

Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited

BRIDGING DENTAL CARE & EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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BRIDGING DENTAL CARE & EDUCATION:

By bringing together Q & M's educational foundation through Q & M College and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in dentistry via EM2AI, we aim to enhance the practice of modern dentistry. Our practitioners are supported with advanced resources, such as our proprietary Mobile App and EM2AI's AI solutions, while our clinics apply this knowledge to deliver ethical, patient-focused care. This integration of learning and practice enables our dentists, dental assistants and supporting staff to provide proactive, personalised treatment plans rooted in innovation, integrity, and lasting patient trust.

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CORPORATE PHILOSOPHY, VISION AND PURPOSE

Central to our corporate vision of being the leading private dental healthcare group in the region, Q & M derives its corporate values and purpose from the Confucian teachings of 修身齐家治国平天下.

Confucius teaches that the role of the individual – the sincerity of one's heart, desires, and motivation for knowledge, forms the basis of achieving enduring peace in the world. Once the individual embodies sincerity in all aspects of his life, to cultivate goodness and reject evil, he will then be able to align his family and home with these values. When the home is in order, the country and the rest of the world will also be in harmony and peace.

Similarly, Q & M will continue to thrive as long as each individual within the Group strives for knowledge, continual improvement and excellence, allowing one to achieve order in every aspect of their work and lives. Through teamwork, each business unit and division align with the corporate objectives to form a united Q & M family. Likewise, Q & M consciously aligns its corporate and stakeholders' interests, to achieve greater peace, harmony and well-being for all. To put these values in practice, we strive to ensure that our dental professionals practice in an ethical manner, each protocol or treatment plan benefits our patients (修身); doctors and support staff treat one another with mutual respect and are all governed by this philosophy (齐家). Only then, can we work together as a team (治国) to serve our patients (平天下). Together, we will build the Q & M brand to be synonymous with quality, excellence and value.

修身

Improving oneself

齐家

• Unity and alignment of the Q & M family

治国

Corporate and stakeholders' interests are aligned

 the Q & M family complies with the rules and
 regulations set out by the relevant authorities as
 well as Q & M's internal protocols

平天下

- Everyone is well-treated, including patients, doctors, nurses, staff, management and shareholders
- Peace and harmony



CORPORATE PROFILE

Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (QC7.SI) ("Q & M" or together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") is a leading private dental healthcare group in Asia.

Q & M owns the largest network of private dental outlets in Singapore, operating 106 dental outlets across the country. Underpinned by about 270 experienced dentists and over 350 supporting staff, the Group sees an average of more than 40,000 patient visits a month in Singapore. The Group also operates 5 medical clinics and a dental supplies and equipment distribution company.

Q & M also operates the Q & M Free Dental Clinic (the "Free Clinic") at Chai Chee Road, providing essential dental treatment free of charge to needy patients as part of its commitment to giving back to the community. Dental services at the Free Clinic are rendered by many volunteer dentists from the Group. Since its launch in July 2023, the Free Clinic has worked closely with the People's Association to bring essential dental healthcare to many underserved individuals in the community both young and old.

Outside of Singapore, the Group has 38 dental clinics and a dental supplies and equipment distribution company in Malaysia. Q & M is also the substantial shareholder of Aoxin Q & M Dental Group Limited (SGX:1D4), a dental group listed on the Catalist board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST") that operates dental clinics and hospitals primarily in the north-eastern region of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

In 2019, Q & M founded the Q & M College of Dentistry (the "College") which offers postgraduate dental education to support the ongoing education and professional development of the Group's dentists. The College offers Singapore's first private postgraduate diploma program in clinical dentistry. Furthermore, the College also regularly conducts various dental assisting courses for its own clinical support staff as well as to members of the public. For the latter, the participants can pay the course fee using their Skills Future credits. In March 2025, the College was awarded the EduTrust Provisional Certification that enables it to enrol international students, thus diversifying its revenue streams.

EM2AI Pte. Ltd. ("EM2AI"), an associate of the Group that focuses on developing Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered solutions, has rolled out a cloud-based Integrated Dental Management System ("EM2Clinic") that efficiently facilitates patients relation management and operational processes in the clinic. Q & M Patient App (the "App") integrated with EM2Clinic has been launched to enhance patients' overall experience. Through the App, dental records such as x-rays, dental health reports and 3D intra-oral scanned images are conveniently and securely stored in patients' mobile phones. In FY2024, EM2AI has successfully deployed its AI detection module throughout the Group's dental clinics in Singapore and Malaysia and also developed an AI solutions provider in Southeast Asia (SEA) to integrate its dental AI solutions into the provider's platform. With the proposed collaboration, EM2AI will expand its reach and now set to provide its dental AI Solutions to over 1,100 clinics across Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Australia, expanding EM2AI's footprint in the region.

The Group was listed on the Mainboard of the SGX-ST on 26 November 2009.

For more information on the Group, please visit www.QandMDental.com.sg

REGIONAL FOOTPRINT (as at 31 December 2024)

Number of clinics		Fabrication of Dental Prosthesis	Distribution of Dental Equipment and Supplies	Dental Al Technology	Free Dental Clinic
Singapore Dental: 106 Medical: 5 Dental College: 1	Malaysia Dental: 38	Singapore 1	Singapore 1 Malaysia 1	Singapore 1	Singapore 1

LIST OF SERVICES (Dental and Medical)

DENTAL	MEDICAL	
Aesthetic/Cosmetic Dentistry	General Health Services:	Extensive Medical Check-Ups:
CAD CAM Digital Dentistry	Adult and Children Consultation	Pre-education/Extracurricular activity Pre-employment Checks
Children Dentistry	Chronic Disease Management	
Clear Aligner (Invisalign)	Men's Health	Minor Procedures:
Consultations	Skin Care	Draining of Abscess
Crowns and Bridges	Telemedicine	Ear Syringing
Dental X-ray with AI Scan		Removal of Foreign Material
Dentures	Preventive Care:	Removal of Sutures
Extractions	Cervical PAP Smear	Removal of Warts
General Dentistry	Family Planning	Wound Care and Dressing
Geriatric Dentistry	General Health Screening	Wound Care and Dressing
Gum Disease and Surgery	Pre-Marital Health Screening	
Implant Dentistry	Smoking Cessation	
Intraoral 3D Scanning	Weight Loss Management	
Mouth/Night Guards	Travel Advice and Vaccinations	
Oral Surgery		
Orthodontics (Braces)	Vaccinations:	
Root Canal Treatment	Cervical Cancer	
Scaling and Polishing	Chicken Pox	
Sensitive Teeth	Childhood Vaccinations	
Teeth Grinding (Bruxism)	Hepatitis Profiling and Vaccinations	
Teeth Whitening	Influenza	
Tooth-Coloured Fillings	Tetanus	
Wisdom Tooth Surgery	Typhoid	

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"In FY2024, we strengthened resilience within our teams, optimised our operations for efficiency and sustainability, and steered our growth with integrity. As we look ahead, we are poised to bring our vision of "peace" — holistic healthcare equity — to communities across Southeast Asia."

DEAR SHAREHOLDERS,

As we reflect on the financial year ended 31 December 2024 ("FY2024"), we are humbled and inspired by the resilience, innovation, and unwavering dedication demonstrated by the management and staff of Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited ("Q & M" or "the Group") in navigating a dynamic and often challenging global landscape. This year, we not only fortified our position as one of the leaders in dental healthcare across SEA but also laid the groundwork for transformative growth through strategic acquisitions, technological advancements, and a deepened commitment to ethical, patient-centric care.

Our journey in FY2024 was guided by three pillars: **Resilience**, **Innovation**, and **Compassion**. These principles anchored our decisions, shaped our progress, and reinforced our promise to deliver sustainable value to shareholders while uplifting the communities we serve.

STEADFAST FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE: BUILDING ON STRONG FOUNDATIONS

The Group reported a total **revenue of \$\$180.7 million** for FY2024, underpinned by the resilience of our core dental business, which contributed **\$\$173.8 million**. The Group's Malaysian dental clinics contribution increased in this period. While ancillary revenue streams declined 29% year-on-year to \$\$6.9 million due to the cessation of Acumen Diagnostics Pte. Ltd. ("Acumen")'s medical laboratory operations, our focus on **operational efficiency** and **cost discipline** delivered robust profitability.

Net profit after tax attributable to owners of the parent grew 27% to S\$14.6 million (FY2023: S\$11.5 million), while cash and cash equivalents remained stable at S\$34.3 million. Prudent financial management reduced borrowings from S\$80.3 million in FY2023 to S\$73.7 million in FY2024, lowering interest expenses and strengthening our balance sheet.

In recognition of this performance, the Board declared a **total dividend of 1.10 Singapore cents per share**, comprising a first interim dividend of 0.40 Singapore cents and a second interim dividend of 0.70 Singapore cents, amounting to a payout ratio of 71%.

Segment Performance

- Core Dental Business: Revenue from our Singapore and Malaysia clinics grew marginally to \$\$173.8 million from \$\$173.0 million in FY2023, driven by higher patient volumes in Malaysia and premium service offerings.
- Other Business: Revenue from other businesses decreased to S\$6.9 million from S\$9.8 million, mainly due to the cessation of our medical laboratory business following the expiry of its clinical laboratory service licence.

STRATEGIC EXPANSION: STRENGTHENING OUR REGIONAL FOOTPRINT

FY2024 marked pivotal strides in our mission to become SEA's foremost integrated dental healthcare provider. We expanded our geographic reach, deepened technological capabilities, and forged partnerships to unlock long-term growth.

- 1. Southeast Asia: Consolidating Market Leadership
 - Singapore: The acquisition of the business and assets of Veritas Dental Pte. Ltd. ("Veritas Dental") in November 2024 added a premium clinic to our network, bringing the total to 106 clinics. Operating under the brand of Azure Dental, the clinic located in the heart of Bukit Timah is helmed by Dr Sebrina Abdul Malik who has over 15 years of practice experience.
 - Malaysia: Strategic consolidation reduced underperforming clinics from 44 to 38, focusing resources on high-growth regions like Johor. A landmark legal victory saw the High Court of Malaysia uphold a MYR 26 million arbitral award in favour of our subsidiary,

Q & M Dental Group (Malaysia) ("QDGM"), against former joint-venture partners. This outcome not only recovers capital but reinforces our resolve to uphold contractual integrity in cross-border ventures.

2. China: Readying for Growth

- Aoxin Q & M Dental Group ("Aoxin"): Our 32.78%-owned associate continues to thrive as Northern China's leading dental provider, operating 16 centres across Liaoning Province. The Group delivered an outstanding performance for Profit (net of tax, excluding impairments and share of results due to associates) from a loss of RMB 1.492 million in FY2023 to a profit of RMB 12.477 million in FY2024. The demonstrated improvement in results is testament to the hard work and progress made in improving efficiencies and growing revenue.
- 3. Technology-Driven Growth: EM2Al's Regional Breakthrough

Our 49%-owned associate, **EM2AI**, achieved transformative milestones in FY2024:

- Regulatory Approvals: Secured medical device licenses for its AI-driven diagnostic assistance tools in Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia. These approvals enable commercialisation in markets representing over 600 million people.
- Dental Health Reports: Reports generated and sent directly to patients via the Q & M App, a leading-edge initiative in SEA.

NAVIGATING CHALLENGES: AGILITY IN ADVERSITY

With Covid in the rear view mirror and testing not being required any more coinciding with the expiry of Acumen's clinical laboratory service licence in September 2024, the Group's decision to cease the medical lab business was the appropriate step to take.

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While this posed some operational challenges to the company, swift action ensured minimal disruption:

 Asset Optimisation: Impaired non-core assets, including laboratory equipment, to streamline the balance sheet.

While these steps impacted short-term profitability, they reinforced our commitment to **long-term sustainability**.

EDUCATION AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT: INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Q & M College of Dentistry: A Hub for Excellence The **EduTrust Provisional Certification** awarded in March 2025 marks a watershed moment for the College. This accreditation:

- Enables enrollment of **international students**, diversifying revenue streams.
- Enhances curriculum with modules that takes advantage of the latest developments in dentistry to ensure that dentists are kept up-to-date in their knowledge and the latest technological advances.

Upskilling Our Workforce

 Al Training: Our dentists were trained in how to incorporate and utilise Al-Clinical Decision Support System ("Al-CDSS") in their daily clinical practice, thus enhancing diagnostic precision and effectiveness.

COMMUNITY IMPACT: COMPASSION IN ACTION

Free Dental Clinic @Chai Chee: A Legacy of Care

Since its July 2023 launch, the Free Clinic has been faithfully serving the community, including **seniors** mostly receiving fillings and extractions all the way to children under 12 years old, benefiting primarily from Prophylaxis, Scaling and Polishing, fluoride treatment, tooth extractions, preventive care and general oral hygiene education. The Free Clinic works in close collaboration with community organisations, ensuring that the dental healthcare provided goes toward patients most needing it. Going forward, we hope to extend our services to even more patients within the community and play our part of being a good corporate citizen.

FUTURE PLANS: PIONEERING THE NEXT ERA OF DENTAL CARE

As we embark on FY2025, our strategy centres on three imperatives:

1. Regional Expansion

- **Singapore:** Explore new outlet locations, focusing on organic and inorganic growth to serve a growing population.
- Malaysia: The Group is actively exploring opportunities to expand its dental business in key markets across the SEA region starting with Malaysia, in particular, the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone with the upcoming Rapid Transit System (RTS).

2. AI and Digital Transformation

- **EM2AI Commercialisation:** Deploy Alpowered dental charting using OPG plus digital intra-oral camera across all clinics by end FY2025.
- **Education:** Exploratory collaboration with educational institutions to establish industry-academia partnerships.
- Strategic Expansion: A binding agreement was signed on March 2025 with a major dental solutions provider in SEA, granting the dental solutions provider a license to integrate EM2AI's dental AI solutions into the provider's platform. With the proposed collaboration, EM2AI will expand its reach and is now set to provide its dental AI solution to over 1,100 clinics across Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Australia.

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3. Sustainability and ESG

- Sustainability and Productivity: Expand efforts in the area of sustainability and productivity through more efficient use of resources and ethical sourcing.
- Community Outreach: Expand beneficiary reach at the Free Clinic through partnerships with various governmental organisations. Continous collaboration with Community Chest to allow patients and the public to contribute effortlessly to social causes through our 'Change for Charity' program.

APPRECIATION: GRATITUDE AND VISION

To our doctors, clinic support staff (dental assistants and clinic assistants) and colleagues at the head office —your dedication is the cornerstone of our success. Whether volunteering at Chai Chee or mastering AI tools, your passion positively impacts lives every day.

To our **shareholders**—thank you for your unyielding trust. Your strong support enables us to pioneer innovations like EM2AI while staying rooted in our core values of Loyalty (忠), Truthfulness (信), Respect (礼), Righteousness (义) and Integrity (廉). These principles undergird the work of every doctor, nurse, and administrative staff member as we serve both our shareholders and patients with unwavering commitment.

To our **patients**—we are privileged to serve you. Your trust fuels our relentless pursuit of excellence.

CONCLUSION: SHAPING THE FUTURE, HONORING OUR LEGACY

As we stand at the cusp of Dentistry 3.0, Q & M remains guided by a simple truth: Technology elevates, but humanity heals. Our AI tools, regional expansions, and educational initiatives are not ends in themselves—they are means to an end: **a world where every individual, regardless of circumstance, enjoys access to ethical, patient-centric dental care**.

In closing, we are reminded of the Chinese proverb that has shaped our corporate ethos: "修身齐家治国平天下" (*Cultivate oneself, regulate the family, govern the nation, bring peace to the world*) and this guides us on every decision we make, big or small.

In FY2024, we strengthened resilience within our teams, optimised our operations for efficiency and sustainability, and steered our growth with integrity. As we look ahead, we are poised to bring our vision of "peace" — holistic healthcare equity — to communities across SEA.

Thank you for journeying with us. Together, we are not just building a company—we are building a legacy.

MR TAN TECK KOON

Non-Executive Chairman and Independent Non-Executive Director

DR NG CHIN SIAU

Group Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



MR TAN TECK KOON

Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr Tan was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of Q & M on 1st May 2022 and appointed as Chairman in April 2024. He was the former Deputy CEO and now an Enterprise Fellow at Enterprise Singapore, a statutory board under the Ministry of Trade and Industry where he oversees industry and enterprise development. Mr Tan is concurrently the Operating Partner of Heliconia Capital Management, a subsidiary of Temasek Holdings. He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at Nanyang Business School at Nanyang Technological University.

Mr Tan has spent about forty years as Chief Executive Officer and senior management in both the public and private sector with successful track record in strategic planning, business development, investments, mergers and acquisitions, governance, risk management and internationalisation.

Mr Tan graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) in Electrical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration. He has completed the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard Business School and the International Directors Programme at INSEAD and attended senior executive programmes at Wharton School in the University of Pennsylvania as well as Tsinghua and Fudan University in China. In 2012, Mr Tan was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) by the Singapore government.

DR NG CHIN SIAU

Non-Independent Executive Director and Group Chief Executive Officer Dr Ng Chin Siau is the Group's founder and Group Chief Executive Officer. He was appointed

as a Non-Independent Executive Director of Q & M on 7 January 2008. Dr Ng is responsible for the corporate direction of the Group. He leads the Group in all aspects of its business strategies, policy planning and business development in Singapore, Malaysia and the PRC.

In June 1992, he graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery. Dr Ng also obtained a Certificate of Implantology from the University of Frankfurt in December 2003. He was also an elected member of the Singapore Dental Council from May 2006 to April 2009. From May 1992 to October 1994, he was a Dental Officer with the Ministry of Health. Subsequently in November 1994, he left to join a private dental clinic at Bukit Batok as an Associate Dental Surgeon until October 1996. In November 1996, he founded the Group and has charted its growth since then.

Dr Ng is a Council Member of the Singapore-Liaoning Economic and Trade Council, and Singapore-Shangdong Economic and Trade Council. Dr Ng is also a Patron of the Ang Mo Kio-Hougang's Citizen's Consultative Committee and the Chairman of River Valley High School's School Advisory Committee appointed by Ministry of Education, Singapore.

Dr Ng received the Best Entrepreneur Award in the discipline of Dentistry from the National University of Singapore's Business Incubation of Global Organisations in September 2007. In September 2009, he was named the "Top Entrepreneur" and winner of "The Entrepreneur of the Year Award ("EYA") for Enterprise" in the 2009 Rotary Club - ASME EYA. In December 2010, Dr Ng was conferred the "Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of The Year 2010 Award (Healthcare Services)". In 2015, Dr Ng was named the "Best CEO of the Year for Companies with S\$300 million to S\$1 billion Market Capitalisation" at the Singapore Corporate Awards. In 2022, Dr Ng received the Public Service Medal (Covid-19) under National Award (Covid-19) 2022.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



MR LIM YEOW HUA

Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr Lim Yeow Hua @ Lim You Qin ("Mr Lim") was appointed to the Board as Independent Director on 16 April 2024. Mr Lim is a chartered accountant and accredited tax advisor (Income Tax and Goods and Services Tax). He has more than 30 years of experience in the accounting, tax, financial services and investment banking industries. Mr Lim currently sits on the boards as independent director of a number of companies listed on SGX-ST. Mr Lim is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and an Accredited Tax Advisor (Income Tax and Goods and Services Tax) of the Singapore Chartered Tax Professionals. He is also a Senior Accredited Director of the Singapore Institute of Directors. Mr Lim graduated with a Bachelor of Accountancy degree and obtained a Masters of Business Administration degree from the National University of Singapore in 1986 and 1992 respectively.

PROFESSOR CHEW CHONG LIN

Independent Non-Executive Director Prof Chew was appointed an Independent Non-Executive Director of Q & M on 24 June 2024. He is presently Emeritus Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore and Emeritus Consultant, National University Hospital System.

He is a member of the Dental Specialists Accreditation Board. Prof Chew still practices part-time at the National University Centre for Oral health. He is also currently an Independent Non-Executive Director of Aoxin Q & M Dental Group.

Prof Chew has been an Educator and Clinician at the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore for more than 45 years. He also held the positions of Chief Dental Officer and President, Singapore Dental Council, Ministry of Health and was also the Chairman of the National Dental Centre Board.

He was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) by the Government of Singapore and the National Medical Excellence Award by the Ministry of Health, Singapore.

Prof Chew graduated with the Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Singapore and did his postgraduate training both locally and in the United States of America.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DR ANG EE PENG RAYMOND

Alternate Director to Group Chief Executive Officer Dr Ng Chin Siau and Chief Operating Officer

Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond is the Group's Chief Operating Officer. He was appointed as the Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau on 24 June 2024. Dr Ang's responsibilities include the Group's human resource function, information technology, procurement, marketing, ISO implementation and complaints handling. He is assisted by the Group's General Manager, Mdm Foo Siew Jiuan.

Dr Ang joined the Group in April 2004. Prior to that, from July 1994 to 1996, Dr Ang served as a staff officer with the Singapore Armed Forces Medical Corps. From July 1996 to March 2004, Dr Ang was with the dental group practice, First Impressions Dental Surgery Pte Ltd. Dr Ang is currently a practicing dentist in the Group's dental clinics at Bukit Gombak and Bukit Panjang.

Dr Ang graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery in July 1994. He has been a Fellow of the Academy of Dentistry International since September 2009 and Fellow of the International College of Dentist since November 2010. From 2009 to 2020, Dr Ang is an Advisor to the Singapore Dental Association's Ethics Committee. He has been an elected member of the Singapore Dental Council ("SDC") since May 2009. From 2009 to 2020, Dr Ang is a member of SDC's Continuing Professional Education Committee. He is also a member of SDC's Ethics Committee, SDC's Audit Committee and SDC's Complaints Panel. Dr Ang is a member of Nanyang Polytechnic School of Health Sciences Dental Therapy & Hygiene Advisory Panel. From 2009 to 2020, He was also a member of the Singapore Medical Council's Complaints Panel.

In 2012, Dr Ang was presented with the prestigious "Singapore Dental Association Meritorious Award" for his contributions to the dental profession in Singapore.



EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

MDM NG SOOK HWA

Chief Financial Officer

Mdm Ng Sook Hwa was appointed as the Chief Financial Officer on 7 May 2022. She is responsible for the Group's financial management, tax and investment matters, as well as assisting the Group CEO on merger and acquisition activities. Mdm Ng comes with a wealth of experience accumulated over many years in the areas of finance, audit and business management.

Prior to joining the Group in March 2002, Mdm Ng was a second-year graduate assistant in KPMG, Singapore from October 2000 to February 2002. Mdm Ng graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce, Finance and Marketing (with distinction) from Curtin University of Technology, Australia in August 1998. She also obtained her Masters of Accounting from Curtin University of Technology, Australia in April 2000 and is a member of CPA Australia.

MDM FOO SIEW JIUAN

General Manager

Mdm Foo Siew Jiuan is the Group's General Manager and her current responsibilities include overseeing the daily operational matters, such as human resource, procurement, and corporate communications. From May 1993 to January 1997, she was a retail pharmacist and outlet manager at Guardian Pharmacy Singapore. From May 1998 to June 1999, she continued to work part-time as a pharmacist at St. Luke's Hospital in Singapore. She joined the Group in November 1996 on a part-time basis before working fulltime with the Group from July 1999. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy) from the National University of Singapore in June 1992.

KEY FIGURES







2.6 Current Ratio (Times)



71% Dividend Payout Ratio



S\$38.1 M EBITDA



S\$34.3 M Cash Position





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OPERATIONS REVIEW

As SEA's leading integrated dental healthcare provider, Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited ("Q & M" or "the Group") continued delivering positive results in FY2024, balancing operational resilience and efficiency with strategic innovation and profitability. With a laser-sharp focus on excellence throughout the entire organisation, the Group continued its pursuit of making patient-centric care the hallmark of the Group.

SINGAPORE

As at 31 December 2024, the Group operates **106 dental clinics in Singapore**, maintaining its position as the largest private dental network in the country. Q & M also operates the **Free Dental Clinic @Chai Chee**, which continued its mission to provide essential dental care to underserved communities. In addition, operations at 5 medical clinics remain unchanged from FY2023.



Key Initiatives:

1. Clinic Network Optimisation:

- Completed the acquisition of the business and assets of **Veritas Dental**, an entity that was operating a dental clinic known as Azure Dental ("Azure"), in November 2024. Azure is a premium clinic located within the Bukit Timah vicinity helmed by Dr Sebrina Abdul Malik, a Fellow of International Congress of Oral Implantologist and an active member of the International Team of Implantology. This acquisition enhances our ability to cater to high-value treatments and strengthening our network in Singapore.
- As part of the network optimisation strategy, 3 new clinics were opened at Bidadari, Tampines North and Upper Serangoon View while 3 clinics at New Upper Changi, Tampines St 11 and Yuhua were ceased. In addition, the clinic at Edgefield was relocated to Sumang Link.

Q & M COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY



The College achieved a significant milestone with the **EduTrust Provisional Certification** in March 2025, marking its recognition as a quality education provider.

FY2024 Highlights:

- **Partnerships:** Collaborated with student recruitment agencies to develop diploma courses in Dental Assisting, leveraging the EduTrust certification to attract international students.
- **Continual Education:** In 2024, the College introduced a series of town hall lectures for dentists and dental assistants. Delivered by industry professionals, these sessions focused on topics relevant to clinical practice and were accredited with CPE points. A total of 22 town hall lectures were conducted throughout FY2024.

EM2AI: PIONEERING AI-DRIVEN DENTISTRY

FY2024 Achievements:

- 1. Regulatory Milestones:
 - Secured medical device licenses in Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia, enabling commercial deployment of EM2AI's AI solutions in markets addressing a combined population of some 600 million people.
- 2. Technology Integration:
 - Started deploying Al-powered automated dental charting using x-rays as inputs and intra oral image analysis via intra-oral camera to clinics in Singapore and Malaysia.

OPERATIONS REVIEW

ACUMEN DIAGNOSTICS PTE LTD

FY2024 Transition:

- With Covid over and Acumen's medical laboatory license expiring in September 2024, the Group took the business decision to cease laboratory operations.
- Dr Ong Siew Hwa stepped down from her role as CEO of Acumen Diagnostics in Ocotber 2024.

MALAYSIA

FY2024 Progress:

- Clinic Consolidation: Streamlined operations by focusing on maximising productivity in all outlets. The Perling, Sri Petaling, Kepong, Sri Damansara, Cheras Selatan and Sri Gombak outlets were closed in FY2024 while new outlets are being planned for 2025 when the right opportunity is presented, in particular, the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone with the upcoming Rapid Transit System (RTS).
- The Group currently has presence in 5 localities in West Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur, greater Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Melaka and Johor)
- Productivity Enhancements:
 - Increased productivity by increasing number of dental chairs in existing clinics, thereby improving patient capacity and reducing wait times.
 - All dentists and clinics are listed on the Q
 & M Dental App to increase the ease of appointment bookings.
- Legal Victory: Secured a RM 26 million arbitral award via the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) in July 2024, which was later upheld by the Malaysian High Court in August 2024, recovering capital tied to a prior joint venture dispute.

CHINA: STRATEGIC INROADS

- 1. Aoxin Q & M:
- Maintained operations in Liaoning Province with 16 dental centres (9 polyclinics and 7 hospitals), serving as a Designated Medical Institution serving patients covered under PRC's medical insurance system as well as individual private patients.
- Continued revenue growth through its dental laboratory and equipment distribution businesses.

SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Free Dental Clinic @Chai Chee:

- Over **270 patient visits** in FY2024, including seniors and children, fostering meaningful partnerships with community and charity organisations. Around half were seniors above 60 years of age, mostly for cleaning and fillings.
- Supported by more than **50 volunteer dentists** throughout the year, reinforcing Q & M's commitment to social responsibility.

FUTURE PRIORITIES (FY2025)

1. Regional Organic and Inorganic Growth:

- Explore opening new clinics in Singapore through suburban expansions in mature as well as new residential areas.
- Explore merger and acquisition opportunities in Singapore, Malaysia and China if appropriate opportunities arise.

2. AI Commercialisation:

- Entered into definitive agreement with a regional dental solutions provider granting the provider a license to integrate EM2AI's dental AI solution into their existing platform. This partnership will enable EM2AI to expand its reach and provide its dental solutions to over 1,100 clinics in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Australia.
- Exploratory collaboration with educational institutions to establish industry-academia partnerships.

3. Education:

• Enroll international students at Q & M College, leveraging EduTrust certification to position Singapore as a regional education hub.

CONCLUSION

FY2024 underscored Q & M's ability to adapt, innovate, and lead. By harmonising operational discipline with technological advancement, we are poised to redefine dental care across SEA. Our gratitude extends to our patients, doctors, staff, and shareholders - your trust fuels our journey toward a healthier, more equitable future.

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OVERVIEW

The Group recorded total revenue of S\$180.7 million, and profit after tax attributable to parent ("PATMI") of S\$14.6 million for the twelve months ended 31 December 2024. The Group Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation ("EBITDA") for FY2024 was S\$38.1 million.

CLINICS AND MEDICAL DISTRIBUTION

Q & M Group has 145 dental outlets (including the Free Clinic), 5 medical outlets and 1 dental college in operations in Singapore and Malaysia as at 31 December 2024. It also has dental equipment & supplies distribution companies in Singapore and Malaysia.

The Group operates 38 dental clinics in Malaysia. Its dental clinics are in Johor, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Melaka and Negeri Sembilan.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME REVENUE

Revenue contribution from the core dental business increased by S\$0.8 million from S\$173.0 million for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 ("FY2023) to S\$173.8 million for the 12 months ended 31 December 2024 ("FY2024"). The increase was mainly due to higher revenue contributions from the Group's Malaysia dental clinics.

The revenue contribution from other businesses decreased by 29% from S\$9.8 million in FY2023 to S\$6.9 million in FY2024. The decrease was mainly due to the cessation of the Group's medical laboratory in September 2024 due to the expiry of the clinical laboratory service licence.

OTHER (LOSSES) GAINS NET

Other losses increased by S\$3.1 million to S\$6.0 million in the second half of FY2024 primarily due to impairments of goodwill, plant and equipment and inventories arising from the cessation of the Group's medical laboratory in September 2024 due to the expiry of the clinical laboratory service licence, resulting in total other losses in FY2024 to increase by 60%, from S\$2.9 million to S\$4.7 million.

OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENSE

Cost of Sales from Core Dental Business

Cost of sales from core dental business remained flat, i.e. S\$18.4 million in FY2023 and FY2024 despite of slight increase in dental revenue in FY2024.

As a percentage of revenue from the core dental business, cost of sales used in the core dental business in FY2024 was 10.6% compared to 10.7% in FY2023.

• Cost of Sales from Other Business

The cost of sales from other businesses decreased by 28% or S\$0.8 million from S\$2.87 million in FY2023 to S\$2.06 million in FY2024.

The decrease was mainly due to the cessation of the Group's medical laboratory in September 2024.

As a percentage of revenue from other businesses, cost of sales used in other businesses in FY2024 was 29.9% compared to 29.4% in FY2023.

• Employee Benefits Expenses

Employee benefits expense which includes professional fees paid to dentists, decreased by 3% from S\$108.9 million in FY2023 to S\$105.9 million in FY2024. The decrease of \$3.0 million was mainly due to a decrease in professional fees paid to dentists as a result of the sharing of administrative charges for cashless payments with our doctors, decrease in medical laboratory's staff cost, as well as the deconsolidation of EM2AI from a subsidiary to an associate..

As a percentage of revenue, employee benefits expense in FY2024 was 58.6% compared to 59.6% in FY2023.

• Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses

Depreciation and amortisation expenses decreased by 1% from S\$5.08 million in FY2023 to S\$5.03 million. The decrease of S\$0.05 million was mainly due to lower amortisation expenses as a result of the deconsolidation of EM2AI from a subsidiary to an associate of the Group in March 2024.

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As a percentage of revenue, depreciation and amortisation expense in FY2024 was 2.8% in FY2024 and FY2023.

• Finance Costs

Finance costs decreased by 5% from S\$5.7 million in FY2023 to S\$5.4 million in FY2024. The decrease of S\$0.3 million was due to lower interest expense in FY2024 as a result of lower interest rates.

As a percentage of revenue, finance costs in FY2024 was 3.0% compared to 3.1% in FY2023.

• Share of Profit from Equity Accounted Associate

Share of profit from equity-accounted associates accounted for S\$0.5 million in FY2024 compared to a loss of S\$0.083 million in FY2023. The increase was mainly led by stronger performance from equity-accounted associate, Aoxin Q & M.

DIVIDENDS

The Group declared a total of 1.1 Singapore cents per ordinary share for FY2024 as compared to 0.69 Singapore cent in FY2023. This amounts to a payout ratio of approximately 71%.

EBITDA AND PROFIT AFTER TAX

Q&M's EBITDA increased by 3% from S\$37.0 million in FY2023 to S\$38.1 million in FY2024.

Group's net profit after tax increased from S\$11.1 million in FY2023 to S\$13.1 million in FY2024. After removing the impact of the other losses, the Group's profit without the other losses increased 27% from S\$14.0 million in FY2023 to S\$17.7 million in FY2024.

Group's Profit after tax attributable to owners of the parent increased from S\$11.5 million in FY2023 to S\$14.6 million in FY2024. After removing the impact of other losses, profit after tax attributable to owners of the parent increased by 28% or S\$3.7 million to S\$17.3 million.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2024, the Group has cash and cash equivalents of \$\$34.3 million while bank

borrowings plus finance leases amounted to S\$73.7 million. As at 31 December 2023, the Group has cash and cash equivalents of S\$34.0 million while bank borrowings plus finance leases amounted to S\$80.3 million.

CURRENT ASSETS

Trade and other receivables as at 31 December 2024 increased to S\$36.0 million from S\$31.2 million as at 31 December 2023. The increase of S\$4.8 million was mainly due to the loan amount from EM2AI (now recognised as a third-party receivable following the deconsolidation exercise in March 2024), increase in profit guarantee receivables and compensation receivables from ex-vendors offset by a decrease in trade receivables from the medical laboratory and the Group's medical clinics as well as credit card and NETS receivables from the Singapore dental clinics.

Other non-financial assets as at 31 December 2024 decreased to \$\$3.2 million from \$\$3.6 million as at 31 December 2023. The decrease of \$\$0.4 million was mainly due to a decrease in sign-on bonus for dentists.

Inventory as at 31 December 2024 decreased to \$\$10.6 million from \$\$11.8 million as at 31 December 2023. The decrease of \$\$1.2 million was mainly due to a decrease in inventory from the dental equipment & supplies companies and cessation of medical laboratory business in September 2024.

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

The net book value of property, plant and equipment as at 31 December 2024 decreased to S\$37.1 million from S\$37.6 million as at 31 December 2023. The decrease of S\$0.5 million was mainly due to the impairment of plant and equipment for medical laboratory business and depreciation for plant and equipment offset by the purchase of clinic's property located in Towner Road.

The net book value of right-of-use ("ROU") assets as at 31 December 2024 decreased to S\$38.2 million from S\$46.6 million as at 31 December 2023. The decrease of S\$8.4 million was mainly due to depreciation of the ROU assets offset by renewal of ROU assets.



Investment in associates as at 31 December 2024 increased to S\$26.2 million mainly due to the deconsolidation of EM2AI from a subsidiary to an associate of the Group as well as share of profit from equity-accounted associate, Aoxin Q & M in 2024.

Other intangible assets as at 31 December 2024 decreased to \$\$0.4 million from \$\$4.7 million as at 31 December 2024. The decrease of \$\$4.3 million was mainly due to the deconsolidation of EM2AI from a subsidiary to an associate of the Group.

Other receivables as at 31 December 2024 increased to \$\$2.9 million from \$\$2.4 million as at 31 December 2023. The increase of \$\$0.5 million was due to increase in loan to dentists of the Company offset by the repayment of loan by the dentists of the Company.

Other non-financial assets as at 31 December 2024 decreased to \$\$6.5 million from \$\$8.0 million as at 31 December 2023. The decrease of \$\$1.5 million was mainly due to amortisation of sign-on bonuses for dentists.

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Trade and other payables as at 31 December 2024 decreased to S\$18.6 million from S\$19.2 million as at 31 December 2023. The decrease of S\$0.6 million was mainly due to decrease in accrued expenses as at 31 December 2024.

Other financial liabilities as at 31 December 2024 decreased to S\$0.5 million from S\$1.1 million as at 31 December 2023. The decrease of S\$0.6 million was due to decrease in bills payable from the dental equipment & supplies distribution company in Malaysia.

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Lease liabilities from ROU assets as at 31 December 2024 decreased to \$\$30.7 million from \$\$39.2 million as at 31 December 2023. The decrease of \$\$8.5 million was due to repayment of operating lease offset by renewal of operating leases.

Other financial liabilities as at 31 December 2024 decreased to S\$73.2 million from S\$79.2 million as at 31 December 2023. The decrease of S\$6.0 million was due to repayment of bank loan.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Group generated net cash flow from operating activities of S\$40.1 million in FY2024. This was mainly derived from operating cash flows before changes in working capital, decrease of inventory offset by increase in trade and other receivables and income tax paid.

Net cash used in investing activities in FY2024 amounted to S\$6.3 million, mainly due to the purchase of the clinic's property located in Towner Road, equipment for the existing dental clinics and acquisition of Veritas Dental in November 2024, offset by decrease in sign-on bonus for dentists.

Net cash used in financing activities in FY2024 was S\$33.4 million, mainly due to repayment of lease liabilities arising from right-of-use assets, repayment of bank loans, dividend payment to shareholders offset by drawdown of bank loan for the purchase of clinic's property located in Towner Road.

Consequent to the above factors, the Group's cash and cash equivalents were \$\$34.3 million as at 31 December 2024.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

At Q & M, we believe that true success transcends financial metrics—it is defined by the enduring impact we create in the communities we have the privilege to serve in. As we reflect on FY2024, we are proud to share how our commitment to social responsibility has deepened, guided by our core values of Loyalty (忠), Truthfulness (信), Respect (礼), Righteousness (义), and Integrity (廉). This year, we expanded our initiatives to embrace environmental stewardship while strengthening our longstanding partnerships, reaffirming our role as a catalyst for inclusive and sustainable progress.

Free Dental Clinic @ Chai Chee: A Beacon of Accessible Care

Our Free Dental Clinic located at Chai Chee, inaugurated in July 2023, continued to serve as a cornerstone of our Corporate Social Responsibility ("CSR") efforts in FY2024. Over the past year, the clinic recorded **271 patient visits**, delivering essential treatments to underserved individuals who lack access to affordable dental care. Staffed by a dedicated team of over 50 volunteer dentists, the clinic provided services ranging from extractions to preventive care, to educating and empowering patients to regain

not just oral health but also confidence and dignity. Indeed, we firmly believe that healthcare equity is not an aspiration but a responsibility. Our Free Dental Clinic embodies Q & M's pledge to bridge gaps in access, ensuring no one is left behind. Looking ahead, we aim to amplify our outreach and partnerships to raise awareness and expand our reach into the community.



Rooted in Sustainability: Greening Communities

Following the highly successful planting of 150 trees in 2022 to celebrate our 25th Anniversary, Q & M built upon this initative to organise another **Tree Planting Initiative** on **24 August 2024**, aligning with Singapore's vision of a greener future. The event saw **100 participants**, including employees, partners, and community members, plant native saplings in a collaborative effort to combat urban heat and enhance biodiversity. Guest of Honor, Manpower Minister Tan See Leng was in attendance at the event.

This initiative underscores our expanded focus on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles, reflecting our value of *Respect*—for both people and the planet.

Empowering Marginalised Communities: Partnerships with Purpose

In FY2024, our collaboration with **ItsRainingRaincoats** (IRR) enabled **59 migrant workers** to access urgent

dental care, alleviating pain and restoring smiles. Similarly, our partnership with the **Foreign Domestic Worker Association for Social Support (FAST)** saw **70 patients** receiving free wisdom tooth surgeries as well as other dental treatments. These efforts, led by volunteer dentists, highlight our unwavering dedication to inclusivity and social equity.

For us, every smile we restore is a step toward a more compassionate society and these partnerships we have cultivated has indeed helped to transform lives, one procedure at a time.

Nurturing Community Bonds: Holistic Engagement

Our **'Change for Charity'** program with Community Chest remained a vital touchpoint, allowing patients and the public to contribute effortlessly to social causes at any Q & M clinic.

Looking Ahead: A Legacy of Responsibility

As we advance into 2025, Q & M remains steadfast in its mission to integrate CSR into the heart of what we do. From scaling Al-driven dental solutions to enhancing accessibility, to embedding sustainability into our supply chain, we are committed to pioneering strategies that create shared value for stakeholders and society.

Indeed, our journey is not just about growing the financial bottom line but it is about growing right and by harmonising innovation, ethics, and compassion, we will continue to illuminate paths toward a healthier, more equitable future.

Together, we are crafting a legacy where every action—whether planting a tree, treating



a patient, or donating change —weaves a tapestry of enduring impact. At Q & M, we don't just care for smiles, we nurture communities.

CORPORATE INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr Tan Teck Koon (Independent Non-Executive Chairman)

Dr Ng Chin Siau (Non-Independent Executive Director and Group Chief Executive Officer)

Mr Lim Yeow Hua (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Professor Chew Chong Lin (Independent Non-Executive Director)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr Lim Yeow Hua (Chairman) Mr Tan Teck Koon Professor Chew Chong Yin

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr Lim Yeow Hua (Chairman) Mr Tan Teck Koon Professor Chew Chong Yin

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The Board of Directors of Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (the "**Company**" and together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") (the "**Board**" or "**Directors**") is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance and has adopted the principles of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018 (the "**Code**") to enhance transparency and accountability as well as to protect the interest of shareholders. The Board confirms that, for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 ("**FY2024**"), the Company has generally adhered to the principles and guidelines set out in the Code.

The Company will continue to enhance its corporate governance practices appropriate to the conduct and growth of its business and to review such practices from time to time to ensure compliance with the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") (the "Mainboard Rules").

BOARD MATTERS

The Board's Conduct of its Affairs

Principle 1 The Company is headed by an effective Board which is collectively responsible and works with Management for the long-term success of the Company.

Board's Role

The Board is entrusted with the responsibility for the overall management of the Company. It provides entrepreneurial leadership and establishes the corporate strategies of the Company as well as sets the direction and goals for the executive management. The Board ensures that the necessary resources are in place for the Company to meet its strategic objectives and constructively challenge the Management and review its performance. It instils an ethical corporate culture and ensure that the Company's values, standards, policies and practices are consistent with such culture. The Board is also responsible for implementing and maintaining sound corporate governance practices for the Company, and to ensure transparency and accountability to key stakeholder groups.

The Board has sought to identify the key stakeholder groups and recognise that their perceptions affect the Company's reputation, including but not limited to the dentists and patients.

The Board has considered sustainability issues, such as environmental and social factors, as part of its strategic formulation of the Group.

Independent Judgement

The Board and the Management fully appreciate that an effective and robust board whose members engage in open and constructive debate and challenge the Management on its assumptions and proposals is fundamental to good corporate governance. The Directors have the appropriate core competencies and diversity of experience to enable them to contribute effectively. All Directors are expected to exercise due diligence and independent judgment in dealing with the business affairs of the Group and are obliged to act in good faith and to take objective decisions in the interest of the Group.

Conflicts of Interest

Each Director is required to promptly disclose any conflict of interest, whether direct or indirect, in relation to a transaction or proposed transaction with the Group as soon as is practicable after the relevant facts have come to his knowledge. On an annual basis, each Director is also required to submit details of his other directorships and interests in other entities for the purpose of monitoring interested persons transactions. Where a Director has a conflict of interest in relation to any matter, he will recuse himself from discussions and decisions involving the issues of conflict. In respect of certain matters, he may be permitted to participate in the discussions if the Board is of the opinion that his presence and participation is necessary to enhance the efficacy of such discussion. Nonetheless, he will abstain from voting in relation to such issues of conflict.

Matters requiring Board Approval

The Board has established an internal framework to ensure that the type of material transactions that require the Board's approval is consistently applied throughout the Group. Matters requiring Board approval include:

- (a) Overall Company's business and budget strategy;
- (b) Capital expenditures, investments or divestments exceeding material limits;
- (c) All capital-related matters including capital issuance;
- (d) Significant policies governing the operations of the Company;
- (e) Corporate strategic development and restructuring;
- (f) Material acquisitions and disposals of assets;
- (g) Material interested person transactions;
- (h) Risk management strategies;
- (i) Approval of quarterly, half yearly and year end result announcements and the release thereof; and
- (j) Approval of the annual reports and accounts for presentation at annual general meeting ("AGM").

Directors' Orientation and Training

For each newly appointed Director, he/she will receive appropriate training including familiarisation with the Company's business, governance practices and relevant statutory and regulatory compliance issues to ensure that he/she has a proper understanding of the Company and is fully aware of his/her responsibilities and obligations of being a Director of a listed company. To get a better understanding of the Group's business, the Directors are given the opportunity to visit the Group's operational facilities and meet with the key management personnel. The Company will also provide each newly appointed Director with a formal letter of appointment setting out the Director's duties and responsibilities.

The Company is responsible for arranging and funding the training of new and existing Directors. Directors are updated with the latest professional developments in relation to the Mainboard Rules, accounting standards and other applicable regulatory updates or amendments to relevant laws, rules and regulations to ensure the compliance of the same by all Directors. New releases issued by the SGX-ST and the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority of Singapore ("ACRA") and news articles/reports (including analyst reports) which are relevant to the Group's business are regularly circulated to the Directors. Management informs the Directors of upcoming conferences and seminars relevant to their roles as directors of the Company. The Company has an ongoing budget for its Directors to attend appropriate courses, conferences and seminars conducted by external professionals for them to stay abreast of relevant business developments and outlook.

Delegation by the Board

To facilitate effective management and to support the Board in discharging its duties and responsibilities efficiently and effectively, certain functions of the Board have been delegated to various Board committees, namely the Audit Committee (the "**AC**"), Nominating Committee (the "**NC**") and Remuneration Committee (the "**RC**") (collectively the "**Board Committees**"). The Board Committees function within clearly defined terms of references and operating procedures, which are reviewed on a regular basis taking into consideration the changes in the governance and legal environment. Any change to the terms of reference for any Board Committee requires the specific written approval of the Board.

All the Board Committees are actively engaged and play an important role in ensuring good corporate governance in the Company and within the Group. The Board acknowledges that while the Board Committees have the authority to examine particular issues and report back to the Board with their decisions and recommendations, the ultimate responsibility on all matters lies with the Board.

The composition of the Board and Board Committees is set out below:

	Board	Audit Committee	Nominating Committee	Remuneration Committee
Mr Tan Teck Koon	Chairman	Member	Chairman	Member
Mr Lim Yeow Hua	Member	Chairman	Member	Chairman
Prof Chew Chong Yin	Member	Member	Member	Member
Dr Ng Chin Siau	Member	-	-	-
Mr Narayanan Sreenivasan ⁽¹⁾	Chairman	Member	Member	Member
Mr Ng Weng Sui Harry ⁽²⁾	Member	Chairman	Member	Member
Prof Toh Chooi Gait ⁽³⁾	Member	Member	Chairperson	Chairperson
Mr Chik Wai Chiew (Zhi Weichao) ⁽⁴⁾	Member	-	-	-
Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond (Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau) ⁽⁵⁾	-	-	-	-

Notes:

- (1) Mr Narayanan Sreenivasan retired from the Board following the conclusion of the annual general meeting on 16 April 2024.
- (2) Mr Ng Weng Sui Harry retired from the Board following the conclusion of the annual general meeting on 16 April 2024.
- (3) Prof Toh Chooi Gait retired from the Board following the conclusion of the annual general meeting on 16 April 2024.
- (4) Mr Chik Wai Chiew (Zhi Weichao) resigned from the Board on 12 December 2024.
- (5) Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond resigned from the Board on 2 May 2024. Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond was appointed as the Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau on 24 June 2024.

Board Meetings and Attendance

The Board meets on a half-yearly basis as well as for ad-hoc meetings, if warranted by circumstances deemed appropriate by the Board. At those meetings, the Board reviewed the Group's financial performance, annual budget, corporate strategy, business plans, potential acquisitions, risk management policies and significant operational matters. The number of Board and Board Committees meetings held during the financial year ended 31 December 2024 and the attendance of each Director, where relevant, are as follows:

	Board	Audit Committee	Nominating Committee	Remuneration Committee	Annual General Meeting
No. of Meetings held Name of Directors	3	2	2	2	1
Mr Tan Teck Koon	3	2	2*	2*	1
Mr Lim Yeow Hua ⁽¹⁾	2	1	1*	1*	1
Prof Chew Chong Yin ⁽²⁾	1	1	NA	NA	NA
Dr Ng Chin Siau	3	2*	2*	2*	1
Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond ⁽³⁾ (Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau)	3	2*	1*	1*	1
Mr Narayanan Sreenivasan ⁽⁴⁾	1	1	2	2	1
Mr Ng Weng Sui Harry ⁽⁵⁾	1	1	2	2	1
Prof Toh Chooi Gait ⁽⁶⁾	1	1	2	2	1
Mr Chik Wai Chiew (Zhi Weichao) ⁽⁷⁾	3	1*	1*	1*	1
Dr Kuan Chee Keong ⁽³⁾ (Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau)	NA	1*	NA	NA	1
Dr Chong Kai Chuan ⁽³⁾ (Alternate Director to Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond)	NA	NA	NA	NA	1

* Attendance as invitee

NA: Not Applicable

Notes:

- (1) Mr Lim Yeow Hua appointed on the Board on 16 April 2024 as a Chairman of the Audit and Remuneration Committees and a member of the Nominating Committee.
- (2) Prof Chew Chong Yin appointed on the Board on 24 June 2024 as a member of the Audit, Nominating and Remuneration Committees.
- (3) Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond resigned from the Board on 2 May 2024, and Dr Chong Kai Chuan ceased to be the Alternate Director to Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond on 2 May 2024. Dr Kuan Chee Keong cased to be the Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau on 24 June 2024, and Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond was appointed as an Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau on 24 June 2024. As an Alternate Director, Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond was not required to attend the Board meetings and annual general meeting as the appointing Director was available to attend the Board Meetings and annual general meeting.
- (4) Mr Narayanan Sreenivasan retired from the Board following the conclusion of the annual general meeting on 16 April 2024.
- (5) Mr Ng Weng Sui Harry retired from the Board following the conclusion of the annual general meeting on 16 April 2024.
- (6) Prof Toh Chooi Gait retired from the Board following the conclusion of the annual general meeting on 16 April 2024.
- (7) Mr Chik Wai Chiew (Zhi Weichao) resigned from the Board on 12 December 2024.

The Company's Constitution provides for Directors to participate in meetings of Directors in person or by telephone, radio, conference television or any other form of audio or audio-visual communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and be heard by all other participants. A resolution passed by such a conference shall, notwithstanding that the Directors are not present together at one place at the time of the conference, be deemed to have been passed at a meeting of the Directors held on the day and at the time at which the conference was held and shall be deemed to have been held at the registered office of the Company. The Board and Board Committees also make decisions through circulation of written resolutions.

Access to Information

The Directors have separate and independent access to the Management and the Company Secretary(ies) at all times. Requests for information from the Board are dealt with promptly by the Management. The Board is informed of all material events and transactions as and when they occur so as to enable them to make informed decisions to discharge their duties and responsibilities. The Management provides the Board with half-yearly reports of the Company's performance. The Management also consults with Board members regularly whenever necessary and/or appropriate. The Board is issued with board papers in a timely fashion prior to Board meetings.

The Company Secretary(ies) or her representative(s), attends and prepares minutes of all Board and Board Committees meetings. The Company Secretary(ies) assists the Chairman in ensuring that Board procedures are followed and regularly reviewed so that the Board functions effectively and the Company's Constitution and the relevant rules and regulations applicable to the Company are complied with. The appointment and removal of the Company Secretary(ies) is a matter decided by the Board as a whole.

The Board in fulfilling its responsibilities, can as a group or individually, when deemed fit, direct the Company to appoint professional advisers to render professional advice at the Company's expense.

Board Composition and Guidance

Principle 2 The Board has an appropriate level of independence and diversity of thought and background in its composition to enable it to make decisions in the best interests of the Company.

Board Composition

The Board comprises four (4) Directors of whom one (1) is an Executive Director and three (3) are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Board has the appropriate mix of core competencies and diversity of experience to direct and lead the Company. There is a good balance between the executive and non-executive Directors, with a strong and independent element on the Board. As at the date of this report, the Board comprises the following members:

Mr Tan Teck Koon	(Independent Non-Executive Chairman)
Mr Lim Yeow Hua	(Independent Non-Executive Director)
Prof Chew Chong Yin	(Independent Non-Executive Director)
Dr Ng Chin Siau	(Non-Independent Executive Director/Group Chief Executive Officer)
Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond	(Alternate Director to Ng Chin Siau)

Board Diversity

The Company has in place a Board Diversity Policy which advocates meritocracy and endorses the principle of having a board with the appropriate and right balance of skills, knowledge, age, experience and diversity of perspectives which can contribute effectively to the strategy and growth of the Company.

In reviewing Board composition and succession planning, the NC will consider the benefits of all aspects of diversity, including diversity of background, experience, gender, age and other relevant factors. To ensure that the composition of the Board remains appropriately diverse, the following table sets out the diversity targets and progress since the adoption of the Board Diversity Policy:

Targets	Progress
Achieve gender diversity in relation to representation on the Board	The Company targets to achieve 30% female board representation by 2026. Currently, the Board does not have any female directors. Nonetheless, the Board Diversity Policy provides that the NC will endeavour to ensure that female candidates are included for consideration when identifying candidates to be appointed as new directors.
Enhance/expand the Board's skillset to achieve the Company's strategic objectives	Currently, the Board comprises of Directors from different industries and background, with a wide range of business and management experience, knowledge and expertise who, as a result of their different backgrounds, have diversity of thought that is beneficial for the Group.

The Board considers its current Board size appropriate for the facilitation of decision making, taking into account the nature and scope of operations of the Group. The make-up of the Board reflects diversity of age, skills and knowledge. The Board comprises Directors with strong industry knowledge and diversified background such as tax and accounting, and who collectively bring with them a wide range of experience. The Board is also of the view that the Board comprises persons who as a group provide capabilities required for the Board to be effective. Members of the Board are regularly in touch with the Management to provide advice and guidance on matters for which their expertise will be constructive to the Group.

The NC and the Board has also taken the following steps to maintain or enhance its balance and diversity:

- (a) annual review by the NC to assess if the existing attributes and core competencies of the Board are complementary and enhance the efficacy of the Board;
- (b) annual evaluation by the Directors of the skill sets the other Directors possess, with a view to understanding the expertise which is lacking on the Board; and
- (c) annual review of the size and composition of the Board and Board Committees (comprising of the Audit Committee, the NC and the Remuneration Committee) taking into account, *inter alia*, the scope and nature of the Group's business and operations and the benefits of all aspects of diversity based on its Board Diversity Policy, including but not limited to gender, age, and professional experience in order to provide the Board access to an appropriate range and balance of skills, experience and backgrounds.

The Company will continue to maintain and enhance the appropriate balance of perspectives, skills and experience on the Board to support the long-term success of the Group in line with the Board Diversity Policy as the NC continues to review such policy, as appropriate, to ensure its continuous effectiveness. The NC will recommend appropriate revisions to the Board for its consideration and approval, where necessary.

Non-Executive Directors

The Non-Executive Directors exercise no management functions in the Company or any of its subsidiaries. Although all the Directors are equally responsible for the performance of the Group, the role of the Non-Executive Directors are important to ensure that the strategies proposed by the Management are fully discussed and examined by taking into account the long-term interests of shareholders, employees, customers, suppliers and the various communities in which the Group conducts its business. To facilitate a more effective check on Management, the Non-Executive Directors will, when necessary, meet in the absence of Management to discuss concerns or matters such as overall Group business strategic and investments.

The Company has also adopted initiatives to ensure that the Directors are supported by accurate and timely information and have unrestricted access to the Management. These initiatives include informal meetings for the Management to brief the Directors on potential deals and strategies at an early stage and to circulate relevant information on various business initiatives.

Independence of Independent Directors

Each of the Independent Directors has completed an independent director's declaration form and confirmed his/her independence. The independence of each Director has been and will be reviewed on an annual basis and as and when the circumstances require, by the NC, with reference to the guidelines as set out in the Code.

For FY2024, the NC and the Board has assessed and determined that the Independent Directors are independent in accordance with the Code. The Independent Non-Executive Directors, Mr Tan Teck Koon, Mr Lim Yeow Hua and Prof Chew Chong Yin have confirmed that they do not have any relationship with the Company, its related corporations, its substantial shareholders or its officers that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of their independent business judgement in the best interests of the Company. With the Independent Directors making up more than half of the Board, the NC is of the view that there is a strong and independent element on the Board.

Each Independent Director had recused himself/herself in the determination of his/her own independence.

The profiles of the Directors are set out on pages 8 to 10 of this Annual Report.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Principle 3 There is a clear division of responsibilities between the leadership of the Board and Management, and no one individual has unfettered powers of decision-making.

There is a clear division of responsibilities between the Chairman and Group CEO, which is documented in writing and which ensures there is a balance of power and authority, such that no one individual represents a considerable concentration of power. Mr Tan Teck Koon, the Independent Non-Executive Chairman, and Dr Ng Chin Siau, the Group CEO, are not related to each other.

The Group CEO is responsible for the business management and day-to-day operations of the Company. He takes a leading role in developing and expanding the businesses of the Group including making major business and finance decisions. He also oversees the execution of the Company's corporate and business strategy as set out by the Board and ensures that the Directors are kept updated and informed of the Company's businesses.

The Chairman leads the Board discussion and also ensures that Board meetings are convened when necessary. He sets the Board's meeting agenda and ensures that Directors are provided with complete, adequate and timely information. He chairs the Board meetings and ensures that adequate time is available for discussion of all agenda items, in particular strategic issues, and promotes a culture of openness and debate at the Board. He also assists in ensuring compliance with the Group's guidelines on corporate governance. He encourages constructive relations within the Board and between the Board and the Management and ensures effective communications between the Company and its shareholders. The Chairman is available to Shareholders where they have concerns, and for which contact through the normal channels of communication with the Management is inappropriate or inadequate.

The Board has not appointed a Lead Independent Director as the roles of the Chairman and CEO are distinctly separate; the Chairman is not part of executive management and is an Independent Director; the Board has a strong element of independence with three (3) out of four (4) Directors being independent; and the Board's discussions are open and frank. The Independent Directors also hold meeting(s) without the presence of the other Directors and provide feedback to the Chairman after the meeting(s). The Board will review the need for a Lead Independent Director as part of its continuous assessment of corporate governance best practices.

Board Membership

Principle 4 The Board has a formal and transparent process for the appointment and re-appointment of directors, taking into account the need for progressive renewal of the Board.

All NC members are Independent Non-Executive Directors, all of whom are independent of the Management. The NC is currently comprised of the following members:

Mr Tan Teck Koon	(Chairman)
Mr Lim Yeow Hua	(Member)
Prof Chew Chong Yin	(Member)

The NC meets at least once a year. The principal functions of the NC under its term of reference include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) recommending to the Board on all board appointments, including re-nominations of existing Directors for re-election in accordance with the Constitution of the Company, having regard to the Director's contribution and performance;
- (b) determining on an annual basis whether or not a Director is independent;
- (c) deciding whether the Director is able to and has been adequately carrying out his/her duties particularly when he/she has multiple board representations;
- (d) implementing a process for evaluation and assessing the performance of the Board and contribution of each Director to the effectiveness of the Board;
- (e) reviewing and approving any new employment of related persons and their proposed terms of employment;
- (f) reviewing and recommending to the Board succession plans for Directors, in particular, the Chairman, the Group CEO and key management personnel; and
- (g) the review of training and professional development programs for the Board.

The NC is charged with determining the independence of the directors as set out under the Code. The Board, after taking into consideration the views of the NC, is of the view that Mr Tan Teck Koon, Mr Lim Yeow Hua and Prof Chew Chong Yin are independent, and that no individual or small group of individual dominates the Board's decision-making process.

The NC reviews the need for appointment of additional director(s) from time to time and has in place policies and procedures for the selection, appointment and re-appointment of Directors to the Board, including a search and nomination process. The NC will seek to identify the competence required for the Board to fulfil its responsibilities. The NC can also engage recruitment consultants or engage other independent experts to undertake research on or assess candidates for new positions on the Board. New Directors are appointed by way of Director's resolution, after the NC has reviewed and nominated them by taking into consideration the qualification and experience of each candidate. The Constitution of the Company has stated clearly the procedures for the appointment of new Directors, re-election and removal of Directors.

In accordance with the Company's Constitution, one-third (1/3) of the Directors (excluding the CEO or any Director who is acting in the same capacity as the CEO), or if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third are required to retire by rotation and shall be eligible for re-election at every annual general meeting of the Company. Further, all Directors are required to retire from office at least once every three (3) years and such Directors will be eligible for re-election at the meeting at which he retires. Director(s) appointed by the Board during the financial year, shall only hold office until the next annual general meeting and thereafter be eligible for re-election at that annual general meeting.

The Board has accepted NC's recommendation to seek shareholders' approval to re-elect Dr Ng Chin Siau, Mr Lim Yeow Hua and Professor Chew Chong Yin who are retiring by rotation, at the Company's forthcoming AGM.

In making the above recommendation, the NC has considered Dr Ng Chin Siau, Mr Lim Yeow Hua and Professor Chew Chong Yin's overall performance and contributions. Mr Lim Yeow Hua and Professor Chew Chong Yin had abstained from the NC's deliberation in respect of his/her performance assessment and re-nomination as a Director of the Company respectively.

Mr Lim Yeow Hua will, upon re-election as Director of the Company, remain as the Independent Non-Executive Director, the Chairman of the AC and RC, and a member of the NC. Mr Lim Yeow Hua will be considered independent for the purpose of Rule 704(8) of the Mainboard Rules. He has no relationship with the Company, its related corporations, its substantial shareholders or its officers.

Professor Chew Chong Yin will, upon re-election as Director of the Company, remain as the Independent Non-Executive Director, and a member of the AC, RC and NC. Professor Chew Chong Yin will be considered independent for the purpose of Rule 704(8) of the Mainboard Rules. He has no relationship with the Company, its related corporations, its substantial shareholders or its officers.

Dr Ng Chin Siau will, upon re-election as Director of the Company, remain as a Non-Independent Executive Director and the Group CEO.

Pursuant to Rule 720(6) of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST, the following is the information relating to the retiring director as set out in Appendix 7.4.1 to the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST:

Name of Director	Ng Chin Siau	Lim Yeow Hua	Chew Chong Yin
Date of Appointment	7 January 2008	16 April 2024	24 June 2024
Date of last re-appointment (if applicable)	24 April 2023	-	-
Age	57	63	80
Country of principal residence	Singapore	Singapore	Singapore
The Board's comments on this appointment (including rationale, selection criteria, board diversity considerations, and the search and nomination process)	The Board has considered the NC's recommendation and assessment of Dr Ng Chin Siau's overall performance and contribution, and is satisfied that this appointment will be beneficial to the Board and to the Company.	The NC and the Board have determined that Mr Lim Yeow Hua remains objective and independent-minded in Board deliberations. His vast experience enables him to provide the Board and the various Board Committees on which he serves, with pertinent experience and competence to facilitate sound decision-making and that his length of service does not in any way interfere with his exercises of judgment nor hinder his ability to act in the best interests of the Company. The NC and the Board proposed for the re-election and re-nomination in accordance to the Company's Constitution of Mr Lim Yeow Hua as an Independent Director, the Chairperson of AC and RC and a member of NC.	The NC and the Board have determined that Prof. Chew Chong Yin remains objective and independent-minded in Board deliberations. His vast experience enables him to provide the Board and the various Board Committees on which he serves, with pertinent experience and competence to facilitate sound decision-making and that his length of service does not in any way interfere with his exercises of judgment nor hinder his ability to act in the best interests of the Company. The NC and the Board proposed for the re-election and re-nomination in accordance to the Company's Constitution of Prof. Chew Chong Yin as an Independent Director, a member of AC, RC and NC.
Whether appointment is executive, and if so, the area of responsibility	Executive. Responsible for the corporate direction of the Group. Dr Ng Chin Siau leads the Group in all aspects of its business strategies, policy planning and business development in Singapore, Malaysia and the People's Republic of	Non-Executive	Non-Executive

Name of Director	Ng Chin Siau	Lim Yeow Hua	Chew Chong Yin
Job Title	Non-Independent Executive Director and Group CEO	Independent Non- Executive Director	Independent Non- Executive Director
Professional qualifications	Please refer to the " Board of Directors " section of this Annual Report	Please refer to the " Board of Directors " section of this Annual Report	Please refer to the " Board of Directors " section of this Annual Report
Working experience and occupation(s) during the past 10 years	Please refer to the " Board of Directors " section of this Annual Report	Please refer to the " Board of Directors " section of this Annual Report	Please refer to the " Board of Directors " section of this Annual Report
Shareholding Interest in the listed issuer and its subsidiaries	Yes Please refer to the " Directors' Statement " section of this Annual Report	No	Yes Please refer to the "Directors' Statement" section of this Annual Report
Any relationship (including immediate family relationships) with any existing director, existing executive officer, the listed issuer and/or substantial shareholder of the listed issuer or of any of its principal subsidiaries	 Husband of Foo Siew Jiuan, General Manager of the Company Brother of Ng Sook Hwa, Chief Financial Officer of the Company 	No	No
Conflict of Interest (including any competing business)	No	No	No
Undertaking submitted to the listed issuer in the form of Appendix 7.7 (Rule 720(1) of the Mainboard Rules)	Yes	Yes	Yes

Name of Director	Ng Chin Siau	Lim Yeow Hua	Chew Chong Yin
Other Principal Commitments including Directorships – Past (for the last 5 years) and Present	 Past Directorship: (1) Aidite (Qinhuangdao) Technology Co., Ltd. (2) Q & M Dental Surgery (Molek) Sdn. Bhd. (3) Q & M Dental Surgery (Austin) Sdn. Bhd. (4) EM2AI Pte. Ltd. Present Directorship: (1) Q & M Dental Group (China) Pte. Ltd. (2) Q & M Dental Holdings (Malaysia) Pte. Ltd. (3) Q & M Free Dental Clinic Limited (4) Acumen Research Laboratories Pte. Ltd. (5) Acumen Diagnostics Pte. Ltd. (6) Quan Min Holdings Pte. Ltd. (7) Q & M Professionals Holding Pte. Ltd. (8) EM2AI Professional Holding Pte. Ltd. (9) APDSA Alumni Pte. Ltd. (10) Aoxin Q & M Dental Group Limited 	Past Directorship: (1) Accrelist Ltd. (2) Assurance Healthcare Limited (f.k.a. Revez Corporation Ltd.) (3) KTL Global Limited (4) Singapore Women's & Children's Medical Group Pte Ltd (5) KSH Holdings Limited (6) Oxley Holdings Limited (7) Eratat Lifestyle Limited (in liquidation) Present Directorship: (1) Cortina Holdings Limited (2) Mencast Holdings Limited (3) Moneymax Financial Services Limited (4) NauticAWT Limited (in liquidation)	Past Directorship: Nil Present Directorship: (1) Aoxin Q & M Dental Group Limited
Disclosure on the following matters concerning the Director:	No	No	No
 (a) Whether at any time during the last 10 years, an application or a petition under any bankruptcy law of any jurisdiction was filed against him or against a partnership of which he was a partner at the time when he was a partner or at any time within 2 years from the date he ceased to be a partner? 			

Name of Director	Ng Chin Siau	Lim Yeow Hua	Chew Chong Yin
(b) Whether at any time during the last 10 years, an application or a petition under any law of any jurisdiction was filed against an entity (not being a partnership) of which he was a director or an equivalent person or a key executive, at the time when he was a director or an equivalent person or a key executive of that entity or at any time within 2 years from the date he ceased to be a director or an equivalent person or a key executive of that entity, for the winding up or dissolution of that entity or, where that entity is the trustee of a business trust, that business trust, on the ground of insolvency?	No	Yes Eratat Lifestyle Limited was delisted from the Mainboard of the SGX-ST on 19 June 2017 with the SGX-ST's approval and is currently undergoing liquidation pursuant to compulsory winding up proceedings. NauticAWT Limited was delisted from the Catalist Board of the SGX-ST on 3 April 2025 with the SGX-ST's approval and is currently undergoing liquidation pursuant to compulsory winding up proceedings. As a non-executive independent director of Eratat Lifestyle Limited and NauticAWT Limited, Mr Lim Yeow Hua had not been involved in the management or operations of the companies.	No
(c) Whether there is any unsatisfied judgment against him?	No	No	No
(d) Whether he has ever been convicted of any offence, in Singapore or elsewhere, involving fraud or dishonesty which is punishable with imprisonment, or has been the subject of any criminal proceedings (including any pending criminal proceedings of which he is aware) for such purpose?	No	No	No

Name of Director	Ng Chin Siau	Lim Yeow Hua	Chew Chong Yin
(e) Whether he has ever been convicted of any offence, in Singapore or elsewhere, involving a breach of any law or regulatory requirement that relates to the securities or futures industry in Singapore or elsewhere, or has been the subject of any criminal proceedings (including any pending criminal proceedings of which he is aware) for such breach?	No	No	No
(f) Whether at any time during the last 10 years, judgment has been entered against him in any civil proceedings in Singapore or elsewhere involving a breach of any law or regulatory requirement that relates to the securities or futures industry in Singapore or elsewhere, or a finding of fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty on his part, or he has been the subject of any civil proceedings (including any pending civil proceedings of which he is aware) involving an allegation of fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty on his part?	No	No	No
(g) Whether he has ever been convicted in Singapore or elsewhere of any offence in connection with the formation or management of any entity or business trust?	No	No	No
(h) Whether he has ever been disqualified from acting as a director or an equivalent person of any entity (including the trustee of a business trust), or from taking part directly or indirectly in the management of any entity or business trust?	No	No	No

Name of Director	Ng Chin Siau	Lim Yeow Hua	Chew Chong Yin
(i) Whether he has ever been the subject of any order, judgment or ruling of any court, tribunal or governmental body, permanently or temporarily enjoining him from engaging in any type of business practice or activity?	No	No	No
(j) Whether he has ever, to his knowledge, been concerned with the management or conduct, in Singapore or elsewhere, of the affairs of:-			
 (i) any corporation which has been investigated for a breach of any law or regulatory requirement governing corporations in Singapore or elsewhere; or 	No	No	No
 (ii) any entity (not being a corporation) which has been investigated for a breach of any law or regulatory requirement governing such entities in Singapore or elsewhere; or 	No	No	No
(iii) any business trust which has been investigated for a breach of any law or regulatory requirement governing business trusts in Singapore or elsewhere; or	No	No	No
(iv) any entity or business trust which has been investigated for a breach of any law or regulatory requirement that relates to the securities or futures industry in Singapore or elsewhere, in connection with any matter occurring or arising during that period when he was so concerned with the entity or business trust?	No	No	No

Name of Director	Ng Chin Siau	Lim Yeow Hua	Chew Chong Yin
(k) Whether he has been the subject of any current or past investigation or disciplinary proceedings, or has been reprimanded or issued any warning, by the Monetary Authority of Singapore or any other regulatory authority, exchange, professional body or government agency, whether in Singapore or elsewhere?	No	No	No
(Applicable to appointment of director only) Any prior experience as a Director of an issuer listed on the Exchange? If Yes, please provide details of prior experience. If No, please state if the Director has attended or will be attending training on the roles and responsibilities of a Director of a listed issuer as prescribed by the Exchange. Please provide details of relevant experience and the Nominating Committee's reasons for not requiring the Director to undergo training as prescribed by the Exchange (if applicable)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Alternate directors may be appointed as and when the Board deems necessary. During FY2024, following Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond stepping down from the Board on 2 May 2024, Dr Chong Kai Chuan ceased to serve as his alternate director. During FY2024, Dr Kuan Chee Keong ceased to be the alternate director to Dr Ng Chin Siau, and the appointment of Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond as the alternate director to Dr Ng Chin Siau was approved by the Board.

The NC reviews and determines annually whether Directors who have multiple board representations and other principal commitments, give sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Company and adequately carry out his/her duties as a Director of the Company. The NC takes into account the results of the assessment of the effectiveness of the individual Director and his/her actual conduct on the Board, in making this determination.

For FY2024, the NC was satisfied that, where a Director had other listed company board representations and/or other principal commitments, the Director was able to carry out and had been adequately carrying out, his/her duties as a Director of the Company. As the time requirement of each Director are subjective, the NC has decided not to fix a maximum limit on the number of directorships a Director can hold. The NC considers that the multiple board representations held presently by its Directors do not impede their respective performance in carrying out their duties for the Company. Based on the Directors' commitments and contributions to the Company, which are also evident in their level of attendance and participation at Board and Board Committee meetings, the NC and the Board are satisfied that all the Directors were able to and have been adequately carrying out their duties as Directors of the Company in FY2024.

Key information regarding the Directors, including their present and past three (3) years' directorship(s) in other listed companies and other principal commitments are set out below:

Director	Position	Date of initial appointment	Date of last re-election	Current directorships in other listed companies	Directorships in other listed companies over the past three (3) years	Principal commitments
Mr Tan Teck Koon	Independent Non-Executive Chairman	1 May 2022	24 April 2023	CSE Global Ltd	NIL	 Operating Partner, Heliconia Capital Management Pte Ltd Non-Executive Chairman, INEX Innovate Pte Ltd Non-Executive Director, China Life Insurance (Singapore) Pte Ltd Non-Executive Director, Trusted Services Pte Ltd
Mr Lim Yeow Hua	Independent Non-Executive Director	16 April 2024	NA	 Cortina Holdings Limited Mencast Holdings Limited Moneymax Financial Services Limited 	 Accrelist Ltd. Assurance Healthcare Limited (f.k.a. Revez Corporation Ltd.) KTL Global Limited KSH Holdings Limited Oxley Holdings Limited Eratat Lifestyle Limited (in liquidation) 	NIL
Prof Chew Chong Yin	Independent Non-Executive Director	24 June 2024	NA	Aoxin Q & M Dental Group Limited	NIL	NIL
Dr Ng Chin Siau	Non- Independent Executive Director/Group Chief Executive Officer	7 January 2008	24 April 2023	Aoxin Q & M Dental Group Limited	NIL	NIL

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Director	Position	Date of initial appointment	Date of last re-election	Current directorships in other listed companies	Directorships in other listed companies over the past three (3) years	Principal commitments
Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond ⁽¹⁾ (Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau)	Chief Operating Officer	24 June 2024	NA	NIL	NIL	NIL

NA: Not applicable

Note:

(1) Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond resigned from the Board on 2 May 2024, and Dr Chong Kai Chuan ceased to be the Alternate Director to Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond on 2 May 2024. Dr Kuan Chee Keong ceased to be the Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau on 24 June 2024, and Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond was appointed as the Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau on 24 June 2024.

Board Performance

Principle 5 The Board undertakes a formal annual assessment of its effectiveness as a whole, and that of each of its board committees and individual directors.

The Board has established processes including taking into consideration the attendance record at the meetings of the Board and the Board Committees for monitoring and evaluating the performance of the Board as a whole and effectiveness and contribution of individual Directors. The Board and individual Directors can direct more effort in those areas for achieving better performance of the Board and better effectiveness of individual Directors.

The NC examines the Board's and the Board Committees' performances covering areas that include the size and composition of the Board, the Board's access to information, Board processes and accountability annually. The NC review and evaluate the overall performance of the Board in terms of its role and responsibilities and the conduct of its affairs as a whole.

For the evaluation process, the Directors will complete a board evaluation questionnaire which seeks to assess the effectiveness of the Board and the Board Committees. The results are then collated by the Company Secretary(ies) who will submit to the Chairman of the NC in the form of a report. The report will be discussed during the NC meeting with a view to implementing recommendations to further enhance the effectiveness of the Board and/or the Board Committees.

The contribution of each individual Director to the effectiveness of the Board is assessed individually and reviewed by the NC Chairman. The performance of the Directors is evaluated using agreed criteria, aligned as far as possible with appropriate corporate objectives. The assessment criteria include, *inter alia*, Director's attendance, commitment of time, candour, participation, knowledge and abilities, teamwork and overall contributions.

The NC would review the aforementioned criteria on periodic basis to ensure that the criteria is able to provide an accurate and effective performance assessment taking into consideration industry standards and the economic climate with the objective to enhance long term shareholders value, thereafter propose amendments if any, to the Board for approval. There has been no change in assessment criteria for FY2024 as the assessment criteria for FY2023 was considered adequate for the aforementioned assessment.

The NC, having reviewed the overall performance of the Board in terms of its role and responsibilities and the conduct of its affairs as a whole, and the individual Director's performance, is of the view that the performance of the Board, the Board Committees and each individual Director has been satisfactory in FY2024. The NC will review the appropriateness of the Board size, taking into consideration changes in the nature of the Group's businesses, the scope of operations, as well as changing regulatory requirements from time to time. In consultation with the NC, the Chairman will act on the results of the performance evaluation, propose for new members to be appointed to the Board or seek the resignation of Directors, where appropriate.

REMUNERATION MATTERS

Procedures for Developing Remuneration Policies

Principle 6 The Board has a formal and transparent procedure for developing policies on director and executive remuneration, and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual directors and key management personnel. No director is involved in deciding his or her own remuneration.

All RC members are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The RC comprises the following members:

Mr Lim Yeow Hua	(Chairman)
Mr Tan Teck Koon	(Member)
Prof Chew Chong Yin	(Member)

The RC meets at least once a year. The principal functions of the RC under its term of reference include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) to recommend to the Board a framework of remuneration for the Board and key management personnel, determine specific remuneration packages for each Executive Director and submit such recommendations for endorsement by the entire Board covering all aspects of remuneration, including but not limited to director's fees, salaries, allowances, bonuses, options, share-based incentives and awards, and benefits in kind;
- (b) to perform annual review of the remuneration of employees related to the Directors and substantial shareholders to ensure that their remuneration packages are in line with the Company's staff remuneration guidelines and commensurate with their respective job scopes and level of responsibilities which include review and approve any bonuses, pay increases and/or promotions for these employees;
- (c) to review and recommend to the Board the terms of renewal for those Executive Directors whose current employment contracts will expire or have expired;
- (d) to recommend the remuneration of Non-Executive Directors appropriate for the level of contribution, taking into account factors such as effort and time spent, and responsibilities of the Directors; and
- (e) to consider the various disclosure requirements for Director's and senior management's remuneration, particularly those required by regulatory bodies such as the SGX-ST, and ensure that there is adequate disclosure in the financial statements to ensure and enhance transparency between the Company and relevant interested parties.

In discharging its duties, the RC will review and make recommendations on the specific remuneration packages for the Directors and key management personnel. The recommendations of the RC will be submitted for endorsement by the entire Board. All aspects of remuneration, including but not limited to Directors' fees, salaries, allowances, bonuses, share-based incentives and awards, and benefits in kind, will be covered by the RC.

Where applicable, the RC will also review annually the remuneration of employees related to the Directors and substantial shareholders to ensure that their remuneration packages are in line with the staff remuneration guidelines and commensurate with their respective job scopes and level of responsibilities.

Each member of the RC shall abstain from voting on any resolutions or making any recommendations and/or participating in the deliberations of the RC in respect of his/her remuneration package.

The RC may from time to time, and where required, seek advice from external consultants in framing the remuneration policy and determining the level and mix of remuneration for Directors and key management personnel. If external consultants are appointed, the RC will ensure that existing relationships, if any, between the Company and its appointed consultants will not affect the independence and objectivity of the consultants. The expense of such services shall be borne by the Company. The RC did not seek the service of an external remuneration consultant in FY2024.

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Level and Mix of Remuneration

Principle 7 The level and structure of remuneration of the Board and key management personnel are appropriate and proportionate to the sustained performance and value creation of the Company, taking into account the strategic objectives of the Company.

In recommending the level and mix of remuneration, the RC seeks to build, motivate and retain Directors and key management personnel. It ensures that competitive remuneration policies and practices are in place to draw and motivate high-performance executives so as to drive the Group's businesses to greater growth, efficiency and profitability.

The RC seeks to ensure that the level and mix of remuneration of Executive Directors and key management personnel is competitive, relevant and appropriate in linking awards with performance and that the amount and mix of compensation is aligned with the interests of shareholders and promotes the long-term success of the Group.

The remuneration of the Executive Directors, namely the Group CEO, and the Chief Operating Officer (i.e. Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond, who stepped down as an Executive Director on 2 May 2024 and currently serves as the Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau, the Executive Director and Group CEO) are set out in their one (1) year service agreements with automatic renewal annually on such terms and conditions as the parties may agree commencing from 1 April 2011 (unless otherwise terminated by either party giving not less than six (6) months' notice to the other), and consists mainly of salary. In accordance with the said service agreement, each of them is entitled to receive a variable bonus at such rates or on such terms as may be determined and approved by the RC of the Company. In designing the compensation structure, the Company seeks to ensure that the level and mix of remuneration is transparent, competitive, relevant and appropriate in finding a balance between the current and longer term objectives of the Company so as to be able to attract, retain and motivate talents without being excessive, and thereby maximise value for Shareholders.

In setting remuneration packages, the RC will take into consideration the pay and employment conditions within the industry and comparable companies and the broad guidelines recommended by the Singapore Institute of Directors. The remuneration of Non-Executive Directors will also be reviewed to ensure that the remuneration commensurate with the contribution and responsibilities of the Non-Executive Directors.

The Director's fee for each of the Non-Executive Directors shall be agreed or determined by the RC of the Company. No member of the RC is involved in deliberating and deciding in respect of any remuneration, compensation or any form of benefits to be granted to him.

The Company will submit the quantum of Directors' fees to the shareholders for approval at the annual general meeting annually. The Board concurred with the RC that the proposed directors' fees for FY2024 is appropriate and not excessive, taking into consideration the level of contributions by the directors and factors such as effort and time spent for serving on the Board and Board Committees, as well as the responsibilities and obligations of the directors.

Disclosure on Remuneration

Principle 8 The Company is transparent on its remuneration policies, level and mix of remuneration, the procedure for setting remuneration, and the relationships between remuneration, performance and value creation.

The compensation packages for employees including the Executive Directors and the key management personnel comprise a fixed component (base salary), a variable component (cash-based annual bonus) and benefits-in-kind, where applicable, taking into account amongst other factors, the individual's performance, the performance of the Group and industry practices.

	Salary	Bonus	Benefits ¹	Professional Fees ²	Directors' Fees +	Total	Total
Name	%	%	%	%	%	%	S\$
Mr Tan Teck Koon	0	0	0	0	100	100	60,000
Mr Lim Yeow Hua	0	0	0	0	100	100	42,740
Prof Chew Chong Yin	0	0	0	0	100	100	26,164
Dr Ng Chin Siau	84	14	2	0	0	100	788,090
Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond ⁽¹⁾ (Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau)	75	13	6	6	0	100	361,683
Mr Narayanan Sreenivasan ⁽²⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mr Ng Weng Sui Harry ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prof Toh Chooi Gait ⁽⁴⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mr Chik Wai Chiew ⁽⁵⁾ (Zhi Weichao)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dr Kuan Chee Keong ⁽¹⁾ (Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau)	13	0	2	85	0	100	37,117
Dr Chong Kai Chuan ⁽¹⁾ (Alternate Director to Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond)	6	0	1	92	0	100	86,279

A breakdown showing the level and mix of each individual Director's remuneration payable for FY2024 is as follows:

* The Directors' Fees are subject to approval by shareholders at the AGM

Notes:

- (1) Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond resigned from the Board on 2 May 2024, and Dr Chong Kai Chuan ceased to be the Alternate Director to Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond on 2 May 2024. Dr Kuan Chee Keong cased to be the Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau on 24 June 2024, and Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond was appointed as an Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau on 24 June 2024. For completeness, Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond is currently the Chief Operating Officer of the Company.
- (2) Mr Narayanan Sreenivasan retired from the Board following the conclusion of the annual general meeting on 16 April 2024. Director fees for the period 1 January to 16 April 2024 was part of the fees of S\$81,000 that was approved at AGM held on 16 April 2024.
- (3) Mr Ng Weng Sui Harry retired from the Board following the conclusion of the annual general meeting on 16 April 2024. Director fees for the period 1 January to 16 April 2024 was part of the fees of \$\$\$1,000 that was approved at AGM held on 16 April 2024.
- (4) Prof Toh Chooi Gait retired from the Board following the conclusion of the annual general meeting on 16 April 2024. Director fees for the period 1 January to 16 April 2024 was part of the fees of \$\$81,000 that was approved at AGM held on 16 April 2024.
- (5) Mr Chik Wai Chiew (Zhi Weichao) resigned from the Board on 12 December 2024.

	Remuneration Band	Salary	Bonus	Benefits ¹	Total
Name	Between \$\$250,000-\$\$500,000	%	%	%	%
Ms Foo Siew Jiuan		80	13	7	100
Ms Ng Sook Hwa		79	13	8	100

Remuneration Band of key management personnel is set out below:

As the Company has less than five (5) key management personnel, the above table discloses the remuneration details of all of the Company's key management personnel. The Board has carefully considered all relevant factors and determined that Dr Ong Siew Hwa does not constitute a key management personnel of the Company within the meaning of the Code, as Dr Ong Siew Hwa does not have the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company. Additionally and announced by the Company on 16 December 2024, Dr Ong Siew Hwa has ceased to be a director of Acumen Diagnostics Pte. Ltd. and Acumen Research Pte. Ltd.

Remuneration Band of employees who are substantial shareholders or who are immediate family members of Dr Ng Chin Siau, the Group CEO and Executive Director of the Company is set out as follows:

	Remuneration Band	Salary	Bonus	Benefits ¹	Total
Name	Between \$\$200,000-\$\$300,000	%	%	%	%
Ms Foo Siew Jiuan ³		80	13	7	100
Ms Ng Sook Hwa ³		79	13	8	100

1. Benefits refer to mainly employer's contribution to the Central Provident Fund.

2. Professional fees refer to fees received as a practising dentist from certain wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company.

3. Key management personnel who are related to the Group CEO and Executive Director, Dr Ng Chin Siau.

(i) Ms Foo Siew Jiuan is the wife of Dr Ng Chin Siau.

(ii) Ms Ng Sook Hwa is a sister of Dr Ng Chin Siau.

The total remuneration paid to the top five (5) key management personnel was \$\$550,000 for FY2024.

The remuneration of the Company's top five (5) key management personnel takes into account the pay and employment conditions within the industry and is performance-related.

All Directors and the key management personnel are remunerated on an earned basis and there was no termination, retirement and post-employment benefits granted during FY2024.

Save as disclosed, there are no employees who are immediate family members of a Director or the Group CEO, and whose remuneration exceeds S\$100,000 during the year.

The Board has sought to link the quantum of salary to the current market for the Executive Directors and key management personnel taking into consideration their respective roles and responsibilities. Bonuses are paid based on the individual performances and the performance of the Company as a whole.

The Company has adopted the Q & M Employee Share Option Scheme 2018 ("**2018 Option Scheme**") to replace the previous Q & M Employee Share Option Scheme ("**Previous Scheme**"). The 2018 Option Scheme is to provide an opportunity for Employees and Directors who have contributed significantly to the growth and performance of the Group, to participate in the equity of the Company so as to motivate them to greater dedication, loyalty and higher standards of performance, and to give recognition to past contributions and services. In addition, the 2018 Option Scheme will help the Group to attract and retain the services of appropriate, qualified and experienced employees who would be able to contribute to the Group's business and operations. In FY2024, no share options were granted to any Director or key management personnel under the 2018 Option Scheme.

The Company has also adopted a performance share plan known as the "Q & M Performance Share Plan 2018" ("**2018 PSP**") on 13 November 2018. The 2018 PSP is designed to incentivise participants to excel in their performance and encourage greater dedication and loyalty to the Company. Through the 2018 PSP, the Company will be able to recognise and reward past contributions and services and motivate participants to continue to strive for the Group's long-term prosperity. In addition, the Plan aims to foster an ownership culture within the Group. The directors and employees of the Group are eligible to participate in 2018 PSP. In FY2024, no share awards were granted to any Director or key management personnel under the 2018 PSP.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

Risk Management and Internal Controls

Principle 9 The Board is responsible for the governance of risk and ensures that Management maintains a sound system of risk management and internal controls, to safeguard the interests of the Company and its shareholders.

The Management provides the Board with updates covering operational performance, financial results, marketing and business development and other relevant information on a regular basis as the Board may require from time to time, enabling the Board to make a balanced and informed assessment of the Company's performance, position and prospect.

Risk assessment and evaluation has become an essential part of the business planning and monitoring process. The Group has put in place a documentation on its risk profile which summarises the material risks faced by the Group and the countermeasures in place to manage or mitigate those risks for the review by the Board annually. Having regard to the risks which the Group is exposed to, the likelihood of such risks occurring and the risk tolerance accepted by the Group, the internal controls structure of the Group has been designed and put in place by the Group to provide reasonable assurance against material financial misstatements or loss, for the safeguarding of assets, for the maintenance of proper accounting records, for the provision of financial and other information with integrity, reliability and relevance, and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

It is the opinion of the Board that, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the system of internal controls maintained by the Management that was in place throughout the financial year and up to the date of this report provides reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material financial misstatements or losses, and includes the safeguarding of assets, the maintenance of proper accounting records, the reliability of financial information, compliance with appropriate legislation, regulations and best practices, and the identification and containment of financial, operational and compliance risks.

The Board notes that all internal control systems contain inherent limitations and no system of internal controls could provide absolute assurance against the occurrence of material errors, poor judgment in decision making, human error losses, fraud or other irregularities.

The Company has appointed an independent third party, CLA Global TS Risk Advisory Pte Ltd ("**CLA Global**" or "**IA**") to perform internal audit reviews and to highlight all significant matters to the Management and the AC. Based on the work performed by the IA, the Board is satisfied with the Company's levels of risk tolerance and risk policies, and has overseen the Management in the design, implementation and monitoring of the risk management and internal control systems.

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The Board has received assurance from the Group CEO and the CFO that, as at 31 December 2024, the Group's financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Group's operations and finances.

Based on the internal controls established and maintained by the Group, work performed by internal and external auditors, reviews performed by management and the various Board committees as well as assurances received from the Group CEO, CFO and Group Financial Controller, the Board (with the concurrence of the AC) is of the opinion that the Group's risk management and internal control systems were adequate and effective as at 31 December 2024 to address the risks that the Group considers relevant and material to its operations.

Management will continue to review and strengthen the Group's control environment and devote resources and expertise towards improving its internal policies and procedures to maintain a high level of governance and internal controls.

The Company prohibits its officers from dealing in the Company's shares on short term considerations. They are required to observe insider trading provisions under the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore at all times even when dealing in the Company's securities in the permitted periods.

Audit Committee

Principle 10 The Board has an Audit Committee ("AC") which discharges its duties objectively.

Functions of the AC

The role of the AC is to assist the Board with regard to the discharge of its responsibility to safeguard the Company's assets, maintain adequate accounting records, develop and maintain effective systems of internal controls with an overall objective to ensure that the Management has created and maintained an effective control environment in the Company, and that the Management demonstrates and stimulates the necessary aspect of the Company's internal control structure among all parties.

All AC members are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The AC comprises the following members:

Mr Lim Yeow Hua	(Chairman)
Mr Tan Teck Koon	(Member)
Prof Chew Chong Yin	(Member)

The Board is of the view that the AC Chairman and members are appropriately qualified, with the necessary accounting, financial advisory, business management, corporate and finance, and investment expertise and experience to discharge the AC's functions. None of the AC members is a former partner or director of or has any financial interest in the Company's existing external auditor.

The AC meets at least half-yearly to discuss and review the following where applicable:

- (a) review with the external and internal auditors, the audit plan, their evaluation of the system of internal controls, their audit report, their management letter and the Management's response;
- (b) review the quarterly, half yearly and annual financial statements and results announcements before submission to the Board for approval, focusing in particular on changes in accounting policies and practices, major risk areas, significant adjustments resulting from the audit, compliance with accounting standards and the Mainboard Rules and any other relevant statutory or regulatory requirements;
- (c) review at least annually the internal control procedures and ensure co-ordination between the external auditors and the Management, and review the assistance given by the Management to the auditors, and discuss problems and concerns, if any, arising from audits, and any matters which the auditors may wish to discuss (in the absence of the Management, where necessary);

- (d) review and discuss with external and internal auditors, any suspected fraud or irregularity, or suspected infringement of any relevant laws, rules or regulations, which has or is likely to have a material impact on the Company's operating results or financial position, and the Management's response;
- (e) consider and recommend the appointment or re-appointment of the external auditors and matters relating to the resignation or dismissal of the external auditors;
- (f) review transaction falling within the scope of Chapter 9 of the Mainboard Rules;
- (g) review any potential conflict of interests;
- (h) undertake such other reviews and projects as may be requested by the Board, and report to the Board its findings from time to time on matters arising and requiring the attention of the AC;
- review the Company's key financial risk areas, with a view to providing an independent oversight on the Company's financial reporting. The outcome of these reviews will be disclosed in the annual report of the Company or where the findings are material, immediately announced via SGXNet;
- (j) generally to undertake such other functions and duties as may be required by statute or the Mainboard Rules, or by such amendments as may be made thereto from time to time;
- (k) review the Rule 716 of the Mainboard Rules that if different auditors are appointed for its subsidiaries or significant associated companies, the AC must be satisfied that the appointment would not compromise the standard of effectiveness of the audit;
- (I) reviewing the assurance from the CEO and the CFO on the financial records and financial statements;
- (m) review the significant financial reporting issues and judgement so as to ensure the integrity of the financial statements of the Company and any formal announcement relating to the Company's financial performance;
- (n) review the scope and results of the audit, its cost effectiveness, the independence and objectivity of the external auditors annually. Where the auditors also supply a substantial volume of non-audit services to the Company, the nature and extent of such services should be reviewed in order to balance the maintenance of objectivity and value for money;
- ensure that the internal auditor's primary line of reporting should be to the AC. The internal auditor should meet or exceed the standards set by nationally or internationally recognised professional bodies including the Standards for the Professional Practice set by The Institute of Internal Auditors;
- (p) review and report to the Board annually on the effectiveness and adequacy of the Group's risk management and internal controls systems in addressing the financial, operational, compliance and information technology risk;
- (q) investigate any matter within its terms of reference, having full access to and co-operation from the Management and full discretion to invite any Executive Director or Executive Officer to attend its meetings, and reasonable resources to enable it to discharge its functions properly; and
- (r) provide an avenue for employees to raise concerns and reassurance that they will be protected from reprisals or victimization for whistle blowing in good faith, a whistle blowing reporting policy has been established by the Company for its employees.

The AC has the power to conduct or authorise investigations into any matters within the AC's scope of responsibility. The AC is authorised to obtain independent professional advice, if it deems necessary, in the discharge of its responsibilities. Such expenses are to be borne by the Company.

The AC has full access to and co-operation from the Management and has full discretion to invite any Executive Director or Executive Officer to attend its meetings and has been given reasonable resources to enable it to discharge its functions.

The AC also meets with the internal and external auditors without the presence of the management at least once a year to ascertain if there are any material weaknesses or control deficiencies in the Group's financial and operational systems.

External Auditors

The AC, having reviewed the range and value of non-audit services performed by the external auditors, RSM SG Assurance LLP, was satisfied that the nature and extent of such services has not prejudiced the independence and objectivity of external auditors. Therefore, the AC recommends the re-appointment of RSM SG Assurance LLP as external auditors at the AGM. There is no disagreement between the Board and AC regarding the selection, appointment, resignation or dismissal of external auditors. During the financial year under review, the Company has incurred an aggregate S\$399,000 payable to the external auditors for its audit services. The Company confirms that it has complied with Rules 712 and 715 of the Mainboard Rules in engaging RSM SG Assurance LLP, registered with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority, Singapore, as the external auditors of the Company and local subsidiaries. The Company also confirmed that it has complied with Rule 716 of the Mainboard Rules in engaging different auditing firms for its foreign subsidiaries.

None of the AC members were previous partners or directors of the existing external auditing firm and none of the AC members hold any financial interest in the external auditing firm.

Internal Audit

The Company's internal audit function is outsourced to CLA Global that reports directly to the AC. The Board is of the view that the outsourcing of the internal audit function had deliver enhanced independence as well as improve the quality of the audit as the IA is adequately qualified and equipped with a broad range of expertise with advanced degrees and technological specialisation to discharge its duties effectively.

The Board recognises that it is responsible for maintaining robust internal controls to safeguard shareholders' investment and the Company's business and assets. The AC approves the hiring, removal, evaluation and compensation of the internal auditors and reviews and approves the internal audit's plan during the AC meeting for each financial year. The AC also ensures that the internal auditors have unfettered access to all the Company's documents, records, properties and personnel including access to the AC.

The primary functions of internal audit are to:

- (a) assess if adequate systems of internal controls are in place to protect the funds and assets of the Company and to ensure control procedures are complied with;
- (b) conduct regular in-depth audits of high-risk areas; and
- (c) identify and recommend improvement to internal control procedures, where required.

The AC has reviewed the report submitted by CLA Global on internal procedures and the internal controls in place, and is satisfied that there are adequate and effective internal controls in the Company. The AC will review on an annual basis the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit function.

The AC is also of the view that the outsourced internal audit function is independent, effective, adequately resourced, has appropriate standing within the Company and is staffed with persons with the relevant qualifications and experience, and adheres to professional standards including those promulgated by the relevant local or international recognised professional bodies.

Whistle-Blowing Policy

The Company has put in place a whistle-blowing policy to provide a channel for employees to report in good faith and in confidence, without fear of reprisals, concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting or other matters. The objective for such an arrangement is to ensure independent investigation of such matters and for appropriate follow-up action. The Company will treat all complaints and information received confidentially and protect the identity of all whistle-blowers. The Chairman of AC and Chief Financial Officer of the Company are responsible for the oversight and monitoring of the whistle-blowing policy and implementation of the policy. All complaints or information would be forwarded to the Chairman of AC or Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

There was no reported incident pertaining to whistle blowing during FY2024 and until the date of this Annual Report.

SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND ENGAGEMENT

Shareholder Rights and Conduct of General Meetings

Principle 11 The Company treats all Shareholders fairly and equitably in order to enable them to exercise shareholders' rights and have the opportunity to communicate their views on matters affecting the Company. The Company gives Shareholders a balanced and understandable assessment of its performance, position and prospects.

The Board is accountable to the Shareholders and is mindful of its obligations to furnish timely information that present a balanced and understandable assessment of the Company's performance, position and prospects and to ensure full disclosure of material information to Shareholders in compliance with statutory requirements and the Mainboard Rules.

Price sensitive information will be publicly released either before the Company meets with any group of investors or analysts or simultaneously with such meetings. Financial results and annual reports will be announced or issued within the legally prescribed periods.

Any notice of general meeting is issued at least fourteen (14) clear days before the scheduled date of such meeting. Shareholders are invited to attend the general meetings to put forth any questions they may have on the motions to be debated and decided upon. All Shareholders who are not relevant intermediaries can appoint up to two (2) proxies during his/her absence to attend, speak and vote in general meeting in compliance with Companies Act 1967 of Singapore. Shareholders who are relevant intermediaries may appoint more than two (2) proxies to attend, speak and vote at general meetings. Voting in *absentia* by mail, facsimile or email is currently not permitted to ensure proper authentication of the identity of shareholders and their voting intent.

The Company ensures that Shareholders have the opportunity to participate effectively in and vote at general meetings of shareholders. The Chairman briefs the Shareholders on the rules, including voting procedures, that govern general meetings of shareholders and addresses any queries that they may have on the procedures. The Company ensures that there are separate resolutions at general meetings on each distinct issue. All resolutions are put to vote by poll in the presence of independent scrutineers, and the voting results will be announced via SGXNet after the conclusion of the general meeting.

The Company's general meetings (annual general meeting and/or extraordinary general meeting where applicable), are the principal forums for dialogue with shareholders. In FY2024, the Company's AGM in respect of FY2023 was held in a wholly physical format. The forthcoming AGM in respect of FY2024 will be held in a wholly physical format and there will be no option for shareholders to participate virtually.

Shareholders are encouraged to attend the general meetings of the Company to ensure a high level of accountability and to stay apprised of the Company's strategy and goals. Shareholders are given the opportunity to raise questions and clarify any issues that they may have relating to the resolutions to be passed. Notice of general meetings will be announced on SGXNet.

The proceedings of the general meeting will be properly recorded, including all substantial and relevant comments or queries from Shareholders relating to the agenda of the meeting, and responses from the Board and the Management. The minutes of the Company's general meeting are made publicly available on the Company's website.

The Company has adopted a dividend policy of paying dividends of at least 30% of the Group's core operating earnings, excluding other one-time income and share of associate profits. The Company had on (a) 29 February 2024 announced an interim dividend of S\$0.0053 per share, such dividend having been paid on 26 March 2024, (b) 14 August 2024 announced an interim dividend S\$0.004 per share, such dividend having been paid on 2 September 2024., and (c) 1 March 2025 announced an interim dividend S\$0.007 per share, such dividend having been paid on 26 March 2025.

Engagement with Shareholders

Principle 12 The Company communicates regularly with its Shareholders and facilitates the participation of Shareholders during general meetings and other dialogues to allow Shareholders to communicate their views on various matters affecting the Company.

The Company does not practise selective disclosure. In line with the continuous obligations of the Company pursuant to the Mainboard Rules, the Board's policy is that all shareholders should be equally informed of all major developments impacting the Company.

Information is disseminated to shareholders on a timely basis through:

- Announcements and news releases on SGXNet.
- Annual report and circulars prepared and issued to all shareholders.
- Notices of shareholders' meetings are published on the Company's website, in the local newspapers and announced via SGXNet.

Regular briefings are also organised for media and analysts to ensure a better appreciation of the Company's performance and developments. The Company has a team of investor relations personnel who focus on facilitating the communications with all stakeholders – shareholders, regulators, analysts and media, etc – on a regular basis, to attend to their queries or concerns as well as to keep the investors public apprised of the Group's corporate developments and financial performance. To enhance and encourage communication with Shareholders and investors, the Company provides the contact information (**Email: melanie@qnm.sg Tel: 6705 9888**) of its investor relations personnel. The Board has also taken to solicit and understand the views of the shareholders through analyst briefings and investor roadshows conducted by the Management.

MANAGING STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIPS

Engagement with Stakeholders

Principle 13 The Board adopts an inclusive approach by considering and balancing the needs and interests of material stakeholders, as part of its overall responsibility to ensure that the best interests of the Company are served.

The Company's key stakeholders are those who most materially impact the Company's strategy or are directly impacted by it. They comprise the Company's shareholders, customers, employees, community and regulators. Engagement with stakeholders provides the Company with an understanding of the matters they are most concerned with. These matters help to define the Company's strategic priorities and guide the Company's initiatives. The Company has regularly engaged its stakeholders through various medium and channels to ensure that the business interests are aligned with those of the stakeholders, to understand and address the concerns so as to improve services standards, as well as to sustain business operations for long-term growth.

Our stakeholder issues and engagement platforms are detailed below:

The Company's senior management periodically assesses focus areas where the Company can have the greatest economic, environmental and social impact, as well as areas that are most important to its stakeholders. The Company has made efforts to seek the opinions of many stakeholders either through informal or formal means. The Company evaluate the needs and expectations of its key stakeholder groups which are significant to its value creation strategy and strive to build mutually beneficial relationships.

The Company recognises the importance of a meaningful two-way engagement with its key stakeholders to understand their interests, expectations and also addressing the economic and environmental, social and governance ("**ESG**") topics that are material to its business and stakeholders, whilst taking into account any pivotal developments within this industry. The Company has made conscious efforts to seek the opinions of its stakeholders through formal and informal engagements as well as establishing an internal review process to integrate stakeholder feedback with its corporate strategies.

The Company's corporate website at <u>www.QandMDental.com.sg</u> also provides updated information to its stakeholders on its latest financial results and corporate developments. The website, which is updated regularly, contains various information on the Group and the Company which serves as an important resource for investors and all stakeholders.

DEALING IN SECURITIES

Rule 1207(19) of the Mainboard Rules

In line with Rule 1207(19) of the Mainboard Rules on Dealings in Securities, for FY2024 the Company issues a quarterly letter to its Directors, executive officers and employees with non-published price sensitive information prohibiting dealings in listed securities of the Company from two (2) weeks or one (1) month, as the case may be, before the announcement of the Company's quarterly and annual financial results and ending on the date of the announcement of the relevant results.

The Directors and employees are expected to observe the insider trading laws at all times even when dealing in the Company's securities within permitted trading period.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Rule 1207(4)(b)(iv) of the Mainboard Rules

The Company regularly reviews and improves its business and operational activities to identify areas of significant business risks as well as take appropriate measures to control and mitigate these risks. The Company reviews all significant control policies and procedures and highlights all significant matters to the AC and Board.

MATERIAL CONTRACTS

Rule 1207(8) of the Mainboard Rules

There were no material contracts entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries involving the interest of the Group CEO, any Director, or controlling shareholder subsisting at the end of financial year ended 31 December 2024. There was no such contract subsisted at the end of the financial year under review.

INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS

Rule 907 of the Mainboard Rules

The Company has established procedures to ensure that all transactions with interested persons are reported in a timely manner to the AC and that the transactions are conducted on an arm's length basis and are not prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders.

The Group does not have a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions pursuant to Rule 920 of the Mainboard Rules.

Particulars of the interested person transactions for the financial year ended 31 December 2024, disclosed in accordance with Rule 907 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST were set out below.

Name of Interested Person	Nature of relationship	Aggregate value of all interested person transactions during the financial year under review (excluding transactions less than \$100,000 and transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920 of the Mainboard Rules)	person transactions conducted under the shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920 of the Mainboard Rules (excluding
Ang Ee Peng Raymond	Alternate Director to Dr Ng Chin Siau and Chief Operating Officer		Nil
EM2AI Professional HoldCo Pte. Ltd. (" EM2AI PHC ") ⁽¹⁾	Dr Ng Chin Siau, Non- Independent Executive Director/Group Chief Executive Officer, controls EM2AI PHC.		Nil

Note:

- (1) Please refer to the Company's announcements on 25 January 2024 and 5 March 2024 for further details on the investment by EM2AI PHC into EM2AI Pte. Ltd. as an interested person transaction ("Investment"), the Company's entry into a joint venture agreement ("JV Agreement") with EM2AI PHC and EM2AI Pte. Ltd., and the provision of an interest free loan of \$\$3.7 million by EM2AI PHC to EM2AI Pte. Ltd.. As disclosed in the Company's announcement on 25 January 2024, the Investment meets the requirements of Rule 916(2) of the Listing Manual and approval by the Company's shareholders is not required for the Investment and the Company's entry into the JV Agreement.
- (2) This amount includes the investment sum of \$\$1,606,500 by EM2AI PHC into EM2AI Pte. Ltd. pursuant to the Investment, as well as amounts incurred by the Group totalling \$\$371,893.03 in respect of services provided by EM2AI Pte. Ltd. for the Group's use of its dental clinic management software (after taking into account Rule 909(1) of the Listing Manual). Further information concerning the service fees incurred by the Group to EM2AI Pte. Ltd. is found under note 3B to the notes of the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

In relation to note 3B to the notes to the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 ("**Note 3B**"), Rule 907 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST requires the Company to disclose the aggregate value of all interested person transactions entered into with the same interested person during the financial year under review in its annual report, excluding amongst others, transactions less than S\$100,000. The transactions referred to in Note 3B includes certain rental transactions and, their respective value for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 attributable to an interested person is less than S\$100,000. As such, these transactions were not disclosed as interested person transactions under this section. The transactions were approved by the Board and the Audit Committee.

In relation to note 3D to the notes to the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024, the transactions were made between the Company and its subsidiaries and are not interested person transactions under Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual. As such, these transactions were not disclosed as interested person transactions under this section.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ("CSR")

The Company strongly upholds the importance of CSR as an essential aspect of a reputable business and remains dedicated to making meaningful contributions to Singapore and the broader community.

The Company's Free Dental Clinic located at Chai Chee, inaugurated in July 2023, continued to serve as a cornerstone of the Company's CSR efforts in FY2024. Over the past year, the clinic recorded 271 patient visits, delivering essential treatments to underserved individuals who lack access to affordable dental care. Staffed by a dedicated team of over 50 volunteer dentists, the clinic provided services ranging from extractions to preventive care, to educating and empowering patients to regain not just oral health but also confidence and dignity. The Free Dental Clinic embodies the Company's pledge to bridge gaps in access, ensuring no one is left behind.

Following the highly successful planting of 150 trees in 2022 to celebrate the Company's 25th Anniversary, Q & M built upon this initiative to organise another Tree Planting Initiative on 24 August 2024, aligning with Singapore's vision of a greener future. The event saw 100 participants, including employees, partners, and community members, plant native saplings in a collaborative effort to combat urban heat and enhance biodiversity. Guest of Honor, Manpower Minister Tan See Leng was in attendance at the event. This initiative underscores the Company's expanded focus on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles, reflecting our value of Respect - for both people and the planet.

In FY2024, the Company's collaboration with ItsRainingRaincoats (IRR) enabled 59 migrant workers to access urgent dental care, alleviating pain and restoring smiles. Similarly, the Company's partnership with the Foreign Domestic Worker Association for Social Support (FAST) saw 70 patients receiving free wisdom tooth surgeries as well as other dental treatments. These efforts, led by volunteer dentists, highlight our unwavering dedication to inclusivity and social equity.

Additionally, the Company's 'Change for Charity' program collaboration with Community Chest remained a vital touchpoint in FY2024, allowing patients and the public to contribute effortlessly to social causes at any Q & M clinic.

In the year ahead, the Company will remain dedicated to strengthening its CSR efforts, continuously engaging in impactful initiatives that create lasting benefits for the communities it supports.

USE OF PROCEEDS FROM PLACEMENT

The Company had previously raised S\$120,000 in net proceeds ("**Net Cash Proceeds**") from the placement of 520,000 treasury shares in the capital of the Company, which was completed on 24 June 2024 (the "**Placement**").

As at 31 December 2024, the Company has utilised the Net Cash Proceeds raised from the Placement for the following purposes:

	Allocation of Net Cash Proceeds (S\$)	Amount utilised as at 31 December 2024 (S\$)
General working capital	120.000	420.000
- Operating expenses	120,000	120,000
	120,000	120,000

SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

This is the eighth year the Company is publishing its sustainability report and it will continue to address the activities, data and measurements, where applicable, that fall within its financial year ended 31 December 2024. The Company is proud to have continued its efforts in improving the report, giving the requisite "descriptive and quantitative information on how business is conducted" and how its ESG are being managed for a sustainable future, in compliance with the Mainboard Rules and Global Reporting Initiative ("**GRI**") Sustainability Reporting Standards. The Company will continue to demonstrate its commitment to grow its sustainable business model both as a responsible and a forward-looking corporate citizen. More information on how the Company engages with its stakeholders, as well as its approach to material topics and its overall sustainability performance, can be found in the Company's Sustainability Report 2024, which will be released by 30 April 2025.

The directors of the Company are pleased to present the accompanying financial statements of the Company and of the Group for the reporting year ended 31 December 2024.

1. Opinion of the directors

In the opinion of the directors,

- (a) the accompanying financial statements and the consolidated financial statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company and, of the financial position and performance of the Group for the reporting year covered by the financial statements or consolidated financial statements; and
- (b) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The board of directors approved and authorised these financial statements for issue.

2. Directors

The directors of the Company in office at the date of this statement are:

Dr Ng Chin Siau Professor Chew Chong Yin Mr Lim Yeow Hua Mr Tan Teck Koon Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond (director alternate to Dr Ng Chin Siau)

3. Directors' interests in shares and debentures

The directors of the Company holding office at the end of the reporting year had no interests in shares or debentures of the Company or other related body corporate as recorded in the register of directors' shareholdings kept by the Company under section 164 of the Companies Act 1967 ("the Act") except as follows:

	Direct interest		Deemed	interest
	At beginning		At beginning	
Name of directors and companies	of the	At end of the	of the	At end of the
<u>in which interests are held</u>	<u>reporting year</u>	<u>reporting year</u>	<u>reporting year</u>	<u>reporting year</u>
The Company –				
Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited		Number of share	<u>s of no par value</u>	
Dr Ng Chin Siau	5,528,900	5,528,900	502,627,089	497,627,089
Mr Chew Chong Yin	25,000	25,000	_	_
Ultimate parent company –				
<u>Quan Min Holdings Pte. Ltd.</u>				
Dr Ng Chin Siau	199,985,714	199,985,714	_	_
Dr Ang Ee Peng Raymond	12,783,551	12,783,551	_	-

By virtue of section 7 of the Act, Dr Ng Chin Siau is deemed to have an interest in all the related body corporates of the Company.

The directors' interests as at 21 January 2025 were the same as those at the end of the reporting year.

4. Arrangements to enable directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares and debentures

Save as disclosed in this report, neither at the end of the reporting year nor at any time during the reporting year did there subsist arrangements to which the Company is a party, being arrangements whose objects are, or one of whose objects is, to enable directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

5. Options and Performance Share Plan

Share options

The Company adopted an employee share option scheme known as the "Q & M Employee Share Option Scheme" (the "Option Scheme") on 26 April 2011. The Option Scheme, which forms an integral component of the Group's compensation plan, is designed to reward and retain eligible participants whose services are important to the Group's continued well-being and success. It provides eligible participants who have contributed to the growth and performance of the Group with an opportunity to participate in the equity of the Company so as to motivate these participants to greater dedication, loyalty and higher standards of performance and to give recognition to past contributions and services.

Under the rules of the Option Scheme, the directors and confirmed employees of the Group are eligible to participate in the scheme. Controlling shareholders or their associates are also eligible to participate in the Option Scheme subject to the approval of independent shareholders in separate resolution for each participant.

The total number of shares over which options may be granted shall not exceed 15% of the issued share capital (excluding treasury shares) of the Company on the date immediately preceding the date of grant.

An Option Scheme Committee (the "Committee") is charged with the administration of the Option Scheme in accordance with the rules of the Scheme. The Committee comprising all the members of the Remuneration Committee of the Company from time to time, and duly authorised and appointed by the board of directors. The number of shares comprised in options offered to a participant shall be determined at the absolute discretion of the Committee who shall take into account, where applicable, criteria such as rank, past performance, years of service, potential contribution of the participant provided that: (a) the aggregate number of shares which may be offered to participants who are controlling shareholders and their associates during the entire operation of the Option Scheme (including adjustments under the rules) shall not exceed 25% of the shares available under scheme; and (b) the number of shares which may be offered to each participant who is a controlling shareholder or his associate during the entire operation of the Option Scheme shall not exceed 10% of the shares available under the scheme.

(a) <u>Exercise Price</u>

The exercise price for each share in respect of which an option is exercisable shall be determined by the Committee at its absolute discretion, on the date of grant, at:-

- (i) the market price; or
- (ii) a price which is set at a discount to the market price (incentive price), the quantum of such discount to be determined by the Committee in its absolute discretion, provided that the maximum discount which may be given in respect of any option shall not exceed 20% of the market price. In the event that SGX-ST prescribes or permits a higher percentage of discount, the Company will seek shareholders' approval for the increase in discount at a general meeting.

5. Options and Performance Share Plan (cont'd)

Share options (cont'd)

(b) Exercise Period

Unless otherwise determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, options granted shall be exercised in the following manner:-

- (i) in the case of market price options granted to a participant:- (i) one-third (1/3) of such options granted shall only vest and be exercisable by an option holder after the first anniversary of the date of grant of that option; (ii) the next one-third (1/3) of such options granted shall only vest and be exercisable by an option holder after the second anniversary of the date of grant of that option; and (iii) the remaining one-third (1/3) of such options granted shall only vest and be exercisable by an option holder after the second anniversary of the date of grant of that option; and (iii) the remaining one-third (1/3) of such options granted shall only vest and be exercisable by an option holder after the third anniversary of the date of grant of that option, provided always that all the options shall be exercised before the second anniversary of the relevant date of vesting, or such earlier date as may be determined by the Committee, failing which all unexercised options shall immediately lapse and become null and void and an option holder shall have no claim against the Company; and
- (ii) in the case of incentive options granted to a participant:- (i) one-third (1/3) of such options granted shall only vest and be exercisable by an option holder after the second anniversary of the date of grant of that option; (ii) the next one-third (1/3) of such options granted shall only vest and be exercisable by an option holder after the third anniversary of the date of grant of that option; and (iii) the remaining one-third (1/3) of such options granted shall only vest and be exercisable by an option sector of the date of grant of that option; and (iii) the remaining one-third (1/3) of such options granted shall only vest and be exercisable by an option holder after the fourth anniversary of the date of grant of that option, provided always that all the options shall be exercised before the second anniversary of the relevant date of vesting, or such earlier date as may be determined by the Committee, failing which all unexercised options shall immediately lapse and become null and void and an option holder shall have no claim against the Company.

There are special provisions dealing with the lapsing under certain circumstances including ceasing of employment, bankruptcy, and death of the participant.

Performance share plan

The Company adopted a performance share plan known as the "Q & M Performance Share Plan 2018" (the "Plan") on 13 November 2018. The Plan, which forms an integral component of the Group's compensation plan, is designed to incentivise participants to excel in their performance and encourage greater dedication and loyalty to the Group. Through the Plan, the Group will be able to recognise and reward past contributions and services and motivate participants to continue to strive for the Group's long-term prosperity. In addition, the Plan aims to foster an ownership culture within the Group.

Under the rules of the Plan, the directors and employees of the Group including controlling shareholders or their associates are eligible to participate in the Plan.

The aggregate number of shares which may be issued or transferred pursuant to awards granted under the Plan on any date, when added to the number of shares issued and/or issuable and/or transferred and transferable in respect of all awards granted under the Plan and all shares issued and issuable and/or transferred and transferable in respect of all options granted or awards granted under any other share schemes or share plans which the Company adopted and for the time being in force or may implement from time to time, including but not limited to Option Scheme, will not exceed 15% of total issued shares in the capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) on the day preceding the relevant award date.

5. Options and Performance Share Plan (cont'd)

Performance share plan (cont'd)

A Share Plan Committee is charged with the administration of the Plan in accordance with the rules of the Plan. The Plan Committee comprising all the members of the Remuneration Committee of the Company from time to time, and duly authorised and appointed by the board of directors. The number of shares offered to a participant shall be determined at the absolute discretion of the Share Plan Committee who shall take into account, where applicable, criteria such as, *inter alia*, the rank, scope of responsibilities, performance, years of service, potential contribution for future development, contribution to the success of the Group and the extent of effort and resourcefulness with which the performance target(s) may be achieved within the performance period of the participant provided that: (a) the aggregate number of shares which may be offered to participants who are controlling shareholders and their associates during the entire operation of the Plan (including adjustments under the rules) shall not exceed 25% of the shares available under the Plan; and (b) the number of shares which may be offered to each participant who is a controlling shareholder or his associate during the entire operation of the Plan shall not exceed 10% of the shares available under the Plan.

Awards represent the right of a participant to receive fully-paid shares free of charge, provided that certain prescribed performance targets (if any) are met and upon expiry of the prescribed performance period. In addition to the performance targets, in relation to each award, the Share Plan Committee shall have the discretion to prescribe a vesting period of between 1 to 10 years depending on the importance of the individual participant to the long-term growth of the Group and such other conditions as the Share Plan Committee may determine.

Shares which are allotted and issued or transferred to a participant are subject to restrictions against disposal or sale or any other dealings by the participant.

On 4 September 2024, the Company issued 1,962,880 ordinary shares from its treasury shares to 16 dentists of the Group pursuant to the Q & M Performance Share Plan 2018.

During the reporting year, no option to take up unissued shares of the Company or other body corporate in the Group was granted.

At the end of the reporting year, there were no unissued shares under option.

6. Independent auditor

RSM SG Assurance LLP has expressed willingness to accept re-appointment.

7. Report of audit committee

The members of the audit committee at the date of this report are as follows:

Mr Lim Yeow Hua (Chairman)	(Non-Executive and Independent Director)
Mr Tan Teck Koon	(Non-Executive and Independent Chairman)
Professor Chew Chong Yin	(Non-Executive and Independent Director)

The audit committee performs the functions specified by section 201B(5) of the Act. Among other functions, it performed the following:

- Reviewed with the independent external auditor their audit plan.
- Reviewed with the independent external auditor their evaluation of the Company's internal accounting controls relevant to their statutory audit, and their report on the financial statements and the assistance given by the management to them.

7. Report of audit committee (cont'd)

- Reviewed with the internal auditor the scope and results of the internal audit procedures (including those relating to financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls and risk management) and the assistance given by management to them.
- Reviewed the financial statements of the Group and the Company prior to their submission to the directors of the Company for adoption.
- Reviewed the interested person transactions (as defined in Chapter 9 of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited's Listing Manual).

Other functions performed by the audit committee are described in the report on corporate governance included in the annual report of the Company. It also includes an explanation of how independent auditor objectivity and independence is safeguarded where the independent auditor provide non-audit services.

The audit committee has recommended to the board of directors that RSM SG Assurance LLP be nominated for reappointment as independent auditor at the next annual general meeting of the Company.

8. Directors' opinion on the adequacy of internal controls

Based on the internal controls established and maintained by the Company, work performed by the internal and external auditors, and reviews performed by management, other committees of the board and the board, the board, with the concurrence of the audit committee, is of the opinion that the Company's internal controls (including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls), and risk management systems were adequate and effective as at 31 December 2024 to address the risks that the Company considers relevant and material to its operations.

9. Subsequent developments

There are no significant developments subsequent to the release of the Group's and the Company's preliminary financial statements, as announced on 1 March 2025, which would materially affect the Group's and the Company's operating and financial performance as of the date of this report.

On behalf of the directors

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Dr Ng Chin Siau Director Lim Yeow Hua Director

8 April 2025

TO THE MEMBERS OF Q & M DENTAL GROUP (SINGAPORE) LIMITED

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position of the Group and the statement of financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2024, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows of the Group, and statement of changes in equity of the Company for the reporting year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Group and the statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity of the Company are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1967 (the Act) and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) (SFRS (I)) so as to give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group and the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2024 and of the consolidated financial performance, consolidated changes in equity and consolidated cash flows of the Group and the changes in equity of the Company for the reporting year ended on that date.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing (SSAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities (ACRA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current reporting year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

(a) <u>Assessment of impairment of goodwill</u>

Please refer to Note 2A "Goodwill" and Note 2C "Assessment of the impairment of goodwill" for discussion of significant accounting estimates, and Note 16 "Goodwill" for the key assumptions used in impairment testing of goodwill.

Key audit matter

As at 31 December 2024, the carrying value of the Group's goodwill amounted to \$52,357,000 and accounted for approximately 21% of the Group's total assets as at the end of the reporting year.

Goodwill is assessed for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that it may be impaired. The amount is allocated to cash generating units ("CGUs"). Management applies the value in use method to determine the recoverable amount of goodwill. The value in use calculation requires management to exercise judgements in estimating the future cash flows arising from the CGUs and an appropriate discount rate in order to calculate the recoverable amount of each CGUs. Any shortfall of the recoverable amounts against the carrying value would be recognised as impairment losses in profit or loss.

Management determined the recoverable amounts based on the forecasted revenue, profit margins, terminal growth rates and discount rates using presently available information. As these estimates require management's judgement and there are estimation uncertainties over the appropriate terminal growth rate and discount rate applied to the projected cashflows, the determination of the recoverable amounts is a key focus area for our audit.

TO THE MEMBERS OF Q & M DENTAL GROUP (SINGAPORE) LIMITED

Key audit matters (cont'd)

(a) Assessment of impairment of goodwill (cont'd)

How we addressed the matter in our audit

We discussed with management the processes over the determination of the forecasted revenue growth, profit margins, terminal growth rates and discount rates. As management's assessment process is judgemental and is based on assumptions that are affected by expected future market or economic conditions, our audit procedures included, among others, using our in-house valuation specialists to assist us in evaluating the assumptions and methodologies used by management.

We, including our internal valuation specialists, assessed management's estimates applied in the value in use models based on our knowledge of the CGUs' operations and compared them against historical forecasts and performance and industry benchmarks. Our in-house valuation specialists reviewed the appropriateness of management's methodology, the reasonableness of expectations and the discount rates used in the impairment assessment and tested the mechanical accuracy of the computations.

We also assessed the adequacy of the disclosures in the financial statements about those assumptions to which the outcome of the impairment test is most sensitive, that is, those that have the most significant effect on the determination of the recoverable amount of goodwill.

(b) <u>Assessment of impairment of investment in associates</u>

Please refer to Note 2A "Associates" and "Carrying amounts of non-financial assets" for relevant accounting policies, Note 2C "Assessment of the impairment loss on subsidiaries and associate" for discussion of significant accounting estimates, and Note 15 on "Investment in associates" for the key assumptions used in impairment testing of investment in associates.

Key audit matter

As at 31 December 2024, the Group and the Company have investments in associates of \$26,208,000 and \$33,832,000 respectively that is substantially in Aoxin Q & M Dental Group Limited ("Aoxin Q & M"). The carrying value of the investments in associates accounted for approximately 11% and 18% of the Group and the Company's total assets as at the end of the reporting year respectively. As the balances are significant and the estimation of recoverable amount involved management's judgement, they are a key focus area of our audit.

An impairment assessment is performed when there are indications of impairment. Management engaged an independent external valuer to assist in the impairment assessment of Aoxin Q & M. Management applied the valuein-use method to determine the recoverable amount of the investment in associate. The value-in-use calculation requires management to estimate the future cash flows arising from the associate and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate present value of the recoverable amount of the associate. Any shortfall of the recoverable amount against the carrying value would be recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss.

TO THE MEMBERS OF Q & M DENTAL GROUP (SINGAPORE) LIMITED

Key audit matters (cont'd)

(b) Assessment of impairment of investment in associates (cont'd)

How we addressed the matter in our audit

We assessed management's process for the selection of its appointed independent external valuer, including the determination of scope of work to be performed. We evaluated the competency of the external valuer by considering the valuer's qualifications and objectivity.

Our audit procedures included, among other things, involving our internal valuation specialists as auditor's expert to assist us in evaluating the assumptions and methodologies used by management.

We, including our internal valuation specialists, reviewed management's estimates applied in the value-in-use model based on our knowledge of Aoxin Q & M's operations, and compared the value-in-use model against historical forecasts and performance and industry benchmarks. Our in-house valuation specialists also performed a review of the appropriateness of management's methodology, the reasonableness of expectations and the discount rates used in the impairment assessment and tested the mechanical accuracy of the computations.

We also assessed on the adequacy of disclosures in the financial statements about those assumptions to which the outcome of the impairment test is most sensitive, that is, those that have the most significant effect on the determination of the recoverable amount of the asset.

(c) Assessment of impairment on inventories

Please refer to Note 2A "Inventories" for relevant accounting policies, Note 2C "Assessment of loss allowance on inventories" for discussion of significant accounting estimates, and Note 18 "Inventories" the breakdown in inventories at the reporting year end.

<u>Key Audit Matter</u>

The Group held inventories of \$10,587,000 as at the end of the reporting year. The carrying amount of inventories may not be recoverable in full if those inventories become slow moving or obsolete, if their selling prices have declined below carrying amounts.

The estimation of allowance for inventories is based on the age of these inventories, prevailing market conditions in the industry and historical allowance experience which requires management's judgement. In particular, management exercised judgement in the areas relating to inventory allowance based on inventory aging and expected draw down of the inventory. The methodology relies upon assumptions made in determining appropriate allowance of inventories. Management reassessed the methodology regularly and after taking into consideration recent developments in the industry, they are of the opinion that the methodology is reflecting the prevailing market conditions.

How we addressed the matter in our audit

We selected samples for testing. Our audit procedures included (a) discussing with management on the appropriateness of their basis and approach towards determining allowance for inventories; (b) verifying of the net realisable value of the inventories by considering post year-end sales to identify any sales made at a loss; (c) reviewing the inventory turnover days and aging of the inventories to assess if there were any significant build-up of aged inventories; (d) assessing the expected draw down and utilisation of inventory; and (e) assessing the reasonableness of the allowance for slow moving inventories. We also assessed management's judgement and assumptions applied to comply with the Group's inventory allowance policy by analysing the historical data trend as well as performing analytical procedures on the inventory aging profile. We evaluated the adequacy of the disclosures included in the financial statements.

TO THE MEMBERS OF Q & M DENTAL GROUP (SINGAPORE) LIMITED

Key audit matters (cont'd)

(d) Assessment of impairment on profit guarantee receivables

Please refer to Note 2A "Financial instruments" for relevant accounting policies, Note 2C "Assessment of loss allowance on profit guarantee receivables" for discussion of significant accounting estimates, and Notes 19 on "Trade and other receivables" for the key assumptions used in impairment testing of profit guarantee receivables.

Key Audit Matter

As at 31 December 2024, the Group and the Company have profit guarantee receivables, net of allowance for impairment, of \$15,974,000 and \$14,421,000 respectively. Included in the profit guarantee receivables are amounts totalling \$14,421,000 due from a director and certain executive officers of an associate. These amounts are secured by escrow and share security agreements entered with the associate's director and executive officers whereby the associate's shares owned by them are pledged to the Group. The decline in the market value of the associate's share price has resulted in a shortfall in the value of the pledged shares compared with the associate's director and executive officers are uncertainties over the recoverability of the receivables of \$14,421,000 in full if the associate's director and executive officers do not have the financial ability to repay the shortfall, if any, arising from the realisation of the pledged shares.

The assessment of recoverability of the abovementioned receivables requires management to exercise significant judgement in assessing the associate's director and executive officers' ability to repay the outstanding receivables. In determining the recoverability of the receivables, management takes into consideration the estimated market value of the pledged shares and other assets owned by the director and executive officers of the associate concerned.

How we addressed the matter in our audit

We reviewed and considered management's judgement in assessing the recoverability of the profit guarantee receivables. Our audit procedures included comparing the market value of the associate's shares that are pledged to the Group with the carrying value of the profit guarantee receivables, and assessing reasonableness of management's estimation of the market value of other assets owned by the associate's director and executive officers concerned. We also discussed with management on their plan to recover the receivable and reviewed the adequacy of the disclosures about those judgement made in the financial statements.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the statement by directors and the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

TO THE MEMBERS OF Q & M DENTAL GROUP (SINGAPORE) LIMITED

Responsibilities of management and directors for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the financial reporting standards, and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair financial statements and to maintain accountability of assets.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors' responsibilities include overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- d) Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- f) Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

TO THE MEMBERS OF Q & M DENTAL GROUP (SINGAPORE) LIMITED

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (cont'd)

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In our opinion, the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Company and by those subsidiary corporations incorporated in Singapore of which we are the auditors have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Goh Swee Hong.

RSM SG Assurance LLP Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants Singapore

8 April 2025

Partner-in-charge of audit: effective from year ended 31 December 2021

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Group		
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
		\$'000	\$'000	
Revenue	5	180,674	182,723	
Interest income		_	61	
Other income and gains	9	1,741	90	
Consumables, dental equipment and dental supplies used		(20,428)	(21,319)	
Employee benefits expense	6	(105,886)	(108,853)	
Depreciation and amortisation expense	13, 17 & 26	(17,976)	(17,776)	
Finance costs	7	(5,372)	(5,655)	
Other expenses	8	(12,108)	(12,514)	
Other losses	9	(6,400)	(3,010)	
Share of profit (loss) from equity-accounted associates	15	507	(83)	
Profit before tax from continuing operations		14,752	13,664	
Income tax expense	10	(1,686)	(2,591)	
Profit from continuing operations, net of tax		13,066	11,073	
Other comprehensive income (loss): Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Exchange differences on translating foreign operation, net of tax Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year, net of tax		<u> </u>	(1,169)	
Total comprehensive income		13,705	9,904	
Profit attributable to owners of the parent, net of tax		14,637	11,517	
Loss attributable to non-controlling interests, net of tax		(1,571)	(444)	
Profit net of tax		13,066	11,073	
Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the parent Total comprehensive loss attributable to non-controlling interests Total comprehensive income		15,208 (1,503) 13,705	10,437 (533) 9,904	
Earnings per share Basic and diluted – continuing operations	11	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Group		Company	
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>	2023	<u>2024</u>	2023
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS					
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	13	37,056	37,611	1,092	1,282
Right-of-use assets	26	38,182	46,575	1,389	1,644
Investments in subsidiaries	14	_	_	59,980	61,018
Investments in associates	15	26,208	24,587	33,832	27,913
Goodwill	16	52,357	54,183	-	_
Other intangible assets	17	427	4,696	_	_
Other receivables	19	2,933	2,356	2,032	1,303
Other non-financial assets	20	6,549	7,988	2,864	3,247
Total non-current assets		163,712	177,996	101,189	96,407
Current assets					
Inventories	18	10,587	11,812	_	_
Trade and other receivables	19	35,981	31,172	86,034	90,208
Other non-financial assets	20	3,151	3,615	1,321	1,391
Cash and cash equivalents	21	34,342	33,993	3,867	5,430
Total current assets		84,061	80,592	91,222	97,029
Total assets	:	247,773	258,588	192,411	193,436
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Equity attributable to owners of the parent					
Share capital	22	86,758	86,758	86,758	86,758
Treasury shares	22	(10,855)	(11,535)	(10,855)	(11,535)
Retained earnings		33,674	27,841	17,981	11,048
Other reserves	23	(3,407)	(3,993)		
Equity attributable to owners of the parent		106,170	99,071	93,884	86,271
Non-controlling interests		2,337	3,840		
Total equity		108,507	102,911	93,884	86,271
Non-current liabilities					
Provisions	25	985	975	_	_
Deferred tax liabilities	10	2,518	2,992	-	-
Lease liabilities	26	30,714	39,243	1,185	1,461
Other financial liabilities	28	73,239	79,181	67,167	75,402
Total non-current liabilities		107,456	122,391	68,352	76,863
Current liabilities					
Income tax payable		1,762	2,218	13	84
Lease liabilities	26	10,923	10,742	258	242
Trade and other payables	27	18,621	19,221	29,658	29,730
Other financial liabilities	28	504	1,105	246	246
Total current liabilities		31,810	33,286	30,175	30,302
Total liabilities		139,266	155,677	98,527	107,165
Total equity and liabilities		247,773	258,588	192,411	193,436
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The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

<u>Group:</u>	Total <u>equity</u> \$'000	Attributable to parent <u>subtotal</u> \$'000	Share <u>capital</u> \$'000	Retained <u>earnings</u> \$'000	Treasury <u>shares</u> \$'000	Other <u>reserves</u> \$'000	Non- controlling <u>interests</u> \$'000
Current year:							
Balance at 1 January 2024	102,911	99,071	86,758	27,841	(11,535)	(3,993)	3,840
Changes in equity:	102,511	55,071	00,750	27,041	(11,555)	(5,555)	5,640
Total comprehensive							
income for the year	13,705	15,208	_	14,637	_	571	(1,503)
Deemed disposal of							
subsidiary (Note 29)	15	15	-	-	-	15	_
Issuance of ordinary							
shares (Note 22)	680	680	_	-	680	-	_
Dividends paid (Note 12)	(8,804)	(8,804)	_	(8,804)	_	_	_
Closing balance at	(0,004)	(0,004)		(0,004)			
31 December 2024	108,507	106,170	86,758	33,674	(10,855)	(3,407)	2,337
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Previous year:							
Balance at							
1 January 2023	102,248	96,490	86,758	24,163	(11,535)	(2,896)	5,758
Changes in equity: Total comprehensive							
income for the year	9,904	10,437	_	11,517	_	(1,080)	(533)
Disposal of subsidiary	5,501	10,107		11,517		(1,000)	(555)
(Note 29)	(88)	(17)	_	_	_	(17)	(71)
Dividends paid to							
non-controlling interest	(1,960)	(646)	-	(646)	_	-	(1,314)
Dividends paid	(7.402)	(7,400)		(7,402)			
(Note 12)	(7,193)	(7,193)		(7,193)			
Closing balance at 31 December 2023	102,911	99,071	86,758	27,841	(11,535)	(3,993)	3,840
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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Current year: Balance at 1 January 2024 86,271 86,758 (11,535) 11,048 Changes in equity: Total comprehensive income for the year 15,737 - - 15,737 Issuance of ordinary shares (Note 22) 680 - 680 - Dividends paid (Note 12) (8,804) - - (8,804) Closing balance at 31 December 2024 93,884 86,758 (10,855) 17,981 Previous year: Opening balance at 1 January 2023 81,754 86,758 (11,535) 6,531 Changes in equity: 11,710 - - 11,710 Dividends paid (Note 12) (7,193) - - (7,193) Closing balance at 31 December 2023 86,271 86,758 (11,535) 11,048	<u>Company:</u>	Total <u>equity</u> \$'000	Share <u>capital</u> \$'000	Treasury <u>shares</u> \$'000	Retained <u>earnings</u> \$'000
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	Total comprehensive income for the year	11,710	_	-	11,710
Closing balance at 31 December 2023 86,271 86,758 (11,535) 11,048	Dividends paid (Note 12)	(7,193)			(7,193)
	Closing balance at 31 December 2023	86,271	86,758	(11,535)	11,048

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Group		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before tax	14,752	13,664	
Adjustments for:			
Interest income	_	(61)	
Interest expense	5,372	5,655	
Depreciation of plant and equipment and amortisation expenses	5,025	5,083	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	12,951	12,693	
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment, net	26	_	
Gain on disposal of subsidiary	(436)	(77)	
Impairment allowance on plant and equipment – loss (reversal)	2,643	(13)	
Impairment allowance on right-of-use asset	126	_	
Impairment allowance for goodwill	2,535	2,391	
Impairment allowance on intangible assets	100	_	
Foreign exchange adjustment, net	404	(406)	
Plant and equipment written-off	253	193	
Share of results from equity – accounted associates	(507)	83	
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital	43,244	39,205	
Inventories	1,250	(747)	
Trade and other receivables	(1,645)	(4,347)	
Other non-financial assets, current	342	698	
Trade and other payables	(495)	34	
Net cash flows from operations	42,696	34,843	
Income taxes paid	(2,598)	(1,583)	
Net cash flows from operating activities	40,098	33,260	
Cash flows used in investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(7,952)	(5,735)	
Disposal of plant and equipment	889	307	
Purchase of intangible assets	(152)	(811)	
Other receivables	304	48	
Other non-financial assets, non-current	2,414	(717)	
Other receivables, non-current	(577)	(182)	
Disposal of subsidiary (Net of cash disposed) (Note 29)	(433)	74	
Interest received	-	61	
Acquisition of subsidiary (Note 30)	(800)		
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(6,307)	(6,955)	

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows used in financing activities		
Dividends paid to equity owners (Note 12)	(8,804)	(7,193)
Lease liabilities – principal portion paid	(12,853)	(12,438)
Lease liabilities – interest paid	(1,648)	(1,670)
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares (Note 22 ^(a))	130	_
Proceeds from term loans	2,480	-
Proceeds from finance lease	36	-
Bill payable	(620)	620
Finance lease repayments	(53)	(20)
Repayment of bank loans	(8,386)	(5,364)
Interest paid	(3,724)	(3,985)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interest		(1,960)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(33,442)	(32,010)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in continuing operations	349	(5,705)
Cash and cash equivalents, statement of cash flows, beginning balance of the year	33,993	39,698
Cash and cash equivalents, statement of cash flows, ending balance of the year		
(Note 21)	34,342	33,993

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. General information

Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (Registration No. 200800507R) (the "Company") is incorporated in Singapore with limited liability. It is listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST").

The financial statements are presented in Singapore Dollars and they cover the Company and the subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group"). All information in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest thousand ("\$'000"), except when otherwise indicated.

The board of directors approved and authorised these financial statements for issue on the date of the statement of directors. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

The principal activities of the Company are the provision of management and consultancy services and investment holding.

The principal activities of the subsidiaries are described in Note 14 to the financial statements.

The registered office is: 2 Clementi Loop, #04-01 Logis Hub @ Clementi, Singapore 129809. The Company is situated in Singapore.

Statement of compliance with financial reporting standards

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ("SFRS (I)s") and the related Interpretations to SFRS (I) ("SFRS (I) INT") as issued by the Accounting Standards Committee under ACRA ("ASC"). They comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 1967 and with the IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention except where a financial reporting standard requires an alternative treatment (such as fair values) as disclosed where appropriate in these financial statements. The accounting policies in the financial reporting standards may not be applied when the effect of applying them is not material. The disclosures required by financial reporting standards may not be provided if the information resulting from that disclosure is not material.

Basis of presentation and principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements made up to the end of the reporting year of the company and all of its subsidiaries, presented as those of a single economic entity and are prepared using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances. All significant intragroup balances and transactions are eliminated on consolidation. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date the reporting entity obtains control of the investee. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Changes in the group's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in the loss of control are accounted for within equity as transactions with owners in their capacity as owners. The carrying amounts of the group's and non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiary. When the group loses control of a subsidiary it derecognises the assets and liabilities and related equity components of the former subsidiary. Any gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any investment retained in the former subsidiary is measured at fair value at the date when control is lost and is subsequently accounted as equity investments financial assets in accordance with the financial reporting standard on financial instruments.

The Company's separate financial statements have been prepared on the same basis, and as permitted by the Companies Act 1967, the Company's separate statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is not presented.

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2. Material accounting policy information and other explanatory information

2A. Material accounting policy information

Revenue and income

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer (which excludes estimates of variable consideration that are subject to constraints), net of any related taxes and excluding any amounts collected on behalf of third parties. An asset (goods or services) is transferred when or as the customer obtains control of that asset. As a practical expedient the effects of any significant financing component is not adjusted if the payment for the good or service will be within one year.

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised at a point in time when the performance obligation is satisfied by transferring a promised good to the customer. Control of the goods is transferred to the customer, generally on delivery of the goods (in this respect, incoterms are considered).

Revenue from service orders and term projects is recognised when the entity satisfies the performance obligation at a point in time generally when the significant acts have been completed and when transfer of control occurs. For services that are not material transactions revenue is recognised as the services are provided.

Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease, even if the payments are not on that basis.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

Dividend from equity instruments is recognised in profit or loss only when the entity's right to receive payment of the dividend is established; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the dividend will flow to the entity; and the amount of the dividend can be measured reliably. This is usually ex-dividend date for quoted shares.

Employee benefits

Contributions to a defined contribution retirement benefit plan are recorded as an expense as they fall due. The entity's legal or constructive obligation is limited to the amount that it is obligated to contribute to an independently administered fund (such as the Central Provident Fund in Singapore, a government managed defined contribution retirement benefit plan). For employee leave entitlement the expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences is recognised in the case of accumulating compensated absences, when the employees render service that increases their entitlement to future compensated absences; and in the case of non-accumulating compensated absences, when the absences occur. A liability for bonuses is recognised where the entity is contractually obliged or where there is constructive obligation based on past practice.

Share-based compensation

Benefits to employees are provided in the form of share-based payment transactions, whereby employees render services in exchange for shares or rights over shares ("equity-settled transactions"). The fair value of the employee services rendered is measured by reference to the fair value of the shares awarded or rights granted, excluding the impact of any non-market vesting conditions. These are fair valued based on the market price of the entity's shares (or an estimated market price, if the entity's shares are not publicly traded). This fair value amount is charged to profit or loss over the vesting period of the share-based payment scheme, with the corresponding increase in equity. The value of the charge is adjusted in profit or loss over the remainder of the vesting period to reflect expected and actual quantities vesting, with the corresponding adjustment made in equity. Cancellations of grants of equity instruments during the vesting period (other than a grant cancelled by forfeiture when the vesting conditions are not satisfied) are accounted for as an acceleration of vesting, therefore any amount unrecognised that would otherwise have been charged is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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2. Material accounting policy information and other explanatory information (cont'd)

2A. Material accounting policy information (cont'd)

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are interest and other costs incurred in connection with the borrowings. Interest expense is calculated using the effective interest method. Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

Foreign currency transactions

The functional currency is the Singapore Dollar as it reflects the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in the functional currency at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. At each end of the reporting year, recorded monetary balances and balances measured at fair value that are denominated in non-functional currencies are reported at the rates ruling at the end of the reporting year and fair value measurement dates respectively. All realised and unrealised exchange adjustment gains and losses are dealt with in profit or loss except when a gain or loss on a non-monetary item is recognised in other comprehensive income, any exchange component of that gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income. The presentation is in the functional currency.

Translation of financial statements of other entities

Each entity determines the appropriate functional currency as it reflects the primary economic environment in which the relevant reporting entity operates. In translating the financial statements of such a reporting entity for incorporation in the combined financial statements in the presentation currency the assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies are translated at end of the reporting year rates of exchange and income and expense items for each statement presenting profit or loss and other comprehensive income are translated at average rates of exchange for the reporting year. The resulting translation adjustments (if any) are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in a separate component of equity until the disposal of that relevant reporting entity.

Income tax

Tax expense (tax income) is the aggregate amount included in the determination of profit or loss for the reporting year in respect of current tax and deferred tax. Current income tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the reporting year; calculated using rates enacted or substantively enacted at the statements of financial position date; and inclusive of any adjustment to income tax payable or recoverable in respect of previous reporting years. Deferred tax is recognised using the liability method; based on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and their respective income tax bases; and determined using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting year end date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled. A deferred tax amount is recognised for all temporary differences, unless the deferred tax amount arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which (i) is not a business combination; and (ii) at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit (tax loss). A deferred tax liability or asset is recognised for all taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, branches and associates, and joint arrangements except where the reporting entity is able to control the timing of the reversal of the taxable temporary difference and it is probable that the taxable temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future or for deductible temporary differences, they will not reverse in the foreseeable future and they cannot be utilised against taxable profits.

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2. Material accounting policy information and other explanatory information (cont'd)

2A. Material accounting policy information (cont'd)

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost on initial recognition and after initial recognition at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line method to allocate the gross carrying amounts of the assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives of each part of an item of these assets (or, for certain leased assets, the shorter lease term).

The annual rates of depreciation are as follows:

Leasehold improvements	_	10% to 15%
Furniture and fittings and equipment	_	10% to 40%
Leasehold properties	-	Over the terms of lease that is 1.25% to 1.45%
Motor vehicles	-	10% to 25%

An asset is depreciated when it is available for use until it is derecognised even if during that period the item is idle.

Right-of-use assets

The right-of-use assets are accounted and presented as if they were owned such as property, plant and equipment. The right-of-use assets are depreciated over 1 to 6 years.

Lease of lessee

A lease conveys the right to use an asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Where a lease arrangement is identified, a liability to the lessor is recognised as a lease obligation calculated at the present value of minimum unavoidable lease payments. A corresponding right-of-use asset is recorded. Lease payments are apportioned between finance costs and reduction of the lease liability so as to reflect the interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are recorded as a finance cost. Leases with a term of 12 months or less and leases for low value are not recorded as a liability and lease payments are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Leases of lessor

For a lessor, a lease is classified as either an operating lease or a finance lease. A lease is classified as an operating lease if it does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset. Operating leases are for rental income. A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset and it is presented in its statement of financial position as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease. For a finance lease the finance income is recognised over the lease term, based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the lessor's net investment in the lease.

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2. Material accounting policy information and other explanatory information (cont'd)

2A. Material accounting policy information (cont'd)

Goodwill

Goodwill is an asset representing the future economic benefits arising from other assets acquired in a business combination that are not individually identified and separately recognised. Goodwill is recognised as of the acquisition date measured as the excess of (a) over (b); (a) being the aggregate of: (i) the consideration transferred which generally requires acquisition-date fair value; (ii) the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree measured in accordance with the financial reporting standard on business combinations (measured either at fair value or as the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquiree's net identifiable assets); and (iii) in a business combination achieved in stages, the acquisition-date fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree; and (b) being the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed measured in accordance with the financial reporting standard on business combinations.

Irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment, an annual impairment test is performed at about the same time every year on goodwill. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

For the purpose of impairment testing and since the acquisition date of the business combination, goodwill is allocated to each cash-generating unit, or groups of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the acquiree were assigned to those units or groups of units. Each unit or group of units to which the goodwill is so allocated represent the lowest level within the entity at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes and is not larger than a segment.

Intangible assets other than goodwill

An identifiable non-monetary asset without physical substance is recognised as an intangible asset at acquisition cost if it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. After initial recognition, an intangible asset with finite useful life is carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. An intangible asset with an indefinite useful life is not amortised. An intangible asset is regarded as having an indefinite useful life when, based on an analysis of all of the relevant factors, there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash inflows for the entity.

Identifiable intangible assets acquired as part of a business combination are initially recognised separately from goodwill if the asset's fair value can be measured reliably, irrespective of whether the asset had been recognised by the acquiree before the business combination. An intangible asset is considered identifiable only if it is separable or if it arises from contractual or other legal rights, regardless of whether those rights are transferable or separable from the entity or from other rights and obligations.

The useful life is as follows:

Customer lists	_	2 to 10 years
Development costs	_	10 years

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2. Material accounting policy information and other explanatory information (cont'd)

2A. Material accounting policy information (cont'd)

Subsidiaries

A subsidiary is an entity including unincorporated and special purpose entity that is controlled by the reporting entity and the reporting entity is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. The existence and effect of substantive potential voting rights that the reporting entity has the practical ability to exercise (that is, substantive rights) are considered when assessing whether the reporting entity controls another entity. In the reporting entity's separate financial statements, an investment in a subsidiary is accounted for at cost less any allowance for impairment in value. Impairment loss recognised in profit or loss for a subsidiary is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The carrying value and the net book value of the investment in a subsidiary are not necessarily indicative of the amount that would be realised in a current market exchange.

Associates

An associate is an entity including an unincorporated entity in which the reporting entity has a significant influence and that is neither a subsidiary nor a joint arrangement of the reporting entity. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control over those policies. An investment in an associate includes goodwill on acquisition, which is accounted for in accordance with the financial reporting standard on business combinations. In the company's separate financial statements, an investment in an associate is accounted for at cost less any allowance for impairment in value. Impairment loss recognised in profit or loss for an associate is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The carrying value and the net book value of an investment in the associate are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that would be realised in a current market exchange.

In the consolidated financial statements, the accounting for investments in an associate is on the equity method. Under the equity method the investment is initially recognised at cost and adjusted thereafter for the postacquisition change in the investor's share of the investee's net assets. The carrying value and the net book value of the investment in the associate are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that would be realised in a current market exchange. The investor's profit or loss includes its share of the investee's profit or loss and the investor's other comprehensive income includes its share of the investee's other comprehensive income. Accounting policies of associates are changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the reporting entity.

Non-controlling interests

The non-controlling interest is equity in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to the reporting entity as the parent. The non-controlling interest is presented in the consolidated statement of financial position within equity, separately from the equity of the owners of the parent. For each business combination, any non-controlling interest in the acquiree (subsidiary) is initially measured either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Where the non-controlling interest is measured at fair value, the valuation techniques and key model inputs used are disclosed in the relevant Note. Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the parent and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income is attributed to the owners of the parent and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

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2. Material accounting policy information and other explanatory information (cont'd)

2A. Material accounting policy information (cont'd)

Carrying amounts of non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the non-current non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognised in the statement of profit or loss whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment, an annual impairment test is performed at about the same time every year on an intangible asset with an indefinite useful life or an intangible asset not yet available for use.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is calculated using the first in first out method. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Financial instruments

Recognition and derecognition of financial instruments:

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised when, and only when, the entity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All other financial instruments (including regular-way purchases and sales of financial assets) are recognised and derecognised, as applicable, using trade date accounting or settlement date accounting. At initial recognition the financial asset or financial liability is measured at its fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. A financial asset is derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the entity neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset. A financial liability is removed from the statement of financial position when, and only when, it is extinguished, that is, when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires.

Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities and subsequent measurement:

The financial reporting standard on financial instruments requires the certain classification of financial assets and financial liabilities. At the end of the reporting year, the reporting entity had the following classes:

- Financial asset classified as measured at amortised cost: A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), that is (a) the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and (b) the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Typically trade and other receivables, bank and cash balances are classified in this category.
- Financial liabilities are categorised as FVTPL in either of the following circumstances: (1) the liabilities are managed, evaluated and reported internally on a fair value basis; or (2) the designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise. All other financial liabilities are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Reclassification of any financial liability is not permitted.

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2. Material accounting policy information and other explanatory information

2A. Material accounting policy information

Cash and cash equivalent

"Cash" comprises cash on hand and demand deposits. For the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash and cash equivalents less cash subject to restriction and bank overdrafts payable on demand that form an integral part of cash management. Cash equivalents are short-term (three months or less), highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Cash flows are reported using the indirect method, whereby profit or loss is adjusted for the effects of transactions of a non-cash nature, and items of income or expense associated with investing or financing cash flows. Other financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are presented within the section on operating activities as part of changes in working capital in the statement of cash flows.

Fair value measurement

The fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability, market observable data to the extent possible is used. If the fair value of an asset or a liability is not directly observable, an estimate is made using valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs (e.g. by use of the market comparable approach that reflects recent transaction prices for similar items, discounted cash flow analysis, or option pricing models refined to reflect the issuer's specific circumstances). Inputs used are consistent with the characteristics of the asset / liability that market participants would take into account. The entity's intention to hold an asset or to settle or otherwise fulfil a liability is not taken into account as relevant when measuring fair value.

Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the degree to which the inputs to the measurement are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety: Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are recognised at the end of the reporting period during which the change occurred.

The carrying values of current financial instruments approximate their fair values due to the short-term maturity of these instruments and the disclosures of fair value are not made when the carrying amount of current financial instruments is a reasonable approximation of the fair value. The fair values of non-current financial instruments may not be disclosed separately unless there are material differences at the end of the reporting year and in the event the fair values are disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements. The recurring measurements are made at each reporting year end date.

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2. Material accounting policy information and other explanatory information

2B. Other explanatory information

Segment reporting

The reporting entity discloses financial and descriptive information about its consolidated reportable segments. Reportable segments are operating segments or aggregations of operating segments that meet specified criteria. Operating segments are components about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker to allocate resources and in assessing performance. Generally, financial information on segments is reported on the same basis as is used internally for evaluating operating segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources to operating segments. Disclosure of information about operating segments, products and services, the geographical areas, and the major customers are made as required by the financial reporting standard on operating segments. This disclosure standard has no impact on the reported financial performance or financial position of the reporting entity.

Provisions

A liability or provision is recognised when there is a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. A provision is made using best estimates of the amount required in settlement and where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount recognised is the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense. Changes in estimates are reflected in profit or loss in the reporting year they occur.

Treasury shares

Where the entity reacquires its own equity instruments as treasury shares, the consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental cost is deducted from equity attributable to the entity's owners until the shares are cancelled, reissued or disposed of. Where such shares are subsequently sold or reissued, any consideration received, net of any directly attributable incremental transaction costs and the related income tax effects, is included in equity attributable to the entity's owners and no gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

2C. Judgements and sources of estimation uncertainties

Disclosures on material information about the assumptions management made about the future, and other major sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting year, that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below or in the in the corresponding Notes to these financial statements. These estimates and assumptions are periodically monitored to ensure they incorporate all relevant information available at the date when financial statements are prepared. However, this does not prevent actual figures differing from estimates.

Assessment of the impairment of goodwill:

The amount of goodwill is tested annually for impairment. This annual impairment test is material and the process is complex and highly judgmental and is based on assumptions that are affected by expected future market or economic conditions. As a result, judgement is required in evaluating the assumptions and methodologies used by management, in particular those relating to the forecasted revenue growth and profit margins. Small changes in the key assumptions used could give rise to an impairment of the goodwill balance in the future. Actual outcomes could vary from these estimates. The disclosures about goodwill are in Note 16.

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2. Material accounting policy information and other explanatory information (cont'd)

2C. Judgements and sources of estimation uncertainties (cont'd)

Assessment of the impairment loss on subsidiaries and associate:

Where an investee is in net equity deficit and or has suffered losses a test is made whether the investment in the investee has suffered any impairment loss. This measurement requires significant judgement. An estimate is made of the future profitability of the investee, and the financial health of and near-term business outlook for the investee, including factors such as industry and sector performance, and operational and financing cash flow. It is impracticable to disclose the extent of the possible effects. It is reasonably possible, based on existing knowledge, that outcomes within the next reporting year that are different from assumptions could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the investee affected. The carrying amounts of investment in subsidiaries and investment in associate at the end of the reporting year are disclosed in Note 14 and Note 15 respectively.

Assessment of loss allowance on inventories:

The assessment of the allowance for impairment loss on inventories requires a degree of estimation and judgement. The level of the loss allowance is assessed by taking into account the recent sales experience, the ageing of inventories, other factors that affect inventory obsolescence and subsequent events. Possible changes in these estimates could result in revisions to the stated value of the inventories. The carrying amounts of inventories at the end of the reporting year is disclosed in Note 18.

Assessment of expected credit loss allowance on trade and other receivables:

The assessment of the expected credit losses requires a degree of estimation and judgement. In measuring the expected credit losses, management considers all reasonable and supportable information such as the reporting entity's past experience at collecting receipts, any increase in the number of delayed receipts in the portfolio past the average credit period, and forward looking information such as forecasts of future economic conditions. The carrying amounts might change materially within the next reporting year but these changes may not arise from assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting year. The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables is disclosed in Note 19.

Assessment of loss allowance on profit guarantee receivables:

The Group and the Company have profit guarantee receivables, net of allowance for impairment, of \$15,974,000 and \$14,421,000 respectively as at the end of the reporting year. Included in the profit guarantee receivables is an amount of \$14,421,000 due from a director and certain executive officers of an associate. The amount is secured by an escrow and share security agreement entered with the associate's director and executive officers whereby the associate's shares owned by them are pledged to the Group. Should the value of the pledged shares fall below the amount receivable, the recoverability of the amount may not be certain if the associate's director and executive directors does not have the financial ability to repay the shortfall if any arising from the realisation of the pledged shares. The assessment of recoverability of this receivable requires significant management judgement in assessing the associate's director's and executive officers' financial ability to repay the outstanding receivable. In determining the recoverability of the receivable, management takes into consideration the value of the pledged shares and the value of other assets owned by associate's director and executive officers. It is reasonably possible, based on existing knowledge, that outcomes within the next reporting year are different from judgement and could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the receivable.

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2. Material accounting policy information and other explanatory information (cont'd)

2C. Judgements and sources of estimation uncertainties (cont'd)

Estimating income tax amounts:

The entity recognises tax liabilities and assets tax based on an estimation of the likely taxes due, which requires significant judgement as to the ultimate tax determination of certain items. Where the actual amount arising from these issues differs from these estimates, such differences will have an impact on income tax and deferred tax amounts in the period when such determination is made. In addition, management judgement is required in determining the amount of current and deferred tax recognised and the extent to which amounts should or can be recognised. A deferred tax asset is recognised for unused tax losses if it is probable that the entity will earn sufficient taxable profit in future periods to benefit from a reduction in tax payments. This involves the management making assumptions within its overall tax planning activities and periodically reassessing them in order to reflect changed circumstances as well as tax regulations. As a result, due to their inherent nature assessments of likelihood are judgemental and not susceptible to precise determination. The income tax amounts are disclosed in Note 10.

Estimating useful lives of property, plant and equipment:

The estimates for the useful lives and related depreciation charges for property, plant and equipment are based on commercial and other factors that could change materially because of innovations and in response to market conditions. The depreciation charge is increased where useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or the carrying amounts written off or written down for technically obsolete items or assets that have been abandoned. It is impracticable to disclose the extent of the possible effects. It is reasonably possible, based on existing knowledge, that outcomes within the next reporting year that are different from assumptions could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the balances affected. The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at the end of the reporting year is disclosed in Note 13.

3. Related party relationships and transactions

The financial reporting standard on related party disclosures requires the reporting entity to disclose: (a) transactions with its related parties; and (b) relationships between parents and subsidiaries irrespective of whether there have been transactions between those related parties. A party is related to a party if the party controls, or is controlled by, or can significantly influence or is significantly influenced by the other party.

The ultimate controlling party is Dr Ng Chin Siau, a director and controlling shareholder of the Company.

3A. Members of a group

Name	<u>Relationship</u>	Country of incorporation
Quan Min Holdings Pte. Ltd.	Immediate parent company and ultimate parent company	Singapore

Related companies in these financial statements include the members of the above group of companies. Associates also include those that are associates of members of the Group.

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3. Related party relationships and transactions (cont'd)

3B. Related party transactions

There are transactions and arrangements between the reporting entity and its related parties and the effects of these on the basis determined between the parties are reflected in these financial statements. The related party balances and transfer of resources, services or obligations if any are unsecured, without fixed repayment terms and interest or charge unless stated otherwise.

Intragroup transactions and balances that have been eliminated in these consolidated financial statements are not disclosed as related party transactions and balances below. In addition to the transactions and balances disclosed elsewhere in the notes to the financial statements, this item includes the following:

	Directors of the Company		
Group	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Rental paid / payable	266	241	
	Other related parties		
Group	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Rental paid / payable ^(a)	79	272	
Services ^(b)	954		

^(a) Rental paid / payable to the directors of the associates, director of subsidiary, principal shareholders and their connected companies.

^(b) Payments to EM2AI Pte. Ltd., a 49%-owned associate, for its provision of Dental Clinic Management Software integrated with Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated Dental Health Report.

3C. Key management compensation

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	1,952	2,395

The above amounts are included under employee benefits expense. Included in the above amounts are following items:

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Remuneration of directors of the Company	1,273	1,542
Fees to directors of the Company	129	309

Further information about the remuneration of individual directors is provided in the report on corporate governance.

Key management personnel are the directors and those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group, directly or indirectly. The above amounts for key management compensation are for all the directors and other key management personnel. The amounts also include fees paid to directors for dental services rendered in their capacity as dentists.

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3. Related party relationships and transactions (cont'd)

3D. Other receivables from and other payables to related parties:

The trade transactions and the related receivables and payables balances arising from sales and purchases of goods and services are disclosed elsewhere in the notes to the financial statements.

The movements in other receivables from and other payables to related parties are as follows:

	Com	pany
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Subsidiaries:		
Balance at beginning of the year – net debit	46,089	46,042
Amounts paid out and settlement of liabilities on behalf of subsidiaries	-	47
Amounts paid in and settlement of liabilities on behalf of the Company	(1,296)	
Balance at end of the year – net debit	44,793	46,089
Represented by:		
Other receivables (Note 19)	70,998	72,118
Other payables (Note 27)	(26,205)	(26,029)
	44,793	46,089

4. Financial information by operating segments

4A. Information about reportable segment profit or loss, assets and liabilities

Disclosure of information about operating segments, products and services, the geographical areas, and the major customers are made as required by the financial reporting standard on operating segments. This disclosure standard has no impact on the reported financial performance or financial position of the reporting entity.

During the reporting year, management reviewed the financial information that management used for assessment of performance and assessed that the following operating segments better represent management's evaluation, allocation of resources and assessment performance of the various business segments. For management purpose the reporting entity is organised into the following major strategic operating segments that offer different products and services: (1) core dental business, and (2) other business. Such a structural organisation is determined by the nature of risks and returns associated with each business segment and it defines the management structure as well as the internal reporting system. It represents the basis on which the management reports the primary segment information that is available and that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing the performance.

They are managed separately because each business requires different strategies.

The following summary describes the operations in each of the Group's operating segments:

- (1) Core dental business comprising dentistry and distribution of dental supplies and equipment.
- (2) Other business comprising sale and distribution of Covid-19 test kits and provision of laboratory testing, family medicine, aesthetic services and others.

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4. Financial information by operating segments (cont'd)

4A. Information about reportable segment profit or loss, assets and liabilities (cont'd)

Accordingly, the presentation of the reportable segments has been changed effective for the reporting year ended 31 December 2024. The comparatives are also restated accordingly to align to the new reporting segments.

Inter-segment sales are measured on the basis that the entity actually used to price the transfers. Internal transfer pricing policies of the reporting entity are as far as practicable based on market prices. The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those described in the significant accounting policies.

Performance is measured based on segment results before allocation of corporate expenses, share of profit from equity-accounted associates, one-off gains or expenses and income tax, as included in the internal management reports. Segment results is used to measure performance as management believes that such information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of the operating segments relative to other entities that operate in similar industries.

The information on each product and service or each group of similar products and services is disclosed below and in Note 5.

4B. Profit or loss

	Gro	oup
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Segment revenue		
Core dental business	173,787	172,960
Other businesses	6,887	9,763
Total	180,674	182,723
Segment results		
Core dental business	29,935	27,717
Other businesses	(6,773)	(3,777)
Unallocated – corporate expenses	(8,917)	(10,193)
Share of profit (loss) from equity – accounted associates	507	(83)
Profit before tax from continuing operations	14,752	13,664
Income tax expense	(1,686)	(2,591)
Profit from continuing operations, net of tax	13,066	11,073

4C. Assets and reconciliation

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Segment assets		
Core dental business	216,814	216,556
Other businesses	4,751	17,445
Unallocated – investment in associates	26,208	24,587
Total	247,773	258,588
Core dental business Other businesses Unallocated – investment in associates	216,814 4,751 26,208	216,556 17,445 24,587

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4E.

4. Financial information by operating segments (cont'd)

4D. Liabilities and reconciliation

	Gro	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Segment liabilities			
Core dental business	138,360	152,406	
Other businesses	906	3,271	
Total	139,266	155,677	
Other material items and reconciliations			
	Gro	up	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Impairment of assets – loss			
Other businesses	(6,054)	(2,730)	
Expenditure for non-current assets			
Core dental business	7,898	5,618	
Other businesses	64	325	
Total	7,962	5,943	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and amortisation of intangible assets			
Core dental business	4,308	4,080	
Other businesses	717	1,003	
Total	5,025	5,083	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets			
Core dental business	12,177	11,992	
Other businesses	774	701	
Total	12,951	12,693	
Finance costs			
	5,336	5,626	
Core dental business			
Core dental business Other businesses	36	29	

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4. Financial information by operating segments (cont'd)

4F. Geographical information

	<u>Grc</u>	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Revenue			
Singapore	167,319	171,438	
Malaysia	13,355	11,116	
China		169	
Total	180,674	182,723	
Non-current assets			
Singapore	133,756	147,914	
Malaysia	4,799	5,487	
China	25,157	24,595	
Total	163,712	177,996	

Revenues are attributed to countries on the basis of the customer's location, irrespective of the origin of the goods and services. The non-current assets are analysed by the geographical area in which the assets are located.

4G. Information about major customers

There were no customers with revenue of over 10% of the Group's revenue for the reporting year ended 31 December 2024.

5. Revenue

2024 2023 \$'000 \$'000 Rendering of services 168,912 171,016 Sale of goods 7,384 8,277 Profit guarantee income 2,842 2,388 Rental income (Note 31) 507 503 Other income 1,029 539 Total revenue 180,674 182,723		Group	
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Profit guarantee income 2,842 2,388 Rental income (Note 31) 507 503 Other income 1,029 539	Rendering of services	168,912	171,016
Rental income (Note 31) 507 503 Other income 1,029 539	Sale of goods	7,384	8,277
Other income 1,029 539	Profit guarantee income	2,842	2,388
	Rental income (Note 31)	507	503
Total revenue 180,674 182,723	Other income	1,029	539
	Total revenue	180,674	182,723

The revenue is primarily from rendering of dental services and sales of goods and they are mainly recognised based on point in time. The customers for the core dental business segment are mainly individuals and private dental clinics (for the dental equipment and supplies distribution). Other businesses segment is mainly individuals and biomedical companies (see Note 4).

Profit guarantee income is recognised when there is a shortfall between the profit amount guaranteed by the vendors or shareholders of the subsidiaries or associates and the actual performance of the acquired subsidiaries or associates.

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6. Employee benefits expense

	Gre	oup
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Short term employee benefits expense	100,667	103,985
Contributions to defined contribution plan	4,417	4,261
Share-based payments: equity settled (Note 24)	314	44
Other benefits	488	563
Total employee benefits expense	105,886	108,853

Employee benefits expense includes fees paid to dentists for dental services rendered. The fees paid are at certain pre-agreed percentages of fee revenue earned from patients.

7. Finance costs

	Gro	oup
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest expense	3,724	3,985
Interest on lease liabilities (Note 26)	1,648	1,670
Total finance costs	5,372	5,655

8. Other expenses

The major components and other selected components include the following:

	Gro	oup
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Legal and professional fees	1,756	1,481
NETS and credit card transaction charges	2,425	2,362
Repair and maintenance	1,533	1,696
Utilities	1,034	1,095

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9. Other income and gains and (other losses)

	Gro	<u>up</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Compensation from vendors (c)	1,247	-
Gain on deemed disposal of subsidiary (Note 29)	436	77
Foreign exchange adjustment losses	57	(87)
Impairment allowance for goodwill (a)	(2,535)	(2,391)
Impairment allowance on plant and equipment – (loss) reversal ^(a) (Note 13)	(2,643)	13
Impairment allowance on intangible assets (Note 17)	(100)	_
Impairment allowance on inventories (Note 18) ^{(a), (b)}	(504)	(339)
Impairment allowance on right-of-use assets (a)	(126)	_
Impairment allowance for receivables (a)	(212)	_
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment	(26)	_
Plant and equipment written off	(253)	(193)
Net	(4,659)	(2,920)
Presented in profit or loss as:		
Other income and gains	1,741	90
Other losses	(6,400)	(3,010)
Net	(4,659)	(2,920)

^(a) As disclosed in Note 16, the Group recognised an impairment loss of \$2,535,000 (2023: \$2,391,000) during the reporting year ended 31 December 2024 to fully write down the goodwill arose from the acquisition of Acumen Diagnostics Pte. Ltd. and its subsidiary, Acumen Research Laboratories Pte. Ltd.. In addition, the Group recognised impairment loss totalling \$3,518,000 to write down the carrying value of these subsidiaries' assets including plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, inventories and intangible assets to their recoverable values.

(b) During the reporting year ended 31 December 2024, the Group recognised an allowance of \$437,000 (2023: \$339,000) to write down certain of its Covid-19 related inventories and consumables following Singapore's lifting of Covid-19 related restrictions.

^(c) During the reporting year ended 31 December 2024, the Group recognised compensation income of \$1,247,000 following the settlement of profit guarantee from the vendors of its former subsidiary, Shanghai Chuangyi Investment and Management Co., Ltd..

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10. Income tax expense

10A. Components of tax expense recognised in profit or loss

	Gro	oup
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Current tax expense:		
Current tax expense	2,079	1,927
Under (over) adjustments in respect of prior years	81	(402)
Subtotal	2,160	1,525
Deferred tax (income) expense:		
Deferred tax (income) expense	(294)	326
(Over) under adjustments in respect of prior years	(180)	740
Subtotal	(474)	1,066
Total income tax expense	1,686	2,591

The reconciliation of income taxes below is determined by applying the Singapore corporate tax rate. The income tax in profit or loss varied from the amount of income tax amount determined by applying the Singapore income tax rate of 17.0% (2023: 17.0%) to profit or loss before income tax as a result of the following differences:

	Gro	oup
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit before tax	14,752	13,664
Share of (profit) loss from equity-accounted associates	(507)	83
	14,245	13,747
Income tax expense at the above rate	2,422	2,337
Effect of different tax rates in different countries	89	(116)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,199	1,070
Income not subject to tax	_	(80)
Stepped income exemptions and tax rebates	(1,830)	(1,658)
Unrecognised deferred tax assets	_	398
(Over) under adjustments in respect of prior years	(99)	338
Other minor items less than 3% each	(95)	302
Total income tax expense	1,686	2,591

There are no income tax consequences of dividends to owners of the Company.

10. Income tax expense (cont'd)

10A. Components of tax expense recognised in profit or loss (cont'd)

The expenses not deductible for tax purposes (major not liable to tax items) include the following:

	Gro	up
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Allowance for impairment on goodwill	2,535	2,391
Allowance for impairment on inventories	504	339

10B. Deferred tax (income) expense recognised in profit or loss

	Gro	<u>quc</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
From deferred tax liabilities recognised in profit or loss:			
Excess of carrying value of plant and equipment over tax values	581	696	
Deferred tax associated with right-of-use assets	(1,202)	(28)	
Deferred tax associated with lease liabilities	1,218	-	
Unrecognised deferred tax assets	(1,071)	398	
Total deferred tax (income) expense recognised in profit or loss	(474)	1,066	

10C. Deferred tax balance in the statement of financial position

	Gro	oup
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Deferred tax liabilities recognised in profit or loss:		
Excess of carrying value of plant and equipment over tax values	(3,068)	(2,487)
Deferred tax associated with right-of-use assets	(6,490)	(7,692)
Deferred tax associated with lease liabilities	7,040	8,258
Unrecognised deferred tax assets		(1,071)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(2,518)	(2,992)

It is impracticable to estimate the amount expected to be settled or used within one year.

Temporary differences arising in connection with interests in subsidiaries are insignificant.

11. Earnings per share

The following table illustrates the numerators and denominators used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share of no par value:

	Gro	oup
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Numerators: earnings attributable to equity		
Continuing operations: Profit attributable to equity holders	14,637	11,517
Denominators: weighted average number of equity shares	'000	'000
Basic and diluted	947,355	946,443

The weighted average number of ordinary shares refers to shares in issue outstanding during the reporting year.

The weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period and for all periods presented are adjusted for events that have changed the number of ordinary shares outstanding without a corresponding change in resources. The basic earnings per share ratio is based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during each reporting year. It is after the neutralisation by the treasury shares. There is no diluted effect on the earnings per share for the reporting years 2024 and 2023.

12. Dividends on equity shares

<u>2024</u> <u>2023</u> \$'000 \$'000		Gro	up
\$'000 \$'000		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		\$'000	\$'000
Interim tax exempt dividend paid of 0.93 (2023: 0.76) cents per share 8,804 7,193	Interim tax exempt dividend paid of 0.93 (2023: 0.76) cents per share	8,804	7,193

Subsequent to the reporting year ended 31 December 2024, the directors proposed that a 2nd interim dividend of 0.70 cent per share in respect of the current year with a total of \$6,642,000 be paid to shareholders on 26 March 2025. There are no income tax consequences.

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13. Property, plant and equipment

		Furniture and			
	Leasehold	fittings and	Leasehold	Motor	
Group	improvements	<u>equipment</u>	<u>properties</u>	<u>vehicles</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Cost:</u>					
At 1 January 2023	11,903	36,439	15,708	188	64,238
Additions	587	5,325	_	31	5,943
Disposals / written off	(117)	(2,088)	_	_	(2,205)
Arising from disposal of subsidiary (Note 29)	(361)	(294)	-	_	(655)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(143)	(261)	_	(9)	(413)
At 31 December 2023	11,869	39,121	15,708	210	66,908
Additions	554	3,833	3,534	41	7,962
Arising from acquisition of subsidiaries	_	70	_	_	70
Disposals / written off	(335)	(2,835)	(94)	_	(3,264)
Arising from deconsolidation of subsidiary					
(Note 29)	_	(367)	-	-	(367)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	126	325	_	7	458
At 31 December 2024	12,214	40,147	19,148	258	71,767
Accumulated depreciation					
and impairment losses:					
At 1 January 2023	3,483	22,669	1,079	78	27,309
Depreciation for the year	1,002	3,104	220	38	4,364
Disposals / written off	(89)	(1,598)	_	_	(1,687)
Arising from disposal of subsidiary (Note 29)	(227)	(270)	-	_	(497)
Impairment reversal	(13)	_	-	_	(13)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(54)	(119)	_	(6)	(179)
At 31 December 2023	4,102	23,786	1,299	110	29,297
Depreciation for the year	967	3,341	235	44	4,587
Disposals / written off	(99)	(1,774)	(36)	_	(1,909)
Arising from deconsolidation of subsidiary					
(Note 29)	_	(118)	_	_	(118)
Impairment	2,643	-	-	-	2,643
Foreign currency translation adjustment	55	156			211
At 31 December 2024	7,668	25,391	1,498	154	34,711
Carrying value:					
At 1 January 2023	8,420	13,770	14,629	110	36,929
At 31 December 2023	7,767	15,335	14,409	100	37,611
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13. Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

Company	Furniture and fittings and office <u>equipment</u> \$'000
<u>Cost:</u>	
At 1 January 2023	2,107
Additions	455
At 31 December 2023	2,562
Additions	5
At 31 December 2024	2,567
Accumulated depreciation: At 1 January 2023	1,118
Depreciation for the year	162
At 31 December 2023	1,280
Depreciation for the year	195
At 31 December 2024	1,475
Carrying value:	
At 1 January 2023	989
At 31 December 2023	1,282
At 31 December 2024	1,092

As at the end of the reporting year, the carrying value of the Group's leasehold properties that are mortgaged as security for the bank facilities (See Note 28A) was approximately \$17,650,000 (2023: \$14,409,000).

14. Investments in subsidiaries

	<u>Company</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Cost:</u>		
At the beginning of the year	69,065	71,543
Disposals ^(p)	(100)	(2,478)
At end of the year	68,965	69,065
Allowance for impairment:		
At the beginning of the year	(8,047)	(10,105)
Disposals ^(p)	100	2,478
Charged to profit or loss included in other losses (#)	(1,038)	(420)
At end of the year	(8,985)	(8,047)
Carrying value:		
At beginning of the year	61,018	61,438
At end of the year	59,980	61,018

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14. Investments in subsidiaries (cont'd)

	<u>Company</u>		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Analysis of above amount denominated in non-functional currency:			
United States Dollars	411	411	
Malaysian Ringgit	5,152	5,152	

(#) The impairment loss was provided on certain subsidiaries which were either non-performing subsidiaries or have net equity deficits.

The following subsidiaries are wholly owned by the Group:

Name of subsidiaries	Cost in bool	<u>ks of Group</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Held by Company		
Q & M Dental Surgery (Admiralty) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Ang Mo Kio Central) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Braddell) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Boon Lay) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Boon Lay MRT) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Bukit Batok) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Bukit Panjang) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Bukit Timah) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Clementi Central) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Clementi) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Elias Mall) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Hougang Central) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Hougang Mall) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Hougang Plaza) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Gombak) Pte. Ltd.	17	17
Q & M Dental Surgery (Gombak MRT) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Jurong East Central) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Jelapang) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Kallang MRT) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Khatib) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Marsiling) Pte. Ltd.	65	65
Q & M Dental Surgery (Old Airport Rd) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Pasir Ris) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Redhill MRT) Pte. Ltd.	92	92
Q & M Dental Surgery (Serangoon) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Serangoon Central) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Sembawang) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Sembawang MRT) Pte. Ltd.	100	100

14. Investments in subsidiaries (cont'd)

The following subsidiaries are wholly owned by the Group (cont'd):

Name of subsidiaries	Cost in books of Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Held by Company (cont'd)		
Q & M Dental Surgery (Serangoon North) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Sims Place) Pte. Ltd. ^(b)	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Tiong Bahru) Pte. Ltd.	96	96
Q & M Dental Surgery (Toa Payoh) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Toa Payoh Central) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Yishun Central) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Laboratory & Marketing Pte. Ltd. ^(d)	124	124
Q & M Management & Consultancy Pte. Ltd. (b)	52	52
Killiney Dental Centre Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Group (China) Pte. Ltd. (c)	299	299
Q & M Dental Centre Pte. Ltd.	588	588
Q & M Dental Institute Pte. Ltd. ^(b)	20	20
Q & M Dental Centre (Orchard) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Centre (Raffles Place) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Dentigiene Dental Surgery Pte. Ltd.	567	567
Q & M Aidite International Pte. Ltd. ("QMAI") ^(c)	_(a)	_(a)
Foo & Associates Pte. Ltd.	5,500	5,500
Aesthetics Dental Surgery Pte. Ltd.	4,000	4,000
Tiong Bahru Dental Surgery Pte. Ltd. and Bright Smile Dental Surgery Pte. Ltd.	3,800	3,800
Ho Dental Surgery (Marine Parade) Pte. Ltd.	_(a)	_(a)
Jurong Point Dental Centre Pte. Ltd.	100	100
British Dental Surgery Pte. Ltd.	760	760
Q & M Dental Holdings (Shenzhen) Pte. Ltd. ^(c)	_(a)	_(a)
Q & M Dental Holdings (Malaysia) Pte. Ltd. ^(c)	_(a)	_(a)
EM2AI Pte. Ltd. ^{(i)(p)}	_	100
Q & M College of Dentistry Pte. Ltd. (9)	100	100
TP Dental Surgeons Pte. Ltd.	28,600	28,600
Lee & Lee (Dental Surgeons) Pte. Ltd.	10,000	10,000
Q & M Dental Group (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (c)()()	5,152	, 5,152
Shenyang Q & M Management Consulting Co. Ltd. ^{(c)(k)(m)}	411	411
New Dental Centre Pte. Ltd. ^{(b)(n)}	_(a)	_(a)
Q & M Medical Group (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (c)	200	200
Bright Smile Dental Surgery (Buangkok MRT) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Tanjong Katong) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Kovan) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Clementi West) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Specialist Oral Surgeons Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Woodlands) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Centre (River Valley) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Canberra) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Jurong) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Bedok Reservoir) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
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14. Investments in subsidiaries (cont'd)

The following subsidiaries are wholly owned by the Group (cont'd):

Name of subsidiaries	Cost in books of Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Held by Company (cont'd)		
Q & M Dental Centre (Jurong East) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Aljunied) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Kim Tian) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Centre (North Bridge) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Yishun) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Centre (Kim Seng) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Choa Chu Kang) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Ang Mo Kio) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Centre (Balestier) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Alexandra Road) Pte. Ltd.	100	100
Q & M Dental Surgery (Azure) Pte. Ltd. (9)	_(a)	-
Held through subsidiaries		
Dentmedix Pte. Ltd. ^{(b)(e)(n)}	164	164
Quantumleap Healthcare Pte. Ltd. ^(e)	150	150
Q & M Dental Holdings (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (c)(0)	330	330
Q & M Dental Surgery (Bandar Puteri Puchong) Sdn. Bhd. 🕬	30	30
Q & M Dental Surgery (Selatan) Sdn. Bhd. ^{(j)()}	_(a)	_(a)
Q & M Dental Surgery (KL) Sdn. Bhd. 🕬	_(a)	_(a)
Q & M Dental Surgery (Southern) Sdn. Bhd. 000	_(a)	_(a)
EM2AI Sdn. Bhd. (i)(I)(o)(p)	_(a)	_(a)
Q & M Medical & Aesthetic Clinic (Tampines Central) Pte. Ltd. ^{(f)(n)}	50	50
Q & M Medical & Aesthetic Clinic (Serangoon Garden) Pte. Ltd. ^{(b)(n)}	50	50
Q & M Medical & Aesthetic Clinic (Farrer Park) Pte. Ltd. ^{(f)(n)}	80	80
Q & M Medical Clinic (Raffles Place) Pte. Ltd. ^{(b)(n)}	50	50
The Digestive & Liver Specialist Centre Pte. Ltd. (b)(n)	100	100
The Lung Specialist Centre Pte. Ltd. ^{(b)(n)}	100	100
Q & M Medical Clinic (Serangoon Central) Pte. Ltd. (f)(n)	50	50
Q & M Medical Clinic (Bukit Batok) Pte Ltd ^{(f)(n)}	50	50
Q & M Medical Clinic (Buangkok Mrt) Pte. Ltd (f)(n)	100	100
Singapore Dental Cadcam Laboratory Pte. Ltd. ^(h)	_(a)	_(a)

- (a) Cost of investment less than \$1,000.
- (b) These subsidiaries are dormant.
- (c) These subsidiaries are investment holding companies.
- (d) The principal activities of the subsidiary are investment holding and provision of services related to the dental laboratory business.
- (e) The subsidiaries are principally engaged in trading of dental surgery materials and equipment.
- (f) The subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of general medical services.
- (g) The subsidiary is principally engaged in the provision of higher education programmes to qualified dentists.
- (h) The subsidiary is principally engaged in manufacturing and exporting of porcelain crown, bridges and dentures.

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14. Investment in subsidiaries (cont'd)

- (i) The subsidiaries are principally engaged in the development of dental healthcare software and equipment.
- (j) Audited by other independent auditors, GEP Associates, a firm of accountants other than member firms of RSM International of which RSM SG Assurance LLP in Singapore is a member.
- (k) Audited by other independent auditors, Liaoning Zhong Cheng CPAs, a firm of accountants other than member firms of RSM International of which RSM SG Assurance LLP in Singapore is a member.
- (I) Incorporated in Malaysia.
- (m) Incorporated in the People's Republic of China.
- (n) Not material and not audited for the purpose of the consolidated financial statements.
- (o) Audited by other independent auditors, YYC & Co. PLT, a firm of accountants other than member firms of RSM International of which RSM SG Assurance LLP in Singapore is a member.
- (p) On 5 March 2024, the Group entered into a joint venture agreement ("JV agreement") with EM2AI Professional Holdco Pte. Ltd. (the "Investor") and its wholly owned subsidiary, EM2AI Pte. Ltd. ("EM2AI"), pursuant to which the Investor has agreed to invest an aggregate of \$1,606,500 fresh funds into EM2AI for an effective shareholding interest of 51% in EM2AI after the Group capitalised a loan of \$1,443,500 to EM2AI as additional paid up capital in EM2AI. This reduced the Group's equity interest in the EM2AI from 100% to 49%. Following which, EM2AI become an associate of the Group and the Group deconsolidated EM2AI and recognised a gain of \$436,000 (Notes 9 and 29) on deemed disposal of subsidiary (see Note 29). The cost of investment net of allowance for impairment in the Company's financial statements has been reclassified to investment in associate (see Note 15(iv)).
- (q) The Group incorporated the subsidiary on 6 November 2024 to acquire the assets from Veritas Dental Pte. Ltd. (Note 30).

The subsidiaries that have non-controlling interests are listed below:

Name of subsidiaries	Cost in boo	ks of <u>Group</u>	Equity held	by Group
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	%	%
Held by Company				
Acumen Diagnostics Pte. Ltd. (cc)	3,000	3,000	67.15	67.15
Held through subsidiaries				
Q & M Dental Surgery (Molek) Sdn. Bhd. (ff)(gg)	-	_	_	_
Q & M Dental Surgery (Austin) Sdn. Bhd. (ff)(gg)	-	-	-	_
D & D Dental Sdn. Bhd. (ff)(gg)	339	339	70	70
Q & M Dental Surgery (Kota Damansara) Sdn. Bhd. ^{(ff)(gg)}	33	33	80	80
NG GK Dental Surgery (Melaka) Sdn. Bhd. (ff)(gg)	190	190	70	70
Q & M Dental Surgery (Bandar Melaka) Sdn. Bhd. ^{(ff)(gg)}	185	185	70	70
Q & M Dental Surgery (Taman Merdeka) Sdn. Bhd. (ff)(gg)	139	139	70	70
AR Dental Supplies Sdn. Bhd. (aa)(ff)(gg)	3,377	3,377	70	70
Shanghai Kangyi Dental Polyclinic Co., Ltd. (ee)(hh)	216	216	80	80
QA Healthcare Solutions Pte. Ltd. (bb)(ii)	100	100	51	51
Acumen Research Laboratories Pte. Ltd. (dd)	3,000	3,000	67.15	67.15

(aa) The subsidiary is principally engaged in trading of dental surgery materials and equipment.

(bb) The subsidiary is principally engaged in the development of dental healthcare software and equipment.

(cc) The subsidiary is principally engaged in sale and distribution of Covid-19 test kits and provision of laboratory testing.

(dd) The subsidiary is principally engaged in provision of laboratory testing.

(ee) Incorporated in People's Republic of China.

(ff) Incorporated in Malaysia.

14. Investment in subsidiaries (cont'd)

- (gg) Audited by other independent auditors, GEP Associates, a firm of accountants other than member firms of RSM International of which RSM SG Assurance LLP in Singapore is a member.
- (hh) Not material and not audited for the purpose of the consolidated financial statements.

All subsidiaries are engaged in the provision of dental services unless otherwise disclosed above.

Save as disclosed above, all other subsidiaries in Singapore are audited by RSM SG Assurance LLP.

As is required by Rule 716 of the Listing Manual of The Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, the audit committee and the board of directors of the Company have satisfied themselves that the appointment of different auditors for certain of its overseas subsidiaries would not compromise the standard and effectiveness of the audit of the Group.

15. Investments in associates

	Group		Comp	bany
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying value:				
Quoted equity shares at cost				
– Aoxin Q & M Dental Group Limited ("Aoxin Q & M")	25,336	24,572	33,383	33,383
Unquoted equity shares at cost				
 – Punggol Medical & Dental Pte. Ltd. ("PMD") 	15	15	_	_
– EM2AI Pte. Ltd. ("EM2AI")	857	_	1,109	_
Allowance for impairment				
– Aoxin Q & M			(660)	(5,470)
-	26,208	24,587	33,832	27,913
Movements in carrying value:				
Balance at beginning of the year	24,587	25,191	27,913	25,912
Addition	1,109	-	1,109	_
Foreign currency translation adjustment	5	(521)	-	_
Reversal of impairment	_	-	4,810	2,001
Share of loss for the year	507	(83)		
Balance at end of the year	26,208	24,587	33,832	27,913
Movements in allowance for impairment:				
Balance at beginning of the year			5,470	7,471
Reversal of impairment			(4,810)	(2,001)
Balance at end of the year			660	5,470

The carrying value of the investments in associate, included Aoxin Q & M Dental Group Limited ("Aoxin Q & M") amounting to \$32,723,000 (2023: \$27,913,000). Aoxin Q & M is listed on the Catalist Board of the Singapore Exchange and it was tested for impairment as at 31 December 2024 due to the substantial decline in the quoted price of its shares.

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15. Investment in associates (cont'd)

The impairment test was carried out using a discounted cash flow model covering a five-year period. Cash flows projections are based on the next five-year budgets and plans approved by management. Cash flows projections beyond that five-year period have been extrapolated on the basis of a 3% (2023: 3%) terminal growth rate. Such a growth rate does not exceed the long-term average growth rate of the sector. The discount rate applied (weighted average cost of capital gross of tax effect) is 11.0% (2023: 11.5%).

The recoverable amount has been measured based on the value in use method and it is a recurring fair value measurement (Level 3). The quantitative information about the value in use measurement using significant unobservable inputs for the cash generating unit are consistent with those used for the measurement last performed.

Actual outcomes could vary from these estimates. If the revised estimated pre-tax discount rate applied to the discounted cash flows had been 1 percentage point less favourable than management's estimates, there would be a need to further decrease the carrying value of the Group's investment in Aoxin Q & M by NIL and reduce the carrying value of the Company's investment in Aoxin Q & M by \$3,972,000 respectively to its recoverable amount.

The result of the impairment test led to a reversal of allowance for impairment \$4,810,000 (2023: \$2,001,000) as the recoverable amount was higher than the carrying value of the Company's investment in associate before the reversal.

The associates held by the Group are listed below:

Name of associates	Equity held b	<u>y the Group</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	%	%
Held by Company		
Aoxin Q & M Dental Group Limited ("Aoxin Q & M") ()((iii)	32.78	32.79
Singapore		
Provision of private dental services and dental equipment and supplies		
EM2AI Pte. Ltd. ("EM2AI") (iv)	49.0	_
Singapore		
Development of dental healthcare software and equipment		
Held through subsidiaries		
Punggol Medical & Dental Pte. Ltd. ("PMD") (ii)	50.0	50.0
Singapore		
Provision of general medical services		

(i) Listed on SGX-ST. The fair value based on quoted price of the shares held in the associate, Aoxin Q & M is \$4,923,000 (2023: \$10,396,000) as at end of reporting year.

- (ii) Not considered material to the Group.
- (iii) On 24 December 2024, Aoxin Q & M issued 233,413 ordinary shares of no par value to one of its employees. Following the issuance of these new shares, the Group's interest in Aoxin Q & M was diluted from 32.79% to 32.78%.
- (iv) Refer to Note 14^(p) and Note 33 for event subsequent to the end of the reporting year.

Save as disclosed above, all other associates are audited by RSM SG Assurance LLP.

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15. Investments in associates (cont'd)

There are associates that are considered material to the Group. The summarised financial information of each of the material associate and the amounts (and not the reporting entity's share of those amounts) based on the financial statements of the associates are as follows:

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Aoxin Q & M		
Revenue	34,305	33,098
Loss from continuing operations (@)	(329)	(8,832)
Other comprehensive income	9	687
Total comprehensive loss	(319)	(8,145)
Current assets	22,768	18,965
 includes cash and cash equivalents 	13,059	9,557
Current liabilities – trade and other payables	(4,708)	(5,823)
Non-current assets	34,903	40,146
Non-current liabilities	(2,108)	(3,429)
Net assets of the associate	49,463	49,860
-		
Interest at 32.78% (2023: 32.79%)	16,214	16,349
Goodwill	11,546	11,546
Other adjustments	(2,424)	(3,323)
Carrying amount of the interest in the associate	25,336	24,572

^(@) Includes Aoxin Q & M's impairment loss of NIL (2023: \$8,752,000) on investment in its associate, Acumen Diagnostics Pte Ltd ("AD") and share of results of loss of \$2,658,000 (2023: profit of \$198,000) from the associate. These are eliminated in the Group's consolidated financial statements since AD is a subsidiary of the Group.

16. Goodwill

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Cost:</u>		
Balance at beginning of the year	60,394	62,164
Addition	704	_
Arising from disposal of subsidiary (Note 29)	_	(1,655)
Effect of movement in exchange rate	116	(115)
Balance at end of the year	61,214	60,394
Accumulated impairment loss allowance:		
Balance at beginning of the year	(6,211)	(5,582)
Impairment loss recognised in the year included in other losses (#) (Note 9 ^(a))	(2,535)	(2,391)
Arising from disposal of subsidiary (Note 29)	-	1,655
Effect of movement in exchange rate	(111)	107
Balance at end of the year	(8,857)	(6,211)
Carrying value:		
Beginning of the year	54,183	56,582
End of the year	52,357	54,183

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16. Goodwill (cont'd)

(#) Following the expiry of the clinical laboratory service license in September 2024 and closure of the Joint Testing & Vaccine Centre, the Group ceased the operations of its medical laboratory in October 2024. The closure of the medical laboratory is a probable indication that the goodwill in relation to the medical laboratory is impaired. Accordingly, the Group recognised an impairment loss of \$2,535,000 (2023: \$2,391,000) to fully write down the goodwill of Acumen Diagnostics Pte. Ltd. and its subsidiary, Acumen Research Laboratories Pte. Ltd. during the reporting year ended 31 December 2024.

Over the previous years, the Group has been streamlining its operations to share common resources, management oversight, and support functions so as to improve the efficiency of the clinics and to achieve economies of scale for the Group's operations. With its centralised clinic system and the adoption of a unified technology platform, the Group has since streamlined the operations of the clinics in Singapore using a centralised operating model.

The Group's dentists and nurses work across clinics which they are allocated to, allowing the Group to maximise the use of resources and improve operational efficiency. This has also enabled management to monitor the Group's operations and performance more efficiently to better serve its patients. The Group continues to use its centralised clinic system that integrates patient information such as appointment scheduling, diagnoses, and treatment plans across various clinics in Singapore, allowing more seamless management of operations.

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units ("CGU") for the purpose of impairment testing.

With effect from the current reporting year, the CGU would be all the dental clinics in Singapore, except for the newly acquired dental clinics that have not been fully merged with the Group's Singapore clinic operations.

The impairment assessment of goodwill was previously performed by the various zones, namely South-Central, North, East, West, and North-East.

Goodwill was tested for impairment at the end of the reporting year. The CGU represents the Group's investment by each primary reporting segment as follows:

	Group		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Core dental business:			
Existing dental clinics in Singapore	51,653	51,648	
Newly acquired dental clinic in Singapore during the year	704		
Subtotal	52,357	51,648	
Other business:			
Acumen Research Laboratories Pte. Ltd.		2,535	
Subtotal		2,535	
Total	52,357	54,183	

An impairment loss is the amount by which the carrying amount of an asset or a CGU exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset or a CGU is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal or its value in use. The recoverable amounts of CGUs have been measured based on its value in use method.

16. Goodwill (cont'd)

The value in use was measured by management. The key assumptions for the value in use calculations are disclosed in the notes below.

The impairment test was carried out using a discounted cash flow model covering a 5-year period. Cash flows projections are based on the next five year budgets and plans approved by management; cash flows projections beyond that five-year period have been extrapolated on the basis of a 2% (2023: 2%) terminal growth rate. Such a growth rate does not exceed the long-term average growth rate of the sector. The discount rate applied (weighted average cost of capital "WACC" gross of tax effect) is 11.5% (2023: 10%). Management believes that any reasonably possible change in the key assumptions on which this segment's recoverable amount is based would not cause the carrying amount to exceed its recoverable amount. The value in use is a recurring fair value measurement (Level 3). The quantitative information about the value in use measurement using significant unobservable inputs for the cash generating unit are consistent with those used for the measurement last performed. No impairment allowance was recognised because the carrying amount of cash-generating unit was higher than its recoverable amount.

Actual outcomes could vary from these estimates. If the revised estimated discount rate applied to the discounted cash flows had been 2 percentage point less favourable than management's estimates, the recoverable amount would still be higher than the carrying value of goodwill. If the actual revenue, gross margin and the discounted rate had subsequently been more favourable than management's estimates, management would not be able to reverse any impairment losses that arose on goodwill because the financial reporting standard on impairment of assets does not permit reversing an impairment loss on goodwill.

17. Other intangible assets

	Development costs	Customer lists	<u>Total</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Cost:</u>	•	• • • •	
At 1 January 2023	3,552	3,321	6,873
Additions	811	_	811
At 31 December 2023	4,363	3,321	7,684
Additions	152	_	152
Arising from deconsolidation of subsidiary (Note 29)	(4,515)	_	(4,515)
At 31 December 2024		3,321	3,321
Accumulated amortisation and impairment:			
At 1 January 2023	235	2,034	2,269
Amortisation for the year	335	384	719
At 31 December 2023	570	2,418	2,988
Amortisation for the year	62	376	438
Impairment	_	100	100
Arising from deconsolidation of subsidiary (Note 29)	(632)	_	(632)
At 31 December 2024	_	2,894	2,894
Carrying value:			
At 1 January 2023	3,317	1,287	4,604
At 31 December 2023	3,793	903	4,696
At 31 December 2024		427	427

The amortisable amount of an intangible asset with finite useful life is allocated on a systematic basis over the best estimate of its useful life from the point at which the asset is ready for use.

18. Inventories

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
The fact was a de	C 2C0	7 205
Finished goods	6,260	7,285
Dental supplies	4,327	4,527
	10,587	11,812
Inventories are stated after allowance for impairment as follows:		
Balance at beginning of the year	(5,797)	(5,458)
Impairment loss recognised in the year included in other losses (Note 9)	(504)	(339)
Balance at end of the year	(6,301)	(5,797)

Certain inventories are pledged as security for bank facilities (see Note 28).

19. Trade and other receivables

	Group		Com	bany
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Current				
Trade receivables:				
Outside parties	10,051	10,417	_	_
Subsidiaries	_	_	16,468	23,924
Less allowance for impairment	(165)	(156)	(2,462)	(2,238)
Net trade receivables – subtotal	9,886	10,261	14,006	21,686
Other receivables:				
Subsidiaries (Note 3)	_	_	70,998	72,118
Less allowance for impairment	_	_	(17,596)	(16,688)
Deposits to secure services	4,417	4,495	204	212
Profit guarantee receivables ^(a)	16,532	13,671	14,497	12,880
Less allowance for impairment	(548)	(521)	_	_
Outside parties	6,419	3,945	3,925	-
Less allowance for impairment	(725)	(679)	-	-
Net other receivables – subtotal	26,095	20,911	72,028	68,522
Total trade and other receivables	35,981	31,172	86,034	90,208

^(a) Refers to profit guarantee receivables from the directors and former directors of subsidiaries and associates of the Group.

	Group		<u>Company</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Non-current:				
Other receivables from outside parties	2,933	2,356	2,032	1,303

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19. Trade and other receivables (cont'd)

The non-current portion of the receivables are as follows:

	Group		Com	pany
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Within 2 to 5 years	2,529	2,174	1,734	1,303
Later than 5 years	404	182	298	
Total	2,933	2,356	2,032	1,303

The non-current portion of receivables are unsecured loans to certain dentists and employees of the Group:

	Group		<u>Com</u>	pany
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Non-interest bearing loans	1,881	2,157	1,044	1,175
Interest bearing loans	1,052	199	988	128
	2,933	2,356	2,032	1,303

The interest bearing loans are repayable monthly over 3 to 7 years, commencing from the date of appointment of the dentists concerned. Interest is charged at 5% (2023: 5%) per annum, subject to review annually.

The non-interest-bearing loans are repayable monthly over 3 to 12 years, commencing from the date of appointment of the dentists concerned.

The difference between the fair value and the cost at inception of the non-interest bearing loans is not significant to the Group.

Movements in the above allowance for impairment:

	Gro	oup	<u>Com</u>	pany
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade receivables:				
Balance at beginning of the year	156	156	2,238	1,943
Foreign currency translation adjustment	4	-	-	-
Charge for trade receivables to profit or loss included				
in other losses	21	_	224	295
Used	(16)			
Balance at end of the year	165	156	2,462	2,238
Other receivables:				
Balance at beginning of the year	1,200	2,157	16,688	14,976
Foreign currency translation adjustment	35	(33)	-	-
Charge for other receivables to profit or loss included				
in other losses	191	_	908	1,712
Used	(153)	(924)		
Balance at end of the year	1,273	1,200	17,596	16,688

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19. Trade and other receivables (cont'd)

The expected credit losses ("ECL") on the above third parties trade receivables are based on the simplified approach to measuring ECL which uses a lifetime ECL allowance approach for all trade receivables recognised from initial recognition of these assets. These assets are grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due for measuring the ECL including the impact of the current economic conditions.

(i) The ageing of the trade receivables is as follows:

	Group		Com	oany
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Current	3,230	4,555	1,906	2,991
Less than 30 days	1,308	1,903	1,685	_
31 to 60 days	978	933	10	_
Over 60 days	4,535	3,026	12,872	20,933
Total	10,051	10,417	16,473	23,924

The age analysis of non-related party trade receivables that are impaired is as follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Company</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Over 60 days	165	156		

The receivables from subsidiaries have common risk characteristics. The Company assesses the credit risk of its subsidiaries individually. The trade receivables are considered to have low credit risk individually.

The trade receivables are not secured.

The amounts are written off when there are indications that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery or the failure of a debtor to make contractual payments over an extended period. There is no collateral held as security and other credit enhancements for the trade receivables.

As part of the process of setting customer credit limits, different credit terms are used. The average credit period generally granted to non-related trade receivable customers is about 30 days (2023: 30 days). The dental and medical clinics and centres do not generally grant credit as services are usually settled in cash, NETS and credit card payments. The trade receivables are mainly NETS and credit card companies that take a few days to settle. Certain subsidiaries engaged in the trading of dental surgery materials and equipment and the provision of medical laboratory services, grant credit term of 30 days to 120 days (2023: 30 days to 120 days) to their customers.

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19. Trade and other receivables (cont'd)

(ii) Concentration of credit risk

Concentration of trade receivable customers as at the end of reporting year:

	Group		Com	pany
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Top 1 customer	189	1,594	3,000	3,000
Top 2 customers	253	1,713	4,987	5,340

The other receivables shown above are subject to the expected credit loss (ECL) allowance assessment under the financial reporting standard on financial instruments. Other receivables are normally with no fixed terms and therefore there is no fixed maturity date. Other receivables are regarded as of low credit risk if they have a low risk of default and the debtor has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term. The methodology applied for impairment loss depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual or expected payment which is more than 60 days past due.

A loss allowance balances of \$1,273,000 (2023: \$1,200,000) and \$ 17,596,000 (2023: \$16,688,000) of the Group and the Company were recognised respectively.

Save for loans to certain dentists and employees as disclosed above, other receivables are normally with no fixed terms and therefore there is no maturity.

20. Other non-financial assets

	Group		Com	oany
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Non-current:				
Sign-on bonus	4,781	6,464	1,123	1,768
Prepaid services – via performance shares	1,741	1,479	1,741	1,479
Assignment fees	27	45	-	-
	6,549	7,988	2,864	3,247
Current:				
Prepayments	1,443	1,464	669	619
Sign-on bonus	1,364	1,780	326	419
Prepaid services – via performance shares	326	353	326	353
Assignment fees	18	18		
	3,151	3,615	1,321	1,391

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21. Cash and cash equivalents

	Group		Com	<u>bany</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Not restricted in use	34,342	33,993	3,867	5,430
Interest earning balances	1,083	1,046	1,083	1,046

The interest earned from the interest earning balances was not material.

21A. Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

		Cash	Non-cash	
Group	<u>2023</u>	<u>flows</u>	<u>changes</u>	<u>2024</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Long-term borrowings	79,181	_	(5,942) ^{(t}) 73,239
Short-term borrowings	1,105	(6,543)	5,942 ^{(t}	^{»)} 504
Lease liabilities	49,985	(12,853)	4,505 ^{(a}	41,637
Total liabilities from financing activities	130,271	(19,396)	4,505	115,380
		Cash	Non-cash	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>flows</u>	<u>changes</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Long-term borrowings	84,577	_	(5,396) ^{(t}	[»] 79,181
Short-term borrowings	473	(4,764)	5,396 ^{(t}) 1,105
Lease liabilities	55,767	(12,438)	6,656	49,985
Total liabilities from financing activities	140,817	(17,202)	6,656	130,271

^(a) Mainly due to acquisitions and interest accretion.

^(b) Mainly due to reclassification of bank loans from non-current to current.

22. Share capital

	Number of shares <u>issued</u> '000	Share <u>capital</u> \$'000
Group and Company:		
Balance at 1 January 2023, 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2024	965,865	86,758

22. Share capital (cont'd)

The ordinary shares of no par value are fully paid, carry one vote each and have no right to fixed income.

	Number of treasury	
	shares	<u>Cost</u>
	'000	\$'000
Group and Company:		
Balance at 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	19,422	11,535
Issue share at \$0.25 cents each ^(a)	(520)	(130)
Issue share at \$0.28 cents each ^(b)	(1,963)	(550)
Balance at 31 December 2024	16,939	10,855

^(a) On 24 June 2024, the Company transferred 520,000 ordinary shares from its treasury shares to 3 key dentists in the Group for an aggregate gross cash consideration of \$130,000.

^(b) On 4 September 2024, the Company transferred 1,962,880 ordinary shares from its treasury shares to dentists in the Group pursuant to the Q & M Performance Share Plan 2018 (see Note 24).

Capital management:

The objectives when managing capital are: to safeguard the reporting entity's ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can continue to provide returns for owners and benefits for other stakeholders, and to provide an adequate return to owners by pricing the sales commensurately with the level of risk. The management sets the amount of capital to meet its requirements and the risk taken. There were no changes in the approach to capital management during the reporting year. The management manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it where necessary or possible in the light of changes in conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the management may adjust the amount of dividends paid to owners, return capital to owners, issue new shares, or sell assets to reduce debt. The management monitors the capital on the basis of the debt-to-adjusted capital ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt / adjusted capital (as shown below). Net debt is calculated as total borrowings less cash and cash equivalents.

	Group		<u>Company</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Net debt:				
All current and non-current borrowings including				
leases	115,380	130,271	68,856	77,351
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	(34,342)	(33,993)	(3,867)	(5,430)
Net debt	81,038	96,278	64,989	71,921
Adjusted capital:				
Total equity	108,507	102,911	93,884	86,271
Adjusted capital	108,507	102,911	93,884	86,271
Debt-to-adjusted capital ratio	74.7%	93.6%	69.2%	83.4%

The decrease in the debt-to-adjusted capital ratio for the reporting year resulted primarily from the decrease in net debt.

22. Share capital (cont'd)

Capital management: (cont'd)

The management does not set a target level of gearing but uses capital opportunistically to support its business and to add value for shareholders. The key discipline adopted is to widen the margin between the return on capital employed and the cost of that capital.

In order to maintain its listing on the Singapore Stock Exchange, it has to have share capital with a free float of at least 10% of the shares. The Company met the capital requirement on its initial listing and the rules limiting treasury share purchases mean it will continue to satisfy that requirement, as it did throughout the reporting year. Management receives a report from the share registrars frequently on substantial share interests showing the nonfree float to ensure continuing compliance with the 10% limit throughout the reporting year.

23. Other reserves

	Group		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Foreign currency translation reserve (Note 23A)	(3,207)	(3,793)	
Other reserves	(200)	(200)	
Total at end of the year	(3,407)	(3,993)	

All reserves classified on the face of the statement of financial position as retained earnings represent past accumulated earnings and are distributable as cash dividends. The other reserves are not available for cash dividends unless realised.

23A. Foreign currency translation reserve

	Group		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	
At beginning of the year	(3,793)	(2,696)	
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	586	(1,097)	
At end of the year	(3,207)	(3,793)	

The currency translation reserve accumulates all foreign exchange differences.

24. **Share-based payments**

Under the Q & M Performance Share Plan 2018, a participant may be granted award of shares. The eligibility of the participants, the number of shares which are the subject of each award to be granted to a participant and the vesting period of 1 to 10 years shall be determined at the discretion of the Plan Committee, taking into account inter alia certain prescribed performance targets, if any.

In September 2024, the Company granted share awards to eligible dentists of the Group by the allotment and issuance of an aggregate of 1,962,280 ordinary shares from the treasury shares of the Company pursuant to the Q & M Performance Share Plan 2018. The shares were granted at fair value of \$0.28 per share. The shares were issued on 4 September 2024 (see Note 22^(b)).

25. Provisions

Group	
<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
\$'000	\$'000
985	975
975	767
10	208
985	975
	2024 \$'000 985 975 10

The provision is based on the present value of costs to be incurred to remove leasehold improvements from leased premises. The estimate is based on quotations from external contractors.

26. Lease liabilities and right-of-use assets

	Group		<u>Company</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Lease liabilities, current	10,923	10,742	258	242
Lease liabilities, non-current	30,714	39,243	1,185	1,461
	41,637	49,985	1,443	1,703

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26. Lease liabilities and right-of-use assets (cont'd)

The movements in right-of-use assets and lease liabilities in the statements of financial position are as follows:

Group premises liabilities \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 At 1 January 2023 81,108 55,767 Accretion of interest - 1,670 Additions 599 599 Disposals (8,558) (264) Lease payments - principal portion paid - (1,670) At 31 December 2023 79,470 49,985 Accretion of interest - 1,648 Additions 1,849 1,849 Disposals (21,966) (3,491) Lease payments - principal portion paid - (1,647) Accumulated depreciation and impairment: - (1,647) At 31 December 2024 28,519 - Disposals (8,317) - At 31 December 2023 32,895 - Disposals (18,655) <td< th=""><th></th><th>Dental, medical clinics and office</th><th>Lease</th></td<>		Dental, medical clinics and office	Lease
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At 31 December 2023 46,575 49,985	At 1 January 2023	52,589	55,767
At 31 December 2024 38,182 41,637	-		
	At 31 December 2024	38,182	41,637

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26. Lease liabilities and right-of-use assets (cont'd)

The movements in right-of-use assets and lease liabilities in the statements of financial position are as follows (cont'd):

Company	Office <u>premises</u> \$'000	Lease <u>liabilities</u> \$'000
At 1 January 2023	2,043	1,628
Accretion of interest	_	34
Additions	334	334
Lease payments – principal portion paid	_	(259)
Interest paid		(34)
At 31 December 2023	2,377	1,703
Accretion of interest	_	27
Lease payments – principal portion paid	_	(260)
Interest paid	_	(27)
At 31 December 2024	2,377	1,443
Accumulated depreciation:		
At 1 January 2023	461	_
Depreciation for the year	272	-
At 31 December 2023	733	
Depreciation for the year	255	_
At 31 December 2024	988	
Carrying value:		
At 1 January 2023	1,582	1,628
At 31 December 2023	1,644	1,703
At 31 December 2024	1,389	1,443

The leases are for dental and medical clinics and office premises. The lease contracts are usually for fixed periods of 2 to 5 (2023: 2 to 5) years but may have extension options. The lease agreements terms contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The agreements do not impose any covenants, but leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

The weighted average incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities recognised is between 1.68% and 6% (2023: 1.68% and 6%) per annum.

A summary of the maturity analysis of lease liabilities is disclosed in Note 32E. Total cash outflows from leases are shown in the statement of cash flows. The related right-of-use assets are disclosed in table above. At reporting year date there were no commitments on leases which had not commenced.

Apart from the disclosures made in other notes to the financial statements, amounts relating to leases include the following:

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Expense relating to short-term leases included in other expenses		226

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27. Trade and other payables

	Group		<u>Com</u>	<u>Company</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Trade payables:					
Outside parties and accrued liabilities	16,390	16,872	1,511	1,301	
Subsidiaries			822	1,142	
Trade payables – subtotal	16,390	16,872	2,333	2,443	
Other payables:					
Deposits received	137	120	-	-	
Amount due to vendors of acquired subsidiaries	1,184	1,165	1,084	1,045	
Amount due to directors of the subsidiaries	287	270	_	-	
Outside parties	623	794	36	213	
Subsidiaries (Note 3)			26,205	26,029	
Other payables – subtotal	2,231	2,349	27,325	27,287	
Total trade and other payables	18,621	19,221	29,658	29,730	

28. Other financial liabilities

	Group		<u>Com</u>	<u>Company</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Non-current:					
Bank loans (Note 28A)	73,209	79,142	67,167	75,402	
Finance leases (Note 28B)	30	39	_	_	
Non-current, total	73,239	79,181	67,167	75,402	
Current:					
Bank loans (Note 28A)	489	462	246	246	
Finance leases (Note 28B)	15	23	-	_	
Bills payable (Note 28C)	_	620	_	_	
Current, total	504	1,105	246	246	
Total	73,743	80,286	67,413	75,648	

The non-current portion is repayable as follows:

	Group		<u>Company</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Due within 2 to 5 years	64,538	71,920	63,542	71,329
Due after 5 years	8,701	7,261	3,625	4,073
Total non-current portion	73,239	79,181	67,167	75,402

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28. Other financial liabilities (cont'd)

The range of floating rate interest rates paid were as follows:

	Gr	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	%	%	
Bank loans	4.28 - 5.24	4.00 – 6.25	
Bills payable		1.20	

The floating debt instruments are with interest rates that are re-set regularly at one, three or six month intervals. The exposure of the borrowings to interest rate changes and the contractual repricing dates at the end of the reporting years was below six months.

28A. Bank loans

The bank loans are secured or covered by the following:

- (a) First legal assignment at all rights, title and benefits under existing and future tenancy agreements and rental income; and
- (b) Legal mortgage over properties (Note 13).

The Group and the Company are required to comply with certasin financial covenants such as:

- (i) The consolidated shareholders' equity shall not at any time be less than \$60,000,000.
- (ii) The ratio of consolidated net debt to consolidated shareholders' equity shall not at any time exceed 1.75 to 2:1; and
- (iii) The ratio of consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation to consolidated interest expense shall not at any time be less than 1.75 to 1.

The fair value (level 2) of the bank loans is a reasonable approximation of the carrying amount as it is a floating rate instrument that is frequently re-priced to market interest rates.

28B. Finance leases

The principal shall be repaid in full within 60 months from the drawdown date.

Group	Minimum <u>payments</u> \$'000	Finance <u>charges</u> \$'000	Present <u>value</u> \$'000
<u>2024</u>			
Minimum lease payments payable:			
Due within one year	17	(2)	15
Due within two to five years	33	(3)	30
Total	50	(5)	45
Carrying value of plant and equipment under finance leases			127

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28. Other financial liabilities (cont'd)

28B. Finance leases (cont'd)

Minimum <u>payments</u> \$'000	Finance <u>charges</u> \$'000	Present <u>value</u> \$'000
26	(3)	23
42	(3)	39
68	(6)	62
	<u>payments</u> \$'000 26 42	payments charges \$'000 \$'000 26 (3) 42 (3)

Certain plant and equipment of the Group are under finance leases. The average lease term was 5 years (2023: 5 years). The fixed rate of interest for finance leases was 5.70% (2023: 5.70%) per annum. All leases are on a fixed repayment basis and no arrangements were entered into for contingent rental payments. The obligations under finance leases were secured by the lessor's charge over the leased assets.

The fixed interest rate approximates the market interest rate. The carrying amount of the lease liabilities was not significantly different from the fair value (level 2).

The finance leases disclosed above are not included in Note 26 as the finance leases are insignificant.

28C. Bills payable

The bills payable of the subsidiary are secured or covered by the following:

- (i) Facilities Agreement;
- (ii) Corporate guarantee by the Company;
- (iii) Jointly and severally guarantees by certain directors of the subsidiary;
- (iv) Negative pledge;
- (v) Fixed deposit; and
- (vi) Trade Financing General Agreement from the subsidiary.

The bill payable of the Group have maturity period of 90 days (2023: 90 days).

29. Disposal of subsidiary

<u>2024:</u>

As disclosed in Note 14(p), the Group reduced its equity interest in EM2AI Pte. Ltd. ("EM2AI") from 100% to 49%. Consequently, EM2AI was reclassified from investment in subsidiary to investment in associate and was deconsolidated. The retained interest in the investee is accounted for in accordance with the financial reporting standards on investments in associates whose fair value at the date of disposal was \$1,109,000. The gain on deemed disposal of \$436,000 is included in profit or loss (Note 9).

The results for the reporting year from deemed disposal of EM2AI and its subsidiary for the previous reporting year and for the period from the beginning of the reporting year to date of disposal on 5 March 2024, which have been included in the consolidated financial statements, were as follow:

At date of disposal in last year2024 2023 \$'000Revenue119Cost of salesCost of salesEmployee benefit expenses(184)025Cost of sales(184)0267027(184)02802902902902902902100211 <t< th=""><th></th><th colspan="2">Group</th></t<>		Group	
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	Loss before tax before disposal	451	

29. Disposal of subsidiary (cont'd)

2024: (cont'd)

The following table is a summary of the carrying value of the assets and liabilities of EM2AI and its subsidiaries at the date of disposal:

	Group
	At date of
	<u>disposal in</u>
	<u>2024</u>
	\$'000
Intangible assets	3,883
Plant and equipment	249
Trade and other receivables	151
Cash and cash equivalents	433
Income tax receivables	5
Foreign currency translation reserves	15
Trade and other payables	(4,028)
Deferred tax liabilities	(35)
Net assets disposed of	673
Gain on deemed disposal (Note 9)	436
Total consideration	1,109

An analysis of the net cash outflow of cash and cash equivalent in respect of the disposal of subsidiary were as follows:

	<u>Total</u> \$'000
Cash balance disposed of	433
Net cash outflow	433

Subsequent to the reporting year, the Group has on 31 March 2025, entered into a share purchase agreement ("SPA") with EM2AI Professional HoldCo Pte. Ltd. (the "Vendor") to acquire the remaining 51% of the entire issued and paid-up share capital of EM2AI Pte. Ltd. ("EM2AI") from the Vendor (the "Proposed Acquisition"). Refer to Note 36.

29. Disposal of subsidiary (cont'd)

<u>2023:</u>

On 19 June 2023, the Group disposed of its subsidiary, Shanghai Chuangyi Investment and Management Co. Ltd. to Shanghai Zhibao Investment Consulting Co., Ltd for a consideration of RMB500,000 (equivalent to approximately \$\$97,000). The gain on disposal of \$77,000 is included in profit or loss (Note 9).

The results for the reporting year from disposal of the subsidiary as mentioned above and the results for the previous reporting year and for the period from the beginning of the reporting year to 19 June 2023, which have been included in the consolidated financial statements, were as follows:

	Gro	bup
	At date of	At date of
	<u>disposal in</u>	<u>last year</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue	168	788
Cost of sales	(27)	(115)
Employee benefit expenses	(173)	(504)
Depreciation	(16)	(51)
Rental expenses	(70)	(140)
Other expenses	(47)	(264)
Loss before tax before disposal	(165)	(286)
Loss attributable to owners of the parent, net of tax	(94)	
Loss attributable to non-controlling interests, net of tax	(71)	
5 ,	(165)	
Presented as:		
Gain on disposal (Note 9)	77	
Foreign currency translation reserves reclassified to profit or loss included in other		
comprehensive income	(17)	
Loss before tax before disposal	60	

29. Disposal of subsidiary (cont'd)

<u>2023: (cont'd)</u>

The following table is a summary of the carrying value of the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary at the date of disposal:

	Group
	At date of
	<u>disposal in</u>
	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000
Plant and equipment	158
Trade and other receivables	98
Inventories	26
Cash and cash equivalents	23
Trade and other payables	(195)
Income tax payables	(2)
Foreign currency translation reserves	(17)
Non-controlling interest	(71)
Net assets disposed of	20
Gain on disposal (Note 9)	77
Total consideration	97

An analysis of the net cash inflow of cash and cash equivalent in respect of the disposal of subsidiary were as follows:

	<u>Total</u> \$'000
Cash consideration	97
Cash balance disposed of	(23)
Net cash inflow	74

30. Acquisition of business

On 6 November 2024, the Group incorporated a wholly owned new subsidiary, Q & M Dental Surgery (Azure) Pte. Ltd. which entered into a business purchase agreement with Veritas Dental Pte. Ltd. (the "seller") to acquire the business from the seller.

The fair values of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are shown below:

	Provisional fair value at date <u>of acquisition</u> <u>2024</u> \$'000
Plant and equipment Inventory	70 26 96
The consideration transferred is as follows:	<u>2024</u> \$'000
Cash paid	800

An analysis of the net cash outflow of cash and cash equivalent in respect of the disposal of subsidiary were as follows:

	<u>Total</u>
	\$'000
Cash consideration	800
Net cash outflow	800
The goodwill arising on acquisition is as follows:	
	2024
	<u>2024</u>
	\$'000
Consideration to a formed (and all and)	000
Consideration transferred (see above)	800
Provisional fair value of identifiable net assets acquired	(96)
Goodwill arising on acquisition	704

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31. Operating lease income commitments – as lessor

A maturity analysis of the undiscounted lease amounts to be received on an annual basis for a minimum of each of the first five years and the total amounts for the remaining years is as follows:

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Not later than one year	412	394
Between 2 and 5 years	232	327
Total	644	721
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Rental income for the year (Note 5)	507	503

Operating lease income commitments are for certain clinics. The lease rental income terms are negotiated for a range of term from 2 to 5 years (2023: 2 to 5 years) and rentals are not subject to any escalation clause. There are certain operating leases for the rental of certain dental premises with no commitment terms.

As the lessor, the Group manages the risk associated with any rights it retains in the underlying assets by having insurance coverage to reduce that risk.

32. Financial instruments: information on financial risks and other explanatory information

32A. Categories of financial assets and financial liabilities

The following table categorises the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at the end of the reporting year:

	Group		Com	<u>pany</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>2023</u>		<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets:				
Financial assets at amortised cost	73,256	67,521	91,933	96,941
Financial liabilities:				
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	134,001	149,492	98,514	107,081

Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these financial statements.

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32. Financial instruments: information on financial risks and other explanatory information (cont'd)

32B. Financial risk management

The main purpose for holding or issuing financial instruments is to raise and manage the finances for the entity's operating, investing and financing activities. There are exposures to the financial risks on the financial instruments such as credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk comprising interest rate, currency risk and price risk exposures. Management has certain procedures for the management of financial risks. The guidelines set up the short and long-term objectives and action to be taken in order to manage the financial risks. The guidelines include are followed: All financial risk management activities are carried out and monitored by senior management staff. All financial risk management activities are carried out following acceptable market practices including such activities to minimise interest rate, currency, credit and market risks for most kinds of transactions; to maximise the use of "natural hedge" favouring as much as possible the natural off-setting of sales; and when appropriate consideration is given to entering into derivatives or any other similar instruments for hedging purposes.

There have been no changes to the exposures to risk; the objectives, policies and processes for managing the risk and the methods used to measure the risk.

32C. Fair values of financial instruments

The analyses of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 are disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements. These include the material financial instruments stated at amortised cost and at fair value in the statement of financial position. The carrying values of current financial instruments approximate their fair values due to the short-term maturity of these instruments. The disclosures of fair value are not made when the carrying amount of current financial instruments is a reasonable approximation of the fair value.

32D. Credit risk on financial assets

Financial assets subject to concentrations of credit risk and failures by counterparties to discharge their obligations in full or in a timely manner arise principally from cash balances with banks, receivables and other financial assets. The general approach in the financial reporting standard on financial instruments is applied to measure expected credit losses (ECL) allowance on financial assets measured at amortised cost. On initial recognition, a loss allowance is recorded equal to the 12 month ECL unless the assets are considered credit impaired. The ECL allowance for debt assets is recognised at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL if the credit risk on that financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. However, for trade receivables that do not contain a material financing component or when the reporting entity applies the practical expedient of not adjusting the effect of a material financing component, the simplified approach in calculating ECL is applied. Under the simplified approach, the loss allowance is recognised at an amount equal to lifetime ECL at each reporting date using historical loss rates for the respective risk categories and incorporating forward-looking estimates. Lifetime ECL may be estimated individually or collectively. For the credit risk on the financial assets, an ongoing credit evaluation is performed on the financial condition of the debtors and any loss is recognised in profit or loss. Reviews and assessments of credit exposures in excess of designated limits are made. Renewals and reviews of credits limits are subject to the same review process.

Note 21 discloses the cash balances. There was no identified impairment loss.

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32. Financial instruments: information on financial risks and other explanatory information (cont'd)

32E. Liquidity risk - financial liabilities maturity analysis

Liquidity risk refers to the difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. It is expected that all the liabilities will be settled at their contractual maturity.

The following table analyses the non-derivative financial liabilities at the end of the reporting year by remaining contractual maturity (contractual undiscounted cash flows):

Non-derivative financial liabilities: <u>Group</u> <u>2024</u> : Trade and other payables Gross borrowings commitments Gross lease liabilities	Less than <u>1 year</u> \$'000 18,621 3,849 <u>13,675</u> 36,145	2 to 5 <u>years</u> \$'000 - 66,058 30,304 96,362	Over 5 <u>years</u> \$'000 10,841 <u>1,085</u> 	<u>Total</u> \$'000 18,621 80,748 <u>45,064</u> 144,433
<u>2023:</u>				
Trade and other payables	19,221	_	_	19,221
Gross borrowings commitments	4,032	80,557	9,997	94,586
Gross lease liabilities	13,790	35,991	3,682	53,463
	37,043	116,548	13,679	167,270
Non-derivative financial liabilities:	Less than <u>1 year</u> \$'000	2 to 5 <u>years</u> \$'000	Over 5 <u>years</u> \$'000	<u>Total</u> \$'000
Company				
<u>2024</u> : Trade and other payables	29,658	_	_	29,658
Gross borrowings commitments	3,386	64,237	4,434	72,057
Gross lease liabilities	281	1,122	122	1,525
	33,325	65,359	4,556	103,240
<u>2023:</u>				
Trade and other payables	29,730	_	_	29,730
Gross borrowings commitments	3,765	79,265	5,155	88,185
Gross lease liabilities	278	1,122	402	1,802
	33,773	80,387	5,557	119,717

The above amounts disclosed in the maturity analysis are the contractual undiscounted cash flows and such undiscounted cash flows differ from the amount included in the statement of financial position. When the counterparty has a choice of when an amount is paid, the liability is included on the basis of the earliest date on which it can be required to pay.

32. Financial instruments: information on financial risks and other explanatory information (cont'd)

32E. Liquidity risk – financial liabilities maturity analysis (cont'd)

The average credit period taken to settle current trade payables is about 60 days (2023: 60 days). The classification of the financial assets is shown in the statement of financial position as they may be available to meet liquidity needs and no further analysis is deemed necessary.

Financial guarantee contracts - For issued financial guarantee contracts the maximum amount of the guarantee is allocated to the earliest period in which the guarantee could be called. At the end of the reporting year, no claims on the financial guarantees are expected to be payable. The following table shows the maturity analysis of the contingent liabilities from financial guarantees:

Company	Less than <u>1 year</u> \$'000
<u>2024:</u> Financial guarantee in favour of a subsidiary – given by Company (Note 3)	6,880
<u>2023:</u> Financial guarantee in favour of a subsidiary – given by Company (Note 3)	3,955

Bank facilities:

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Unutilised bank overdraft	1,500	1,500
Unutilised credit facilities / foreign exchange	2,318	17,300
Unutilised fixed advance facilities	2,000	2,000
Unutilised money market loan	20,000	20,000
Unutilised interest rate swap facilities	60,000	60,000
Unutilised multicurrency medium term note	500,000	500,000
Unutilised revolving credit facilities	3,000	3,000

The undrawn borrowing facilities are available for operating activities and to settle other commitments. Borrowing facilities are maintained to ensure funds are available for the operations. A schedule showing the maturity of financial liabilities and unused bank facilities is provided regularly to management to assist in monitoring the liquidity risk.

32. Financial instruments: information on financial risks and other explanatory information (cont'd)

32F. Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises on interest-bearing financial instruments recognised in the statement of financial position and on some financial instruments not recognised in the statement of financial position.

The following table analyses the breakdown of the significant financial instruments by type of interest rate:

	Group		<u>Com</u>	pany	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>2023</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Financial assets with interest:					
Fixed rates	729	199	644	128	
Floating rates	1,083	1,046	1,083	1,046	
Total at end of the year	1,812	1,245	1,727	1,174	
Financial liabilities with interest:					
Fixed rates	41,637	50,667	1,443	1,703	
Floating rates	73,743	79,604	67,413	75,648	
Total at end of the year	115,380	130,271	68,856	77,351	

The floating rate debt instruments are with interest rates that are re-set at regular intervals. The interest rates are disclosed in the respective notes.

Sensitivity analysis:

	Group		<u>Com</u>	<u>bany</u>	
	<u>2023</u> <u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Financial liabilities:					
A hypothetical variation in floating interest rates by					
10 basis points with all other variables held constant,					
would have an increase / decrease in					
pre-tax profit for the year by	727	786	663	746	

The analysis has been performed for floating interest rate over a year for financial instruments. The impact of a change in interest rates on floating interest rate financial instruments has been assessed in terms of changing of their cash flows and therefore in terms of the impact on profit or loss. The hypothetical changes in basis points are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

32G. Foreign currency risks

Foreign exchange risk arises on financial instruments that are denominated in a foreign currency, i.e. in a currency other than the functional currency in which they are measured. For the purpose of this financial reporting standard on financial instruments: disclosures, currency risk does not arise from financial instruments that are non-monetary items or from financial instruments denominated in the functional currency.

There were no material balances in non-functional currency at the end of the reporting year.

Sensitivity analysis: The effect on post tax profit is not material.

33. Items in profit or loss

In addition to the charges and credits disclosed elsewhere in the notes to the financial statements, this item includes the following expenses:

	Group	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	\$'000	\$'000
Audit fees to the independent auditor of the Company	428	423
Audit fees to the other independent auditor	9	39
Other fees to the independent auditor of the Company	9	6

34. Changes and adoption of financial reporting standards

For the current reporting year the ASC issued certain new or revised financial reporting standards. Those applicable to the reporting entity are listed below. None had material impact on the reporting entity.

<u>SFRS (I) No.</u>	Title
SFRS(I) 1-1	Presentation of Financial Statements- amendment relating to Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
SFRS(I) 1-1	Presentation of Financial Statements- amendment relating to Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
SFRS(I) 1-7 and 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements (amendment)
SFRS(I) 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendments)
SFRS(I) PS 2	SFRS(I) Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements

35. New or amended standards in issue but not yet effective

The ASC issued certain new or revised financial reporting standards for the future reporting years. Those applicable to the reporting entity for future reporting years are listed below.

<u>SFRS (I) No.</u>	Title	Effective date for periods beginning <u>on or after</u>
SFRS(I) 1-21	The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates (amendment) Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025
SFRS(I) 9 and 7	Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments – Amendments	1 January 2026
SFRS(I) 18	Presentation and disclosures in financial statements	1 January 2027
SFRS(I) 10 and SFRS(I) 1-28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between and Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	To be determined

SFRS(I) 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements. It replaces SFRS(I) 1-1. The new version includes (a) revised presentation of specified categories and defined subtotals in the statement of profit or loss; (b) new disclosures on management-defined performance measures in the notes to the financial statements; and (c) improved disclosures of aggregation and disaggregation of balances.

Adoption of the new or revised standards are expected to result in some material impact on the reporting entity financial statements presentation and disclosure based on its current operations.

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36. Events after the end of the reporting year

On 31 March 2025, the Group entered into a share purchase agreement ("SPA") with EM2AI Professional HoldCo Pte. Ltd. (the "Vendor") to acquire the remaining 51% interest in the share capital of EM2AI Pte. Ltd. ("EM2AI") from the Vendor (the "Proposed Acquisition"). Pursuant to the SPA, the consideration for the remaining 51% of the shares in EM2AI is \$\$1,760,000 which the Group will settle in cash.

The completion of the Proposed Acquisition is subjected to, inter alia, the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- a. approval by the shareholders of the Company;
- b. all necessary governmental, regulatory and third-party consents, approvals and waivers having been obtained and not amended or revoked before Completion, and if any such consents, approvals or waivers are subject to conditions, such conditions being reasonably acceptable to the Vendor and the Company; and
- c. the warranties and undertakings by each party to the SPA remaining true and correct in all material respects as if made on the date of completion.

STATISTICS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

AS AT 25 MARCH 2025

SHARE CAPITAL

Class of shares	:	Ordinary Shares
Number of issued and paid-up shares (excluding treasury shares)	:	948,925,820
Voting rights	:	One vote per ordinary share
Number of treasury shares	:	16,939,527
Number of subsidiary holdings held	:	NIL
% of treasury shares to total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares)	:	1.785%

SHAREHOLDING HELD IN THE HANDS OF PUBLIC

Based on information available to the Company as at 25 March 2025, approximately 37.71% of the Company's issued ordinary shares (excluding treasury shares) were held by the public, and Rule 723 of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, is complied with.

DISTRIBUTION OF SHAREHOLDINGS

Size of Shareholdings	No. of <u>Shareholders</u>	<u>%</u>	No. of <u>Shares</u>	<u>%</u>
1 - 99	46	0.93	1,544	0.00
100 - 1,000	232	4.68	119,130	0.01
1,001 - 10,000	1,759	35.48	10,000,838	1.06
10,001 - 1,000,000	2,876	58.00	155,536,368	16.39
1,000,001 and above	45	0.91	783,267,940	82.54
Total:	4,958	100.00	948,925,820	100.00

*Excluding Treasury Shares as at 15 March 2024 - 19,422,407 shares

LIST OF 20 LARGEST REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

<u>No.</u>	Name	No. of Shares	<u>%</u>
1	QUAN MIN HOLDINGS PTE LTD	353,724,389	37.28
2	OCBC SECURITIES PRIVATE LTD	74,145,580	7.81
3	CITIBANK NOMINEES SINGAPORE PTE LTD	72,068,713	7.59
4	KGI SECURITIES (SINGAPORE) PTE. LTD	49,308,640	5.20
5	DBS NOMINEES PTE LTD	42,723,712	4.50
6	RAFFLES NOMINEES (PTE) LIMITED	35,105,648	3.70
7	QUAN MIN PLUS PTE LTD	17,280,000	1.82
8	CHAN PUI KEE	16,269,643	1.71
9	lai ming chun @ lai poh lin	13,100,000	1.38
10	PHILLIP SECURITIES PTE LTD	10,336,530	1.09
11	MAYBANK SECURITIES PTE. LTD.	9,724,920	1.02
12	IFAST FINANCIAL PTE LTD	8,331,580	0.88
13	LIM KUO KAE	7,114,700	0.75
14	UOB KAY HIAN PTE LTD	6,076,500	0.64
15	UNITED OVERSEAS BANK NOMINEES (PRIVATE) LIMITED	5,932,760	0.63
16	OCBC NOMINEES SINGAPORE PTE LTD	5,067,740	0.53
17	ONG GIM LOO	3,568,100	0.38
18	Choo keang hai	3,416,666	0.36
19	TIGER BROKERS (SINGAPORE) PTE. LTD.	3,369,021	0.36
20	PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PTE LTD	3,164,920	0.33
	Total:	739,829,762	77.96

Note:

%: Based on 948,925,820 shares (excluding shares held as treasury shares) as at 25 March 2025

*Treasury Shares as at 25 March 2025 - 16,939,527 shares

STATISTICS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

AS AT 25 MARCH 2025

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

<u>No.</u>	Name	No. of shares held <u>as Direct</u>	<u>%</u> (1)	No. of shares held <u>as Deemed</u>	<u>%</u> (1)
1	Quan Min Holdings Pte. Ltd. ⁽²⁾	497,505,889 ⁽³⁾	52.43	-	-
2	Dr Ng Chin Siau	5,528,900(4)	0.58	497,627,089 ⁽⁵⁾	52.44
3	Heritas Helios Investments Pte. Ltd.	64,132,538 ⁽⁶⁾	6.76	-	-
4	IMC Heritas Investments Ltd. ⁽⁷⁾	-	-	64,132,538	6.76
5	IMC Pan Asia Alliance Corporation ⁽⁸⁾	-	-	64,132,538	6.76
6	Heritas Capital Management Pte. Ltd. ⁽⁹⁾	-	-	64,132,538	6.76

Notes:

- (1) The percentage shareholding interest is computed based on 948,925,820 shares (excluding treasury shares).
- (2) Quan Min Holdings Pte. Ltd. is an investment holding company incorporated in Singapore and is the Company's ultimate parent company.
- (3) 168,781,500 shares are held in the name of various nominees.
- (4) 5,500,000 shares are held in the name of various nominees.
- (5) Dr Ng Chin Siau is deemed to have interest in the Shares held by (i) Quan Min Holdings Pte. Ltd. by virtue of his 49.80% direct shareholding in Quan Min Holdings Pte. Ltd.; and (ii) his spouse's, Foo Siew Jiuan, 121,200 ordinary shares.
- (6) The entire shares are held in the name of Citibank Nominees Singapore Pte. Ltd.
- (7) IMC Heritas Investments Ltd. is the owner of the entire share capital of Heritas Helios Investments Pte. Ltd.
- (8) IMC Pan Asia Alliance Corporation is the owner of the entire share capital of IMC Heritas Investments Ltd., which is in turn the owner of the entire share capital of Heritas Helios Investments Pte. Ltd.
- (9) Heritas Capital Management Pte. Ltd. is the discretionary investment manager of Heritas Helios Investments Pte. Ltd.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at 2 Clementi Loop, #03-02 Logis Hub @ Clementi, Singapore 129809 on Monday, 28 April 2025 at 2.30 p.m. (the "**AGM**" or the "**Meeting**") to transact the following businesses:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1.	To receive and adopt the directors' statement and audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 together with the auditor's report thereon.	(Resolution 1)
2.	To approve the sum of S\$128,904.10/- to be paid to all independent directors as directors' fees for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 [2023: S\$309,000/-].	(Resolution 2)
3.	To approve the sum of S\$170,000/- to be paid to all independent directors as directors' fees for the financial year ending 31 December 2025, to be paid quarterly in areas.	(Resolution 3)
4.	To re-elect Dr Ng Chin Siau, retiring pursuant to Regulation 107 of the Company's constitution (the " Constitution "). [see Explanatory Note (i)]	(Resolution 4)
5.	To re-elect Mr Lim Yeow Hua, retiring pursuant to Regulation 117 of the Constitution. [see Explanatory Note (ii)]	(Resolution 5)
6.	To re-elect Professor Chew Chong Yin, retiring pursuant to Regulation 117 of the Constitution. [see Explanatory Note (iii)]	(Resolution 6)
7.	To re-appoint Messrs RSM SG Assurance LLP as auditors of the Company and to authorise the directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.	(Resolution 7)

SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following ordinary resolutions with or without modifications:

8. Authority to Issue and Allot Shares

- (a) That pursuant to section 161 of the Companies Act 1967 of Singapore (the "Act") and the Mainboard Rules, approval be and is hereby given to the directors of the Company at any time to such persons and upon such terms and for such purposes as the directors of the Company may in their absolute discretion deem fit, to:
 - (i) issue shares in the capital of the Company whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise;
 - make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively, "Instruments") that might or would require shares to be issued or other transferable rights to subscribe for or purchase shares including but not limited to the creation and issue of warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into shares;
 - (iii) issue additional Instruments arising from adjustments made to the number of Instruments previously issued in the event of rights, bonus or capitalisation issues; and

(Resolution 8)

- (b) (notwithstanding the authority conferred by the shareholders may have ceased to be in force) issue shares in pursuance of any Instruments made or granted by the directors of the Company while the authority was in force, provided always that:
 - (i) the aggregate number of shares to be issued pursuant to this resolution (including shares to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this resolution) does not exceed 50% of the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, of which the aggregate number of shares (including shares to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this resolution) to be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to shareholders of the Company does not exceed 20% of the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings. Unless prior shareholders' approval is required under the Mainboard Rules, an issue of treasury shares will not require further shareholders' approval and will not be included in the aforementioned limits;

For the purpose of this resolution, the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings is based on the Company's total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings at the time this resolution is passed, after adjusting for:

- (aa) new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of convertible securities;
- (bb) new shares arising from exercising share options or vesting of share awards, provided the options or awards were granted in compliance with Part VIII of Chapter 8 of the Mainboard Rules; and
- (cc) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares;

Adjustments in accordance with the abovementioned (aa) or (bb) are only to be made in respect of new shares arising from convertible securities, share options or share awards which were issued and outstanding or subsisting at the time of the passing of this resolution.

- (ii) in exercising the authority conferred by this resolution, the Company shall comply with the provisions of the Mainboard Rules for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the SGX-ST), and all applicable legal requirements under the Act and the Constitution for the time being of the Company;
- (iii) the authority conferred by this resolution shall, unless revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting, continue to be in force until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting or the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier. [see Explanatory Note (iv)]

9. Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate

(a) That for the purposes of sections 76C and 76E of the Act and such other laws and regulations as may for the time being be applicable, the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire issued ordinary shares in the share capital of the Company ("Shares") not exceeding in aggregate the Prescribed Limit (as hereafter defined), at such price(s) as may be determined by the directors of the Company from time to time up to the Maximum Price (as hereafter defined), whether by way of:

- (i) on-market purchases (each an "On-Market Share Purchase") transacted on the SGX-ST through the SGX-ST's ready market trading system or, as the case may be, any stock exchange on which the Shares may for the time being be listed and quoted, through one or more duly licensed stockbrokers appointed by the Company for the purpose; and/or
- (ii) off-market purchases (each an "Off-Market Share Purchase") (if affected otherwise than on the SGX-ST) in accordance with an equal access scheme(s) as may be determined or formulated by the directors of the Company as they may consider fit, which scheme(s) shall satisfy all the conditions prescribed by the Act and the Mainboard Rules;

(the "Share Buy-Back Mandate");

- (b) any Shares that are purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate shall, at the discretion of the directors of the Company, either be cancelled or held in treasury and dealt with in accordance with the Act;
- (c) unless varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting, the authority conferred on the directors of the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate may be exercised by the directors of the Company at any time and from time to time during the period commencing from the passing of this resolution and expiring on the earliest of:
 - the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or the date on which the next annual general meeting of the Company is held or required by law to be held;
 - (ii) the date on which the buy-back of the Shares are carried out to the full extent mandated; or
 - (iii) the date on which the authority contained in the Share Buy-Back Mandate is varied or revoked;
- (d) in this resolution:

"Average Closing Price" means the average of the closing market prices of a Share over the last five (5) Market Days, on which transactions in the Shares were recorded immediately preceding the date of making the On-Market Share Purchase by the Company or, as the case may be, the day of the making of an offer pursuant to the Off-Market Share Purchase, and deemed to be adjusted for any corporate action that occurs during the relevant 5 day period and the day on which the purchases were made;

(Resolution 9)

"day of the making of the offer" means the day on which the Company announces its intention to make an offer for the purchase of Shares from the shareholders of the Company, stating the purchase price (which shall not be more than the Maximum Price calculated on the foregoing basis) for each Share and the relevant terms of the equal access scheme for effecting the Off-Market Share Purchase;

"Market Day" means a day on which the SGX-ST is open for trading in securities;

"**Maximum Price**" in relation to a Share to be purchased, means an amount per Share (excluding brokerage, stamp duties, applicable goods and services tax and other related expenses) not exceeding:

- (i) in the case of an On-Market Share Purchase, 105% of the Average Closing Price; or
- (ii) in the case of an Off-Market Share Purchase, 120% of the Average Closing Price;

in either case, excluding related expenses of the purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate;

"**Prescribed Limit**" means 10% of the total number of Shares as at the date of passing of this resolution unless the Company has effected a reduction of the share capital of the Company in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act, at any time during the Relevant Period, in which event the issued ordinary share capital of the Company shall be taken to be the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as altered (excluding any subsidiary holdings and treasury shares that may be held by the Company from time to time); and

"**Relevant Period**" means the period commencing from the date on which this resolution is passed and expiring on the date the next annual general meeting of the Company is held or is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier; and

(e) the directors of the Company and/or any of them be and are hereby authorised to complete and do all such acts and things (including without limitation, executing such documents as may be required) as they may consider desirable, expedient or necessary to give effect to the transactions contemplated by this resolution.

[see Explanatory Note (v)]

OTHER BUSINESS

10. To transact any other ordinary business which may be properly be transacted at an annual general meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Dr Ng Chin Siau Group Chief Executive Officer

11 April 2025

Explanatory Notes:

(i) **Ordinary Resolution 4**

Subject to his re-election, Dr Ng Chin Siau will remain as a Non-Independent Executive Director of the Company and the Group Chief Executive Officer.

Detailed information on Dr Ng Chin Siau can be found in the "Board of Directors", "Directors' Statement" and "Report on Corporate Governance" sections of the Company's Annual Report 2024.

(ii) **Ordinary Resolution 5**

Subject to his re-election, Mr Lim Yeow Hua will remain as the Independent Chairman of the Audit and Remuneration Committees and a member of Nominating Committees. He is considered independent for the purpose of rule 704(8) of the Mainboard Rules.

Detailed information on Mr Lim Yeow Hua can be found in the "Board of Directors", "Directors' Statement" and "Report on Corporate Governance" sections of the Company's Annual Report 2024.

(iii) **Ordinary Resolution 6**

Subject to his re-election, Professor Chew Chong Yin will remain as a member of Audit, Nominating and Remuneration Committees. He is considered independent for the purpose of rule 704(8) of the Mainboard Rules.

Detailed information on Professor Chew Chong Yin can be found in the "Board of Directors", "Directors' Statement" and "Report on Corporate Governance" sections of the Company's Annual Report 2024.

(iv) **Ordinary Resolution 8**

The ordinary resolution 8 proposed above, if passed, will empower the directors of the Company, effective until conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, or the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or such authority is varied or revoked by the Company in a general meeting, whichever is the earlier, to issue and allot Shares, make or grant Instruments and to issue Shares pursuant to such Instruments, without seeking any further approval from shareholders in general meeting but within the limitation imposed by this resolution, for such purposes as the directors of the Company may consider would be in the best interests of the Company. The aggregate number of Shares (including Shares to be made in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this resolution) to be issued and allotted would not exceed 50% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holding) at the time of passing of this resolution. For issue of Shares (including Shares to be made in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this resolution) other than on a pro-rata basis to all shareholders shall not exceed 20% of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holding) at the time of passing of this resolution.

(v) **Ordinary Resolution 9**

The ordinary resolution 9 proposed above, if passed, will renew the Share Buy-Back Mandate authorising the directors of the Company to buy back shares of the Company by way of on-market purchase(s) and/or off-market purchase(s) according to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Act and the Mainboard Rules. Further details are set out in the attached circular to shareholders dated 11 April 2025 in relation to the Proposed Renewal of the Share Buy-Back Mandate.

Important Notes:

The AGM will be held in a wholly physical format, at 2 Clementi Loop, #03-02 Logis Hub @ Clementi, Singapore 129809 on Monday, 28 April 2025 at 2.30 p.m. Printed copies of this Notice of AGM, Proxy Form and Request Form will be sent to shareholders of the Company. These documents are also made available on the SGXNET at <u>https://www.sgx.com/securities/</u> <u>company-announcements</u> and the Company's website at <u>https://qandm-dental.listedcompany.com/</u>

Voting by proxy

- 1. A shareholder who is unable to attend the AGM and wishes to appoint proxy(ies) to attend, speak and vote at the AGM on his/ her/its behalf should complete, sign and return the instrument of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon.
- 2. A proxy need not to be a shareholder of the Company.
- 3. In relation to the appointment of proxy(ies) to attend, speak and vote on his/her/its behalf at the AGM, a shareholder (whether individual or corporate) appointing his/her/its proxy(ies) should give specific instructions as to his/her/its manner of voting, or abstentions from voting, in respect of a resolution in the instrument of proxy. If no specific instructions as to voting are given, or in the event of any other matter arising at the AGM and at any adjournment thereof, the proxy(ies) will vote or abstain from voting at his/her/their discretion.
- 4. The instrument appointing a proxy or proxies must be under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing. Where the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies is executed by a corporation, it must be executed either under its common seal, executed as a deed in accordance with the Companies Act 1967 or under the hand of an attorney or an officer duly authorised, or in some other manner approved by the Directors. Where the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies is executed by an attorney on behalf of the appointor, the letter or power of attorney or a duly certified copy thereof must be lodged with the instrument of proxy.
- 5. The instrument appointing the proxy, together with the letter or power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed or a duly certified copy thereof (if applicable), must be:
 - (a) deposited at the office of the Company's share registrar, Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services, at 9 Raffles Place, #26-01 Republic Plaza, Singapore 048619; or
 - (b) emailed to: sg.is.proxy@vistra.com,

by **2.30** *p.m.* on *Friday, 25 April 2025*, being not less than seventy-two (72) hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM, and in default the instrument of paroxy shall not be treated as valid.

- 6. The proxy must bring along his/her NRIC/passport so as to enable the Company to verify his/her identity.
- 7. (a) A shareholder who is not a relevant intermediary is entitled to appoint not more than two (2) proxies to attend, speak and vote at the AGM. Where such shareholder appoints two (2) proxies, he/she should specify the proportion of his/her shareholding (expressed as a percentage of the whole) to be presented by each proxy in the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies.
 - (b) A shareholder who is a relevant intermediary is entitled to appoint more than two (2) proxies to attend, speak and vote at the AGM, but each proxy must be appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by such shareholder. Where such shareholder appoints more than two (2) proxies, the number and class of shares in relation to which each proxy has been appointed shall be specified in the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies.

"Relevant intermediary" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 181 of the Companies Act 1967.

- 8. For CPF or SRS investors who wish to appoint the Chairman of the AGM as their proxy, they should approach their respective CPF Agent Banks or SRS Operators to submit their votes at least seven (7) working days before the AGM, i.e. *by 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 April 2025*.
- 9. The Company shall be entitled to reject the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies if it is incomplete, improperly completed or illegible, or where the true intentions of the appointor are not ascertainable from the instructions of the appointor specified in the instrument.

Submission of questions in advance of the AGM

- 10. Shareholders who have any questions in relation to any agenda item of this notice, may send their queries to the Company in advance, by *Friday, 18 April 2025*, via email to <u>agm@qnm.sg</u> or post to 2 Clementi Loop, #04-01, Logis Hub @ Clementi, Singapore 129809.
- 11. The Company will endeavour to address all substantial and relevant questions received from Shareholders and will upload the reponses on the SGXNET at <u>https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements</u> and the Company's website at <u>https://qandm-dental.listedcompany.com</u> at least 48 hours prior to the closing date and time for the lodgement of the proxy forms i.e. **by 2.30 p.m. on Wednesdsy, 23 April 2025.**
- 12. The Company will, within one month after the date of the AGM, publish the minutes of the AGM on SGXNET at <u>https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements</u> and the Company's website at <u>https://qandm-dental.</u> <u>listedcompany.com</u> and the minutes will include the responses to the substantial and relevant questions raised during the AGM.

Annual Report and other documents

The Company's Annual Report 2024 and the Letter to Shareholders dated 11 April 2025 (in relation to the proposed renewal of the share buy-back mandate) have been published and may be accessed from the SGXNET at <u>https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements</u> and the Company's website at <u>https://qandm-dental.</u> <u>listedcompany.com</u>.

Personal Data Privacy:

By submitting a proxy form appointing proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the AGM and/or any adjournment thereof, a shareholder of the Company (i) consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the shareholder's personal data by the Company (or its agents or service providers) for the purpose of the processing and administration by the Company (or its agents or service providers) of proxies and representatives appointed for the AGM (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, minutes and other documents relating to the AGM (including any adjournment thereof), and in order for the Company (or its agents or service providers) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, regulations and/or guidelines (collectively, the "**Purposes**"), (ii) warrants that where the shareholder discloses the personal data of the shareholder's proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to the Company (or its agents or service providers), the shareholder has obtained the prior consent of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by the Company (or its agents or service providers) of the personal data of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by the Company (or its agents or service providers) of the personal data of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and (iii) agrees that the shareholder will indemnify the Company in respect of any penalties, liabilities, claims, demands, losses and damages as a result of the shareholder's breach of warranty.

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Q & M DENTAL GROUP (SINGAPORE) LIMITED

(Registration No.: 200800507R) (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore) (the "**Company**")

IMPORTANT:

- 1. This form of proxy has been made available on the SGXNet and the Company's website and may be accessed at the URLs <u>https://www.sgx.com/securities/</u> <u>company-announcements</u> and <u>https://qandm-dental.listedcompany.com/</u>.
- 2. Relevant intermediaries (as defined in Section 181(6) of the Singapore Companies Act 1967) may appoint more than two (2) proxies to attend, speak and vote at the annual general meeting ("AGM").
- 3. This proxy form is not valid for use and shall be ineffective for all intents and purposes if used or purported to be used by CPF/SRS investors who hold the Company's shares through CPF agent banks or SRS operators. CPF/SRS investors should contact their respective CPF agent banks or SRS operators if they have any queries regarding appointment of their proxies.
- 4. CPF or SRS investors who wish to vote should approach their respective CPF agent banks or SRS operators to submit their votes at least seven (7) working days before the AGM i.e. by 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 April 2025.

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_____(NRIC/Passport/Co. Registration No.)

(Address)

of	

being * a shareholder/shareholders of Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (the "Company"), hereby appoint:

(Name)

		NRIC/	Proportion of Sha	areholdings
Name	Address	Passport No.	No. of Shares	%

*and/or

		NRIC/ Passport No.Proportion of ShareholdinNo. of Shares%	areholdings	
Name	Address	Passport No.	No. of Shares	%

or failing *him/her/them, the Chairman of the AGM, as *my/our *proxy/proxies to attend, speak and vote for *me/us on *my/our behalf at the AGM of the Company to be held at 2 Clementi Loop, #03-02 Logis Hub @ Clementi, Singapore 129809 on Monday, 28 April 2025 at 2.30 p.m. and at any adjournment thereof.

*I/We have directed *my/our proxy/proxies to vote for or against the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM as indicated hereunder. If no specific directions as to voting are given, the *proxy/proxies may vote or abstain from voting at *his/their discretion, as *he/they will on any other matters arising at the AGM and/or at any adjournment thereof.

Voting would be conducted by poll. Please indicate your vote "For" or "Against" with a tick $[\sqrt{}]$ within the box provided.

No.	Resolutions	For#	Against [#]	Abstain [#]
ORD	INARY BUSINESS		•	
1.	Adoption of directors' statement and audited financial statements			
2.	Approval of the sum of S\$128,904.10/- to be paid to all independent directors as directors' fees for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 [2023: S\$309,000/-]			
3.	Approval of the sum of S\$170,000/- to be paid to all independent directors as directors' fees for the financial year ending 31 December 2025, to be paid quarterly in areas			
4.	Re-election of Dr Ng Chin Siau as director			
5.	Re-election of Mr Lim Yeow Hua as director			
6.	Re-election of Professor Chew Chong Yin as director			
7.	Re-appointment of Messrs RSM SG Assurance LLP as auditors and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration			
SPEC	IAL BUSINESS			
8.	Authority to directors to issue and allot shares			
9.	Approval for renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate			

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2025.

Total No. of Shares held in			
CDP Register			
Register of Members			

Signature(s) of shareholders(s)/Common Seal

* Delete accordingly

IMPORTANT: Please Read Notes for this Proxy Form

Notes:

- 1. Please insert the total number of shares held by you. If you have shares entered against your name in the Depository Register (maintained by The Central Depository (Pte) Limited), you should insert that number of shares. If you have shares registered in your name in the Register of Members (maintained by or on behalf of the Company), you should insert that number of shares. If you have shares entered against your name in the Depository Register and shares registered in your name in the Register of Members, you should insert the aggregate number of shares. If no number is inserted, the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies shall be deemed to relate to all the shares held by you.
- 2. In relation to the appointment of proxy(ies) to attend, speak and vote on his/her/its behalf at the AGM, a member (whether individual or corporate) appointing his/her/its proxy(ies) should give specific instructions as to his/her/its manner of voting, or abstentions from voting, in respect of a resolution in the instrument of proxy. If no specific instructions as to voting are given, or in the event of any other matter arising at the AGM and at any adjournment thereof, the proxy(ies) will vote or abstain from voting at his/her/their discretion.
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A shareholder can appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as his/her/its proxy, but this is not mandatory.

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Personal Data Privacy:

By submitting a proxy form appointing proxy(ies) and/or representative(s), the shareholder accepts and agrees to the personal data privacy terms set out in the notice of AGM dated 11 April 2025.

DIRECTORY OF Q & M'S OUTLETS IN SINGAPORE

Q & M DENTAL CLINICS

CENTRAL		EAST	
Aesthetic Dental Surgery	6333 3233	Aljunied	6748 7730
Alexandra Road	6016 1008	Bedok Central	6876 0533
Bugis	6837 2292	Bedok Mall	6384 6288
Chinatown Point	6902 8608	Bedok Reservoir	6980 3902
City Square Mall	6509 1133	Elias Mall	6584 8793
			6749 8518
Geylang	6741 2071	Eunos MRT	
Great World	6734 0603	Ho Dental Surgery	6442 1956
Havelock Road	6694 5271	Kallang	6547 1833
Horizon Dental Surgery	6733 5388	Lee & Lee (Dental Surgeons):	
Killiney	6235 1638	Tampines Central	6788 2262
Kim Tian	6979 7668	Old Airport Road	6447 9033
Lee & Lee (Dental Surgeons):		Pasir Ris Central (Whitesands)	6583 0298
Ocean Financial Centre	6536 6113	Paya Lebar Quarter	6968 7802
Orchard Central	6732 2633, 6235 6496	Simei MRT	6741 6819
Novena Square	6251 3233, 6258 2623	Tampines 1	6588 3233
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Q & M Endodontics Centre	6838 0903	Tampines Century Square	6260 2720
Specialist Oral Surgeons	6397 6638, 6235 3688	Tampines Hub	6241 5081
TP Dental Surgeons	6737 9011	Tampines North	6979 2257
		 Tampines St 41 	6783 0250
NORTH		Tanjong Katong (Kinex)	6241 6562
Admiralty	6365 3903		
Ang Mo Kio	6554 3363	SOUTH	
Ang Mo Kio Street 31	6012 8336	Bright Smile (Jalan Membina)	6274 6800
Balestier	6996 5816	Funan	6979 9296
Bishan			6272 4858
	6255 5228	Redhill MRT	
Braddell	6358 1098	Tiong Bahru	6270 8168
Canberra	6518 3115	Tiong Bahru Dental Surgery	6271 3083
Khatib (Wisteria Mall)	6339 0994	••••••	
Khatib	6852 3363	WEST	
Marsiling	6365 6500	Azure Dental	6463 6318
Mayflower	6261 2563	Boon Lay MRT	6791 3323
Sembawang MRT	6752 3093	Boon Lay	6990 2308
Sembawang Shopping Centre	6012 9083	British Dental Surgery	6765 3323
Sembawang Way	6235 2782	Bt. Batok	6665 4233
Toa Payoh Central	6256 3633	Bt. Batok Central	6569 3239
Toa Payoh	6252 9047	Bt. Batok West	6979 7786
Toa Payoh Lorong 1	6990 1822	Bt. Gombak	6569 3120
Woodlands Square	6970 6871	Bt. Gombak MRT	6562 1161
Woodlands	6369 0047	Bt. Panjang	6766 3363
Yishun Central (Northpoint)	6257 1548	Bt. Timah	6466 3393
Yishun Central	6851 6789	Clementi Central	6872 3633, 6778 2768
			6261 1752
NORTH-EAST		Holland Village MRT	6892 3913
Bidadari	6979 1518	IMM	6980 3999
Bright Smile (Buangkok MRT)	6242 9132	Jelapang	6891 2668
Buangkok MRT	6315 6882	Jurong East Central (JEM)	6425 0398
Hougang (The Midtown)	6386 2339	Jurong West	6792 1811
Hougang Central	6386 2663	Jurong West Street 51	6012 3238
Hougang Mall	6282 5500	Keat Hong	6979 3318
Kovan	6246 3956	Lee & Lee (Dental Surgeons):	
Potong Pasir (The Poiz Centre)	6968 5131	Bt. Batok	6563 2262
Punggol Sumang Link	6584 0478	Lot 1	6012 9338
Seletar Mall	6702 3738	Toh Yi	6762 7660
		Yew Tee Point	
Sengkang	6247 6178	Tew lee Point	6794 5263
Serangoon Central (NEX)	6509 8858		
Serangoon Central	6343 0398, 6383 1763		
Serangoon North	6282 8597		

Q & M DENTAL CLINICS

Buangkok MRT Bukit Batok City Square Mall 6242 9133 6565 3866 6509 9558 Serangoon Central Tampines Central 6488 2336 6781 3323



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