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KINGBOARD HOLDINGS LIMITED

建滔集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

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INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Six months ended 30 June		Change
	2026	2025	
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Profit before tax	4,510.8	3,174.0	+42%
Net profit attributable to owners of the Company	2,711.4	2,581.6	+5%
Basic earnings per share	HK\$2.445	HK\$2.329	+5%
Diluted earnings per share	HK\$2.423	HK\$2.329	+4%
Interim dividend per share	HK\$0.73	HK\$0.69	+6%
Net asset value per share	HK\$71.3	HK\$56.4	+26%
Net gearing	22%	32%	

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Kingboard Holdings Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2026 together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2025 as follows:

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

	<i>Notes</i>	Six months ended 30 June	
		2026	2025
		<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue	3	29,131,393	21,608,270
Cost of sales and services rendered		(21,236,658)	(17,378,885)
Gross profit		7,894,735	4,229,385
Other income, gains and losses	5	50,409	67,649
Distribution expenses		(714,801)	(694,997)
Administrative expenses		(1,185,866)	(1,110,213)
(Loss) gain on fair value changes of equity instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(1,202,647)	1,014,685
Finance costs	6	(449,314)	(450,290)
Share of results of joint ventures		43,935	42,689
Share of result of an associate		74,322	75,112
Profit before taxation		4,510,773	3,174,020
Income tax expense	7	(802,596)	(317,940)
Profit for the period		3,708,177	2,856,080
Profit for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		2,711,413	2,581,649
Non-controlling interests		996,764	274,431
		3,708,177	2,856,080
		<i>HK\$</i>	<i>HK\$</i>
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Earnings per share	9		
– Basic		2.445	2.329
– Diluted		2.423	2.329

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Profit for the period	<u>3,708,177</u>	<u>2,856,080</u>
Other comprehensive income for the period:		
<i>Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</i>		
Translation reserve:		
Exchange differences arising from translation to presentation currency	1,262,231	1,356,578
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>		
Investment revaluation reserve:		
Fair value gain (loss) on debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	<u>18,254</u>	<u>(27,558)</u>
Other comprehensive income for the period	<u>1,280,485</u>	<u>1,329,020</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period	<u>4,988,662</u>	<u>4,185,100</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	3,727,000	3,846,546
Non-controlling interests	<u>1,261,662</u>	<u>338,554</u>
	<u>4,988,662</u>	<u>4,185,100</u>

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

		30 June 2026	31 December 2025
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Non-current assets			
Investment properties		26,980,650	26,765,274
Property, plant and equipment	10	24,483,682	22,615,673
Right-of-use assets		2,305,622	2,215,972
Goodwill		2,670,528	2,670,528
Intangible asset		18,720	21,960
Interest in an associate		456,334	473,955
Interests in joint ventures		2,425,763	2,438,548
Equity instruments at fair value through profit or loss		2,089,262	2,283,988
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		1,772,593	868,952
Entrusted loans	11	116,197	124,238
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment		1,784,571	927,958
Deferred tax assets		4,512	2,117
		<u>65,108,434</u>	<u>61,409,163</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		6,824,633	4,613,125
Properties held for development		11,029,737	10,510,114
Trade and other receivables and prepayments	11	13,202,957	10,747,242
Bills receivables	11	5,836,664	4,607,728
Equity instruments at fair value through profit or loss		18,860,527	8,483,012
Taxation recoverable		31,260	31,159
Cash and cash equivalents		11,333,851	3,474,539
		<u>67,119,629</u>	<u>42,466,919</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	7,026,742	6,156,471
Bills payables	12	743,406	576,709
Contract liabilities		1,668,491	1,450,343
Dividend payable		2,313,370	900,619
Taxation payable		1,737,528	1,732,899
Bank borrowings – amount due within one year		16,021,607	12,103,219
Lease liabilities		5,102	5,306
		<u>29,516,246</u>	<u>22,925,566</u>
Net current assets		<u>37,603,383</u>	<u>19,541,353</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>102,711,817</u>	<u>80,950,516</u>

	30 June 2026 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2025 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	482,325	421,254
Bank borrowings – amount due after one year	14,831,939	10,677,835
Lease liabilities	10,840	12,711
	<u>15,325,104</u>	<u>11,111,800</u>
Net assets	<u>87,386,713</u>	<u>69,838,716</u>
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	112,178	110,831
Reserves	<u>79,850,052</u>	<u>64,554,518</u>
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	79,962,230	64,665,349
Non-controlling interests	<u>7,424,483</u>	<u>5,173,367</u>
Total equity	<u>87,386,713</u>	<u>69,838,716</u>

Notes:

1. Basis of preparation

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34 “*Interim Financial Reporting*” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”).

2. Principal accounting policies

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investment properties and certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values.

Other than additional accounting policies resulting from application of amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2026 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Application of amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards as issued by HKICPA for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group’s annual period beginning on 1 January 2026 for the preparation of the Group’s condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 7	Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments
Amendments to HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 7	Contracts Referencing Nature-dependent Electricity
Amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards	Annual Improvements to HKFRS 9 Accounting Standards – Volume 11

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

3. Segment information

HKFRS 8 “Operating Segments” (“HKFRS 8”) requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the executive directors of the Company, who are the Chief Operating Decision Makers (“CODM”), in order to allocate resources to segments and to assess their performance. Specifically, the Group’s reportable segments under HKFRS 8 are organised into six main operating divisions – (i) laminates, (ii) PCBs, (iii) chemicals, (iv) properties, (v) investments (mainly investment income from debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income and equity instruments at fair value through profit or loss) and (vi) others (mainly including service income, manufacture and sale of magnetic products and hotel business).

The accounting policies the Group used for segment reporting under HKFRS 8 are the same as those used in its HKFRS consolidated financial statements. Segment results represent the profit earned by/loss from each segment with certain items not included (share of result of an associate, share of results of joint ventures, finance costs, unallocated corporate income and expenses). This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment.

3. Segment information – continued

Segment revenues and results by reportable segments are presented below:

	Laminates HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	PCBs HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	Chemicals HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	Properties HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	Investments HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	Others HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	Eliminations HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	Consolidated HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Six months ended 30 June 2026								
Segment revenue								
External sales	12,473,659	7,943,160	6,951,294	888,516	648,580	226,184	–	29,131,393
Inter-segment sales	2,644,235	–	513,342	–	–	96	(3,157,673)	–
Total	<u>15,117,894</u>	<u>7,943,160</u>	<u>7,464,636</u>	<u>888,516</u>	<u>648,580</u>	<u>226,280</u>	<u>(3,157,673)</u>	<u>29,131,393</u>
Result								
Segment result	<u>3,945,936</u>	<u>739,976</u>	<u>440,738</u>	<u>471,337</u>	<u>(554,066)</u>	<u>3,362</u>		5,047,283
Unallocated corporate income								21,228
Unallocated corporate expenses								(226,681)
Finance costs								(449,314)
Share of results of joint ventures								43,935
Share of result of an associate								<u>74,322</u>
Profit before taxation								<u>4,510,773</u>
Six months ended 30 June 2025								
Segment revenue								
External sales	7,717,270	6,451,089	6,223,577	713,116	299,199	204,019	–	21,608,270
Inter-segment sales	2,042,686	–	441,604	–	–	1,842	(2,486,132)	–
Total	<u>9,759,956</u>	<u>6,451,089</u>	<u>6,665,181</u>	<u>713,116</u>	<u>299,199</u>	<u>205,861</u>	<u>(2,486,132)</u>	<u>21,608,270</u>
Result								
Segment result	<u>1,194,307</u>	<u>827,496</u>	<u>174,785</u>	<u>189,732</u>	<u>1,294,589</u>	<u>(4,059)</u>		3,676,850
Unallocated corporate income								22,650
Unallocated corporate expenses								(192,991)
Finance costs								(450,290)
Share of result of joint ventures								42,689
Share of results of an associate								<u>75,112</u>
Profit before taxation								<u>3,174,020</u>

Inter-segment sales are charged on a cost-plus basis with an arm's length margin.

4. Depreciation

During the reporting period, depreciation of approximately HK\$1,317,724,000 (six months ended 30 June 2025: HK\$1,115,870,000) was charged in respect of the Group's property, plant and equipment.

5. Other income, gains and losses

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Other income, gains and losses include:		
Interest income from bank balances and deposits	19,750	20,088
Interest income on entrusted loans	2,831	3,324
Government grants	24,253	60,720
Loss on fair value changes of financial assets	–	(19,295)
Loss on disposal and written off of property, plant and equipment	(8,332)	–
Others	11,907	2,812
	<u>50,409</u>	<u>67,649</u>

6. Finance costs

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest on bank borrowings	479,834	470,182
Interest on lease liabilities	412	366
Less: Amounts capitalised in the construction in progress	(11,339)	(6,221)
Amounts capitalised in the properties held for development	(19,593)	(14,037)
	<u>449,314</u>	<u>450,290</u>

Bank and other borrowing costs capitalised include bank borrowing costs arising from the general borrowing pool which were calculated by applying a weighted average capitalisation rate of 2.82% for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (six months ended 30 June 2025: 3.40%) per annum to expenditure on qualifying assets.

7. Income tax expense

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
The amount comprises:		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")	553,317	264,098
PRC Land Appreciation Tax ("LAT")	8,530	2,068
Hong Kong Profits Tax	2,216	1,959
Taxation arising in other jurisdictions	26,886	22,880
Withholding tax in the PRC	122,530	74,185
	713,479	365,190
Deferred taxation	89,117	(47,250)
	802,596	317,940

Under the Law of the PRC on EIT (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25% for both periods.

Under the EIT Law of the PRC, withholding tax of 5%–10% is imposed on dividends declared in respect of profits earned by subsidiaries in Mainland China from 1 January 2008 onwards.

Pursuant to the EIT Law, a High-New Technology Enterprise shall be entitled to a preferential tax rate of 15% for three years since it was officially endorsed. Certain subsidiaries of the Company in the PRC obtained official endorsement as a High-New Technology Enterprise and with the expiry dates on or before 2028 (2025: 2026).

The provision of LAT is estimated according to the requirements set forth in the relevant PRC tax laws and regulations. LAT has been levied at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of land value, represented by the excess of sales proceeds of properties over prescribed direct costs. Prescribed direct costs are defined to include costs of land, development and construction costs, as well as certain costs relating to the property development. According to the State Administration of Taxation's official circulars, LAT shall be payable provisionally upon sales of the properties, followed by final ascertainment of the gain at the completion of the properties development.

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime of Hong Kong Profits Tax, 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%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5%. Accordingly, the Hong Kong Profits Tax of the qualifying group entity is calculated at 8.25% on the first HK\$2 million of the estimated assessable profits and at 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits above HK\$2 million.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

8. Interim dividend

The Directors have resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK\$0.73 per share for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (2025: interim dividend of HK\$0.69 per share) to the shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Wednesday, 16 December 2026. The dividend warrants will be dispatched on or around Wednesday, 6 January 2027.

9. Earnings per share

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

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2026	2025
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	<u>2,711,413</u>	<u>2,581,649</u>
	Number of shares	
	30 June	30 June
	2026	2025
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	1,108,981,515	1,108,311,736
Add: Effect of potentially dilutive ordinary shares arising from share options	<u>9,898,205</u>	<u>–</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	<u>1,118,879,720</u>	<u>1,108,311,736</u>

The computation of diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2025 does not assume the exercise of the Company's share options because the exercise price of these share options were higher than the average market price of the Company's shares.

10. Additions to property, plant and equipment

During the reporting period, the Group had addition of approximately HK\$2,523,355,000 (six months ended 30 June 2025: HK\$2,083,932,000) on property, plant and equipment.

11. Trade and other receivables and prepayments, entrusted loans and bills receivables

	30 June 2026 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2025 HK\$'000 (Audited)
Trade receivables	11,710,235	9,727,424
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(953,732)	(964,539)
Trade receivables, net	10,756,503	8,762,885
Advance to suppliers	668,573	535,070
Entrusted loans (<i>Note</i>)	127,689	136,525
Prepayment and deposits	568,598	333,069
Value added tax recoverables	898,922	838,730
Other receivables	298,869	265,201
	13,319,154	10,871,480
Less: Non-current portion of entrusted loans (<i>Note</i>)	(116,197)	(124,238)
	13,202,957	10,747,242

As at 1 January 2025, the gross carrying amount of trade receivables from contracts with customers amounted to HK\$8,123,682,000 with allowance for credit losses of HK\$938,732,000.

Note: The entrusted loans of HK\$127,689,000 (31 December 2025: HK\$136,525,000) are due from certain purchasers of properties developed by the Group in the PRC through four (31 December 2025: four) commercial banks in the PRC (the “Lending Agents”). The entrusted loans carry interest at variable rates ranging from 3.4% to 6.55% (31 December 2025: 3.43% to 6.55%) per annum, payable on monthly basis and the principal will be payable on or before 2034 (31 December 2025: 2034). The purchasers of the Group’s properties has pledged to the Lending Agents the respective properties purchased. These properties are located at Kunshan, PRC.

As at 30 June 2026, entrusted loans amounting to HK\$116,197,000 (31 December 2025: HK\$124,238,000) are in respect of repayments due after 12 months from the end of the reporting period and are classified as non-current assets.

11. Trade and other receivables and prepayments, entrusted loans and bills receivables – continued

The Group allows credit period of up to 120 days (31 December 2025: 120 days), depending on the products sold to its trade customers. The following is an aging analysis of trade receivables net of allowance for credit losses based on invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	30 June 2026	31 December 2025
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
0–90 days	9,574,901	7,570,532
91–120 days	921,260	845,511
121–150 days	193,028	212,485
151–180 days	16,871	64,085
Over 180 days	50,443	70,272
	<u>10,756,503</u>	<u>8,762,885</u>

Bills receivables of the Group are all aged within 90 days (31 December 2025: 90 days) based on invoice date at the end of the reporting period.

12. Trade and other payables and bills payables

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

	30 June 2026	31 December 2025
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
0–90 days	2,841,456	2,308,968
91–180 days	477,453	470,379
Over 180 days	388,062	271,875
	<u>3,706,971</u>	<u>3,051,222</u>

Bills payables of the Group related to trade payables in which the Group has issued bills to the relevant suppliers for future settlement of trade payables, which are aged within 90 days (31 December 2025: 90 days) at the end of the reporting period. Included in bills payables as at 30 June 2026 was payables for acquisition of property, plant and equipment of HK\$158,739,000 (31 December 2025: HK\$10,276,000).

BUSINESS REVIEW

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to present to shareholders the results for Kingboard Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (the “Period”). During the Period, high-end segments such as artificial intelligence (AI) advanced rapidly with emerging AI-related electronic products seeing particularly strong demand. Prices of laminates and their upstream materials, including electronic fibreglass yarn and fabric and copper foil, were raised on multiple occasions during the Period, with the pace of increases accelerating in the second quarter. While a shortage of electronic fibreglass fabric forced some laminate producers to partially suspend production, the Group leveraged its well-established, vertically integrated industrial chain to achieve growth in laminate sales volume and a significant gain in segment profit compared with the same period in 2025. These market conditions also accelerated customer certification of the Group’s high-end products, enabling it to secure a substantial number of reputable customers in the market, thus expanding its extensive customer network and moving upmarket.

While the Group’s investment segment recorded a loss during the Period due to a stock market correction towards the end of June, the market’s recovery subsequent to the Period under discussion has driven investment segment results, as at the last trading day prior to the date of this announcement, to turnaround to a level exceeding that recorded for the six months ended 30 June 2025 (profit of approximately HK\$1,300 million). Although this turnaround is not reflected in the Group’s performance for the Period, the Group still recorded growth in overall net profit for the Period. Supported by the unremitting efforts of our colleagues, together with the competitive advantages arising from the Group’s vertically integrated industrial chain and diversified business portfolio, revenue rose by 35% year on year to HK\$29,131.4 million, while net profit attributable to owners of the Company was up by 5% to HK\$2,711.4 million. In view of this, the Board has resolved to declare an interim dividend of HK73 cents per share.

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PERFORMANCE

Laminates Division: During the Period, high-end sectors such as AI developed rapidly, driving strong demand for related new materials and propelling the laminates industry and its upstream sectors into a strong upcycle. The Group capitalised on this wave of AI-driven growth by successively commissioning four newly built kilns for specialty electronic fibreglass yarn, bringing the total to five. This has continuously strengthened the Group's market share in new AI materials, including high-frequency, high-speed and high-end IC packaging substrates.

Existing production capacity has largely shifted to AI-related products, causing severe shortages of traditional electronic fibreglass yarn and fabric and, at the same time, sharp price increases. In the first half of 2026, the electronic fibreglass yarn and fabric business recorded a profit of approximately HK\$1 billion, an increase of approximately 280% compared with the same period in 2025.

Meanwhile, demand for thick copper foil required for the AI industry, as well as high-frequency, high-speed and low-signal-loss RTF and HVLP copper foil grew significantly, resulting in an overall supply shortage in the copper foil market and a significant increase in the Group's product unit prices.

The Laminates Division's revenue rose by 55% to HK\$15,117.9 million, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") thus rose by 172% to HK\$4,458.9 million. This was attributable not only to a notable rise in product unit prices, but also to the experienced management team's continuous efforts to improve production technology, which enhanced efficiency and reduced energy consumption, and attributable as well to staff cost savings achieved through increased automation.

PCBs Division: During the Period, the Group's printed circuit board ("PCB"s) factories had solid order books and all operated at full capacity, benefiting from sustained growth in demand for electronic products, the rapid development of high-performance computing servers and AI technology, which spurred the construction of related infrastructure and data centres, as well as the ongoing transition to electric and smart vehicles.

Through the synergistic development of its upstream and downstream industrial chain, the Group has maintained stable product quality, with its products adopted by renowned brands worldwide. Although rising prices of raw materials, including laminates and various precious metals, pushed up costs, the Group was able to pass these on to customers. It also continued with product development, production ramp-up and efficiency enhancement. The proportion of high-end, high value-added products rose compared with the same period in 2025. Meanwhile, as management continued to improve and increase automation, the Division's revenue rose by 23% to HK\$7,943.2 million, while EBITDA increased by 1% to HK\$1,224 million.

Chemicals Division: Caustic soda, the division's principal product, delivered brisk sales during the Period, with both volume and revenue climbing year on year. This drove the division's revenue (including inter-segment sales) up by 12% to HK\$7,464.6 million, and EBITDA up by 68% to HK\$771.9 million.

Property Division: As rent-free periods granted to tenants under certain newly signed leases gradually expired during the Period, rental income rose by 2% to HK\$679.8 million. Residential property deliveries increased compared with the same period in 2025, driving property sales revenue up by 350% to HK\$208.7 million. The division's overall revenue rose by 25% to HK\$888.5 million. EBITDA increased by 148% to HK\$471.3 million (six months ended 30 June 2025: HK\$189.7 million after deducting an impairment loss provision of approximately HK\$323.5 million for the unsold residential properties held in the East China region).

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Group's consolidated financial and liquidity position remained robust. As at 30 June 2026, Group net current assets and current ratio (i.e. current assets divided by current liabilities) were HK\$37,603.4 million (31 December 2025: HK\$19,541.4 million) and 2.27 (31 December 2025: 1.85) respectively.

The net working capital cycle increased to 87 days, as at 30 June 2026, from 80 days, as at 31 December 2025, on the following key metrics:

- Inventories, in terms of stock turnover days, were 58 days (31 December 2025: 45 days); the increase in turnover days was primarily due to the Group's strategic build-up of copper raw material inventory to guard against supply risks arising from geopolitical factors.
- Trade receivables, in terms of debtor turnover days, were 67 days (31 December 2025: 70 days).
- Trade and bills payable (excluding bills payable for property, plant and equipment), in terms of creditor turnover days, were 38 days (31 December 2025: 35 days).

The Group's net asset value per share as at 30 June 2026 (i.e. equity attributable to owners of the Company divided by the number of shares outstanding at the end of the reporting period) was HK\$71.3 (31 December 2025: HK\$58.3).

The Group's net gearing ratio (ratio of bank borrowings net of bank balances and cash to total equity) was approximately 22% (31 December 2025: 28%). The ratio of short-term to long-term bank borrowings stood at 52%:48% (31 December 2025: 53%:47%).

During the Period, the Group invested approximately HK\$3.2 billion in new production facilities and HK\$200 million in property construction. In July 2026, the Group arranged a HK\$6-billion, five-year, sustainability-linked syndicated loan, which received overwhelming response from the market, achieving final commitments from 37 international, Chinese Mainland and local banks. Total subscriptions exceeded the initial target by more than 4.4 times. The strong support for the syndicated loan reflected the financial sector's confidence in the Group's solid financial position and long-term prospects, as well as its commitment to sustainable value creation. Meanwhile, the Group remains committed to prudent financial management, with no material foreign exchange exposure. The Group's revenue, mostly denominated in Hong Kong dollars, RMB and US dollars, was fairly matched with the currency requirements of its operating expenses.

HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2026, the Group employed a global workforce of approximately 34,000 (31 December 2025: 34,000). The Group continues to offer competitive salary packages and grants share options and discretionary bonuses to eligible employees based on the Group's overall financial achievements and individual performance.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In line with national goals for energy conservation and emissions reduction, the Group has taken a professional and systematic approach to installing distributed solar photovoltaic systems across all buildable areas of its facilities. As at 30 June 2026, the Group had invested a total of approximately HK\$1.1 billion in these initiatives, which generated 125 million kWh of green electricity during the Period, equivalent to savings of 32,000 tonnes of standard coal and a reduction of 70,000 tonnes in carbon dioxide emissions. This translates into cost savings of approximately HK\$100 million at current market rates. As at 30 June 2026, the Group had also invested approximately HK\$330 million in thermal energy recovery facilities, which reduced carbon dioxide emissions by 40,000 tonnes and generated energy savings of 18,000 tonnes of standard coal and cost savings of approximately HK\$120 million in the first half of 2026. Together with cumulative savings of HK\$700 million up to 31 December 2025, the Group had achieved total savings of approximately HK\$820 million by 30 June 2026. These initiatives will continue to deliver long-term benefits to the Group, underscoring its full commitment to achieving its environmental, social and governance (ESG) goals.

PROSPECTS

Laminates Division: Since the start of the second half of 2026, the supply shortage of electronic fibreglass fabric has intensified further. Prices of laminates and their upstream materials, including electronic fibreglass yarn and fabric and copper foil, have continued to surge, delivering substantial returns for the Group. Laminates division recorded a profit of approximately HK\$1.1 billion for July 2026, reaching new monthly highs. As AI commercialisation continues to gather pace, the electronics industry is poised to sustain strong momentum. The tight supply-demand imbalance in the laminates industry is unlikely to ease in the near term, and the industry is expected to remain in an upward cycle characterised by robust demand and constrained supply.

With AI technology continuing to penetrate end-user devices, the build-out of computing infrastructure and the advancement of smart vehicle technology will together serve as the industry's core growth engines, driving resilient demand for mid-to-high-end laminates. In the second half of the year, the Group will build on its strengths in vertical integration and economies of scale to capitalise on the 2026 AI boom, capture high-end market share and drive further performance growth.

The electronic fibreglass yarn project in Shaoguan City, Guangdong Province, with an annual production capacity of 70,000 tonnes, was commissioned ahead of schedule at the end of June 2026, helping to alleviate the shortage of traditional electronic fibreglass yarn. The Group will fully leverage its technological strengths in sub-5-micron ultra-fine specialty electronic fibreglass yarn and accelerate the construction of eight specialty electronic fibreglass yarn kilns in Qingyuan City, Guangdong Province, which will produce first-generation and second-generation low-dielectric (Dk), low-CTE and quartz electronic fibreglass yarn. Two kilns will commence production in the second half of 2026. Upon full commissioning of the eight kilns, the Group's total number of specialty electronic fibreglass yarn kilns will increase to 13, further strengthening its market share in AI new materials for high-frequency, high-speed and high-end packaging substrate applications. The Group will also accelerate construction of Phase II of the ultra-fine electronic fibreglass yarn project in Lianzhou City, Guangdong Province, with an annual production capacity of 10,000 tonnes, targeted to commence in the first quarter of 2027, a development expected to significantly enhance the Group's profitability.

The Group is also actively expanding its production capacity for electronic fibreglass fabric. In Shaoguan City, Guangdong Province, a facility with an annual capacity of 95 million metres will be fully commissioned in the third quarter of 2026. This will be followed by a project in Nansha District, Guangzhou City, with an annual capacity of 150 million metres, targeted for commissioning in the third quarter of 2027. A third facility in Qingyuan City, Guangdong Province, with an annual capacity of 78 million metres and dedicated primarily to specialty electronic fibreglass fabric for AI applications, is scheduled to come on stream in the first half of 2027.

High-performance weaving looms have become virtually impossible to source in the market. However, owing to management's foresight and forward planning, the Group is able to expand the number of weaving looms in operation from 3,333 in 2025 to 5,833 by 2028. This will lift total annual fabric capacity to 1.05 billion metres, including 100 million metres of specialty electronic fibreglass fabric that will provide strong support for the global AI electronic fibreglass fabric supply chain.

In the copper foil segment, in line with the Group's one-stop AI materials production strategy, a project with an annual capacity of 21,000 tonnes is being planned in Qingyuan City, Guangdong Province, to produce high-frequency, high-speed, low-signal-loss RTF and HVLP copper foil; it is expected to be commissioned in the third quarter of 2027.

A project is also under construction in Pingxiang City, Jiangxi Province, with a monthly capacity of 1.1 million sheets of laminates and 20,000 rolls of prepreg; its Phase I, with a monthly capacity of 350,000 sheets, will be commissioned in mid-2027. In addition, the Group's facility in Kaiping City, Guangdong Province, will be extended to add an annual capacity of 4.2 million sheets of laminates, primarily producing high-end laminates of M6-grade and above, and is set to come on stream in the first quarter of 2027. Together, these projects will consolidate the Group's position as a globally renowned, vertically integrated electronic materials supplier, fully positioning the Group to capture the enormous opportunities across the AI industry, from computing infrastructure to end-user applications.

PCBs Division: Amid accelerating digitalisation and the growing adoption of smart technologies, the PCB industry is undergoing a structural shift towards high-performance, high-frequency products. Underpinned by advanced manufacturing processes, comprehensive certifications and superior quality, the Group holds multiple competitive advantages across the automotive, telecommunications, consumer electronics and other sectors. The development of AI and Large Language Models (LLMs) has driven a surge in data processing demand, injecting new vitality into the industry.

Meanwhile, as electronic control systems in new energy vehicles grow increasingly complex, demand for PCBs continues to rise. The Group has developed new manufacturing technologies for 6G wireless communications, AI servers, low-earth orbit satellites, 4D imaging mmWave radar, automotive high-end common control unit components, new energy vehicle high-voltage fast chargers and intelligent robots. The division will continue to strengthen the core competitiveness of its PCB brands, including Elec & Eltek, Techwise Circuits and Express Electronics.

To meet the capacity expansion needs of overseas end customers in Vietnam, particularly for AI-related products, a new project in Gia Binh District, Bac Ninh Province, Vietnam, will add monthly PCB capacity of 1.1 million square feet upon full completion; its Phase I, with a capacity of 600,000 square feet, will be commissioned in the fourth quarter of 2026. In Ayutthaya Province, Thailand, another project will add monthly PCB capacity of 1.2 million square feet upon full completion, with Phase I, delivering 600,000 square feet, expected to be completed in 2027. These two facilities are strategically located and together will bring the Group's overseas PCB capacity to over 3 million square feet per month. An expansion project in Kaiping City, Guangdong Province, with an annual capacity of 3.6 million square feet of PCBs, will be completed by the end of 2027, primarily producing multilayer PCBs and multilayer High Density Interconnect (HDI) PCBs for AI and other high-end applications.

Chemicals Division: In line with the national "15th Five-Year Plan" and the broader push towards industrial energy conservation, carbon reduction and green transformation, the Chemicals Division has made every effort to ensure production safety and emission compliance, improve production efficiency and optimise resource utilisation to reduce energy consumption. In the first half of 2026, the caustic soda plant in Hengyang City, Hunan Province, continued to deliver solid returns for the Group. Looking ahead, downstream caustic soda industries are expected to stay in expansionary mode.

A new smart caustic soda project in Beihai City, Guangxi, with a total annual capacity of 340,000 tonnes, saw its 200,000-tonne-per-annum Phase I commissioned in June 2026. This digitally-enabled caustic soda project operates with only one-tenth of the workforce required by a traditional factory, resulting in significant labour cost savings. The industrial park and surrounding areas have sufficient customer demand to absorb this additional output. All caustic soda products can be delivered via short-haul transportation or pipeline, reducing logistics costs. Compared with the Hengyang region, caustic soda produced in Beihai commands a higher average selling price, while key costs and energy expenses are significantly lower, giving it a clear market advantage.

Property Division: Aligning with its prudent business strategy, the division has made no additions to its land reserves over the past seven years and will continue this approach. Certain residential projects in eastern China have successfully adopted a leasing-over-sale strategy, with the Puan Garden project in Huaqiao, Kunshan, achieving a 99% rental occupancy rate and generating cash inflows for the Group. With investment properties spread across eastern China, southern China, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom, the Group benefits from a diversified risk profile and continues to enjoy stable rental income and cash flow.

In its quarterly reviews in May and August 2026 respectively, global index leader MSCI officially included Kingboard Laminates Holdings Limited (HKEX Stock Code: 01888) and Kingboard Holdings Limited (HKEX Stock Code: 00148) as constituents of the MSCI China Index. This index reflects shifts in China's investment opportunity set and serves as an important portfolio allocation benchmark for global investors. The additions attest to the Group's prominent market position.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Group's shareholders, customers, banks, management and staff for their unwavering support during the Period.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 15 December 2026 to Wednesday, 16 December 2026 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfers of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for receiving the interim dividend, the Company's shareholders are reminded to ensure that all transfers of shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 14 December 2026.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2026.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed auditing, internal control and financial reporting matters including the review of the unaudited interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2026.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company had adopted and complied with the code provisions as set out in Part 2 of Appendix C1 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”) throughout the six months ended 30 June 2026.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules (the “Model Code”). Having made specific enquiry of all Directors, each Director had confirmed that he or she has complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code and the code of conduct regarding Director’s securities transactions adopted by the Company throughout the six months ended 30 June 2026.

By Order of the Board
Kingboard Holdings Limited
Cheung Kwok Wing
Chairman

Hong Kong, 24 August 2026

As at the date of this announcement, the Board consists of Mr. Cheung Kwok Wing, Mr. Chang Wing Yiu, Mr. Cheung Kwong Kwan, Mr. Ho Yin Sang, Mr. Cheung Ka Shing, Ms. Ho Kin Fan, being the executive Directors and Dr. Chong Kin Ki, Mr. Chan Wing Kee, Mr. Stanley Chung Wai Cheong and Ms. Xu Liyin, being the independent non-executive Directors.