

Metro Holdings Limited and its Subsidiaries (Company Registration No. 197301792W)

Unaudited Condensed Interim Financial Statements For the six months ended 30 September 2023

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Condensed Interim Consolidated Income Statement For the six months ended 30 September 2023

		Group					
		6 months	6 months				
	Nista	ended	ended	%			
	Note	30-Sep-2023 \$'000	30-Sep-2022 \$'000	Change			
Revenue		φ 000	φ 000				
- Retail		45,594	47,308	(3.6)			
- Sale of property rights		1,827	3,467	(47.3)			
- Rental income		2,740	3,112	(12.0)			
	4	50,161	53,887	(6.9)			
Cost of revenue	5	(45,050)	(44,682)	0.8			
Gross profit		5,111	9,205	(44.5)			
Other net income	6	14,312	9,659	48.2			
General and administrative expenses		(9,950)	(10,599)	(6.1)			
Finance costs	7	(15,359)	(11,043)	39.1			
Share of results of associates, net of tax	12	3,217	8,555	(62.4)			
Share of results of joint ventures, net of tax	13	13,613	14,943	(8.9)			
Profit from operations before taxation	8	10,944	20,720	(47.2)			
Taxation	9	(2,783)	(3,915)	(28.9)			
Profit net of taxation		8,161	16,805	(51.4)			
Attributable to: Owners of the Company		8,192	16,887	(51.5)			
Non-controlling interests		(31)	(82)	(62.2)			
		8,161	16,805	(51.4)			
		Cents	Cents				
Earnings per share							
Basic	10	1.0	2.0	(50.0)			
Diluted	10	1.0	2.0	(50.0)			

Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income For the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Gro 6 months ended 30-Sep-2023 \$'000	% Change	
Profit net of taxation	8,161	16,805	(51.4)
Other comprehensive income/(expense):			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: Net change in fair value of equity investments at FVOCI (Note 1)	(801)	(13,798)	(94.2)
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Currency translation adjustments on foreign subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures (Note 2) Share of other comprehensive expense of associates and joint ventures (Note 3)	(12,693) (8,136)	(18,612) (12,404)	(31.8) (34.4)
Other comprehensive expense, net of tax	(21,630)	(44,814)	(51.7)
Total comprehensive expense for the period	(13,469)	(28,009)	(51.9)
Total comprehensive (expense)/income attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	(13,518) 49 (13,469)	(28,169) 	(52.0) (69.4) (51.9)

Note:

- (1) The net change in fair value of equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) of \$0.8 million (1HFY2023: \$13.8 million) mainly relates to fair value loss of \$0.5 million (1HFY2023: 12.6 million) in the Group's long term investment in Daiwa House Logistics Trust.
- (2) In 1HFY2024, currency translation adjustments of \$12.7 million mainly relates to the exchange translation loss of foreign operations' net assets due to the depreciation of RMB (\$21.2 million) and GBP (\$0.9 million) against SGD. These were partially offset by appreciation of HKD (\$7.2 million) and USD (\$2.4 million) against SGD.

In 1HFY2023, currency translation adjustments of \$18.6 million mainly relates to the exchange translation loss of foreign operations' net assets due to the depreciation of RMB (\$34.7 million) against SGD. These were partially offset by appreciation of HKD (\$11.5 million), USD (\$7.2 million) and IDR (\$0.9 million) against SGD.

(3) In 1HFY2024, share of other comprehensive expense of \$8.1 million, was largely attributable to our associate i.e. Top Spring International Holdings Limited ("Top Spring"), as a result of depreciating RMB against HKD.

In 1HFY2023, share of other comprehensive expense of \$12.4 million, was largely attributable to our associate i.e. Top Spring, as a result of depreciating RMB against HKD.

Condensed Interim Balance Sheets As at September 2023

Balance Sheets as at		Gro	oup	Company		
	Note	30-Sep-2023	31-Mar-2023	30-Sep-2023	31-Mar-2023	
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Non-current assets						
Plant and equipment		1,363	1,844	77	131	
Right-of-use assets		38,468	43,733	5,458	5,779	
Investment property	11	102,364	106,196	-	-	
Subsidiaries		-	-	46,828	46,828	
Amounts due from subsidiaries		-	-	560,760	685,690	
Associates	12	933,532	955,908	500	500	
Joint ventures	13	365,069	340,737	-	-	
Long term investments	14	110,586	109,065		-	
		1,551,382	1,557,483	613,623	738,928	
Current assets			·			
Development properties		144,221	145,555	-	-	
Inventories		10,111	11,283	-	-	
Prepayments		1,243	714	-	-	
Accounts and other receivables	15	58,938	62,491	416	1,586	
Amounts due from subsidiaries		-	-	399,063	261,778	
Amounts due from associates	12	75,068	65,610	-	-	
Amounts due from joint ventures	13	135,074	158,836	4,176	4,055	
Short term investments	14	14,014	14,580	-	-	
Cash and cash equivalents		263,288	329,305	103,453	118,431	
		701,957	788,374	507,108	385,850	
Current liabilities	4.0	005.044	400.004	0.40.054		
Borrowings	16	285,841	139,201	249,851	29,832	
Accounts and other payables		47,285	49,234	7,773	7,847	
Amounts due to subsidiaries		-	-	211,762	242,503	
Lease liabilities		11,568	11,454	604	595	
Provision for taxation		5,352	8,046	262	350	
N		350,046	207,935	470,252	281,127	
Net current assets		351,911	580,439	36,856	104,723	
Non-current liabilities			(== 000)		(== 000	
Borrowings	16	262,229	455,802	262,229	455,802	
Amounts due to joint ventures	13	131,228	135,584	-		
Lease liabilities		32,499	38,303	5,144	5,448	
Deferred income		3,618	3,154	-	-	
Deferred taxation		24,503	23,763	37	37	
		454,077	656,606	267,410	461,287	
Net assets		1,449,216	1,481,316	383,069	382,364	
Equity attributable to owners of the Co	ompany	/				
Share capital	17	169,717	169,717	169,717	169,717	
Treasury shares	17	(1,768)	(1,768)	(1,768)	(1,768)	
Reserves		1,256,592	1,288,741	215,120	214,415	
		1,424,541	1,456,690	383,069	382,364	
Non-controlling interests		24,675	24,626		-	
Total equity		1,449,216	1,481,316	383,069	382,364	

Condensed Interim Statements of Changes in Equity For the six months ended 30 September 2023

<u>Group</u> At 1 April 2023	Share Capital \$'000 169,717	Treasury Shares \$'000 (1,768)	Fair Value Reserve \$'000 (14,063)	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve \$'000 (67,679)	Statutory reserve \$'000 6,330	Other Reserve \$'000 2,831	Revenue Reserve \$'000 1,361,322	Total \$'000 1,456,690	Non- controlling Interests \$'000 24,626	Total Equity \$'000 1,481,316
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,192	8,192	(31)	8,161
Other comprehensive income/(expense)										
Net change in fair value of equity investment at FVOCI	-	-	(801)	-	-	-	-	(801)	-	(801)
Currency translation adjustments on foreign subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	(12,773)	-	-	-	(12,773)	80	(12,693)
Share of other comprehensive (expense)/income of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	(8,263)	-	127	-	(8,136)	-	(8,136)
Other comprehensive (expense)/income for the financial year, net of tax	-	-	(801)	(21,036)	-	127	-	(21,710)	80	(21,630)
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the financial year	-	-	(801)	(21,036)	-	127	8,192	(13,518)	49	(13,469)
Contributions by and distributions to owners										
Dividends paid (Note 18)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(18,631)	(18,631)	-	(18,631)
Total contributions by and distributions to owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	(18,631)	(18,631)	-	(18,631)
<u>Others</u> Transfer to statutory reserve fund	-	-	-	-	111	-	(111)	-	-	-
At 30 September 2023	169,717	(1,768)	(14,864)	(88,715)	6,441	2,958	1,350,772	1,424,541	24,675	1,449,216

Condensed Interim Statements of Changes in Equity (cont'd) For the six months ended 30 September 2023

<u>Group</u> At 1 April 2022	Share Capital \$'000 169,717	Treasury Shares \$'000 (1,768)	Fair Value Reserve \$'000 2,421	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve \$'000 41,590	Statutory reserve \$'000 5,952	Other Reserve \$'000 544	Revenue Reserve \$'000 1,361,390	Total \$'000 1,579,846	Non- controlling Interests \$'000 26,012	Total Equity \$'000 1,605,858
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,887	16,887	(82)	16,805
Other comprehensive income/(expense)										
Net change in fair value of equity investment at FVOCI	_	_	(13,798)	_	_	_	_	(13,798)	_	(13,798)
Currency translation adjustments on foreign			(10,700)					(10,100)		(10,100)
subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	(18,854)	-	-	-	(18,854)	242	(18,612)
Share of other comprehensive (expense)/income										
of associates and joint ventures	-	-	-	(15,008)	-	2,604	-	(12,404)	-	(12,404)
Other comprehensive (expense)/income for the financial year, net of tax	-	-	(13,798)	(33,862)	-	2,604	-	(45,056)	242	(44,814)
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the										
financial year	-	-	(13,798)	(33,862)	-	2,604	16,887	(28,169)	160	(28,009)
Contributions by and distributions to owners										
Dividends paid (Note 18)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24,841)	(24,841)	-	(24,841)
Total contributions by and distributions to owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24,841)	(24,841)	-	(24,841)
<u>Others</u>							(00)			
Transfer to statutory reserve fund	-	-	-	-	69	-	(69)	-	-	-
At 30 September 2022	169,717	(1,768)	(11,377)	7,728	6,021	3,148	1,353,367	1,526,836	26,172	1,553,008

Condensed Interim Statements of Changes in Equity (cont'd) For the six months ended 30 September 2023

<u>Company</u>	Share Capital \$'000	Treasury Shares \$'000	Revenue Reserve \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
At 1 April 2023 Profit for the period, representing total comprehensive	169,717	(1,768)	214,415	382,364
income for the financial period Contributions by and distribution to owners	-	-	19,336	19,336
Dividends paid (Note 18)		-	(18,631)	(18,631)
At 30 September 2023	169,717	(1,768)	215,120	383,069
At 1 April 2022 Profit for the period, representing total comprehensive	169,717	(1,768)	204,370	372,319
income for the financial period	-	-	28,286	28,286
<u>Contributions by and distribution to owners</u> Dividends paid (Note 18)		-	(24,841)	(24,841)
At 30 September 2022	169,717	(1,768)	207,815	375,764

Condensed Interim Consolidated Cash Flow Statement For the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Group			
	6 months	6 months		
	ended	ended		
	30-Sep-2023	30-Sep-2022		
	\$'000	\$'000		
Cash flows from operating activities				
Operating profit before reinvestment in working capital	812	4,739		
Decrease in development properties	1,449	2,451		
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	1,055	(1,360)		
Decrease in accounts and other receivables	4,112	689		
(Decrease)/increase in accounts and other payables	(1,956)	5,936		
Cash flows from operations	5,472	12,455		
Interest expense paid	(14,802)	(10,681)		
Interest income received	16,542	16,227		
Income taxes paid	(5,113)	(2,998)		
Net cash flows from operating activities	2,099	15,003		
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase of plant & equipment	(76)	(539)		
Increase in long term investments	(1,113)	(6,031)		
Investment in associates	(988)	(11,543)		
Decrease/(increase) in amounts due from associates	2,289	(3,582)		
Increase in amounts due from joint ventures	(17,415)	(3,408)		
Dividends received from:				
 long term investments 	2,387	4,335		
- short term investments	432	359		
- associates	2,080	3,703		
- joint ventures	20,103	15,181		
Net cash flows from/(used in) investing activities	7,699	(1,525)		
Cash flows from financing activities				
Drawdown of long term borrowings	6,608	_		
		-		
(Repayment)/drawdown of short term borrowings (net)	(55,727)	20,138		
Payment of lease liabilities	(6,386)	(5,298)		
Dividends paid	(18,631)	(24,841)		
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(74,136)	(10,001)		
Not (decrease)/increase in each and each activity/ante	(64.000)	0 477		
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(64,338)	3,477		
Effect of exchange rate changes in cash and cash equivalents	(1,679)	(1,545)		
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of financial period	329,305	331,360		
Cash & cash equivalents at end of financial period	263,288	333,292		

Condensed Interim Consolidated Cash Flow Statement (cont'd) For the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Group		
	6 months	6 months	
	ended	ended	
	30-Sep-2023	30-Sep-2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Reconciliation between profit from operations before taxation and operating cash flows before changes in working capital:			
Profit from operations before taxation	10,944	20,720	
Adjustments for:			
Finance costs	15,359	11,043	
Depreciation of plant and equipment	556	604	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	5,266	4,281	
Share of results of associate, net of tax	(3,217)	(8,555)	
Share of results of joint ventures, net of tax	(13,613)	(14,943)	
Interest income	(12,918)	(9,951)	
Dividends from			
- long term investments	(2,674)	(4,626)	
- short term investments	(432)	(359)	
Inventories written down	77	47	
Allowance for/(write-back of) obsolete inventories	40	(191)	
Allowance for doubtful debts	-	23	
Net change in fair value of investments at fair value			
through profit and loss	317	3,719	
Unrealised foreign exchange adjustments	1,107	2,927	
Operating profit before reinvestment in working capital	812	4,739	

Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements For the six months ended 30 September 2023

1. Corporate information

Metro Holdings Limited (the "Company") is a limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in Singapore and is listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is located at 391A Orchard Road, #19-00, Tower A, Ngee Ann City, Singapore 238873.

The principal activities of the Company are those of a management, property investment and holding company.

The principal activities of the Group are those of management and holding companies, retailers and department store operators, property investment and developers.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements as at and for the six months ended 30 September 2023 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (referred to as the "Group") and the Group's interests in associates and joint ventures.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The condensed interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2023 have been prepared in accordance with SFRS(I) 1-34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Accounting Standards Council Singapore and should be read in conjunction with the Group's last annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2023. The condensed interim financial statements do not include all the information required for a complete set of financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Group's financial position and performance of the Group since the last annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year which were prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ("SFRS(I)"), except for the adoption of new and amended standards as set out in Note 2.2.

The condensed interim financial statements are presented in Singapore Dollars (SGD or \$) and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (\$'000) except when otherwise indicated.

2.2 New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The Group has applied various new accounting standards and interpretations of accounting standards for the first time for the annual period beginning on 1 April 2023. The application of these standards and interpretations did not have a material effect on the condensed interim financial statements.

2.3 Use of judgement and estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with SFRS(I) requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those described in the Group's financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements For the six months ended 30 September 2023

3. Seasonal operations

The Group's businesses are not affected significantly by seasonal or cyclical factors during the financial period.

4. Revenue

	Group 6 months ended 30 September			
	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000	
Revenue from contracts with customers Rental income from an investment property	(a)	47,421 2,740	50,775 3,112	
	_	50,161	53,887	

(a) Disaggregation of revenue:

Segments	Ret 6 months 30 Sept 2023 \$'000	s ended	Property 6 months ended 30 September 2023 2022 \$'000 \$'000		Total re 6 month 30 Sept 2023 \$'000	s ended
Primary geographical markets Singapore Indonesia	45,594 _	47,308 _	_ 1,827	_ 3,467	45,594 1,827	47,308 3,467
Total revenue from contracts with customers	45,594	47,308	1,827	3,467	47,421	50,775
Major revenue streams Sales of goods Net commission from concessionaires Sales of property rights	34,330 11,264 _	35,156 12,152 _	_ 1,827	- _ 3,467	34,330 11,264 1,827	35,156 12,152 3,467
Total revenue from contracts with customers	45,594	47,308	1,827	3,467	47,421	50,775

Revenue from contracts with customers are recognised at a point in time.

The gross revenue from concessionaire sales is analysed as follows:

	Gro 6 month 30 Sep	s ended
	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Gross revenue from concessionaire sales	40,188	42,752

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5. Cost of revenue

	6 months	Group 6 months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Retail	43,002	41,449	
Property			
- Cost of property rights sold	1,581	2,715	
- Rental	467	518	
	45,050	44,682	

6. Other net income

	Group 6 months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest income from:		
- Financial instruments at amortised cost	12,918	9,951
Dividends, gross from:		
- Long term investments	2,674	4,626
- Short term investments	432	359
	3,106	4,985
Net change in fair value of investments at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Long term investments	248	(1,878)
- Short term investments	(565)	(1,841)
	(317)	(3,719)
Foreign exchange loss	(2,756)	(2,599)
Other rental income	666	362
Sundry income	695	679
	14,312	9,659

7. Finance costs

	Group 6 months ended 30 September	
	2023 \$'000	
Interest on borrowings carried at amortised cost Interest on notes carried at amortised cost	9,318 4,427	5,023 4,459
Interest on lease liabilities Others	696 918	859 702
	15,359	11,043

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8. Profit from operations before taxation

Profit from operations before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Group 6 months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Rental expense ⁽¹⁾	2,865	2,665
Depreciation of plant and equipment	556	604
Depreciation of right-of-use assets ⁽²⁾	5,266	4,281
Inventories written down	77	47
Allowance for/(write-back of) obsolete inventories	40	(191)
Allowance for doubtful debts		23

⁽¹⁾ Rental expense includes total contingent rents recognised as an expense for the financial period amounting to \$244,000 (2022: \$272,000).

⁽²⁾ During the previous financial period, these were presented net of rental rebate of \$985,000.

9. Taxation

Tax expense for the period was derived at by applying the varying statutory tax rates on the taxable profit/(loss) and taxable/deductible temporary differences of the different countries in which the Group operates.

	Group 6 months ended 30 September	
	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Current taxation		
 Current income taxation Over provision in respect of prior financial years 	1,340 (52)	3,375 (88)
	1,288	3,287
Deferred taxation		
- Origination and reversal of temporary differences	1,495	8
Withholding tax	_	620
Income tax expense recognised in the consolidated income statement	2,783	3,915

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10. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit for the financial period attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial period.

	Group 6 months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022
	Cents	Cents
Basic	1.0	2.0
Diluted	1.0	2.0
Profit net of taxation attributable to owners of the Company,	\$'000	\$'000
used in the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share	8,192	16,887
		oup otember
	2023 No. of shares '000	2022 No. of shares '000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic and diluted earnings per share computation	828,036	828,036

As at 30 September 2023, there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares (30 September 2022: Nil).

11. Investment property

		Group		
Balance sheet:	Note	30 September 2023 \$'000	31 March 2023 \$'000	
Balance at 1 April Adjustments to fair value Foreign exchange adjustments		106,196 _ (3,832)	115,744 776 (10,324)	
		102,364	106,196	

Valuation of investment property

Investment property is stated at fair value, which has been determined based on valuation at the end of the reporting period. Valuation is performed by accredited independent valuer with recent experience in the location and category of the property being valued.

The accounting for the investment property was based on market conditions prevailing as at 30 September 2023.

Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements For the six months ended 30 September 2023

12. Associates

	Grou	р	Compa	any
	30 September	31 March	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023	2023	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Non-current</u> Investment in associates Add:	390,494	399,284	500	500
Amounts due from associates	543,038	556,624	-	-
	933,532	955,908	500	500
<u>Current</u> Amounts due from associates	75,068	65,610	_	-

The Group's share of associates' results, adjusted for the proportion of ownership interest by the Group, is as follows:

	Group 6 months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022
Operating results	\$'000 4.164	\$'000 11,860
Fair value adjustments on investment properties	(2,000)	2,615
Non-operating results ⁽¹⁾	2,130	-
Taxation	(1,397)	(5,773)
Others	320	(147)
	3,217	8,555

⁽¹⁾ In the half year ended 30 September 2023, the non-operating results of associates of \$2.1 million included the Group's share of non-operating results from Top Spring International Holdings Limited ("Top Spring") which included compensation income received from Hong Kong's government for land parcels in Yuen Long.

As Top Spring releases its results on a half-year basis, with the last financial statements as at 30 June 2023, in accordance with the rules governing the listing of securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the Group has equity accounted for Top Spring using its announced results for the 6 months to 30 June 2023 and adjusted for the effects of significant transactions or events that occurred between 1 July 2023 and 30 September 2023.

The accounting for the interests in associates was based on market conditions prevailing as at 30 September 2023. Investment properties of the Group's associates which are material properties to the Group were stated at fair valuation as at 30 September 2023 as determined by independent professional valuers, whilst the fair values of certain associates' investment properties were based on independent professional valuations as at 31 March 2023 whereby the Group has assessed the fair values as at 30 September 2023 in consultation with external valuers.

Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements For the six months ended 30 September 2023

13. Joint ventures

	Group		Compa	any
	30 September 2023 \$'000	31 March 2023 \$'000	30 September 2023 \$'000	31 March 2023 \$'000
<u>Non-current</u> Investment in joint ventures Add:	265,826	260,756	-	_
Adu. Amounts due from joint ventures	99,243	79,981	_	_
	365,069	340,737	_	_
Amounts due to joint ventures	131,228	135,584	_	_
<u>Current</u> Amounts due from joint ventures	135,074	158,836	4,176	4,055

The summarised financial information of the joint ventures, adjusted for the proportion of ownership interest by the Group, is as follows:

	6 months	Group 6 months ended 30 September	
	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000	
Operating results Fair value adjustments on investment properties Taxation	17,710 (1,179) (2,918)	24,480 (5,352) (4,185)	
	13,613	14,943	

The accounting for the interests in joint ventures was based on market conditions prevailing as at 30 September 2023. Investment properties of the Group's joint ventures which are material properties to the Group were stated at fair valuation as at 30 September 2023 as determined by independent professional valuers, whilst the fair values of certain joint ventures' investment properties were based on independent professional valuations as at 31 March 2023 whereby the Group has assessed the fair values as at 30 September 2023 in consultation with external valuers.

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14. Investments

	Grou	qu
	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Current:</i> Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Equity securities (quoted)	14,014	14,580
Non-current: Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income Equity securities (quoted) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	33,405	33,919
Equity securities (unquoted) Equity securities (quoted)	73,759 3,422	70,699 4,447
	77,181	75,146
	110,586	109,065

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15. Accounts and other receivables

Current	Note	Grou 30 September 2023 \$'000	ip 31 March 2023 \$'000	Comp 30 September 2023 \$'000	
<u>Current</u> Trade receivables		44,198	46,148	_	_
Deposits		2,175	2,151	214	214
VAT receivables Other receivables		10,249 2,316	10,540 3,652	202	1,372
		58,938	62,491	416	1,586
<i>Financial assets <u>Current</u> Accounts and other</i>					
receivables		48,689	51,951	416	1,586
Amounts due from subsidiaries Amounts due from		_	-	399,063	261,778
associates	12	75,068	65,610	_	_
Amounts due from joint ventures	13	135,074	158,836	4,176	4,055
<u>Non-current</u> Amounts due from					
subsidiaries Amounts due from		_	_	112,455	236,955
associates Amounts due from joint		224,120	224,120	_	-
ventures		16,603	28,281	_	_
Total receivables (current and non-current) Add:		499,554	528,798	516,110	504,374
Cash and cash equivalents		263,288	329,305	103,453	118,431
Total financial assets carried at amortised cost		762,842	858,103	619,563	622,805

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16. Borrowings

Ū		Group		Comp	any
	Note	30 September 2023 \$'000	31 March 2023 \$'000	30 September 2023 \$'000	31 March 2023 \$'000
<i>Current</i> Bank borrowings - Unsecured Unsecured borrowings under the multicurrency debt issuance programme - 4.30% p.a. fixed rate SGD notes (repayable in		85,990	139,201	50,000	29,832
April 2024)	(a)	199,851	_	199,851	_
		285,841	139,201	249,851	29,832
Non-current Bank borrowings - Unsecured Unsecured borrowings under the multicurrency debt issuance programme - 4.30% p.a. fixed rate SGD notes (repayable in		262,229	256,097	262,229	256,097
April 2024)	(a)		199,705		199,705
		262,229	455,802	262,229	455,802
<i>Maturity of borrowings</i> Repayable: Within 1 year		285,841	139,201	249,851	29,832
Within 2 to 5 years		262,229	455,802	262,229	455,802
		548,070	595,003	512,080	485,634

(a) On 2 April 2019, the Company issued \$200 million of unsecured fixed rate notes under its \$1 billion multicurrency debt issuance programme which was established on 4 October 2018. The notes will mature in April 2024 and bear an interest of 4.30% per annum payable semi-annually in arrears.

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17. Share capital and treasury shares

(a) Share capital

	Group and Company				
	30 September 2023		-	larch)23	
	No. of		No. of		
	shares '000	\$'000	shares '000	\$'000	
Issued and fully paid:					
Ordinary shares					
Balance at beginning and end of the financial period	831,549	169,717	831,549	169,717	

The holders of ordinary shares (except treasury shares) are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by the Company. All ordinary shares carry one vote per share without restriction. The ordinary shares have no par value.

The total number of issued ordinary shares, excluding treasury shares as at 30 September 2023 and 31 March 2023 was 828,035,874.

There were no convertible instruments outstanding as at 30 September 2023 (30 September 2022: Nil).

The Company did not have any subsidiary holdings in the half year ended 30 September 2023 (30 September 2022: Nil).

(b) Treasury shares

	Group and Company			
	30 Sept	ember	31 March	
	2023		2023	
	No. of		No. of	
	shares		shares	
	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000
Balance at beginning and end of				
the financial period	3,513	1,768	3,513	1,768

Treasury shares relate to ordinary shares of the Company that are held by the Company.

The Company did not sell, transfer, cancel or use any treasury shares in the half year ended 30 September 2023.

18. Dividends

	6 month	d Company is ended itember 2022 \$'000
Dividends paid during the financial period:		
Final exempt (one-tier) dividend for 2023 of 2.0 cents (2022: 2.0 cents) per ordinary share Final special exempt (one-tier) dividend for 2023 of 0.25	16,561	16,561
cents (2022: 1.0 cents) per ordinary share	2,070	8,280
	18,631	24,841

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19. Related party disclosures

In addition to the related party information disclosed elsewhere in the interim financial statements, the significant transactions between the Group and related parties on terms agreed between the parties are as follows:

(a) Services and other fees

	Group 6 months ended 30 September		
	2023	2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Interest income from associates	(6,107)	(6,107)	
Interest income from joint ventures	(420)	(321)	
Service fee received from associates	(29)	(29)	
Service fee received from joint ventures	(73)	(99)	
Interest expense paid to joint ventures	722	610	

20. Segment information

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services, and has two reportable operating segments as follows:

- (i) The property sector is involved in the leasing of shopping and office spaces owned by the Group and investing in property-related investments.
- (ii) The retail segment is involved in the business of retailing and operating of departmental stores.

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profit or loss which in certain respects, as explained in the table below, is measured differently from operating profit or loss in the consolidated financial statements.

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20. Segment information (cont'd)

Business segments			
	Property \$'000	Retail \$'000	Total \$'000
30 September 2023			
 Segment revenue Sales of goods and net commission from concessionaires Sales of property rights Rental income 	1,827 2,740	45,594 	45,594 1,827 2,740
	4,567	45,594	50,161
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Segment results ⁽¹⁾ Finance costs Share of associates' results, net of tax Share of joint ventures' results, net of tax	8,799 (14,750) 3,217 13,613	674 (609) _	9,473 (15,359) 3,217 13,613
Segment profit from operations before taxation Taxation	10,879 (2,736)	65 (47)	10,944 (2,783)
Profit net of taxation	8,143	18	8,161
30 September 2022	Property \$'000	Retail \$'000	Total \$'000
30 September 2022			
Segment revenue			
Segment revenue - Sales of goods and net commission from concessionaires - Sales of property rights	\$'000 3,467	\$'000	\$'000 47,308 3,467
Segment revenue - Sales of goods and net commission from concessionaires	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000 47,308
Segment revenue - Sales of goods and net commission from concessionaires - Sales of property rights	\$'000 3,467	\$'000	\$'000 47,308 3,467
Segment revenue - Sales of goods and net commission from concessionaires - Sales of property rights	\$'000 3,467 3,112	\$'000 47,308 _ _	\$'000 47,308 3,467 3,112
 Segment revenue Sales of goods and net commission from concessionaires Sales of property rights Rental income Segment results ⁽¹⁾ Finance costs Share of associates' results, net of tax	\$'000 3,467 3,112 6,579 4,970 (10,280) 8,555	\$'000 47,308 - - 47,308 3,295	\$'000 47,308 3,467 3,112 53,887 8,265 (11,043) 8,555

⁽¹⁾ Segment results include gross profit, other net income and general and administrative expenses. (refer to Condensed Interim Consolidated Income Statement on page 1)

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20.	Segment information (cont'd)	Property \$'000	Retail \$'000	Total \$'000
	30 September 2023			
	Assets and liabilities			
	Segment assets Associates Joint ventures	670,836 1,008,600 500,143	73,760 	744,596 1,008,600 500,143
	Total assets	2,179,579	73,760	2,253,339
	Segment liabilities Provision for taxation Deferred tax liabilities	711,044 4,469 24,503	63,224 883 –	774,268 5,352 24,503
	Total liabilities	740,016	64,107	804,123
	31 March 2023 Assets and liabilities			
	Segment assets Associates Joint ventures Total assets	737,862 1,021,518 499,573 2,258,953	86,904 - - 86,904	824,766 1,021,518 499,573 2,345,857
	Segment liabilities Provision for taxation Deferred tax liabilities Total liabilities	762,684 6,647 23,763 793,094	70,048 1,399 - 71,447	832,732 8,046 23,763 864,541
		795,094	71,447	004,041

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20. Segment information (cont'd)

Geographical information

Revenue and profit from operations before taxation information based on the geographical location of the customers and assets respectively, are as follows:

	Asean ⁽¹⁾ \$'000	People's Republic of China \$'000	Australia \$'000	Others ⁽²⁾ \$'000	Group \$'000
30 September 2023	·	·		·	·
Segment revenue from external customers	47,421	2,740	_	_	50,161
(Loss)/profit from operations before taxation	(3,171)	14,888	275	(1,048)	10,944
30 September 2022					
Segment revenue from external customers	50,775	3,112	_	_	53,887
(Loss)/profit from operations before taxation	(819)	12,727	2,560	6,252	20,720

- ⁽¹⁾ Asean includes retail segment, investment holding companies and costs of provision of corporate and management services.
- ⁽²⁾ Others include investment properties and projects (held through associates and joint ventures) mainly in the United Kingdom as well as long term investments in quoted and unquoted securities that mainly invests in the United States, Europe and Japan.

21. Fair value of assets and liabilities

(a) Fair value hierarchies

The Group categories fair value measurement using a fair value hierarchy that is dependent on the valuation inputs used as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Group can access at the measurement date,
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, and
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Fair value measurements that use inputs of different hierarchy levels are categorised in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

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21. Fair value of assets and liabilities (cont'd)

(b) Assets measured at fair value

The following table shows an analysis of each class of assets measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period:

	30 September 2023 Fair value measurements at the end of the reporting period using				
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments (Level 1) \$'000	Significant observable inputs other than quoted prices (Level 2) \$'000	Significant un- observable inputs (Level 3) \$'000	Total \$'000	
Group					
Recurring fair value measurements					
Financial assets:					
Current					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
- Quoted equity instruments	14,014	-	-	14,014	
<u>Non-current</u> Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income					
- Quoted equity instruments	33,405	-	-	33,405	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
 Quoted equity instruments Unquoted equity instruments 	3,422	-	_ 73,759	3,422 73,759	
Total long term financial assets	36,827	_	73,759	110,586	
Financial assets as at 30 September 2023	50,841	_	73,759	124,600	
Non-financial asset:					
Investment property (Note 11)	_	_	102,364	102,364	
Non-financial asset as at 30 September 2023		_	102,364	102,364	

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21. Fair value of assets and liabilities (cont'd)

(b) Assets measured at fair value (cont'd)

The following table shows an analysis of each class of assets measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period:

	31 March 2023 Fair value measurements at the end of the reporting period using				
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments (Level 1) \$'000	Significant observable inputs other than quoted prices (Level 2) \$'000	Significant un- observable inputs (Level 3) \$'000	Total \$'000	
Group					
Recurring fair value measurements					
Financial assets:					
<u>Current</u>					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
- Quoted equity instruments	14,580	-	-	14,580	
<u>Non-current</u> Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income					
- Quoted equity instruments	33,919	-	-	33,919	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
- Quoted equity instruments	4,447	_	_	4,447	
- Unquoted equity instruments		-	70,699	70,699	
Total long term financial assets	38,366	_	70,699	109,065	
Financial assets as at 31 March 2023	52,946	_	70,699	123,645	
Non-financial asset:					
Investment property (Note 11)	_	_	106,196	106,196	
Non-financial asset as at 31 March 2023		_	106,196	106,196	

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21. Fair value of assets and liabilities (cont'd)

(c) Level 1 fair value measurements

The fair value of quoted equity instruments are determined directly by reference to their published market bid price at the end of the reporting date.

(d) Level 3 fair value measurements

(i) Information about significant unobservable inputs used in Level 3 fair value measurements

The following table shows the information about fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

Description	Fair Value at 30 September 2023 \$'000	Valuation techniques	Key unobservable inputs	Range
Recurring fair value measurements				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Unquoted equity instruments	6,000	Market comparable	Not applicable	Not applicable
- Unquoted equity instruments	67,759	Net asset value ⁽¹⁾	Not applicable	Not applicable
Investment property	102,364	Average of direct capitalisation method and	- Capitalisation rate ⁽³⁾	5.5% per annum
		direct comparisor method ⁽²⁾	n - Rental rate ⁽⁴⁾	RMB 107 to RMB 143 per square meter per month
			- Comparable price ⁽⁵⁾	Retail and office: RMB 18,848 to RMB 22,447 per square meter
				Carpark space: RMB 300,000 per carpark lot

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21. Fair value of assets and liabilities (cont'd)

(d) Level 3 fair value measurements (cont'd)

(i) Information about significant unobservable inputs used in Level 3 fair value measurements (cont'd)

Description	Fair Value at 31 March 2023 \$'000	Valuation techniques	Key unobservable inputs	Range
Recurring fair value measurements				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Unquoted equity instruments	6,000	Market comparable	Not applicable	Not applicable
- Unquoted equity instruments	64,699	Net asset value ⁽¹⁾	Not applicable	Not applicable
Investment property	106,196	Average of direct capitalisation method and	- Capitalisation rate ⁽³⁾	5.5% per annum
		direct comparison method ⁽²⁾	a - Rental rate ⁽⁴⁾	RMB 107 to RMB 143 per square meter per month
			- Comparable price ⁽⁵⁾	Retail and office: RMB 18,848 to RMB 22,447 per square meter
				Carpark space: RMB 300,000 per carpark lot

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21. Fair value of assets and liabilities (cont'd)

(d) Level 3 fair value measurements (cont'd)

- (i) Information about significant unobservable inputs used in Level 3 fair value measurements (cont'd)
 - ⁽¹⁾ The fair value of unquoted equity instruments is determined by reference to the underlying assets value of the investee company.
 - ⁽²⁾ Adjustments are made for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific property.
 - ⁽³⁾ An increase/(decrease) in the capitalisation rate would result in a (decrease)/increase in the fair value of the investment property.
 - ⁽⁴⁾ An increase/(decrease) in the rental rate would result in an increase/(decrease) in the fair value of the investment property.
 - ⁽⁵⁾ An increase/(decrease) in the comparable price would result in an increase/(decrease) in the fair value of the investment property.

The valuation of the investment property is generally sensitive to changes in yield and rental rates. A significant increase/decrease in yield and rental adjustments based on management's assumptions would result in a significantly higher/lower fair value measurement.

(ii) Movements in Level 3 assets measured at fair value

The following table presents the reconciliation for all assets measured at fair value based on significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

Financial		
assets at fair value through profit or loss (Unquoted equity instruments) \$'000	Investment property \$'000	Total \$'000
70,699	106,196	176,895
1,712	-	1,712
1,328	_	1,328
(215)	_	(215)
235	(3,832)	(3,597)
73,759	102,364	176,123
	through profit or loss (Unquoted equity instruments) \$'000 70,699 1,712 1,328 (215) 235	value through profit or loss (Unquoted equity instruments) \$'000 Investment property \$'000 70,699 106,196 1,712 - 1,328 - (215) - 235 (3,832)

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21. Fair value of assets and liabilities (cont'd)

(d) Level 3 fair value measurements (cont'd)

(ii) Movements in Level 3 assets measured at fair value (cont'd)

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Unquoted equity instruments) \$'000	31 March 2023 Investment property \$'000	Total \$'000
Group			
Opening balance	78,062	115,744	193,806
Total gains or losses for the financial year - Fair value (loss)/gain recognised in profit or loss	(12,530)	776	(11,754)
Additions	6,492	_	6,492
Redemptions	(1,194)	_	(1,194)
Foreign exchange differences	(131)	(10,324)	(10,455)
Closing balance	70,699	106,196	176,895

(iii) Valuation policies and procedures

It is the Group's policy to engage external valuation experts to perform the valuation. The management is responsible for selecting and engaging valuation experts that possess the relevant credentials and knowledge on the subject of valuation, valuation methodologies, and SFRS(I) 13 fair value measurement guidance.

Management reviews the appropriateness of the valuation methodologies and assumptions adopted, and the reliability of the inputs used in the valuations in light of the prevailing conditions at 30 September 2023.

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22. Net asset value

	Grou	Group		any
	30 September 2023 \$	31 March 2023 \$	30 September 2023 \$	31 March 2023 \$
Net asset value per ordinary share	1.72	1.76	0.46	0.46

Net asset value per ordinary share for the Group is calculated on the equity attributable to owners of the Company as at 30 September 2023 of \$1,424,541,000 (31 March 2023: \$1,456,690,000) divided by the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at 30 September 2023 of 828,035,874 (31 March 2023: 828,035,874).

Other Information Required by Listing Rule Appendix 7.2

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Review

The condensed interim balance sheets of Metro Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries as at 30 September 2023 and the related condensed interim consolidated income statement and statement of comprehensive income, condensed interim statements of changes in equity and condensed interim consolidated cash flow statement for the six-month period then ended and certain explanatory notes have not been audited or reviewed.

2. Review of performance of the Group

2(a) <u>Review of Group Results for Half Year ended 30 September 2023 (1HFY2024) against Half Year</u> ended 30 September 2022 (1HFY2023)

The Group's revenue of \$50.2 million for the first half financial year to 30 September 2023 decreased by 6.9% over 1HFY2023's \$53.9 million. Revenue from the property division for 1HFY2024 decreased to \$4.6 million from 1HFY2023's \$6.6 million mainly due to lower contributions from sale of property rights of the residential development properties in Bekasi and Bintaro, Jakarta, by \$1.7 million at \$1.8 million in 1HFY2024 from \$3.5 million in 1HFY2023. Rental revenue from GIE Tower, Guangzhou, decreased to \$2.7 million in 1HFY2024 from \$3.1 million in 1HFY2023.

The retail division reported lower revenue by \$1.7 million at \$45.6 million in 1HFY2024 from \$47.3 million in 1HFY2023 mainly due to lower sales from Metro Paragon and Metro Causeway Point in Singapore.

Correspondingly, overall gross profit decreased to \$5.1 million in 1HFY2024 from \$9.2 million in 1HFY2023 in line with lower revenue.

Other net income was higher by \$4.6 million at \$14.3 million in 1HFY2024 from \$9.7 million in 1HFY2023 mainly due to higher interest income by \$3.0 million and lower net fair value loss of long term and short term investments by \$3.4 million in 1HFY2024. These were partially offset by lower dividend income from long term investments by \$2.0 million.

Share of profit of associates decreased by \$5.3 million at \$3.2 million in 1HFY2024 from \$8.5 million in 1HFY2023 mainly due to (1) its share of fair value loss (net of tax) on investment properties of \$1.9 million in 1HFY2024 as compared to a fair value gain (net of tax) on investment properties of \$1.9 million in 1HFY2023, resulting in a fair value loss adjustment by \$3.8 million mainly attributed to the 30% stake in six purpose-built student accommodation ("PBSA") properties in the United Kingdom ("UK"); and (2) lower share of associate's operating profit by \$1.5 million mainly from the Australia and UK properties due to rising interest costs. These were partially mitigated by lower share of operating loss from Shanghai Plaza by \$1.2 million.

Share of profit of joint ventures decreased by \$1.3 million at \$13.6 million in 1HFY2024 from \$14.9 million in 1HFY2023 mainly due to lower share of joint ventures' operating profits (net of tax) by \$4.4 million mainly from Asia Green by \$1.3 million due to the rising interest costs, the China investment properties by \$1.8 million and the absence of contribution from 5 Chancery Lane in UK, which is currently undergoing the planned asset enhancement works expected to be completed by 1Q2026. These were partially mitigated by lower fair value loss (net of tax) on investment properties by \$3.1 million in 1HFY2024 attributed to its lower fair value loss by \$2.5 million from Metro City, Shanghai and higher fair value gain adjustment from The Atrium Mall, Chengdu by \$0.6 million.

Finance costs increased by \$4.3 million at \$15.3 million in 1HFY2024 from \$11.0 million in 1HFY2023 mainly due to rising interest rates from bank borrowings, which was mitigated by lower bank borrowings from partial repayment of short term borrowings.

As a result of the foregoing, profit before taxation decreased to \$10.9 million in 1HFY2024 from \$20.7 million in 1HFY2023.

Segmental Results for Half Year ended 30 September (Refer to Segment information on page 21)

Segmental Results - Property Division

Revenue from the property division for 1HFY2024 decreased to \$4.6 million from 1HFY2023's \$6.6 million mainly due to lower sales of property rights of the residential development properties in Bekasi and Bintaro, Jakarta, by \$1.7 million in 1HFY2024 from \$3.5 million in 1HFY2023. Rental revenue from GIE Tower, Guangzhou, decreased to \$2.7 million in 1HFY2024 from \$3.1 million in 1HFY2023.

Segment results of the property division, excluding finance costs and share of results of associates and joint ventures, reported a higher profit of \$8.8 million in 1HFY2024 as compared to \$5.0 million in 1HFY2023. Other net income was higher by \$4.1 million at \$12.9 million in 1HFY2024 from \$8.8 million in 1HFY2023 mainly due to higher interest income by \$2.8 million and lower net fair value loss of long term and short term investments by \$3.4 million in 1HFY2024. These were partially offset by lower dividend income from long term investments by \$2.0 million.

Share of profit of associates decreased by \$5.3 million at \$3.2 million in 1HFY2024 from \$8.5 million in 1HFY2023 mainly due to (1) its share of fair value loss (net of tax) on investment properties of \$1.9 million in 1HFY2024 as compared to a fair value gain (net of tax) on investment properties of \$1.9 million in 1HFY2023, resulting in a fair value loss adjustment by \$3.8 million mainly attributed to the 30% stake in six PBSA properties in the UK; and (2) lower share of associate's operating profit by \$1.5 million mainly from the Australia and UK properties due to rising interest costs. These were partially mitigated by lower share of operating loss from Shanghai Plaza by \$1.2 million.

Share of profit of joint ventures decreased by \$1.3 million at \$13.6 million in 1HFY2024 from \$14.9 million in 1HFY2023 mainly due to lower share of joint ventures' operating profits (net of tax) by \$4.4 million mainly from Asia Green by \$1.3 million due to the rising interest costs, the China investment properties by \$1.8 million and the absence of contribution from 5 Chancery Lane in UK, which is currently undergoing the planned asset enhancement works expected to be completed by 1Q2026. These were partially mitigated by lower fair value loss (net of tax) on investment properties by \$3.1 million in 1HFY2024 attributed to its lower fair value loss by \$2.5 million from Metro City, Shanghai and higher fair value gain adjustment from The Atrium Mall, Chengdu by \$0.6 million.

Finance costs increased by \$4.5 million at \$14.8 million in 1HFY2024 from \$10.3 million in 1HFY2023 mainly due to rising interest rates from bank borrowings, which was mitigated by lower bank borrowings from partial repayment of short term borrowings.

The average occupancy of the Group's four investment properties held by a subsidiary and joint ventures as at 30 September 2023 was 88.6%.

	Percentage	_	No. of	Occupancy Rate
	Owned	Tenure	Tenants	(%)
<u>Owned by a Subsidiary</u>				
GIE Tower, Guangzhou	100%	50 year term from 1994	34	83.7%
Owned by Joint Ventures				
Metro City, Shanghai	60%	36 year term from 1993	171	87.2%
Metro Tower, Shanghai	60%	50 year term from 1993	27	84.9%
Asia Green, Singapore	50%	99 year term from 2007	26	98.7%

The portfolio summary of the Group's Investment Properties as at 30 September 2023 was as follows:

Segmental Results - Retail Division

Revenue from the Singapore operations of the retail division for 1HFY2024 decreased to \$45.6 million from 1HFY2023's \$47.3 million mainly due to lower sales from Metro Paragon and Metro Causeway Point, the two department stores in Singapore.

Segment results, excluding finance costs, of the retail division reported a profit of \$0.7 million in 1HFY2024 as compared to a profit of \$3.3 million in 1HFY2023 in line with lower retail revenue and lower gross profit margin due to higher inflation-driven costs in raw materials, labour and energy, and the absence of rental rebates granted by landlords in 1HFY2023.

Pressure on margins amidst a highly competitive trading environment will continue to affect the results.

2(b) <u>Cash Flow, Working Capital, Assets and Liabilities of the group during the current financial period</u> reported on.

Associates (Non-current assets) (\$933.5 million) and Amounts due from associates (Current assets) (\$75.1 million) totalling \$1,008.6 million as at 30 September 2023 decreased from \$1,021.5 million as at 31 March 2023 mainly due to repayment from an associate in the United Kingdom of \$2.3 million, dividend distribution received from associates of \$2.1 million in 1HFY2024 and currency translation loss of foreign associates. These were partially offset by share of profit of associates of \$3.2 million.

Joint Ventures (Non-current assets) (\$365.1 million) and Amounts due from joint ventures (Current assets) (\$135.1 million) totalling \$500.2 million as at 30 September 2023 increased from \$499.5 million as at 31 March 2023 mainly due to share of profit of joint ventures of \$13.6 million and shareholder loans of \$16.7 million to joint ventures in the United Kingdom. These were partially offset by dividend distribution from joint ventures of \$20.1 million in 1HFY2024 and currency translation loss of foreign joint ventures, mainly in China.

Development properties (Current assets) decreased from \$145.6 million as at 31 March 2023 to \$144.2 million as at 30 September 2023. This relates to the residential development properties in Jakarta, Indonesia, held for sales. During the financial period, the sale recognition of property rights of residential units was \$1.4 million.

Accounts and other receivables (Current assets) decreased from \$62.5 million as at 31 March 2023 to \$58.9 million as at 30 September 2023 mainly due to receipts from the sale of property rights of \$4.4 million, which was partially offset by sale recognition of property rights of \$1.8 million, relating to the residential development properties in Jakarta, Indonesia, held for sales in 1HFY2024.

Borrowings (Current liabilities) increased from \$139.2 million as at 31 March 2023 to \$285.8 million as at 30 September 2023. In 1HFY2024, the Group had utilised cash to pare down short term borrowings by \$55.7 million and reclassified the \$200 million 4.3% Notes due 2024 from Bank borrowings (Non-current liabilities). Consequently, Borrowings (Non-current liabilities) decreased from \$455.8 million as at 31 March 2023 to \$262.2 million as at 30 September 2023, after a loan drawn on long term banking facilities of \$6.6 million.

Amounts due to joint ventures (Non-current liabilities) decreased from \$135.6 million as at 31 March 2023 to \$131.2 million as at 30 September 2023 mainly due to lower revalued loans denominated in Renminbi from joint ventures in the PRC.

As a result of the above and after taking into account a dividend of \$18.6 million paid to shareholders, Cash and cash equivalents decreased from \$329.3 million as at 31 March 2023 to \$263.3 million as at 30 September 2023.

There were no other material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets and liabilities of the Group during the current financial period reported on.

3. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results

There have been no material variances with prospect statements issued for the period being reported.

4. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the Group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the Group in the next operating period and the next 12 months

<u>Overall</u>

The global economy remains challenging from the blows of the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the recent Israel-Hamas conflict and the rising cost-of-living brought about by persistent inflation. Economic activity still falls short of its pre-pandemic path, especially in emerging market and developing economies, and there are widening divergences among regions. Several forces are holding back the recovery, including the long-term consequences of the pandemic and the geopolitical effects of the United States of America-China tensions. Others are more cyclical in nature, including the tightening of monetary policy to reduce inflation, withdrawal of fiscal support amidst high debt, and extreme weather events. On 1 November 2023, the US Federal Reserve held interest rates steady at 5.25-5.50% as they struggled to determine whether financial conditions may be tight enough to control inflation, or whether an economy that continues to outperform expectations may need further hikes¹. The International Monetary Fund ("IMF") projects global growth slowing from 3.5% in 2022 to 3.0% in 2023 and 2.9% in 2024. This remains well below the historical (2000-19) average of 3.8%. Global inflation continues to decelerate, from 8.7% in 2022 to 6.9% in 2023 and 5.8% in 2024². The Group operates in 5 countries namely Singapore, China, Indonesia, the United Kingdom ("UK") and Australia which are subject to the heightened economic volatility and currencies' fluctuations against the Singapore dollar.

Property Division

<u>China</u>

China registered 3Q2023 GDP growth of 4.4% versus 6.3% in 2Q2023, weighed by persistently weak demand. The world's second largest economy faltered in 2Q2023 after a brief post-COVID recovery, dragged by a property downturn and escalating debt due to decade long infrastructure binge³, and this has affected Metro's properties in China. China's economy grew 3.0% in 2022, and is forecasted to grow 5.0% in 2023 and 4.2% in 2024⁴. The Group's China investment properties, mainly Metro City and Metro Tower in Shanghai, and GIE Tower in Guangzhou reported an average occupancy of 85.3%⁵ (88.6%⁶). The Atrium Mall in Chengdu, and Shanghai Plaza in Shanghai have achieved occupancy of 91.3%⁵ (84.4%⁶) and 90.8%⁵ (92.3%⁶) respectively. Leasing continues to be challenging for the three office buildings in Bay Valley which are 71.6%⁵ (68.3%⁶) occupied. Current difficulties in the office leasing market, particularly in Shanghai, will affect the occupancy of our China investment properties. The Group's associate, Top Spring International Holdings Limited, co-investments with BentallGreenOak and our other China investment properties will continue to be subject to persistent market headwinds in China and Hong Kong.

Singapore

Singapore's GDP grew by 3.6% in 2022, less than the 8.9% growth registered in 2021. For 2023, the Ministry of Trade and Industry ("MTI") narrowed the GDP growth forecast to "0.5%-1.5%", from "0.5%-2.5%"⁷. Overall MTI's assessment is that Singapore's external demand outlook for the rest of 2023 remains weak, with the global electronics downturn likely to be protracted, and a gradual recovery expected towards the end of 2023 at the earliest. On the office front, trends of refining workspace utilisation and flight to quality have continued, with vacancy tightening across the Grade A submarkets⁸. These developments will continue to benefit our premium Grade-A office towers at the Tampines Regional Centre which has achieved an occupancy rate of 98.7%⁵ (89.8%⁶).

In the logistics sector, despite dim manufacturing sentiments and falling export demand, industrial demand remains resilient for factory and warehouse spaces, driven by large industrial occupiers and third-party logistics ("3PL") operators⁹. Metro is well positioned given our 26% stake in the Boustead Industrial Fund ("BIF"), with a quality portfolio of 16 industrial, business park, high-spec industrial and logistics properties in Singapore, enjoying a high committed average occupancy of 93.6%⁵ and a long weighted average lease expiry ("WALE") by income of approximately 5.4 years. The total portfolio under BIF has a total asset size of \$748.9 million.

¹ Reuters, Fed Keeps Rates Unchanged, Powell Hedges On Possible End Of Tightening Campaign, 2 November 2023

² IMF, World Economic Outlook – Navigating Global Divergences, 10 October 2023 ³ Bauters, China's O2 CDB Soon Slowing As Bailing Boons To Bauty Crawth, 18 October 2023

 ³ Reuters, China's Q3 GDP Seen Slowing As Beijing Races To Revive Growth, 18 October 2023
 ⁴ IMF, World Economic Outlook – Navigating Global Divergences, 10 October 2023

⁵ As at 30 September 2023

⁶ As at 30 September 2022

⁷ MTI Singapore, MTI Narrows Singapore's GDP Growth Forecast For 2023 to "0.5 to 1.5 Per Cent", 11 August 2023

⁸ Colliers Office Q3 2023: A Turning Point? 8 October 2023

⁹ Cushman & Wakefield, Singapore Market H2 Outlook 2023, 13 July 2023

Indonesia

According to the IMF, Indonesia recorded an annual GDP growth of 5.3% in 2022, and is forecasted to grow 5.0% in 2023 and 5.0% in 2024¹⁰. Currently, residential developers are refraining from initiating new projects and are instead prioritising the completion of existing construction to adhere to their schedules. to mitigate further delays and enhance reliability to attract potential buyers ahead of the February 2024 presidential elections¹¹. All five Bekasi towers and both Bintaro towers have topped off, fully-paid units are gradually being handed over and sales continue to be underway.

United Kingdom

UK GDP grew 4.1% in 2022 and is forecast to shrink to 0.5% in 2023 and 0.6% in 2024¹². On 2 November 2023, the Bank of England ("BOE") held interest rate at a 15-year peak of 5.25% and ruled out cuts any time soon as it fights the highest inflation of the world's big rich economies, repeating its September decision after 14 back-to-back increases¹³.

2023 investment volumes in the UK Purpose-Built Student Accommodation ("PBSA") sector of £1.2 billion is 76% below the corresponding 2022 figure given the weakening UK economic outlook¹⁴. Metro has a 30% stake in Paideia Capital UK Trust, which owns a portfolio comprising six freehold quality PBSA properties across Warwick, Bristol, Durham, Exeter, Glasgow and Kingston valued at £132.4 million and with a committed occupancy rate of 96.0% as at 30 September 2023.

Jones Lang LaSalle forecasts that Manchester home prices will grow by 16.4% from 2022-2026, which is the fastest growth registered among all of the major UK cities¹⁵. This benefits Metro's 2.215 unit development at Middlewood Locks, where Phase 3 has commenced construction in 2Q2022 with completion expected in late 2024. Sales and marketing activities are in progress. The units in Phase 1 and Phase 2 have been fully sold and handed over.

As for Central London office, leasing activity in the three-months to June 2023 remained subdued, with 2.0 million sqft transacted, representing a 27% decrease compared to the corresponding period in 2022 (2.7 million sqft) and a 20% decline from the 10-year 2Q average of 2.5 million sqft, as the challenging economy begin to impact the office business sentiment¹⁶. Metro's tenant at our office property at 5 Chancery Lane has moved out upon lease expiry in May 2023, and immediately after that, Metro, together with our joint venture partner, carried out the planned asset enhancement works which is expected to be completed by 1Q2026.

Australia

On 3 October 2023, the Reserve Bank of Australia ("RBA") left the cash rate unchanged at 4.10%, which have increased by a total of 4.00% since May 2022. The higher interest rates are working to establish a more sustainable balance between supply and demand in the economy¹⁷. Conversely, the rising interest rates have increased property operating costs as well as the capitalisation rate, leading to a general decrease in most property valuations. Australia registered GDP growth of 3.7% in 2022 and the IMF outlook for economic growth in Australia is 1.8% in 2023 and 1.2% in 2024¹⁸. Metro's 30%-owned joint venture with Sim Lian consists of 17 guality freehold properties comprising 4 office buildings and 13 retail centres spanning across 4 key states, namely New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and Western Australia, with a total appraised value of approximately A\$1.2 billion (approximately S\$1.1 billion). The Australian portfolio achieved a high occupancy of 94.9%⁵ (95.8%⁶) and a WALE of approximately 5.6 years⁵ by income (6.1 years⁶).

Others

The Group's portfolio of long-term and short-term investments, held at fair value through profit or loss and other comprehensive income, will continue to be subject to fluctuations in their fair value. The Group is exposed to the effects of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, primarily in relation to Chinese Renminbi, Hong Kong dollar, US dollar, Sterling pound, Indonesian rupiah and Australian dollar. Whenever possible, the Group seeks to maintain a natural hedge through the matching of liabilities, including borrowings, against assets in the same currency or against the entity's functional currency, in particular its future revenue stream.

¹⁰ IMF, World Economic Outlook – Navigating Global Divergences, 10 October 2023

¹¹ Colliers, Colliers Quarterly Jakarta Apartment Report, 4 October 2023

¹² IMF, World Economic Outlook – Navigating Global Divergences, 10 October 2023

¹³ Reuters, Bank Of England Keeps Rates At 15-Year High, 3 November 2023

 ¹⁴ Colliers, United Kingdom Property Snapshot, 26 October 2023
 ¹⁵ JLL, UK Residential Forecasts, 2 November 2021

¹⁶ JLL, Q2 2023 Central London Office Market Report, 21 July 2023 ¹⁷ Reserve Bank of Australia, Statement By Michele Bullock, Governor: Monetary Policy Decision, 3 October 2023

¹⁸ IMF, World Economic Outlook – Navigating Global Divergences, 10 October 2023

Retail Division

According to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore retail trade sector shrank by 0.1% in 3Q2023, a reversal from the 3.0% expansion in 2Q2023¹⁹. Overall Singapore total retail sales dropped by 2.9% as of May 2023, reflecting some signs of cautious discretionary spending amidst economic uncertainties. Sales of furniture, household equipment, watches and jewellery declined the most. While retail sales came off a high base, the sales decline could be driven by a stronger return-to-office and weaker consumption for household items²⁰. This will continue to weigh on our two department stores at Paragon and Causeway Point, and online platforms. The Group's retail business continues to be impacted by the higher inflation-driven costs in raw material, labour and energy amidst a highly competitive trading environment.

The Group

Metro continues to operate across its key markets of Singapore, China, Indonesia, the UK and Australia. Amidst the elevated levels of global geopolitical and economic uncertainties, Metro will exercise caution and prudence while taking proactive measures to maintain strong capital management discipline, including preserving cash, optimising cash flows and liquidity, and to actively manage our existing investment portfolio to optimise returns and capitalise on new opportunities to enhance shareholder value. With regards to our asset management strategy, we will prioritise critical asset enhancement, while deferring uncommitted capital expenditure, implementing cost saving measures and deploying derivative instruments to hedge the underlying interest rate exposures, where possible. The Group will continue to maintain a strong liquidity position comprising cash and available undrawn banking facilities.

5. Dividend information

(a) Current Financial Period Reported on

Any dividend recommended for the current financial period reported on? No

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediate Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year? No

(c) Date Payable

Not applicable

(d) Books Closure Date

Not applicable

6. If no dividend has been declared (recommended), a statement to that effect and the reason(s) for the decision.

No interim dividend has been declared for the half year ended 30 September 2023. The Company usually declares dividend at financial year end.

7. Interested person transactions

The Group has not obtained a general mandate from shareholders of the Company for Interested Person Transactions.

8. Confirmation that the issuer has procured undertaking from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7.7) under Rule 720(1)

The Company has received undertaking from all its directors and executive officers in the format as set out in Appendix 7.7 under Rule 720(1) of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST.

¹⁹ MTI Singapore, Singapore's GDP Expanded By 0.7 Per Cent In The Third Quarter Of 2023, 13 October 2023

²⁰ Cushman & Wakefield, Marketbeat Singapore, Retail Q2 2023, 6 October 2023

9. Confirmation Pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the Listing Manual

The Board of Directors of the Company confirms that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to their attention which may render the Group's unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the first half ended 30 September 2023 to be false or misleading in any material respect.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Tan Ching Chek and Eve Chan Bee Leng Joint Company Secretaries Date: 14 November 2023