Media Release

Hong Leong Asia Posts 1H 2026 PATMI of S$91.9 Million

- ***Rise in profitability driven by both Powertrain Solutions and Building Materials businesses***
- ***Newly-acquired architectural building products business has strengthened the Building Materials portfolio***
- ***Interim dividend increases 50% YoY to S$0.03/share***

Singapore, August 12, 2026 – Hong Leong Asia Ltd. ("**HLA**" and together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**"), a diversified Asian multinational with core businesses in powertrain solutions ("**Yuchai**") and building materials ("**BMU**"), today announced attributable net profit ("**PATMI**") of S$91.9 million for the half year ended 30 June 2026 ("**1H 2026**"), an increase of 64.1% year-on-year ("**YoY**").

1H 2026 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Half Year ended 30 June 2026	Half Year ended 30 June 2025	+/-
	S$'000	S$'000	
Revenue	3,129,259	2,660,095	17.6%
Net Profit after tax	198,345	121,151	63.7%
Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders	91,906	56,011	64.1%
Earnings Per Share (cents)	12.05	7.49	60.9%
Dividend Per Share (cents)	3.00	2.00	50.0%

The YoY increase in PATMI for 1H 2026 was driven by strong performances in Yuchai and BMU as well as positive contribution from Yong Tai Loong (Pte) Ltd. ("**Yong Tai Loong**") acquired earlier in the year.

Group revenue increased 17.6% YoY to S$3.1 billion, lifted by the strong performance of Yuchai, underpinned by strong demand growth for power generators in the marine and power generation sector as well as exports in powertrains for trucks and industrial applications.

In China, Yuchai's revenue of S$2.7 billion grew 16.8% YoY, with reportable segment profit after tax of S$156.7 million, up 61.8% YoY. Powertrain units sold in 1H 2026 increased 10.9% YoY to 277,684 units. Truck powertrain unit sales rose by 20.4% YoY, compared with commercial vehicle market sales growth (excluding gasoline- and electric-powered vehicles) of 5.8% YoY as reported by the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers for 1H 2026. Off-road engine unit sales performed well, with both marine and genset and industrial units showing growth of 42.0% and 15.8% YoY respectively. Yuchai's higher gross margin was supported by an improved sales mix with higher unit sales of high horsepower engines, higher mix of export engines and improved scale savings.

In Singapore and Malaysia, BMU's revenue was S$384.8 million, up 24.1% YoY with reportable segment profit after tax of S$56.1 million, an increase of 49.9% YoY. Demand for building materials such as precast and ready-mix concrete was strong, with continued growth in construction activities in Singapore. While higher fuel inputs due to ongoing Middle East conflict have created industry uncertainties, key project wins boosted the order book to a record level for the precast segment in 1H 2026.

Profitability of the BMU in Malaysia ("**Tasek**") was held by improved pricing as the industry adjusted for higher fuel and logistics costs as well as healthy performance at a key associate.

The acquisition of architectural building products leader Yong Tai Loong in April 2026 has strengthened the Group's building materials portfolio and expanded our product offering in Singapore. Riding on the back of strong construction demand from both public and private residential projects, the addition of Yong Tai Loong to the building materials portfolio positions the Group for further growth in Singapore's built environment sector.

HLA Board of Directors is pleased to declare an interim dividend of S$0.03 per share for 1H 2026, an increase of 50% YoY.

Stronger Balance Sheet

The placement of 50 million new HLA shares at S$2.90 a share was completed on 7 May 2026. This has strengthened the Group's financial position, broadened the shareholder base and provided flexibility for the Group to support future growth.

Market Outlook

China: While the Group expects demand in domestic market to remain mixed, there will be continued growth, underpinned by increasing demand for more advanced engines from data centre applications and growth in the export market. There is also higher R&D spending to improve the powertrain solutions portfolio, including the development of new energy solutions. Yuchai R&D initiatives included the recent introduction of an internal combustion engine designed for heavy–duty commercial vehicles capable of operating entirely on ammonia. At the same time, Yuchai's partnerships with global industrial leaders will continue to strengthen market access.

Singapore: BMU in Singapore expects healthy growth in precast, ready-mix concrete as well as the architectural building products segments as they deliver on their respective order books. While there continues to be demand from public and private sector projects, the Middle East conflict will continue to heighten competitive landscape, supply chain and pricing pressures. The Group will continue to invest in new batching plants, automation and autonomous technologies and grow its fleet of 12 and 14 cubic-metre concrete mixer trucks to further improve operational efficiencies.

Malaysia: While the Group expects demand to continue to increase with Malaysia's continued infrastructure development and growth at the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone, there are challenges from higher input costs and a tighter logistics situation. Tasek is focused on growing its footprint, improving its operational efficiencies and increasing the use of alternative raw materials and alternative fuels for its production to mitigate higher fuel cost.

The Group has delivered a strong set of results in 1H 2026 with robust contributions from the businesses. Despite continued challenges from global economy uncertainties, geopolitical risks, supply chain disruptions and cost pressures, the Group remains focused on strengthening our order books, improving operational efficiencies and managing costs to stay relevant and resilient.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we expect performance for the second half of 2026 and full year 2026 results to be satisfactory.

About Hong Leong Asia:

Hong Leong Asia Ltd. is a diversified Asian multinational with core businesses in powertrain solutions and building materials. Incorporated in 1963 and listed on the Singapore Exchange since 1998, Hong Leong Asia as part of Hong Leong Group, a Singapore-based conglomerate, aims to deliver growth sustainably through advancing innovative urban solutions for a better world.

About Hong Leong Group:

Hong Leong Group Singapore is a globally diversified company and one of Asia's largest and most successful conglomerates. Headquartered in Singapore, the Group has assets in property investment and development, hotel ownership and management, financial services and industrial enterprises across Asia-Pacific including China, the Middle East, Europe and North America.

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