result, the Group has no significant influence over Hyperchain Technology.

The Group intends to sell the equity interests of Hyperchain Technology and, therefore, included it in current assets based on management's expectation.

- (ii) This represents the Group's investments in treasury investments with expected return rate range of 3.5%-3.7% per annum, which are mainly principal guaranteed funds investing in the foreign money funds with short terms.
- (iii) The Group acquired no more than 1% of the equity interests in Sichuan Baicha Baidao Industrial Co., Ltd. ("Baicha Baidao") in April 2024 at a cost of RMB25,558,000. The fair value was determined based on the closing price of Baicha Baidao on the balance sheet date. For the six months ended 30 June 2025, fair value losses of RMB2,808,000 were recognized in "Other gains/(losses) – net" (six months ended 30 June 2024: RMB6,520,000).
- (iv) The balance mainly included the Group's investment in Queen Bee Capital Co., Ltd. ("QBC"). The Group holds 12.96% of the voting rights in QBC as at 30 June 2025 and 2024. The Group does not participate in or influence the financial and operating policy decisions of QBC, as a result, the Group has no significant influence over QBC. Therefore, it was accounted for as financial assets at FVPL.

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20 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVPL (CONTINUED)

(v) Amounts recognised in profit or loss

For the six months ended 30 June 2025 and 2024, the following gains/(losses) were recognised in profit or loss:

Financial assets measured at FVPL include the following:

	Unlisted equity investments		Treasury investments	Listed equity securities	Total
	Current	Non-current	Current	Current	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
As at 1 January 2025	178,865	69,363	87,970	16,804	353,002
Additions	–	–	3,104,002	–	3,104,002
Fair value gains/(losses) (Note 9)	–	–	(191)	(2,808)	(2,999)
Disposals gain (Note 9)	–	–	4,351	–	4,351
Currency translation difference	–	–	–	(62)	(62)
Disposals	–	–	(3,113,847)	–	(3,113,847)
As at 30 June 2025	178,865	69,363	82,285	13,934	344,447

	Unlisted equity investments		Wealth management products	Listed equity securities	Total
	Current	Non-current	Current	Current	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
As at 1 January 2024	192,321	82,445	–	–	274,766
Additions	–	–	151,003	25,558	176,561
Fair value losses (Note 9)	–	(9,419)	–	(6,502)	(15,921)
Disposals gain (Note 9)	–	–	894	–	894
Currency translation difference	–	482	67	46	595
Disposals	–	–	(80,696)	–	(80,696)
As at 30 June 2024	192,321	73,508	71,268	19,102	356,199

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21 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVOCI

Financial assets measured at FVOCI include the following:

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Included in non-current assets		
Unlisted equity investments (i)	50,840	50,840

- (i) The details of the investments in unlisted equity investments are as follows:

NetsUnion Clearing Corporation ("NUCC") was a unified clearing platform for online payment. As at 30 June 2025 and 31 December 2024, the Group is a shareholder of NUCC with an equity interests of 0.84%.

The Group does not participate in or influence the financial and operating policy decisions of NUCC, therefore the Group has no significant influence over NUCC. The Group intends to hold shares of NUCC as strategic investments instead of held-for-sale.

- (ii) Amounts recognised in other comprehensive income

For the six months ended 30 June 2025 and 2024, the following gains were recognised in profit or loss:

	Six months ended 30 June 2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Fair value change recognised in other comprehensive income	–	1,857

22 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, FUNDS SEGREGATED FOR CUSTOMERS AND RESTRICTED CASH

Cash and cash equivalents:

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Cash at bank	17,598,975	13,128,945
Cash on hand	193	208
	17,599,168	13,129,153
Less: funds segregated for customers and restricted cash (a)	(16,038,446)	(12,606,903)
Cash and cash equivalents	1,560,722	522,250

(a) Funds segregated for customers and restricted cash

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Funds segregated for customers (i)	16,029,038	12,597,785
Performance guarantees for payment business (ii)	7,785	8,228
Others	1,623	890
	16,038,446	12,606,903

(i) Funds segregated for customers

Funds segregated for customers mainly represent customer funds collected and awaiting disbursement as requested. Funds segregated for customers are segregated from and not reported as part of cash and cash equivalents as they represent the collected funds for the designated purpose of providing digital payment services.

Funds segregated for customers also comprise the service fees earned by the Group arising from completed digital payment services which has not been withdrawn from segregated accounts. It also includes, to a lesser extent, deposits made by the Group to meet requests from customers seeking expedited settlements. These balances were not reported as cash and cash equivalents because they were held on the segregated accounts with collected funds.

(ii) Performance guarantees for payment business

Performance guarantees for payment business mainly represents the amounts pledged to banks as collateral for issuance of letters of guarantee and other purpose relating to the global and domestic payment business.

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23 LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS MEASURED AT AMORTIZED COST

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Long-term investments measured at amortized cost (i)	101,003	–

- (i) Long-term investments measured at amortized cost are primarily certificates of deposit with fixed rate of 2.15% and initial term over 12 months, denominated in RMB, where the contractual cash flows are solely principal and interest.

24 SHARE CAPITAL

	As at 30 June 2025 and 31 December 2024	
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Registered, issued and fully paid		
Number of shares (in thousand)	1,079,060	1,079,060
Share capital (in RMB'000)	1,079,060	1,079,060

25 SHARES HELD BY TRUSTEE

	Number of shares (in thousand)	Amounts RMB'000
As at 1 January 2025	–	–
Additions of shares held by trustee (i)	28,608	274,468
As at 30 June 2025	28,608	274,468

- (i) In December 2024, the Company established a trust in Hong Kong for the administration of the first award and trust scheme to reward its employees. As at 30 June 2025, there were 28,608,000 shares (30 June 2024: Nil) held by the trustee.

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26 OTHER RESERVES

	Share Premium RMB'000	Share-based Compensation Reserve RMB'000	Statutory Reserves RMB'000	Other reserves RMB'000	Total RMB'000
As at 1 January 2024	1,561,585	671,093	771	21,637	2,255,086
Issuance of ordinary shares (Note 24)	498,709	–	–	–	498,709
Fair value change of financial asset at FVOCI	–	–	–	1,578	1,578
Share-based compensation (Note 27)	–	127,641	–	–	127,641
Currency translation differences	–	–	–	(1,215)	(1,215)
As at 30 June 2024	2,060,294	798,734	771	22,000	2,881,799
As at 1 January 2025	2,060,294	908,525	803	28,450	2,998,072
Share-based compensation (Note 27)	–	144,865	–	–	144,865
Currency translation differences	–	–	–	5,946	5,946
As at 30 June 2025	2,060,294	1,053,390	803	34,396	3,148,883

27 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

On 1 February 2021, the general meeting of the Company approved the share option scheme to attract, retain and motivate talented employees to strive towards long term performance targets set by the Group (the “2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme”). The Company granted 40,339,000 units of stock option to the incentive recipients at an exercise price of RMB2.96. The vesting periods of the options granted to eligible employees were 12 months from the grant date for the first 50% and 24 months from the grant date for the remaining 50%, and the stock options are not exercisable until the first trading day after the Company’s IPO. In addition, exercisable conditions also include company performance indicators. The 2021 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective no more than six years commencing on the date of grant. On 8 June 2023, the general meeting of the Company approved the revision of the share option scheme, the vesting periods of the remaining options were modified to 18 months after the Company’s IPO.

On 8 June 2023, the general meeting of the Company approved another share option scheme to grant 56,125,300 units of stock option to the incentive recipients at an exercise price of RMB5.00 (the “2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme”). The share options granted to eligible employees are not exercisable until 18 months after the Company’s IPO. The 2023 Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective no more than five years commencing on the date of grant.

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27 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONTINUED)

Movements in the options granted under the options Incentive Plan are as below:

	Weighted average exercise price in RMB per share option	Number of options
As at 1 January 2024	4.96	69,891,800
Forfeited	4.64	(672,000)
As at 30 June 2024	4.58	69,219,800
As at 1 January 2025	4.58	68,476,800
Forfeited	4.40	(1,255,000)
As at 30 June 2025	4.58	67,221,800

- (i) Details of the expiry dates, exercise prices and the respective numbers of share options which remained outstanding as at 30 June 2025 and 31 December 2024 are as follows:

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Number of share options as at 30 June 2025	Number of share options as at 31 December 2024
February 2021	28 September 2026	RMB2.96	13,713,000	14,083,000
June 2023	28 September 2026	RMB5.00	53,508,800	54,393,800

Weighted average remaining contractual life of options outstanding as at 30 June 2025 were 1.3 years (31 December 2024: 1.9 years).

- (ii) The Group recognised total share based compensation expenses RMB144,865,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2025 in relation to share options granted by the Company (six months ended 30 June 2024: RMB127,641,000).

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28 TRADE PAYABLES

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Trade payables		
– Service charge payables	70,502	51,758
– Payable for processing fees to financial institutions and payment networks	21,578	21,524
– Others	955	1,428
	93,035	74,710

Trade payables are unsecured and are usually paid within 90 days of recognition. The aging analysis of the trade payables based on invoice date is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
0 to 90 days	78,167	54,749
91 to 180 days	5,900	5,335
181 days to 1 year	1,995	5,928
Over 1 year	6,973	8,698
	93,035	74,710

29 ACCRUALS AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Payables to merchants and other customers (i)	15,877,462	12,466,651
Staff costs and welfare accruals	81,140	130,791
VAT payables and other tax payables	8,487	7,483
Payables for acquisition of long-term assets	608	435
Amounts due to related parties	315	315
Others	101,414	85,833
	16,069,426	12,691,508

- (i) The balance represents funds processed by the Group for merchants and other customers, which are required to be settled with merchants and other customers upon the respective contractual settlement clearance dates.

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30 BORROWINGS

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Borrowings included in non-current liabilities:		
Bank borrowings, pledged (a)	134,300	136,850
Borrowings included in current liabilities:		
Bank borrowings, unsecured (b)	181,008	331,232
Current portion of long term bank borrowings, pledged (a)	11,187	11,231
	192,195	342,463
	326,495	479,313

- (a) As at 30 June 2025, the interest rate on long-term borrowings was 3.4% (31 December 2024: 4.0%), and the interest should be paid quarterly, the principal should be repaid semi-annually before 20 September 2037.
- (b) As at 30 June 2025, the Group has entered into several short-term agreements with certain banks mainly in the Mainland China. The borrowings had the maturity of one year or less and the interest rates ranging from 2.35% to 3.90% per annum (31 December 2024: 3.15% to 4.05%).

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31 DEFERRED INCOME TAXES

The analysis of deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities are as follows:

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Total deferred income tax assets:	107,446	492,856
Set-off of deferred tax assets pursuant to set-off provisions	(84,896)	(67,604)
Net deferred income tax assets	22,550	425,252
Deferred income tax assets:		
– to be recovered within 1 year	11,491	415,192
– to be recovered more than 1 year	95,955	77,664
	107,446	492,856
Total deferred income tax liabilities	84,896	67,604
Set-off of deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set-off provisions	(84,896)	(67,604)
Net deferred income tax liabilities	–	–
Deferred income tax liabilities:		
– to be recovered within 1 year	2,133	2,159
– to be recovered more than 1 year	82,763	65,445
	84,896	67,604

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31 DEFERRED INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)

- (a) The Group only offset deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities for presentation purposes only if the deferred tax assets and the deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on same tax payee.

The movement in deferred income tax assets are as follows:

Deferred income tax assets	Unused tax losses RMB'000	Investments in associates RMB'000	Lease liabilities RMB'000	Advertising expenses RMB'000	Share-based compensation expenses RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
As at 1 January 2024	57,221	–	3,055	9,581	2,954	1,543	74,354
Credit/(debited) to profit or loss (Note 11)	9,669	–	776	–	2,247	601	13,293
As at 30 June 2024	66,890	–	3,831	9,581	5,201	2,144	87,647
As at 1 January 2025	173,986	294,545	4,484	10,379	7,069	2,393	492,856
(Debited)/credit to profit or loss (Note 11)	(91,340)	(294,545)	(900)	(3,477)	4,789	63	(385,410)
As at 30 June 2025	82,646	–	3,584	6,902	11,858	2,456	107,446

- (b) The movement in deferred income tax liabilities are as follows:

Deferred income tax liabilities	Changes in fair value RMB'000	Residual value of fixed assets RMB'000	Right-of-use assets RMB'000	Undistributed profits of overseas subsidiaries RMB'000	Total RMB'000
As at 1 January 2024	46,116	194	2,824	7,579	56,713
(Credit)/debited to profit or loss (Note 11)	–	(82)	804	6,687	7,409
Credit to other comprehensive income	278	–	–	–	278
As at 30 June 2024	46,394	112	3,628	14,266	64,400
As at 1 January 2025	44,526	31	4,376	18,671	67,604
Debited/(credit) to profit or loss (Note 11)	(49)	(26)	(886)	18,253	17,292
As at 30 June 2025	44,477	5	3,490	36,924	84,896

32 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operation decisions. Parties are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control.

The following is a summary of the significant transactions carried out between the Group and its related parties in the ordinary course of business for the six months ended 30 June 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The related party transactions were continuing transactions and carried out on terms mutually agreed between the parties. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, these transactions are in the ordinary courses of business of the Group and in accordance with the terms of underlying agreements.

(a) Name and nature of relationship with related parties

Name of related party	Nature of relationship
LianTong	Associate
Zhong Pu Lian Technology	Associate
Zhonglian Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd.	Controlled by the ultimate controlling party
Zhejiang Lianliantong Technology Co., Ltd.	Controlled by the ultimate controlling party
Ningbo Lianhui Commercial Factoring Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Lianhui Factoring)	Controlled by the ultimate controlling party
Hangzhou Chanliantong Technology Co., Ltd.	Under significant influence of the ultimate controlling party
Hangzhou Donghan Paifu Private Equity Fund Management Co., Ltd.	Under significant influence of the ultimate controlling party
Zhejiang Lianlian Technology Co., Ltd.	Jointly controlled by the ultimate controlling party

(b) Transactions with related parties**Trade nature***(i) Provision of services*

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
Ningbo Lianhui Commercial Factoring Co., Ltd.	1,118	1,507
Zhong Pu Lian Technology	–	558
	1,118	2,065

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32 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

(b) Transactions with related parties (continued)

Trade nature (continued)

(ii) Rental income

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2025 RMB'000	2024 RMB'000
LianTong	1,322	1,353
Ningbo Lianhui Commercial Factoring Co., Ltd.	106	219
Others	20	176
	1,448	1,748

(c) Receivables from and payables to related parties

Trade nature

(i) Accounts receivables

	As at 30 June 2025 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2024 RMB'000
Zhong Pu Lian Technology	1,590	1,590
Ningbo Lianhui Commercial Factoring Co., Ltd.	1,220	1,021
Others	8	4
	2,818	2,615

33 DIVIDENDS

No dividend has been paid or declared by the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2025 and 2024.

No dividend or distribution has been declared, made or paid by the Company or any of the subsidiaries comprising the Group in respect of any period subsequent to 30 June 2025.

34 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In July 2025, the Company completed a placing and issued 38,400,000 shares at price of HK\$10.25 per share to several third-party investors with a net proceed of approximately HK\$387.25 million.

In this interim report, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context otherwise requires:

"Articles" or "Articles of Association"	the amended and restated articles of association of the Company approved by Shareholders at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on July 15, 2024, as amended from time to time
"Audit Committee"	the audit committee of the Board
"Auditor"	PricewaterhouseCoopers, the external auditor of the Company
"Board" or "Board of Directors"	board of directors of the Company
"CG Code"	the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules
"Chairman"	chairman of the Board
"China" or "PRC"	the People's Republic of China, for the purpose of this interim report and for geographical reference only, excluding the Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan of China herein
"Chuanglianzhixin"	Hangzhou Chuanglianzhixin Investment L.P. (杭州創連致新投資合夥企業(有限合夥)), a limited partnership established in the PRC on December 11, 2017, one of our Controlling Shareholders
"Company" or "our Company" "the Company"	Lianlian DigiTech Co., Ltd. (連連數字科技股份有限公司), a joint stock company with limited liability incorporated in the PRC on February 2, 2009 and the H Shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange on March 28, 2024 (Stock code: 2598)
"Controlling Shareholder(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules and in the context of this interim report, refers to the controlling shareholders of the Company, namely Mr. Zhang Zhengyu (章徵宇), Chuanglianzhixin, Mr. Lu Zhonglin (呂鐘霖) and Ms. Xiao Sequ (肖瑟秋)
"Director(s)"	director(s) of the Company
"Global Offering"	an offering of 64,300,000 H Shares, comprising a final Hong Kong public offering of 19,290,000 H Shares and a final international public offering of 45,010,000 H Shares
"Group", "our Group", "the Group", "we", "us", or "our"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"H Share(s)"	overseas listed shares in the share capital of the Company with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, subscribed for and traded in Hong Kong dollars and listed on the Stock Exchange

Definitions (Continued)

"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Hong Kong dollars" or "HK dollars" or "HK\$" or "HK cents"	Hong Kong dollars and cents, respectively, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"IFRS Accounting Standards"	International Financial Reporting Standards Accounting Standards
"LianTong"	Express (Hangzhou) Technology Services Company Limited (連通(杭州)技術服務有限公司)
"Listing"	listing of the H Shares on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"Listing Date"	March 28, 2024, the date on which the H Shares of the Company were listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
"Main Board"	the stock exchange (excluding the option market) operated by the Stock Exchange which is independent from and operates in parallel with the GEM of the Stock Exchange
"Model Code"	the Model Code for Securities Transaction by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules
"Prospectus"	the prospectus of the Company dated March 20, 2024
"Reporting Period"	the six months ended June 30, 2025
"RMB"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of the Company with nominal value of RMB1.00 each including Unlisted Shares and H Shares
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Shares
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Supervisor(s)"	member(s) of the Supervisory Committee
"Supervisory Committee"	the supervisory committee of the Company
"Unlisted Share(s)"	ordinary shares in the share capital of the Company with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, which are subscribed for and paid up in Renminbi and are currently not listed or traded on any stock exchange
"VAT"	Value-added tax
"%"	Per cent

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